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## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



### THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

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### **Report of the Board of Stewards** **To the California Horse Racing Board**

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor

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Report for the period Wednesday, October 1, 2014 through Sunday, October 5, 2014.

#### **GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Nine Days – Thursday, October 2, 2014 through Sunday, October 4, 2014 and Thursday, October 9, 2014 through Monday, October 13, 2014 (Dark Monday, October 6 through Wednesday, October 8).

Entries: Forty-eight to ninety-six hours in advance.

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. weekdays, 12:15 weekends.

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta  
\$1 Trifecta  
\$1 Superfecta (with 6 betting interests)  
\$2 Rolling Daily Double  
\$1 Rolling Pick 3  
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)  
\$1 Pick 5 (50-cent minimum)  
\$0.20 Gold Rush Pick 6  
\$0.20 Gold Strike Super High 5 (with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:  
- John Herbuveaux  
- Darrel McHargue  
- Vic Stauffer

- Richard Lewis (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: John C. Alkire, Chief Executive Officer  
 Larry Swartzlander, Director of Racing & Director of Simulcasting  
 Bryan Wayte, Mutuel Manager  
 Frank Mirahmadi, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker  
 Kevin Ingram, Stable Superintendent  
 Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood) Track Superintendent  
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production  
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary  
 Lisa Jones, Assistant Racing Secretary  
 Dawn Schmid, Clerk of Course, Thoroughbred  
 Dolores Collins, Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds  
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses  
 Danny Winick, Patrol Judge & Film Analyst  
 Kenneth Fowler, Patrol Judge  
 Myra Troske, Placing Judge  
 Ella Robinson, Placing Judge  
 Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales  
 Matt Nichols, Assistant Clerk of Scales  
 Linda Anderson, Paddock Judge  
 Robert Mooneyhan, Starter  
 Gary Greiner, Horse Identifier  
 Jack Hammonds, Horseshoe Inspector  
 Melody Truitt, Clocker & Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian  
 Forrest Franklin, DVM, Track Veterinarian

### **Wednesday**

#### **10-01-14<sup>1</sup> ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS**

Steward John Herbuveaux was in attendance to oversee entries and declarations and he will continue with these duties for the remainder of the week.

### **Thursday**

#### **10-02-14<sup>1</sup> RULING NO. 1 – PEDRO FLORES**

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES**, who rode **ROUGE STATUS** in the eighth race at the San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton) on Sunday September 28, 2014 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (October 9, 10 and 11, 2014) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fourth. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Flores met with the stewards, reviewed the race and offered several excuses for the infraction or foul, none of which absolved him of blame.

#### **10-02-14<sup>2</sup> DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS**

|                       |                                           |                       |            |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> race: | #2 CHECK FOR PEACE                        | (Tr. Edwin Sirin)     | Sick       |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                       | REFUND: \$ | 12.70  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race: | #7 SAINT LEMONE                           | (Tr. John Martin)     | Injured    |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                       | REFUND: \$ | 314.90 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> race: | #6 STELLAR SEA                            | (Tr. Sergio Ledezma)  | Sick       |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                       | REFUND: \$ | 228.10 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> race: | #6 MELANZANA                              | (Tr. Clifford DeLima) | Sick       |        |

10-02-14<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 2 – STEVEN HERRERA**

Jockey **STEVEN HERRERA**, who rode **EXPENSIVE JET** in the fourth race at the San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton) on Sunday September 28, 2014 is hereby suspended five (5) racing days (October 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course down the backstretch and causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The ruling listed above was issued after the stewards reviewed the race in question with Mr. Herrera and jockey Silvio Amador who rode the #1 horse in the race. Mr. Amador gave candid information regarding clearance of Mr. Herrera's horse and the horse behind him.

10-02-14<sup>4</sup> **STEWARDS' STAND IMPROVEMENTS**

Upgrades to the stewards' stand were made during the off season. The Fresno meet is a good meet to work and the additions to the stand make time spent here that much better.

10-02-14<sup>5</sup> **RACE #1 - INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the first race for a review of interference near the 1/8 pole involving #1 MG KICK ACE (6<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Marcial Ramirez), #3 CHIHUAHUA GOLD (8<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Martin Arriaga) and #5 DOCTOR JER (7<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Jesus Arriaga). After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the recordings of the race, #1 was disqualified from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place. The recordings show #1 drift outward and cause a chain reaction shift with #3 and #5, costing both horses opportunities at better placings. The decision was unanimous.

10-02-14<sup>6</sup> **RACE #6 - INQUIRY START**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the sixth race for a review of the start of #4 BELLANZA (jockey Frank Alvarado). After reviewing the recordings of the race #4 was declared a starter and the numbers posted were made official. The recordings show #4 leave the gate without its rider after it became fractious prior to the start and unseated the rider.

10-02-14<sup>7</sup> **VOIDED CLAIMS**

Claims submitted in the 4<sup>th</sup> race for #5 GIANNONATTI, trained by Bill McLean and in the 8<sup>th</sup> race for #4 TWO PARTS, trained by Victor Trujillo were voided and returned to their barns after both horses were placed on the veterinarian list due to unsoundness.

10-02-14<sup>8</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |           |                     |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO          | 2,953        | \$        | 197,293.00          |
| NCOT         | 1,633        | \$        | 538,702.80          |
| SCOT         |              | \$        | 173,187.90          |
| Out of State |              | \$        | 282,681.01          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>4,586</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,191,864.71</b> |

**Friday**10-03-14<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$14,500 for California bred or California sired three year olds, claiming \$8,000 at one mile. The race was called off with one entry.

10-03-14<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 3 – MARCIAL RAMIREZ**

Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ**, who rode **MG KICK ACE (APPY)** in the first race at the Big Fresno Fair (Fresno) on Thursday October 2, 2014 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (October 10, 11 and 12, 2014) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in

the disqualification of his mount from sixth to eighth. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Ramirez met with the stewards, reviewed the race and acknowledged his error.

10-03-14<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS**

|                        |                                           |                        |                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> race:  | #3 HOSTILE WATERS                         | (Tr. Stanley Waterman) | Sick                |
|                        | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ 32.50    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #2 ELINDA                                 | (Tr. Gary Eickerman)   | Unsound             |
|                        | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ 117.10   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #1 COUNCIL RULES                          | (Tr. Victor Trujillo)  | Stewards            |
|                        | Stewards – Wrong Horse                    |                        | REFUND: \$ 71.78    |
|                        | #3 WAHINE                                 | (Tr. Reina Gonzalez)   | Flipped Behind Gate |
|                        | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$40,533.87 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> race: | #3 MISS MARINI                            | (Tr. Efrain Miranda)   | Sick                |
|                        | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ 138.40   |

10-03-14<sup>4</sup>**RACE #3 – MISSING AMBULANCE**

As the horses entered the track from the saddling paddock for the third race the stewards were alerted that the track ambulance was not on station. The horses were brought back to the paddock until the ambulance crew returned to their station and the race was started five minutes after the scheduled post time. During a conversation with Charles Harrell, supervisor for American Ambulance, soon thereafter assurances were made that the ambulance crew were now aware that racing is their top priority and they would remain on post throughout the racing program. He also reported that the ambulance crew left their station because of a medical emergency on the fairgrounds.

10-03-14<sup>5</sup>**RACING PROGRAM**

Other than the ambulance issue the ten races on the program progressed smoothly without noteworthy incident.

10-03-14<sup>6</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |               |           |                     |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO          | 9,503         | \$        | 410,034.40          |
| NCOT         | 1,978         | \$        | 788,116.60          |
| SCOT         |               | \$        | 251,787.90          |
| Out of State |               | \$        | 470,175.72          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>11,481</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,920,114.62</b> |

**Saturday**10-04-14<sup>1</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$14,500 for California bred or California sired fillies three years old, claiming \$8,000 at one mile. The race was called off with two entries.

10-04-14<sup>2</sup>**RULING NO. 4 – VICTOR TRUJILLO**

Trainer **VICTOR TRUJILLO** is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for failure to deliver the horse **COUNCIL RULES** to the Receiving Barn necessitating a late scratch in the sixth race on Friday, October 3, 2014; a violation of CHRB Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Trujillo accepted full responsibility for the matter.

10-04-14<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS**

|                       |                                           |                    |                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> race: | #1 DJETS SON                              | (Tr. Scott Powell) | Sick             |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                    | REFUND: \$ 93.40 |

|                       |                                           |                        |            |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> race: | #3 LIVIN' LOVIN' MAN                      | (Tr. W.R. Whitehouse)  | Unsound    |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ | 159.50 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> race: | #8 TEMPETUOUS                             | (Tr. John Martin)      | Unsound    |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ | 338.70 |
|                       | #9 HEVENHELPER                            | (Tr. William E. Morey) | Injured    |        |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                        | REFUND: \$ | 135.00 |

10-04-14<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 5 & 6 – OWNERS FRANK VONFLUE / THOMAS VONFLUE**

Owner **FRANK REX VONFLUE** having failed to abide by the terms of a signed payment agreement is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) pending satisfaction of an outstanding financial obligation to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer in the amount of \$8,600.00.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **FRANK REX VONFLUE** are suspended pursuant to C.H.R.B. Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). **FRANK REX VONFLUE** is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Owner **THOMAS CARWELL VONFLUE** having failed to abide by the terms of a signed payment agreement is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) pending satisfaction of an outstanding financial obligation to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer in the amount of \$8,600.00.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **THOMAS CARWELL VONFLUE** are suspended pursuant to C.H.R.B. Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). **THOMAS CARWELL VONFLUE** is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The rulings listed above were issued after this Board was notified by Janet Hollendorfer that the Vonflue's had failed to submit payment for their outstanding debt.

10-04-14<sup>5</sup> **RACE #1 - INQUIRY**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the first race for a review of interference involving #3 MODESTY (6<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Martin Arriaga), #2 KR HOOLIGAN (4<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Hugo Herrera) and #1 ANGIE BAY BE (5<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Dionicio Navarro). After reviewing the recorded views the posted numbers were made official. The recordings show #3 veer in at the start causing interference to #2 and #1 and continue to lug in and veer into the inside rail near the 1/16 pole. #3 finished last therefore disqualification was not an issue.

10-04-14<sup>6</sup> **RACE #4 - INQUIRY**

Following the running of the 4<sup>th</sup> race the inquiry sign was posted for review of an incident near the ¼ pole involving #2 TIZ THE SEASON (6<sup>th</sup> place – jockey Barrington Harvey) and #1 POSITRON (2<sup>nd</sup> place – jockey Russell Baze). After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the recordings of the race no change was made to the placings. The recordings show #2 cause its own problems after lugging out into #1 and foul that rival and then drop back to last.

10-04-14<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |    |              |
|--------------|-------|----|--------------|
| FNO          | 9,286 | \$ | 338,678.30   |
| NCOT         | 3,217 | \$ | 1,209,250.00 |
| SCOT         |       | \$ | 223,494.50   |
| Out of State |       | \$ | 293,040.10   |

**TOTAL 12,503 \$ 2,064,462.90****Sunday****10-05-14<sup>1</sup> CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Harris Farms Stakes \$100,000 for Golden State Series eligible California bred or California sired three year olds and upward at six furlongs. The race was drawn with six wagering interests and carded as the eighth race.

**10-05-14<sup>2</sup> DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS**

|                       |                                           |                     |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> race: | #2 MUM'S KEE                              | (Tr. Ruben Gomez)   | Transportation    |
|                       | Stewards                                  |                     | REFUND: \$ 122.60 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race: | #8 FLYINGTOTHEFINISH                      | (Tr. Arnold Torres) | Sick              |
|                       | Examining/Track Veterinarian Dr. Franklin |                     | REFUND: \$ 40.60  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> race: | #3 SUPER ABILITY                          | (Tr. Carla Gaines)  | Stakes Scratch    |
|                       | Stewards                                  |                     | REFUND: \$ 267.46 |

**10-05-14<sup>3</sup> RACE #6 – STEWARDS' REVIEW / JOCKEY OBJECTION**

Following the running of the sixth race, as a stewards' review was being conducted for an incident near the sixteenth marker involving #1 RIO HONDO (1<sup>st</sup> place – jockey Brayan Pena) and #5 COME ON DEPUTY (2<sup>nd</sup> place – jockey Kyle Frey), Mr. Frey lodged an objection against the winner for interference. After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the recorded views the race was declared official.

The recordings show that while going to the lead #1 crosses over into the path of #5, forcing the rider of #5 to steady off heels. The placings at the time of the indecent were clearly established and were not affected therefore changes to the placings were not necessary. The decision was unanimous.

**10-05-14<sup>4</sup> ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |               |           |                     |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO          | 10,522        | \$        | 306,124.70          |
| NCOT         | 2,802         | \$        | 972,348.60          |
| SCOT         |               | \$        | 343,602.40          |
| Out of State |               | \$        | 602,113.71          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>13,324</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,224,189.41</b> |

**M E E T S U M M A R Y**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

| Date   | Race | No. | Horse             | Trainer          | Reason       | Vet      | Refund       |
|--------|------|-----|-------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 2-Oct. | 1    | 2   | CHECK FOR PEACE   | Edwin Sirin      | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 12.70     |
| 2-Oct. | 6    | 7   | SAINT LEMONE      | John Martin      | Injured      | Franklin | \$ 314.90    |
| 2-Oct. | 7    | 6   | STELLAR SEA       | Sergio Ledezma   | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 228.10    |
| 2-Oct. | 8    | 6   | MELANZANA         | Clifford DeLima  | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 77.20     |
| 3-Oct. | 3    | 3   | HOSTILE WATERS    | Stanley Waterman | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 32.50     |
| 3-Oct. | 4    | 2   | ELINDA            | Gary Eickerman   | Unsound      | Franklin | \$ 117.10    |
| 3-Oct. | 6    | 3   | WAHINE            | Reina Gonzalez   | Flipped Gate | Franklin | \$ 40,533.87 |
| 3-Oct. | 10   | 3   | MISS MARINI       | Efrain Miranda   | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 138.40    |
| 4-Oct. | 3    | 1   | DJETS SON         | Scott Powell     | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 93.40     |
| 4-Oct. | 5    | 3   | LIVIN' LOVIN' MAN | W.R. Whitehouse  | Unsound      | Franklin | \$ 159.50    |
| 4-Oct. | 9    | 8   | TEMPETUOUS        | John Martin      | Unsound      | Franklin | \$ 338.70    |
| 4-Oct. | 9    | 9   | HEVENHELPER       | William E. Morey | Injured      | Franklin | \$ 135.00    |
| 5-Oct. | 6    | 8   | FLYINGTOTHEFINISH | Arnold Torres    | Sick         | Franklin | \$ 40.60     |

**VETERINARY REPORT: Euthanized / Died - NONE****Veterinarian's List**

There were (19) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 7    Injured: 3    Unsound: 8    Bled: 1

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

|                 |       |    |              |
|-----------------|-------|----|--------------|
| Anderson        | 58    | \$ | 15,658.70    |
| Banker's Casino | 77    | \$ | 21,869.40    |
| Golden Gate     | 1,951 | \$ | 780,178.40   |
| Monterey        | 204   | \$ | 72,909.30    |
| Pleasanton      | 1,241 | \$ | 494,543.30   |
| Sacramento      | 938   | \$ | 380,342.60   |
| San Jose        | 1,465 | \$ | 352,380.50   |
| San Mateo       | 2,222 | \$ | 928,975.10   |
| Santa Rosa      | 510   | \$ | 120,898.70   |
| Stockton        | 700   | \$ | 203,498.00   |
| Turlock         | 287   | \$ | 90,501.90    |
| Vallejo         | 556   | \$ | 199,744.80   |
| So. California  |       | \$ | 992,072.70   |
| Out of State    |       | \$ | 1,648,010.54 |

|                      | 2-Oct. | 3-Oct. | 4-Oct. | 5-Oct. | WEEK      | MEET      |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| ACCIDENTS            | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | <b>0</b>  | <i>0</i>  |
| CAL-BRED RACES       | 0      | 0      | 0      | 1      | <b>1</b>  | <i>1</i>  |
| CLAIMS               | 2      | 3      | 3      | 2      | <b>10</b> | <i>10</i> |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS    | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | <b>1</b>  | <i>1</i>  |
| INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS | 2      | 0      | 2      | 1      | <b>5</b>  | <i>5</i>  |
| REFUNDS              | 4      | 5      | 4      | 3      | <b>16</b> | <i>16</i> |
| RULINGS              | 2      | 1      | 3      | 0      | <b>6</b>  | <i>6</i>  |

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**-----  
**John Herbuveaux, Steward**-----  
**Vic Stauffer, Steward**