

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, April 22, 2025 through Sunday, April 27, 2025.**

**TUESDAY**04/22/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The race office was open today accepting entries for Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. One hundred fifty-five horses were entered with one hundred fifty-three drawing in. There are ten (10) races for scheduled for Friday evening with a post time 6:45 PM and eleven (11) races scheduled for Saturday with post time set at 6:42 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. One (1) race was drawn with a scheduled post time of 6:00 PM.

04/22/25<sup>2</sup>**DARK DAY****WEDNESDAY**04/23/25<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes.

04/23/25<sup>2</sup>**DARK DAY****THURSDAY**04/24/25<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

The Stewards' office was open to take changes for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes.

04/24/25<sup>2</sup>**DRIVER IN**

Driver Sean Smithpeters was in the Stewards' Office regarding his drive in the 1<sup>st</sup> Race on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and the unreasonable slow quarter (0.32.1). Ruling to follow.

04/24/25<sup>3</sup>

**DRIVER IN**

Driver Luke Plano was in the Stewards' Office regarding his actions in the 8<sup>th</sup> Race on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> regarding possible violations of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping rule. Ruling to follow.

04/24/25<sup>4</sup>

**DRIVER IN**

Driver James Kennedy was in the Stewards' Office regarding his actions in the 9<sup>th</sup> Race on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> regarding possible violations of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping rule. Ruling to follow.

04/24/25<sup>5</sup>

**HEARINGS**

A hearing was scheduled for Complaint #25GS0019 alleging financial responsibility against Gustavo Maldonado for financial responsibility. The complaint against Mr. Maldonado was withdrawn by the complainant having reached an agreement

**FRIDAY**

04/25/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**Ruling # 69**

Cal Expo Driver SEAN SMITHPETERS is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721 (I). While driving #7 ROSE RUN ZUES in the first race on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Cal Expo, Mr. Smithpeters did fail to set and maintain a reasonable pace (slow second quarter 32.1).

**Ruling # 70**

Cal Expo Groom ALBERTO PACHECO is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1689. While returning #5 DANCIN LANCE from the paddock to the backstretch following the running of the third race on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Cal Expo, Mr. Pacheco did so without wearing a safety helmet.

**Ruling # 71**

Cal Expo Driver LUKE PLANO, who drove #6 EL'S DISCO JOHNNY in the eighth race on Saturday, April 19, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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). Third whipping offense within the Cal Expo racing season.

**Ruling #72**

Cal Expo Driver JAMES KENNEDY, who drove #6 ALLMYX'SLIVENTEXAS in the ninth race on Saturday, April 19, 2025 is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)\* for violation of 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). Second offense within the Cal Expo racing season.

04/25/25<sup>2</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

None

04/25/25<sup>3</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Ten (10) races went postward under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated "Fast".

04/25/25<sup>4</sup>

**TIMER ISSUES**

The timing computer was unable to boot up for the first two (2) races. Video Technician Frank Mathews came to Judge's stand and was able to get the computer to work and it worked fine for the remainder of the races.

04/25/25<sup>5</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> RACE CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> race was a California Sire Stakes event for Three-Year-Old Filly Pacers. There were four (4) entrants in the race that was carded for a purse of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). These horses had been in detention since Noon.

04/25/25<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	130	\$11,791.70
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$219,466.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$315,591.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	130	\$546,849.80

**SATURDAY**

04/26/25<sup>1</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

One (1) race went postward at 6:00PM over a track rated "Fast" with four (4) of the five (5) participants successful.

04/26/25<sup>2</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

7<sup>th</sup> race Driver Change- #4 ROCKIN THE DRAGON- Trainer Gordon Graham- to James Kennedy.

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration- #2 RAGGED BUT RIGHT- Trainer Nathalie Tremblay- Sick- Dr. Lane Schloeder. The horse will need to requalify due to two (2) Veterinarian scratches in a row. REFUND: \$156.45

04/26/25<sup>3</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Eleven (11) races went postward under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:40 PM over a track rated "Fast".

8<sup>th</sup> Race Sire Stakes- the 8<sup>th</sup> race was a California Sire Stakes event for Three-Year-Old Horse and Gelding Pacers. There were eight (8) entrants in the race which went for a purse of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These horses had been in the detention barn since Noon.

04/26/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	150	\$15,006.40
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$167,874.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$376,948.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	150	\$559,829.08

**SUNDAY**

04/27/25<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 04/25</b>	<b>Sat 04/26</b>	<b>Week Meet</b>	
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	10
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	9
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	15
<b>Refunds</b>	4	2	6	16
<b>Rulings</b>	4	0	4	72
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	1

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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