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Report for the Week of Wednesday, Nov 8, 2023, through Sunday, Nov 12, 2023.

WEDNESDAY11/08/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday November 11, 2023. Nine (9) races were drawn with sixty-five (65) horses scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** oversaw all matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

11/08/23²**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** participated on an Entry Panel today. The racing card for Friday November 10 was reviewed by Steward **Nevin** and two (2) regulatory Veterinarians.

THURSDAY11/09/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff were on duty today accepting entries for Sunday November 12, 2023. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty. Nine (9) races were drawn in the racing office. sixty – five (65) horses are scheduled to start.

11/09/23²**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** reviewed entries for Saturday November 11, 2023 along with two (2) other members of the Entry Panel.

FRIDAY11/10/23¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Today's office hours were conducted without any significant matters to document.

11/10/23²

FIRST RACE INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing the start of this 5 ½ furlong main track event. There was also a Jockey Objection filed after this race. The rider on second place finisher #5 **George Herman Ruth, Carlos Montalvo**, lodged an Objection.

There was confusion at the start that involved five (5) horses. These horses were:

- #7 **Blue Silver** – **Evin Roman** – 1ST Place
- #5 **George Herman Ruth** – **Carlos Montalvo** – 2ND Place
- #4 **Let George Do It** – **Silvio Amador** – 5TH Place
- #6 **El Capricho** – **Hugo Herrera** – 6TH Place
- #4 **Zhivago** – **Francisco Monroy** – 7TH Place

Second place finisher #5 **George Herman Ruth** received pressure at the start from both inside (#3 & #4) and outside (#7) rivals. This activity led to a slow dispatch away from the starting gate. Also involved were #4 **Zhivago** who broke out, and #6 **El Capicho**. After receiving a Patrol Judge report, reviewing all replay angles, and speaking with the jockey's involved, the Stewards made no change to the original order of finish. The decision was unanimous. Jockeys **Roman, Herrera, Monroy** and **Amador** were ordered to film review with the Stewards.

11/10/23³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 1ST Race Jockey Change #4 **Zhivago F. Monroy** for **B. Pena** – sick
- 4TH Race Declaration #5 **Blursday** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$118.51
- 7TH Race #7 **Wodeton (FR)** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) claimed, **B. Wright**, trainer
- 8TH Race Declaration #2 **A Lotta Nerve** (Tr. **S. Paldanius**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$200.55
- 8TH Race #3 **Zoe's Pride** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) claimed, **G. Greiner**, trainer
#4 **Dawn At Last** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer
- 8TH Race Ownership Change #8 **Tiz The Prospect** should read **Roger E. Snow**

11/10/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	290	\$112,031.08
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,277,674.85
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$187,179.70
Total	1,044	\$1,939,556.85

SATURDAY

11/11/23¹

HUGO HERRERA FILM REVIEW (REF: 11/10/23⁽²⁾)

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** appeared in the Steward's office for an informal hearing today. Jockey **Herrera** was aboard #6 **El Capicho**, who finished sixth, in yesterday's (November 10) first race.

This horse broke in and contributed to interference with eventual second place finisher #5 **George Herman Ruth**. No penalty was issued following this film review.

11/11/23²

EVIN ROMAN/ SILVIO AMADOR FILM REVIEW (REF: 11/10/23⁽²⁾)

Jockeys **Evin Roman** and **Silvio Amador** attended a film review today with the Stewards. Both jockey's rode in the first race yesterday, November 10. Jockey **Roman** was aboard first place finisher #7 **Blue Silver**, who finished first in this 51/2-

furlong event. Although his mount broke in sharply, Jockey **Roman** made a good effort to straighten his mount.

Jockey **Amador** was aboard fifth place finisher #3 **Let George Do It** who broke out. Although his correction to straighten was minimal, his involvement did not rise to the level of a penalty. Warning issued.

11/11/23³

LAURA GILSON HEARING (CASE: #23GG0070)

Assistant to Veterinarian **Laura Gilson** appeared in our office for an informal hearing. She has been charged with violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) and Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**, has a cover page that reads as follows.

*While working as an assistant to Lasix Veterinarian **Dr. Ashton Cloninger**, **Laura Gilson** was in charge of coordination which horses they were to treat with Lasix before racing. At approximately 0936 hours, Assistant **Gilson** directed **Dr. Cloninger** to treat the horse **Maverick Rose** which stabled in Barn #63 for trainer **Marcia Stortz** and set to run in the first race. It wasn't until after **Dr. Cloninger** treated **Maverick Rose** with Lasix that the two realized that the horse had already been given Lasix by Veterinarian Technician **Laura McEvoy**.*

Ms. Gilson was sworn in by Steward **Richard Lewis** who chaired the hearing Investigator **Tolman** introduced the complaint packet. Due to time constraints, it was agreed upon to continue this hearing to tomorrow Sunday November 12. More to follow.

11/11/23⁴

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Placing Judge **Lisa Wilkerson** is off today. Assistant Racing Secretary **Ken Sjodal** will fill in.

11/11/23⁵

SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquires and/or Jockey objections.

11/11/23⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race #1 **Thickey Boy** (Tr. **B. Wright**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

2ND Race Declarations #2 **Harbor Abbey** (Tr. **D. Franko**) Unsound **Casille Batten, DVM**
#3 **Luvahappyending** (Tr. **S. Perez**) Entry Panel **Stewards** Refund: \$345.44

2ND Race No Show Wagering

3RD Race Declaration #1 **Blazing Peme** (Tr. **C. DeLima**)
Unsound – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$100.84

4TH Race Declaration #2 **O'Neills Legacy** (Tr. **S. Perez**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$186.25

4TH Race #1 **Shemakescents** (Tr. **S. Paldanius**) claimed, **L. Medina**, trainer
#5 **Jasmine Chieftain** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer

4TH Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

5TH Race #2 **Gianola** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) claimed, **S. Paldanius**, trainer

6TH Race Declaration #3 **In Honor OF Autism** (Tr. **R. Thomas**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$210.58

6TH Race Cancel \$1 Roling Super High Five

9TH Race Declaration #6 **Violet Crown** (Tr. **OJ Jauregui**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$281.60

11/11/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	910	\$187,717.18
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,476,612.79
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$240,634.49
Total	1,985	\$2,448,374.69

SUNDAY

11/12/23¹

JOCKEY APPEARS

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared in our office today at the request of Paddock Judge **Linda Anderson**. **Ms. Anderson** reported that Jockey **Chavez** arrived in the paddock late prior to his ride in the sixth race yesterday November 11. Jockey **Chavez** was issued a warning for his tardiness.

11/12/23²

LAURA GILSON HEARING CONTINUES (CASE #23GG0070)

Due to time constraints yesterday's **Laura Gilson** Hearing was continued. The same parties that convened yesterday, November 11, also appeared today. Along with three (3) Stewards they were California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** and the Respondent, Assistant to Veterinarian **Laura Gilson**.

Ms. Gilson testified regarding her involvement in events that took place in the Golden Gate Fields Stable Area on September 2, 2023 (REF: 11/11/23⁽³⁾). Decision to follow.

11/12/23³

SILVIO AMADOR FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Silvio Amador** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the 5TH race yesterday November 11. Jockey **Amador** was aboard #4 **Defensor Fortis**, who finished sixth in this 5 1/2-furlong main track event. Jockey **Amador** was accompanied by his agent **Monty Hanna**.

When Starter **Todd Stephens** dispatched this field #4 **Defensor Fortis** veers out and into #5 **Atta Boy Lloyd (Santos Rivera)**, who finished seventh (last). Jockey **Amador** did not attempt to straighten his mount until the fourth stride away from the starting gate even after making contact.

As a result of this #5 **Atta Boy Lloyd** lost much ground at the start of this race. Jockey **Amador** appeared at a film review yesterday (REF: 11/11/23⁽²⁾) to review another incident at the start. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #10

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR**, who rode **DEFENSOR FORTIS** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 11, 2023 is suspended three (3) days, November 19, 23 and 24, 2023 for failure to make a proper effort leaving the Starting Gate causing interference, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding)

11/12/23⁴

DR. ASHTON CLONINGER HEARING (CASE: #23GG0070)

Dr. Ashton Cloninger appeared for an informal hearing that was originally scheduled for yesterday November 11 but was postponed due to time constraints. California Horse Racing Board investigator **Jennifer Tolman** a twelve (12) page complaint packet for this hearing. The alleged rule violations in this case are Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) and Rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication). The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

*While working as an assistant to Lasix Veterinarian **Dr. Ashton Cloninger**, **Laura Gilson** was in charge of coordination which horses they were to treat with Lasix before racing. At approximately 0936 hours, Assistant **Laura Gilson** directed **Dr. Cloninger** to treat the horse **Maverick Rose** which was stabled in Barn #63 for Trainer **Marcia Stortz** and set to run in the first race. It wasn't until after **Dr. Cloninger** treated **Maverick Rose** with Lasix that the two already been given Lasix by Veterinarian Technician **Laura McEvoy**. The horse was subsequently scratched from the race due to being treated twice.*

Steward **Richard Lewis** chaired this tape recorded hearing. The complaint was marked as a document and moved into evidence. After hearing testimony from **Dr. Cloninger** the hearing was brought to a close. Decision to follow.

11/12/23⁵

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Placing Judge **Lisa Wilkerson** is off today. Director of Racing/ Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** replaces her.

11/12/23⁶

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquires and/ or Jockey objections.

11/12/23⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #1 **Cantilever** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Main Track Only – **Stewards #3 Quincey** (Tr. **B. McLean**) Unsound – **Corrine Cox, DVM**
Refunds Total: \$570.04

1ST Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

2ND Race Declarations #2 **Berolijean (FR)** (Tr. **R. Thomas**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

#4 **Wrong Spot** (Tr. **Ruby Thomas**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Refund Total: \$224.65

3RD Declaration #5 **Novinophobia** (Tr. **B. McLean**)

Late at Gate – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$45,474.81

3RD Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

6TH Race Declaration #4 **Nomi Lackee** (Tr. **L. Medina**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Refund: \$133.25

6TH Race #5 **Dust Maker** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

6TH Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

7TH Race Declaration #2 **Sarah's Siren** (Tr. **S. Calvario**)

Unsound – **Ashton Cloninger, DVM** Refund: \$213.00

8TH Race Declaration #1 **Bronze Warrior** (Tr. **G. Greiner**)

Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$134.25

8TH Race #5 **House of Lords** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer

11/12/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	712	\$215,301.29
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,523,503.29
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$257,100.96
Total	1,660	\$2,430,236.12

SUMMARY

	Fri 11/10	Sat 11/11	Sun 11/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	3	4	3	10	37
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	1
Refunds	2	6	8	16	54
Rulings	0	0	1	1	10
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	7

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-Nov	4	5	Blursday	M.Lenzini	Sick	Batten	\$118.51
10-Nov	8	2	A Lotta Nerve	S. Paldanius	Sick	Batten	\$200.55
11-Nov	2	2	Harbor Abbey	D.Franko	Unsound	Batten	See Below
11-Nov	2	3	Luvahappyending	S.Perez	Entry Panel	Stewards	\$345.44
11-Nov	3	1	Blazing Peme	C.DeLima	Unsound	Batten	\$100.84
11-Nov	4	2	O'Neill's Legacy	S.Perez	Sick	Batten	\$186.25
11-Nov	6	3	In Honor of Autism	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$210.58
11-Nov	9	6	Violet Crown	OJ Jauregui	Sick	Batten	\$281.60
12-Nov	1	1	Cantilever	G.Haley	MTO	Stewards	See Below
12-Nov	1	3	Quincey	B.McLean	Unsound	Cox	\$570.04
12-Nov	2	2	Berglijean	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	See Below
12-Nov	2	4	Wrong Spot	R.Thomas	Injured	Batten	\$224.65
12-Nov	6	4	Nomi Lackee	L.Medina	Sick	Batten	\$133.25
12-Nov	7	2	Sarah's Siren	Calvario	Unsound	Cloninger	\$134.25

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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