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Report for the Week of Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Through Monday, May 29, 2023.

WEDNESDAY5/24/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Overseeing entries for Saturday was Steward **Dennis Nevin**. Fifty-nine horses entered this nine-race program. "Entry Panel" took place for Friday under the leadership of **Dr. Tim Grande**.

THURSDAY5/25/23¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES SATURDAY CHANGES**

Mr. Dennis Nevin once again was at the helm to give guidance to the Racing Office. Another nine-race card was manufactured by the Racing Secretary, this one with sixty-one runners. Both an Entry Panel and a fatality review were on the day's agenda.

FRIDAY5/26/23¹**STEWARD LINE UP**

The line up for today's Board of Stewards will have **Cal Rainey** sitting in the chair of **Dennis Nevin**. **Mr. Nevin** is away attending to personnel matters. Darrel **McHargue** will be acting Safety Steward.

5/26/23²**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 1 Declaration: #2 **Sweet Millie** (Tr. **Samuel Calvario**) Injured – **Dr. Hassan**

#4 **Sports for Women** To be ridden by **William Antongeorgi III**

Race 2 #5 **Echo Alpha Six** To be ridden by **Frank Alvarado**

Race 5 Declaration: #6 **Twirling Derby** (Tr. **Guillermo Preciado**) Sick – **Dr. Batten**

#7 **Holy Ghost** To be ridden by **William Antongeorgi III**

Race 6 #3 **Duplication** To be ridden by **Willian Antongeorgi III**

Race 7 #3 **Kodiaction** To be ridden by **Assael Espinoza**

5/26/23³

DIEGO HERRERA HEARING

California Horse Racing Board Case 22BM0036 a complaint against groom **Diego Herrera** was heard this morning. Present were **Diego Herrera** assisted by Assistant Starter **Joe Miranda**, representing the California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria**, and Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli**, C.S.R. The hearing was chaired by Steward **Grant Baker** with the remaining panel consisting of **Richard Lewis** and **Cal Rainey**.

A thirty (30) page complaint alleges **Diego Herrera** was discovered in a drunken state on Fairgrounds property at the Alameda County Fair. **Mr. Herrera** is in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 & #1874. The complaint read partially...

“Groom **Diego Herrera** was found in a drunken state and asleep on the lawn area in front of Horse Racing Grandstand.”

Mr. Herrera was also responding to a December 3 ,2022 ruling, PRA22, for failure to appear. Evidence, two items as State’s evidence and two from the defendant, letter from La Familia and “AA” logs, were submitted into the record. Testimony was taken into consideration and a ruling may be issued.

5/26/23⁴

RACE 6 INQUIRY/OBJECTION

The Stewards were reviewing an incident mid-stretch when the outrider radioed that **William Antongeorgi** aboard the fourth-place finisher, # 3 **Duplication**, lodged an objection against the winner. #6 **Sea Dog** ridden by **Alexander Chavez**, and the show horse, #7 **Rodrigoknows** with Jockey **Evin Roman**. **Mr. Antongeorgi** volunteered that his mount was backing out of contention but #6 came out tightening the room between #7 sooner than he should have at the eighth pole. After talking with the three riders, getting patrol judge’s comments and dissecting video it was a unanimous decision that the actions of all participants did not affect the order of finish.

5/26/23⁵

RACE 5 CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of #7 **Holy Ghost** by **Gary Greiner** was voided by this panel after California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** added the eight-year-old to the Vet’s list as unsound. Horse remains with trainer **Aggie Ordonez**.

5/26/23⁶

RACE 8 VOIDED CLAIM

#8 **Chris Fix** is to remain under the care of trainer **Victor Trujillo** after California Horse Racing Board Vet **Franklin** reported the four-year-old was detected to be unsound while “cooling” out in the test barn. The claim submitted by trainer **Gary Greiner** was voided by the Stewards.

5/26/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	315	\$169,071.10
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,546,877.68
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$204,576.97
Total	929	\$2,278,567.04

SATURDAY

5/27/23¹

PROGRAM DECLARATIONS

Race 1 #3 **Cobre** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 5 #3 **Cuties Renegade** (Tr. **Reid France**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 7 #2 **Hunters Ghost** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **Mike Parker, DVM**

5/27/23²

ALEXANDER CHAVEZ RULING

GGF RULING #70

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **SEA DOG** in the sixth race on, May 26, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields is suspended five (5) racing days, June 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding - second offense in sixty (60) days).

The above ruling was published after Jockey **Chavez** reviewed video of the prior day’s sixth race. Assisting as an interpreter for **Mr. Chavez** was Jockey **Francisco Duran**. Video shows two incidents, one at the eighth pole, causing **William Antongeorgi** to briefly check. The second where he allows his mount to drift out the final sixteenth from the two path to about the six path. There are two other horses to his outside also floating out, in our opinion there was very little effort to maintain a straight course, in either incident.

5/27/23³

IVAN BECERRA – PEREZ HEARING

A tape-recorded hearing for California Horse Racing Board Complaint 23GG0058 involving violations to rules, #1489 (a) (8), #1874, #1890 (a) & #1900, against Owner, Trainer, Exercise Rider **Ivan Becerra – Perez** lasted thirty-five minutes.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the 30-page document. During a routine barn inspection an odor of marijuana was detected by **Ms. Tolman**. When asked **Mr. Becerra – Perez** admitted to recently smoking the substance and willingly turned over the contraband in his possession. This turned out to be the fourth marijuana related incident in the last ten years.

Mr. Becerra – Perez stated he used the drug to sleep. He did show remorse and indicated he will attempt to stop using. The hearing was closed, and a decision will follow.

5/27/23⁴

RACE 2 VOIDED CLAIM

In this race two claims were voided when State Veterinarian **Franklin** listed both horses as having soundness issues to the left fore limb. #2 **Crypto Munny** was to remain in the barn of **Ian Kruljac** as the claim submitted by trainer **Sam Calvario** was voided by the Stewards #4 **Danny Michael** stays with **Isidro Tamayo** as **Blaine Wright’s** claim was voided by this panel of Stewards.

5/27/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	717	\$287,808.19
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,283,055.12
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$291,178.40
Total	1,731	\$2,431,939.62

SUNDAY

5/28/23¹

PROGRAM DECLARATIONS

Race 4 #3 **Amanda Rose** (Tr. **Tim Bellasis**) Injured – **Karen Hassan, DVM**
Race 6 #5 **Dr. Flash Dancer** (Tr. **Terry Johnson**) Re-Enter – **Stewards**
Race 8 #3 **Welton** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Stake – **Stewards**
#7 **Harcyn** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) Stake – **Stewards**

5/28/23²

WINNER’S FOUNDATION PHONE CALL

Darin Scharer of Winner’s Foundation was contacted for an update on one of their clients. The information brought us up to date.

5/28/23³

RACE 3 INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION/DEAD HEAT

The panel requested that the inquiry sign be illuminated to look into the start of this route event. Actions between #1, **Spanish Channel**, with Jockey **Evin Roman** and #2 **Dangerous Illusion**, piloted by **Catalino Martinez** was the point of interest. Video shows #1 breaking outward into the #2 was resulting in Jockey **Martinez** taking up sharply and dropping back to last. At the finish #1 was a head in front of a fast closing #2. It was unanimous that the actions at the start and the margin at the finish justified the decision to disqualify.

The race also resulted in a “**Dead Heat**” for fourth between #3, **Fantastic Secret** and #5, **California GiGi**.

Original Order of Finish 4 – 1 – 2 – (3 – 5) – 6

Official Order of Finish 4– 2 – 1 –(3 – 5) - 6

5/28/23⁴

RACE 5 VOIDED CLAIM

The claim of #4, **Wild Billy D.** was voided by the Stewards after California Horse Racing Board Vet, **Forrest Franklin**, put the three-year-old on the Vet’s List due to left front shin soundness issues.

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RACE 6 GATE SCRATCH

As horses were loading into the starting gate for the sixth race #8 **Stretch Run**, reared and got himself turned in the gate with his forelegs over the rear stall doors. In the process his flanks suffered cuts and was scratched by the Stewards upon recommendation of Track Veterinarian **Casille Batten**.

5/28/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,054	\$295,367.93
SCOTWinc	0,000	1,280,317.67
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$271,277.47
Total	1,863	\$2,292,015.82

MONDAY

5/29/23¹

PROGRAM DECLARATIONS

Race 2 #1 **Viva Leon Jodido** (Tr. **Eddie Rich**) Sick – **Karen Hassan, DVM**

#5 **Tribute To M** (Tr. **Daniel Durham**) Injured – **Karen Hassan, DVM**

Race 6 #5 **River’s Behest** (Tr. **Ellen Jackson**) Sick – **Mike Parker, DVM**

Race 7 #1 **Baby Kristen** (Tr. **Kelly Bainum**) Sick – **Forrest Franklin, DVM**

5/29/23²

ROMAN FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Evin Roman** met with this panel as requested to review the start of Sunday’s third race (REF: 5/28/23⁽³⁾). **Mr. Roman’s** mount #1, **Spanish Channel**, broke out sharply at the break, bumping #2 **Dangerous Illusion**. This bumping caused #2 to drop back to last but she finished strongly to be beaten a head for the place position by #1. An inquiry followed with a disqualification which placed #1 behind #2. In the opinion of this panel Jockey **Roman** made a strong attempt to keep his mount straight thus no penalty to the rider other than the disqualification.

5/29/23³

BECERRA – PEREZ RULING

GGF RULING #73

Owner, Trainer, Exercise Rider **IVAN BECERRA – PEREZ** is hereby suspended five (5) days, June 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2023, for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Marijuana, Multiple Offenses).

Furthermore **IVAN BECERRA- PEREZ** remains on a Testing Agreement with California Horse Racing Board.

The above ruling was issued for California Horse Racing Board complaint 23GG0058, a marijuana possession case. Testimony and evidence presented on Saturday, (REF: 5/27/23⁽³⁾) along with history is what led to the penalty imposed.

5/29/23⁴

DIEGO HERRERA RULING

GGF RULING #74

Groom (Expired) **DIEGO HERRERA** having now appeared at Golden Gate Fields on May 26, 2023, to address CASE #BM0036 is now eligible to apply for license renewal. PRA Ruling #22 issued at Golden Gate Fields on December 3, 2022, is now set aside.

Groom (Expired) **DIEGO HERRERA** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)*for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication – Multiple Violations).

Prior to approval of licensing **DIEGO HERRERA** must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board while licensed in California; is ordered to be evaluated by the Winner's Foundation and shall abide by the recommendations of that organization prior to and after relicensing. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of his license.

After deliberations of California Horse Racing Board case 22BM0036 the above rule was published based on evidence and testimony presented on Friday (REF: 5/26/23⁽³⁾).

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RACE 6 GATE SCRATCH

While horses were in the gate #6 **Dr. Flash Dancer** reared and got a leg hung up in the gate. **Dr. Hassan** reported the gelding suffered an abrasion needing attention. The Stewards scratched the horse on that note.

5/29/23⁶

RACE 7

After the running of this turf sprint #3 **Marilyn's Smile** exited the turf course and was dismounted and unsaddled by Jockey **Alexander Chavez**. Veterinarian **Hassan** attended to the eight-year-old mare, who was given a ride back to her barn by the Equine Ambulance with an undetermined injury.

5/29/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	656	\$250,459.90
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,135,011.28
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$298,353.02
Total	1,607	\$2,216,424.32

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
26-May	1	2	Sweet Millie	S.Calvario	Injured	Hassan	\$439.48
26-May	5	6	Twirling Derby	G.Preciado	Sick	Batten	\$107.30
27-May	1	3	Cobre	J.Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$177.12
27-May	5	3	Cute Renegade	R.France	Injured	Stewards	\$365.20
27-May	7	2	Hunters Ghost	J.Wong	Sick	Parker	\$366.90
28-May	4	3	Amanda Rosa	T.Bellasis	Injured	Hassan	\$241.35
28-May	6	5	Dr. Flash Dancer	T.Johnson	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$56,189.04
28-May	8	3	Welton	J.Wong	Stake	Stewards	See Below
28-May	8	7	Harcyn	S. Sherman	Stake	Stewards	\$297.85
29-May	2	1	Viva Leon Jodido	E.Rich	Sick	Hassan	See Below
29-May	2	5	Tribute to M	D.Durham	Injured	Hassan	\$165.00
29-May	6	5	River's Behest	E.Jackson	Sick	Parker	\$24,309.13
29-May	7	1	Baby Kristen	K.Bainum	Sick	Franklin	\$1,509.60

SUMMARY

	Wed 5/24	Thurs 5/25	Fri 5/26	Sat 5/27	Sun 5/28	Mon 5/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	6	2	2	7	17	197
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	14
Refunds	0	0	2	3	3	3	11	260
Rulings	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	74
Voided Claims	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	40

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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