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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 12, 2011 through Sunday, December 18, 2011. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

12/12/11 (1) **Entries for Thursday**

Thursday's nine (9) race card drew sixty four (64) entries. No Cal-Bred races were used.

**Tuesday**

12/13/11 (1) **Changes for Thursday/Entries for Friday and Saturday**

A few driver changes were taken for Thursday.

Friday's eleven (11) race card drew eighty seven (87) entries. No Cal-Bred races were used. Ninety six (96) horses are entered for Saturday's twelve (12) races.

**Wednesday**

12/14/11 (1) **Changes for Friday and Saturday**

Numerous driver changes were taken for Friday and Saturday. Two (2) scratches were submitted.

12/14/11 (2) **Wilkinson Hearing – Case #11SW0067**

A hearing was conducted today concerning alleged violation of CHRB Rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct), 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing) and 1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) by Trainer James Wilkinson on November 3, 2011.

The matter was heard by Stewards Will Meyers and Wayne Oke. Steward Grant Baker appeared as a witness for the CHRB.

Investigator Rod Ciganovich presented the case for the Board and Wendy Frazier recorded the proceedings.

The following pertinent facts were brought out in testimony:

- 1) Mr. Wilkinson was observed warming up his horse "Littlesantamonica" during the racing program while not wearing driving colors.
- 2) Steward Grant Baker contacted Mr. Wilkinson concerning the violation.
- 3) Mr. Wilkinson was given the opportunity to accept a \$50 fine or appear before the stewards to submit an explanation.
- 4) Mr. Wilkinson related it was raining and then asked Steward Baker "What are you on, crack cocaine?"

All evidence and testimony was accepted on the record and the matter deemed submitted. Decision to follow.

**Thursday**

12/15/11 (1) **McConnell Ruling [Ref: 12/09/11 (1)]**

**Ruling # 42**

*Trainer Tricia Ann Mc Connell is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Boisterous and Abusive Language to Other Licensees) and 1894 (Duties of Trainer – Failure to Attend Horse in the Paddock for the 13<sup>th</sup> Race). The above violations occurred on September 23, 2011 at Cal-Expo.*

*Tricia Ann Mc Connell is further ordered to participate in, and show proof of completion of anger management counseling of not less than five hours before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Failure to comply shall result in immediate suspension of all licenses held.*

*As a condition of license, Tricia Ann Mc Connell is required to abide by a signed testing agreement through the term of her license(s).*

The above ruling was issued following due deliberation over Friday's hearing. The stewards felt Ms. McConnell was belligerent toward other licensees and failed to supervise her horse in the paddock for the 13<sup>th</sup> race on the day in question.

12/15/11 (2) **Plano Ruling**

**Ruling # 43**

*Driver Luke Plano, who drove "Ogs Si Bon" in the Fifth Race on Saturday, December 10, 2011 is hereby fined Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (J) (Driving Rules – Change Course After Selecting a Position in the homestretch, or Bear In or Out In Such a Manner as to Interfere with Another Horse or Cause Him to Change Stride or Break). Incident occurred in deep stretch - resulting in a disqualification.*

The above ruling was issued after Plano appeared and pled his case before the stewards. Plano claimed he finessed his way out of a tight spot without interfering. The stewards disagreed and felt he forced his way out, interfering with another rival.

- 12/15/11 (3) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**  
 The inquiry sign was posted to review #8 “Live A Little” (Lemoyne Svendsen) who went offstride in the stretch and through the finish. #8 finished sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) and was ‘lapped on’ by seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) place finisher #6 “Hey Scoob”, in violation of the Breaking Rule. #8 was placed seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) for the violation.
- 12/15/11 (4) **Program Changes**  
 None
- 12/15/11 (5) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance                   | 122              |
| Live Handle (On Track)       | \$26,550         |
| Handle (In State)            | \$192,553        |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$295,691</u> |
| Total Handle                 | \$514,794        |

**Friday**

- 12/16/11 (1) **Marchand Pays – Case 11SW0058**  
 Driver Marchand made good on a promise to pay Harris Levin \$272. Case closed.
- 12/16/11 (2) **Isbell Ruling**
- Ruling # 44**
- Provisional Driver Karen Isbell, who drove “Rude Awakening” in the Fifth Race on December 15, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (4)(A) Any Blatant or Exaggerated Movements of the Whipping Arm Which Will Result From Raising the Elbow Above the Driver’s Shoulder Height and/or Allowing the Hand Holding the Whip to Reach Behind the Driver During the Use of the Whip).*
- The above ruling was issued after Isbell appeared and pled guilty.
- 12/16/11 (3) **First Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**  
 #2 “Try This” (Richard Wojcio) went off stride at the top of the stretch and through the wire, finishing fifth (5<sup>th</sup>). #2 failed to lose ground and was placed sixth (6<sup>th</sup>).
- 12/16/11 (4) **Ninth Race – Recall**  
 #8 “Desired Result” (Scott Cisco) had broken equipment (head pole) as the field was approaching the start, causing Starter Bill Vallandingham to flash the recall lights. The head pole was fixed and the horses were reassembled and started with a short delay of five (5) minutes.

12/16/11 (5) **Program**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “Whitman” – Trainer Quentin Schneider  
 Refund: \$24 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/16/11 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	221
Live Handle (On Track)	\$27,969
Handle (In State)	\$303,313
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$312,567</u>
Total Handle	\$643,849

**Saturday**

12/17/11 (1) **Nicolo Replaces Baker**  
 Steward Grant Baker was absent today for personal reasons. Replaced by Paul Nicolo.

12/17/11 (2) **Wilkinson Ruling**

**Ruling # 45**

*Trainer James Wilkinson is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for disrespectful behavior toward a steward on November 3, 2011. A Violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).*

The above ruling was issued after deliberating over Wednesday’s hearing. Mr. Wilkinson accepted the penalty grudgingly, contending his remark was only flippant and not meant to be disrespectful.

12/17/11 (3) **Qualifiers**  
 Fourteen (14) of twenty (20) horses made qualifying time in tonight’s four (4) races.

12/17/11 (4) **Good Ending**  
 Tonight’s season ending card was conducted without incident.

12/17/11 (5) **Stidham Replaced**  
 Driver Rocky Stidham asked to be excused for nagging back problems. Replaced as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> Race – Steve Wiseman, 9<sup>th</sup> Race – Luke Plano, 10<sup>th</sup> Race – Sue Boyce and 11<sup>th</sup> Race – James Lackey.

12/17/11 (6) **Program Changes**  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “Victory Felicia” – Trainer Amanda Frasier  
 Refund: \$27 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12/17/11 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	337
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,563
Handle (In State)	\$269,748
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$277,700</u>
Total Handle	\$587,011

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
16-Dec	5	7	WHITMAN	SCHNEIDER	Injured	Goodbary	\$24.00
17-Dec	9	7	VICTORY FELICIA	FRASIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$27.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	4,137.60
Fresno	\$	2,907.80
Fresno Club One	\$	2,269.40
Golden Gate	\$	29,582.80
Monterey	\$	7,760.40
Pleasanton	\$	20,381.20
Sacramento	\$	74,388.50
San Jose	\$	24,959.10
San Mateo	\$	44,398.80
Santa Rosa	\$	5,517.40
Stockton	\$	14,451.00
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	8,363.80
No. California	\$	239,117.50
So. California	\$	478,235.30
Out of State	\$	885,957.11

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION****SUMMARY 2011**

	<b>Mon 12/12</b>	<b>Tues 12/13</b>	<b>Wed 12/14</b>	<b>Thurs 12/15</b>	<b>Fri 12/16</b>	<b>Sat 12/17</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Meyers, Oke and Baker were in attendance. Paul Nicolo substituted for Grant Baker on Saturday. All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**