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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Cal Expo, Sacramento, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, January 20 through Sunday, January 26, 2025.

MONDAY01/20/25¹**DARK DAY****TUESDAY**01/21/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **John Yinger** was present for entries. Nine (9) races were carded for Friday and Saturday Ten (10) races will be carded. One hundred and forty-one (141) entries were taken with One hundred and thirty-nine (139) entries drawing in.

WEDNESDAY01/22/25¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday overnight sheet. Numerous driver changes were made, but no scratches were reported.

THURSDAY01/23/25¹**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **John Yinger** was present to take changes and scratches for the Saturday overnight sheet. Numerous driver changes were made and one scratched was reported for Friday's card, 9th Race #1 ROCKIN WITH LOU, sick (will be announced prior to races on Friday)

01/23/25²**DRIVER VIDEO REVIEWS**

Driver GERALD LONGO appeared before the stewards to discuss a possible whipping infraction in the eighth race on Saturday, January 18, 2025. While driving #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY Mr. Longo failed to comply with the whipping rule #1734 (b)(7) Use of the whip more than two times without giving a horse a chance to respond and #1734 (b)(8) Use of the whip more than six times during a race. After reviewing the video replay, Mr. Longo did concur with the stewards that his whipping actions were excessive. Ruling to follow.

Driver WINTER ASHER-STALBAUM appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss a possible whipping infraction on Saturday January 18, 2025. While driving #3 STENING A, Mr. Asher-Stalbaum did appear to strike his horse more than the limit of six (6) times, however it was in the steward's discretion after reviewing the video replay with Mr. Asher-Stalbaum that a warning be issued in this situation since one of the whip strokes could be viewed as borderline.

Driver LUKE PLANO appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss a racing incident on Saturday January 18, 2025. While driving #8 SOMEPEOPLENEEDTOLD, Mr. Plano did steer off the rail in the latter stages of the race thus allowing #1 BUNKERHILL PHIL to needlessly pass him on the inside. After a brief deliberation, the stewards felt Mr. Plano's driving actions could have been avoided by keeping a straight path. Ruling to follow.

Groom ANDREW BAIRD appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss a paddock incident on Saturday January 18, 2025. After the completion of the first qualifier race, Mr. Baird did take his horse CELEBRITY STATUS from the paddock to the backstretch without wearing a safety helmet. Mr. Baird offered no defense for his actions. Ruling to follow.

FRIDAY
01/24/25¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

CAL EXPO RULING # 10

Cal Expo Driver GERALD LONGO, who drove #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY in the eighth race on Saturday, January 18, 2023 is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (7) (Use of the whip more than two times without giving a horse a chance to respond) and Rule #1734 (b) (8) (use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

CAL EXPO RULING # 11

Cal Expo Driver LUKE PLANO who drove #8 SOMEPEOLENEEDTOLD in the sixth race on Saturday, January 18, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (g) (Let a horse pass inside needlessly).

CAL EXPO RULING # 12

Cal Expo Groom ANDREW BAIRD is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1689. While returning CELEBRITY STATUS from the paddock to the backstretch following the running of the 1st Qualifier on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Cal Expo, Mr. Baird did so without wearing a safety helmet.

01/24/25²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

9th Race #1 ROCKIN WITH LOU – Scratched, Sick - Trainer Gerald Longo – Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$122.90.

01/24/25³

RACE DAY

Nine (9) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM. Partly cloudy skies, 48 degrees over a track rated as "Fast" to begin the evening.

3rd Race #5 KITTY WAMPUS, claim was entered but **VOIDED** due to ownership line left blank.

7th Race The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign for an incident during the second quarter of the mile. After watching the video replays from all angles and discussing this with the drivers involved, the stewards unanimously agreed to dis-qualify the horse #4 THE LAST WALTZ from fourth place and place him sixth for hooking wheels with #1 ALIEN ART FORM and causing confusion amongst trailing horse.

Original Order of Finish: 1-3-6-4-2-5
Official Order of Finish 1-3-6-2-5-4

Also, Driver RENE GOULET, who the driver of #4 THE LAST WALTZ, was summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday, January 30th, 2025, to discuss the interference violation.

01/24/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	105	\$11,520.60
SCOTWINC		\$146,982.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$439,765.36
TOTAL	105	\$598,268.56

SATURDAY

01/25/25¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

No changes to report.

01/25/25²

RACE DAY

Ten (10) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager Banner with a post time scheduled of 6:45 PM. Partly cloudy skies, 48 degrees over a track rated as "Fast" to begin the evening.

1st Race

The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign for an incident during the final quarter of the mile. After watching the video replays from all angles and discussing this with the drivers involved, the stewards unanimously agreed to dis-qualify the horse #8 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY from seventh place to eighth for hooking wheels with NO.3 KB MAC.

Original Order of Finish: 5-6-2-7-1-4-(8)-3
Official Order of Finish 5-6-2-7-1-4-3-(8)

Also, Driver GERALD LONGO, who the driver of #8 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY, was summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday 30, 2025, to discuss the interference violation.

2nd Race

The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign for an incident during the final quarter of the mile. After a brief video review, it was apparent that #1 ROCKIN THE DRAGON and driver Brett Erickson came out where clearance did not exist and impede #6 CENALTA GLORY. #1 ROCKIN THE DRAGON finished 2nd and was placed 6th for the violation.

Original Order of Finish: 7-(1)-3-4-2-6-5
Official Order of Finish 7-3-4-2-6-(1)-5

Also, Driver BRETT ERICKSON, who the driver of #1 ROCKIN THE DRAGON, was summoned to the Steward's office on Thursday 30, 2025, to discuss the interference violation.

4th Race

A recall prior to this race was charged to #3 DIVINE ART and Driver Gerald Longo. The starter indicated that Mr. Longo turned his horse in the wrong direction for no apparent reason. After the race was made official, Mr. Longo was again summoned to the steward's office on Thursday 30, 2025, to discuss his reasoning behind wheeling his horse prior to the start of the race.

The remainder of the program went without any incidents to report.

01/25/25³

CLAIMS

#2 MIDNIGHT ZEN, New Owner Heliodoro Meza-Trainer Marco Rios- Claiming price: Four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00).

#4 MARCED IN FAITH, New Owners Dave Hanes & Luke Plano-Trainer Luke Plano- Claiming price: Five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,800.00).

01/25/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	110	\$11,092.30
SCOTWINC		\$210,684.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$377,745.40
TOTAL	110	\$599,522.50

SUNDAY

01/26/25¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri 01/24	Sat 01/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	2	2	4
Disqualifications	1	2	3	4
Inquiries	1	2	3	7
Refunds	1	0	1	8
Rulings	0	2	2	12
Voided Claims	1	0	1	1

John Yinger, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

Steve Carpenito, Steward

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