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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Cal Expo, Sacramento, Ca.

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Report for Tuesday, March 18 , 2025, through Sunday, March 23, 2025.

TUESDAY

03/18/25¹

RACE DAY DUTY

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

03/18/25²

ENTRY DAY

The race office was open today conducting a double draw for both Friday March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd. One hundred forty-two (142) horses were entered with one hundred forty (140) drawing in. There is a nine (9) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and a nine (9) race card scheduled for Saturday with a post time of 6:35 PM.

03/18/25³

QUALIFYING DRAW

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Saturday, March 22nd. Two (2) races were drawn with a post time of 5:50 PM.

WEDNESDAY

03/19/25¹

ENTRY DAY

The steward's office was open to accept changes for Friday, March 21st. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

03/19/25²

INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED

The first scheduled hearing this afternoon was a financial complaint 25GS0016, against Lee Evans/Leucadialand Stables by complainant Dr. Kim Kuhlmann on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. The complaint was dismissed as the balance was paid in full prior to scheduled hearing.

The second scheduled hearing was a financial complaint 25GS0014, against Lily Ai by complaint Dr. Kim Kuhlmann on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. The respondent, Ms. Ai, failed to appear to answer the charge. Ruling to Follow.

The third scheduled hearing was a financial complaint 25GS0015, against Juan Ochoa by complainant Dr. Kim Kuhlmann on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. The respondent, Mr. Ochoa failed to appear to answer the charge. Ruling to Follow.

THURSDAY
03/20/25¹

CHANGES

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Saturday, March 22nd. There were several driver changes and one declaration.

03/20/25²

DRIVERS AND TRAINER IN

Driver Alexia Kehl who drove #2 SERENE HALL-Trainer Alexi Kehl- in the 7th race on Saturday, March 15th, was in to review her actions with the whip in the stretch. Ms. Kehl agreed that her actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b) (8). Ruling to follow.

Driver Aaron Lehman who drove #5 DM MAGIC PLAYER- Trainer Quentin Schneider- in the 2nd race on Friday, March 14th, was in to review his actions with whip in the stretch. Mr. Lehman agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b) (8). Ruling to follow.

Trainer Robert Johnson was in to sign a Waiver of Appearance regarding complaint 25SW0006 against Mr. Johnson for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843(a)&(d), #1843.1(a), #1843.4 & #1887. Ruling to Follow.

03/20/25³

INFORMAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED

All three scheduled hearings today were against the same respondent, Trainer Steve Miyadi. Complaints 24GS0034 & 24GS0041 were for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878(b)(1) (Pre-workout examinations) while complaint 25GS0013 was for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1842.5, #1846.6(d) & #1930. The respondent, Mr. Miyadi, failed to appear to answer the charges. Ruling to Follow.

FRIDAY
03/21/25¹

RULINGS WRITTEN

Ruling # 36

Owner **LILY AI**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on March 19, 2025, is suspended effective March 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,077.00 to DR KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **LILY AI**, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this Jurisdiction.

Ruling # 37

Owner **JUAN OCHOA**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on March

19, 2025, is suspended effective March 28, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,348.50 to DR. KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JUAN OCHOA**, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this Jurisdiction.

Ruling # 38

Owner / Trainer **STEVEN MIYADI**, having failed to respond to a written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager Racing) on March 20, 2025, is suspended effective March 31, 2025, for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to appear), pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board #1878(b)(1) (Pre-Workout Examination), #1842.5, 1846.6(d) and #1930 (Maintain Medication Treatment Records)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **STEVEN MIYADI**, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this Jurisdiction.

Ruling # 39

Cal Expo Driver AARON LEHMAN, who drove #5 DM MAGIC PLAYER in the second race on Friday, March 14, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b)(8)(Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

Ruling # 40

Cal Expo Driver JAMES KENNEDY who drove #6 WINDWOOD JACK, in the eighth race on Friday, March 14, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for California Horse Racing Board Rule violation #1530 (Cases not covered) and Watch and Wager House Rule 6.7.3.(Going inside one (1) or more pylons to gain an unfair advantage). Mr. Kennedy drove inside one (1) pylon at the head of the stretch to pass a horse where clearance did not exist. #6 WINDWOOD JACK finished 1st and was placed 2nd for the violation.

Ruling # 41

CAL EXPO Driver ALEXIA KEHL, who drove #2 SERENE HALL in the seventh race on Saturday, March 15, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734(b)(8) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

Ruling # 42

Cal Expo Trainer ROBERT JOHNSON was the trainer of record of #4 ZACH MAGUIRE who finished first in the second race on Saturday, February 8, 2025. The University of California Davis Maddy Lab tested the blood sample #NC64556 which revealed the presence of Triamcinolone Acetonide, a Class 4, Penalty C Violation. Mr. Johnson is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a)&(d), #1843.1(a), #1843.4 and #1887. Mr. Johnson waived his right to appear.

03/21/25²

PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race #3 YERDERNTOOTIN-Trainer Gerald Longo- Injured- Veterinarian- Dr. Lane Schloeder.

5th Race #5 APPLE JUICE- Trainer Jose Castillo- Stewards- Stewards List.
REFUND: \$769.02

03/21/25³

RACE DAY

Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM.

03/21/25⁴

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

The Horsemen gathered in the winner's circle prior to tonight's first race to observe a moment of silence for Driver Hunter Myers who passed away from injuries sustained in an accident during a race at The Meadows on Wednesday, March 19th.

03/21/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	65	\$11,076.10
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$206,203.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$344,145.08
Total	65	\$561,425.08

SATURDAY

03/22/25¹

QUALIFYING RACES

There were two (2) qualifying races held over a track rated "Fast" prior to the regular races with post time at 5:50 PM. Five (5) of the seven (7) participants were successful in meeting current qualifying standards

03/22/25²

PROGRAMS CHANGES

6th Race #5 JULIO LAUXMONT-Trainer Jason Mitchell-Injured- Veterinarian- Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND:\$44.82

03/22/25³

RACE DAY

Nine (9) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Fast" with scheduled post time of 6:35 PM.

03/22/25⁴

5th RACE DRIVER CALLED

Driver Sean Smithpeters, who drove #8 EAGLE LANDS- Trainer Kimberly Hines- was called following the 5th race and summoned to the Steward's Office on Thursday, April 3rd to discuss his actions with the whip in the stretch.

03/22/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	200	\$12,904.30
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$198,219.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$364,411.08
Total	200	\$575,535.28

Sunday

03/23/25¹

DARK DAY

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat	Week Meet	
	03/21	03/22		
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	9
Disqualifications	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	0	0	0	14
Refunds	1	1	2	22
Rulings	7	0	7	42
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1

Steve Carpenito, Steward

Rod Newhart, Steward

John Yinger, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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