

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Sonoma County Fair Santa Rosa, California**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 2, 2023, through Sunday, August 6, 2023.**

**GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Scheduled seven (7) days, Thursday August 3, 2023, through Sunday August 13, 2023.  
Thursday August 3, 2023, through Sunday August 6, 2023.  
Friday August 11, 2023, through Sunday August 13, 2023.

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

Scratch Time: 10:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 1:45 p.m. daily; Friday post time 2:15 p.m.

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

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta  
\$1 Trifecta (with 4 betting interests)  
\$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 (50-cent minimum with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:  
-Darrel McHargue (Chief Steward)  
-Richard Lewis - Cal Rainey  
-Dennis Nevin - Grant Baker (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Rebecca Bartling – Fair CEO  
Stacey Lapham – Director of Racing  
Robert Moreno – Racing Secretary  
Linda Anderson – Assistant Racing Secretary  
Paul Porter – Director of Simulcasting  
Doug Gooby – Mutuel Manager  
Matt Dinerman – Track Announcer  
Lori Bailey – Paymaster  
Michael Patricks – Morning Line Maker  
Randy Malmgren – Stable Superintendent  
Juan Meza – Track Superintendent  
Pegasus Communications – Video Production  
William Vassar – Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Nancy Barney – Placing Judge  
Angela Couton – Placing Judge  
Jayme Thomas – Paddock Judge  
Jayme Thomas – Patrol Judge  
Myra Troske – Patrol Judge  
Stephen Fisher – Clerk of Scales  
Kenny Sjoldal – Assistant Clerk of Scales  
Gary Greiner – Horse Identifier  
Todd Stephens – Starter  
Tina Walker-Bryant – Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbreds  
Lisa Jones – Assistant Clerk of the Course  
Agustin Rayas – Horseshoe Inspector  
Chris Lapham – Clocker/Timer  
Forrest Franklin, D.V.M. – CHRB Veterinarian  
Karen Hassan, D.V.M., DACVS – Fitness/Race Veterinarian

**Monday**  
7/31/23<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARD ON DUTY**

Mr. Dennis Nevin was on site at Santa Rosa to oversee Entries for opening day at the Sonoma County Fair. Seven (7) races were carded with forty-two entrants.

**Tuesday**  
8/1/23<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES/FRIDAY – SCRATCHES/THURSDAY**

Friday entries were under the supervision of Steward Nevin. Fifty-five (55) horses were spread over a seven (7) race program. There were no scratches for Thursday at the designated time.

**Wednesday**  
8/2/23<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Nevin once again was present on this non- race day to answer any questions that may arise needing a Steward's interpretation. Eight (8) races were carded on the Overnight for Saturday with sixty-one (61) horses in the body of the races along with three (3) Also Eligibles in one event.

**Thursday**  
8/3/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 2 Scratch #2 – SELSAE (Tr. Gloria Haley) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan  
Race 2 Scratch #4 – ZIPPIDY DU DAD (Tr. Faith Taylor) Injured – Dr. Karen Hassan  
Race 3 Scratch #5 – SAFE COMBINATION (Tr. Jorge Maravilla) – Panel (Stewards)

8/3/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #1**

Jockey Pedro Flores viewed video from the last race on closing day at Cal Expo, State Fair. The film confirmed that Mr. Flores used his crop one (1) over the limit, which he also acknowledged. The following ruling was issued after this meeting.

**SANTA ROSA RULING #1**

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** who rode **FANTASTIC DREAM** in the eighth race at the California State Fair on Sunday, July 30, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday, August 11, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on February 3, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** has now accumulated six (6) points.  
Ruling #5 – Alameda County Fair (ACF) – June 23, 2023.

8/3/23<sup>3</sup>

**TOTE BOARD MALFUNCTION**

A Tote Board snafu in posting the Official sign and mutuel payoffs for the first race had Tote personnel scrambling. A trade out of the Placing Judges' console proved to solve the problem as things went smoothly for the second race.

8/3/23<sup>4</sup>

**RACING INCIDENT**

During the running of the sixth race #7 **DANEHILL SONG** was injured at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole. The three-year-old filly was filly pulled up at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> marker, unsaddled and loaded into the Equine Ambulance. She was attended to by Dr. Karen Hassan and was transported to her Trainer's barn for further evaluation.

8/3/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1925	\$83,857.60
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$60,742.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$380,466.41
Total	1925	\$546,699.51

**Friday**  
8/4/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 1 Scratch #1 – RIVER'S BENCHMARK (Tr. Alberto Ruvalcava) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 2 Scratch #6 – MY DOMINATOR (Tr. Ruby Thomas) Unsound – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 2 Scratch #7 – THE SANDY SURPISE (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

8/4/23<sup>2</sup>

**RACE 5 – JOCKEY OBJECTION**

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** aboard the Place finisher, **REFI NOW**, lodged an Objection against the Winner, **STRETCH RUN**, piloted by **Hugo Herrera**. The alleged interference took place at the head of the lane in this turf race. After viewing video and speaking with all the parties, in an unanimous decision the Stewards disallowed the Objection and made no change to the order of finish.

8/4/23<sup>3</sup>

**RACE 6 – LATE SCRATCH**

As the field was approaching the Starting Gate, Dr. Hassan contacted the Board of Stewards recommending the withdrawal of the #7 **MELANIE’S TIGER**, due to soundness issues to the left hind limb. The Stewards approved the request and contacted Mutuels along with the Track Announcer and the TV department to remove the horse from the wagering pools and notify the public.

8/4/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,672	\$201,733.40
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$139,656.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$898,752.62
Total	4,672	\$1,323,335.32

**Saturday**

8/5/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 3 Scratch #4 –TIZ A THRILL (Tr. D. W. Baker) Unsound – Dr. Karen Hassan\*

Race 3 Scratch #5 – MEDAL ICE (Tr. Michael Lenzini) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan\*

\*Race 3 The scratches facilitated: No Place and No Show wagering in this race

Race 4 Scratch #6 MISSING PENNY (Tr. Michael Lenzini) – Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 5 Scratch #4 LAKERVILLE ROSE (Tr. Bob Davis) – Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 5 Scratch #7 BROADWAY TIGER (Tr. Manuel Badilla ) – Unsound – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 7 Scratch CHANCERY WAY (Tr. Jamey Thomas) – Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

8/5/23<sup>2</sup>

**RACE 1 – LATE SCRATCH**

During the Post Parade for the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Race #2, **DANGEROUS ILLUSION**, was observed by Dr. Karen Hassan to be “off” in the left foreleg. Dr. Hassan recommended to the Stewards that the four-year-old filly be withdrawn from the race. Acting upon that request the Stewards “scratched” **DANGEROUS ILLUSION** from the Mutuel Pools.

8/5/23<sup>3</sup>

**RACE 1 – INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards had the INQUIRY sign activated after the finish of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Race. Actions in the stretch, 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole, between the Place horse #1 **BIG GIFT** (Jockey **Frank Alvarado**) and the show horse #5 **MOONSHINE CAT** (Jockey **Pedro Flores**) was the center of controversy.

Video Shows that #1 **BIG GIFT** brushed the right hind of #5 **MOONSHINE CAT** causing that horse to lose her rear end. The two horses were separated by just a short head at the Finish.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards ruled that #5 **MOONSHINE CAT** was prevented an opportunity to a better placing and disqualified #1 **BIG GIFT** from second to third.

Original Order of Finish: 3 – 1 – 5 – 4      Official Order of Finish: 3 – 5 – 1 – 4

8/5/23<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 7 – START OF RACE**

The Stewards took a closer look into the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> race. #4 **COUNCILWOMAN JILLY** broke awkwardly and left the gate well behind the Field. After reviewing the Start it was obvious that #4 **COUNCILWOMAN JILLY** caused her own problems.

8/5/23<sup>5</sup>

### TRAINER/JOCKEY OBJECTION

Soon after the running of the final race of the day, Trainer **Blaine Wright** called the Stewards' stand to lodge an OBJECTION into the Stretch Run. At the same time Jockey **Alexander Chavez** had the Outrider radio the Stewards about an additional Objection. Both Objections involved the show horse, #3 **MISCHIEVOUS PILOT**, claiming foul against the winner, #7 **EL CONDOR** ridden by **Bryan Pena**.

Actions of #7 **ELCONDOR** drifting out inside the 3/16ths pole in front of #3 **MISCHIEVOUS PILOT** were being reviewed. It was unanimous that no horse was prevented an opportunity for a better placing and therefore the Objections were disallowed.

8/5/23<sup>6</sup>

### DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,868	\$240,157.90
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$170,761.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$763,682.32
Total	5,868	\$1,267,165.62

Sunday

8/6/23<sup>1</sup>

### PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 2 Scratch #4 – LOTS A PEPPER (Tr. Manuel Badilla) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan\*

\*Race 2 The scratch facilitated No Show wagering in this race

Race 3 Scratch #2 SPUN BEAUTIFUL (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan\*

\*Race 3 The scratch facilitated No Show wagering in this race

Race 4 Scratch #1 ZEE PERFECT STORY (Tr. Marcia Stortz) Injured – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 4 Scratch #4 J AND K EXPRESS (Tr. Jose Puentes) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 6 Scratch #1 MOB BOSS (Tr. Jeff Bonde) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

Race 8 Scratch #8 SAINT IVES (Tr. Jose Bautista) Sick – Dr. Karen Hassan

8/6/23<sup>2</sup>

### HUMBOLT COUNTY FAIR VISITOR

Fair Director Greg Gomes stopped by to gain a better understanding of how the "Entry Panel" works. Mr. Gomes was interested so he could update out of state horsemen/women what to expect especially with the quick turnaround for entries. Mr. Gomes also gave us an update on Grandstand upgrades.

8/6/23<sup>3</sup>

### ALVARADO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** was represented by **Catalino Martinez** at Films. **Mr. Alvarado** was in Southern California to ride a stake, but participated by phone as we viewed the video from the first race (ref. 8/5/23<sup>3</sup>). The race in question involved a Stewards Inquiry which resulted in a Disqualification. After review of video and discussions, in a unanimous decision, the blame was placed on the horse as he ducked from the Starting Gate tracks bumping his rival off stride. No action was taken against Jockey **Frank Alvarado**.

8/6/23<sup>4</sup>

### PENA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Brayan Pena** was in the Stewards' Office to go over his winning ride in Saturday's last race (ref.8/5/23<sup>5</sup>). Video shows his mount #7 **ELCONDOR** drifting out several lanes inside the 3/16ths marker crossing paths with the eventual show horse #3 **MISCHIEVOUS PIRATE**. The action, in the Stewards opinion, did not cost any runners a better position.

8/6/23<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 4 – STEWARDS INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the INQUIRY sign soon after the finish of this one-mile turf contest. Point of interest took place at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole between the top two finishers. #5 **SIPPIN WHISKEY** (Jockey **Alejandro Gomez**) and #6 **TRIBUTE TO M** (Jockey **Epifanio Garcia**) hit the wire together but also made contact in deep stretch. Video shows #6 **TRIBUTE TO M** coming out under left-handed urging bumping twice with #5 **SIPPIN WHISKEY**. The photo, once developed, shows #5 **SIPPIN WHISKEY** beating #6 **TRIBUTE TO M** so there was no need for any changes to the result posted on the Board.

8/6/23<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 5 – STEWARDS INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

An incident in deep stretch between #6 **ELEGANT BOY** (Jockey **Alexander Chavez**) and #5 **CORAL CAT** (Jockey **William Antongeorgi III**) drew the attention of this Panel and had Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** claiming Foul. The horses hit the wire together with a photo being the means that separated them. #6 **ELEGANT BOY** came out impeding #5 **CORAL CAT** and in a unanimous opinion a Disqualification was warranted.

Order of Finish: **6 – 5** – 2 - 4 – 1 – 3

Official Order of Finish: **5 – 6** – 2 - 4 - 1 - 3

8/6/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,467	\$212,989.30
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$112,277.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$489,928.87
Total	4,467	\$891,949.47

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 8/3	Fri 8/4	Sat 8/5	Sun 8/6	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	1	1	0	3	3
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	2	2
Inquiries	0	0	1	2	3	3
Refunds	2	4	7	6	19	19
Rulings	1	0	0	0	1	1
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
3-Aug.	2	2	SELSTAE	G. Haley	Sick	Hassan	\$139.00
3-Aug.	2	4	ZIPPIDY DU DAD	F. Taylor	Injured	Hassan	\$22.20
3-Aug.	3	5	SAFE COMBINATION	J. Maravilla	Panel	Stewards	\$96.00
4-Aug.	1	1	RIVER'S BENCHMARK	A. Rubacalva	Sick	Hassan	\$154.50
4-Aug.	2	6	MY DOMINATOR	R. Thomas	Unsound	Hassan	see below
4-Aug.	2	7	THE SANDY SURPRISE	I. Tamayo	Sick	Hassan	\$113.50
4-Aug.	6	7	MELANIE'S TIGER	M. Badilla	Unsound	Hassan	\$27,404.31

5-Aug.	1	2	DANGEROUS ILLUSION	R. France	Unsound	Hassan	\$4,927.09
5-Aug.	3	4	TIZ A THRILL	D.W. Baker	Unsound	Hassan	see below
5-Aug.	3	5	MEDAL ICE	M. Lenzini	Sick	Hassan	\$178.00
5-Aug.	4	6	MISSING PENNY	M. Lenzini	Sick	Hassan	\$111.64
5-Aug.	5	4	LAKERVILLE ROSE	B. Davis	Sick	Hassan	see below
5-Aug.	5	7	BROADWAY TIGER	M. Badilla	Unsound	Hassan	\$79.70
5-Aug.	7		CHANCERY WAY	J. Thomas	Sick	Hassan	\$367.04
6-Aug.	2	4	LOTS A PEPPER	M. Badilla	Sick	Hassan	\$120.00
6-Aug.	3	2	SPUN BEAUTIFUL	I. Tamayo	Sick	Hassan	\$65.00
6-Aug.	4	1	ZEE PERFECT STORY	M. Stortz	Injured	Hassan	see below
6-Aug.	4	4	J AND K EXPRESS	J. Puentes	Sick	Hassan	\$181.30
6-Aug.	6	1	MOB BOSS	J. Bonde	Sick	Hassan	\$153.30
6-Aug.	8	8	SAINT IVES	J. Bautista	Sick	Hassan	\$68.40

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Cal Rainey, Steward

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Grant Baker, Safety Steward

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