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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS GOLDEN GATE FIELDS Berkeley, California**

### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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### **Report for Wednesday, November 29 through Sunday, December 3, 2023.**

**WEDNESDAY**11/29/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff were on duty today, putting together a racing card for Saturday December 02, 2023. Nine (9) races were drawn with seventy – one (71) horses scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present today to oversee all matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

11/29/23<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** participated in an 'Entry Panel' for the races on Friday December 1, 2023. The rest of the panel consisted of Forrest Franklin DVM and Tim Grande DVM.

**THURSDAY**11/30/23<sup>1</sup>**JOSE L. GOMEZ (RUIZ) COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 23BM0026)**

A complaint was filed against Stable Foreman **Jose L. Gomez (Ruiz)** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1928 (Fire Regulations). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** prepared a twenty-four (24) page complaint for this case. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*A female groom alleged that Stable Foreman **Jose L. Gomez (Ruiz)**, abruptly and without consent, inappropriately reached under her shirt in an attempt to grab her breasts. She also alleged that he then inappropriately grabbed and massaged her crotch area at the same time. This occurred after*

*hours while both were working at the Alameda County Fair. Pleasanton Police were summoned, and they conducted an investigation. The Alameda Co. D.A. declined to file charges on this matter. Per statements obtained by California Horse Racing Board Investigators from the female groom and **Gomez**, he had been drinking alcohol and was very intoxicated at the time.*

Stable Foreman **Jose L. Gomez (Ruiz)** appeared in person today. He was accompanied by his son **Jose Ruiz** and daughter **Carla Ruiz**. **Christine Niccoli** was present to transcribe the proceeding. The son **Jose Ruiz** wanted to be a witness and serve as an interpreter. Steward **Richard Lewis** (Chair) told him that would not be possible. This hearing, which was opened briefly, was continued due to time constraints. More to follow.

11/30/23<sup>2</sup>

**MORGANN W. SCHLESSER COMPLAINT (CASE: 23BM0059)**

Pony Rider **Morgann Schlessler** appeared in the Steward's office to answer to charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meet) and Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations). Also present today was Jockey **Pedro Flores** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** who prepared and presented a fifty-three (53) page complaint packet (including photos) for this hearing. **Christine Niccoli (CSR)** transcribed today's proceedings. Steward **Richard Lewis** was the hearing chair. The cover page of today's formal hearing reads as follows.

*Pony Rider **Morgann W. Schlessler** failed to properly secure her three dogs while on the backside of the Big Fresno Fair in Fresno. As a result, two of the dogs attacked Jockey **Pedro Flores** with him being bitten several times requiring him to be transported to a local hospital via ambulance. Jockey **Flores** sustained numerous lacerations on his hands, face, arms, and legs & groin area requiring sutures. As a result of the attack, he may have sustained long term ligament damage on his right hand and will need to be off work for an extended period of time.*

Jockey **Pedro Flores** was here today to testify to the events in the Big Fresno Fair stable area on October 14, 2023. He told the Stewards he was mentally shaken and physically infirm from the incident. Pony Rider **Morgann Schlessler** was transparent and remorseful regarding this incident. The Stewards will now deliberate on this matter. More to follow.

FRIDAY  
12/01/23<sup>1</sup>

**CARLOS VILLABOLOS – RODRIQUEZ COMPLAINT (23GG0051)**

Exercise Rider **Carlos Villalobos – Rodriquez** appeared in our office for a formal hearing today. **Mr. Villalobos – Rodriquez** has been charged with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare) Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) , Rule #1489 (a)(10) (Grounds of Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Ground for Suspension or Revocation). The cover page of this twenty-four (24) page complaint reads as follows:

*Exercise Rider **Carlos Villabolos – Rodriquez** was directly observed by a California Horse Racing Board Investigator forcefully kicking a horse in anger in the stomach area during the morning workout at Golden Gate Fields*

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented this matter before the Stewards, **Mr. Villalobos – Rodriquez** was accompanied by Attorney **James Ghidella**. Jockey **Francisco Duran** was present and served as interpreter. Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings. Steward **Richard Lewis** chaired the proceeding.

**Mr. Villalobos – Rodriquez** testified that the horse **Lady Atta Tude** reared in front of the stable (Barn 20) of Trainer **Tim McCanna** on April 14, 2023. This horse was being led by a groom at the time. Testimony indicated that when the horse reared **Villalobos – Rodriquez** jumped off and kicked the horse in the stomach. Investigator **Quezada** was an eyewitness to this event and told **Villalobos** to stop his actions. Trainer **Tim McCanna** and Veterinarian **Ashton Cloninger** were called to testify on behalf of **Mr. Villalobos**. Assistant Trainer **Maryellen Silva** also testified telephonically.

In closing Attorney **Ghidella** said that this incident was not cruel. He also argued that **Villalobos** was in danger during this incident. Decision to follow.

12/01/23<sup>2</sup>

**ALEXANDER CHAVEZ/LUIS JIMENEZ FILM REVIEW (REF: 11/26/23<sup>(5)</sup>)**

Jockeys **Alexander Chavez** and **Luis Jimenez** appeared in the Stewards office for a film review today. Both jockeys were involved in a Stewards Inquiry in the eighth race on November 26, 2023. In this race #8 **Speed Grazy (A. Chavez)** was disqualified and placed third #3 **Artemus Gordon (L. Jimenez)** down into #9 **Union Wave** and caused those two to bump. Jockey **Jimenez - #3 Artemus Gordon** drifted in and bumped #9 **Union Wave (H. Herrera)** inside the 1/16<sup>TH</sup> pole. The majority felt the original winner #9 **Union Wave** caused this actions Steward **Baker** felt the drift of #3 **Artemus Gordon** began before any involvement of #8 **Speed Grazy**.

Jockey **Luis Jimenez**, who was accompanied by his Agent **Ramon Silva**, was excused from the film review without a penalty. In a majority vote (**Baker** dissent) Jockey **Alexander Chavez** was issued the following ruling was issued.

**GGF RULING #21**

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **SPEED GRAZY** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, November 26, 2023, is suspended Three (3) racing days, December 08, 09 and 10, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from First to Third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

12/01/23<sup>3</sup>

**HUGO HERRERA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #9 **Union Wave** who finished second in the eighth race on November 26, 2023. This horse bumped inside the 1/16<sup>TH</sup> pole by no fault of his own. The Stewards held Jockey **Herrera** blameless regarding any bumping.

12/01/23<sup>4</sup>

**SAMUEL CALVARIO RULING**

The Samuel Calvario trained #10 **Cairo Calling** was scratched from The Oakland Overnight Stakes. This horse was not eligible due to insufficient works. **Mr. Calvario** appeared in our office and was informed of the following ruling.

**GGF RULING #22**

Trainer **SAMUEL CALVARIO**, who was scheduled to start **CAIRO CALLING** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 18, 2023, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Insufficient Works).

12/01/23<sup>5</sup>

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD VETERINARIAN**

Former Longtime Golden Gate Fields/Bay Meadows Track Veterinarian **Diane Isbell** filled in for **Forrest Franklin DVM** overseeing equine testing for the California Horse Racing Board today.

12/01/23<sup>6</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquires and/or Jockey objections.

12/01/23<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #5 **Loaded Musket** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Daddy Indeed** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **J. Bautista**, trainer

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Smiling Felon** (Tr. **R. Hansen**)

Injured- **Casille Batten**, **DVM** Refund: \$164.87

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #9 **Honorable Gal** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**)

Injured - Casille **Batten**, **DVM** Refund: \$177.76

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 **Bourbon Glaze A. Castellanos** for **S. Amador (HISA Suspension)**

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations #5 **Lyinatthebar** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**)

Re – Enter – **Stewards** See Below

#9 **Rivera Sunrise** (Tr. **S. Hobson**)

Late Trainer Change – **Stewards** Refund Total: \$190.81

12/01/23<sup>8</sup>

**DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	267	\$146,199.40
Out of state	n/a	\$1,560,897.79
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$186,065.31
Total	975	\$2,256,355.69

**SATURDAY**

12/02/23<sup>1</sup>

**CARLOS VILLABOLOS – RODRIQUEZ RULING (CASE NO: 23GG0051)**

Locally based Attorney **James Ghidella** was informed of the following ruling this morning. **Mr. Ghidella** represented Exercise Rider **Carlos Villalobos – Rodriquez** who admitted kicking a horse in the stomach in the Golden Gate Fields Stable Area on April 14, 2023, **Mr. Villalobos - Rodriquez** was concerned about his safety. The Stewards will not tolerate these training methods.

**GGF RULING #23**

Exercise Rider/Plater **CARLOS VILLALOBOS – RODRIGUEZ** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Kicked Horse) on April 14, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

12/02/23<sup>2</sup>

## **HIWU DISQUALIFICATION RULINGS**

Our office received notice from the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) that three (3) horses were disqualified for positive tests. All three (3) horses participated at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa in August 2023. The three (3) rulings order the redistribution of the purses.

### **GGF RULING #24**

Acting upon receipt of notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) regarding the horse **BROOKYS TAPIT**, who finished fifth and last, in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair on August 3, 2023, was disqualified and deemed unplaced for a positive test Phenylbutazone: Class C (CASE #ECM2023-117) obtained following that race.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender of such to the Race Organizer (Antidoping and Medication Control Rule #3321 – a – 1) – (Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner-Trainer **JORGE MARAVILLA** (\$450.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at the Sonoma County Fair on or before December 31, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

### **GGF RULING #25**

Acting upon receipt of notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) regarding the horse **STRETCH RUN**, who finished first in the fifth race at the Sonoma County Fair on August 4, 2023, was disqualified and deemed unplaced for a positive test Gabapentin: Class B (CASE #ECM2023-110) obtained following that race.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender of such to the Race Organizer (Antidoping and Medication Control Rule #3321 – a - 1) – (Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner-Trainer **JORGE MARAVILLA** (\$7,560.00) and Jockey **HUGO HERRERA** (\$685.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at the Sonoma County Fair on or before December 31, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1<sup>ST</sup> REFI NOW 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAGANS ATM 3<sup>RD</sup> EXTRA INNINGS 4<sup>TH</sup>  
AMANOFMYSTATURE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAD BOD 6<sup>TH</sup> NAZARE

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

### **GGF RULING #26**

Acting upon receipt of notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) regarding the horse **POUR ON THE COLE**, who finished first in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair on August 3, 2023, was disqualified and deemed unplaced for a positive test **DANTROLENE**: Class C (CASE #ECM2023-118) obtained following that race.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender of such to the Race Organizer (Antidoping and Medication Control Rule #3321 – a- 1) – (Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owners **JOSE PUENTES** and **MARIA VALENZUELA** (\$7,020.00) jockey **CATALINO MARTINEZ** (\$625.00) and Trainer **JOSE PUENTES** (\$780.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at the Sonoma County Fair on or before December 31, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:  
1<sup>ST</sup> BEROLIJEAN (FR) 2<sup>ND</sup> MASHHAD FLATS 3<sup>RD</sup> DI LAURIAN

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

12/02/23<sup>3</sup>

### **STANDARD BRED COLLEAGUES**

California Horse Racing Board Stewards **John Yinger** and **Steve Carpineto** had a “Busman’s Holiday” and visited the Stewards in the Judges stand. **Mr. Yinger** and **Mr. Carpineto** are currently assigned to the Standardbred meet in Sacramento.

12/02/23<sup>4</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Stateforest** (Tr. **J. Steiner**)

Lame – **Ashton Cloninger, DVM** Refund: \$410.04

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **My Dad Is Thirsty A. Castellanos** for **S. Amador**  
Double Jockey Fee

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Digital Soldier** (Tr. **B. Wright**)

Injured – **Ashton Cloninger, DVM** Refund: \$202.81

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Transferred to Main Track

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **De La Luna A. Espinoza** for **B. Pena** - Sick

12/02/23<sup>5</sup>

### **FIFTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Steward’s posted the Inquiry sign after viewing two (2) incidents in this one (1) mile main track event. The first incident involved fifth place finisher, #3 **It Aint Over** (**Alexander Gomez**) who steadied sharply at the 3/8<sup>TH</sup> mile marker. First place finisher #4 **Wild Jewels** (**Catalino Martinez**) and second place finisher #6 **Classy City** (**Alexander Chavez**) were to the outside of #3 **It Aint Over**. The camera views from the 3/8<sup>THS</sup> tower and the 1/4 pole tower were inconclusive as the reason that #3 **It Aint Over** encountered traffic problems. Therefore, the Stewards took no action for this incident.

In the second incident #6 **Classy City** drifts out continuously from the 1/16<sup>TH</sup> pole to the finish line. This floated the eventual winner #4 **Wild Jewels** out to the middle of the racetrack. In a unanimous decision ‘no change’ was made in the order of finish. Jockey **Alexander Chavez** was ordered to film review tomorrow with the Stewards.

12/02/23<sup>6</sup>

### **VOIDED CLAIMS**

Three (3) claimed horses were placed on the Veterinarians List by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**.

1. First Race #3 **Lynatthebar** – Trainer **D. Wayne Baker** – Lameness
2. Second Race #1 **Cooperklint** – Trainer **Victor Trujillo** – Unsound

3. Third Race #5 **Jasmine Chieftain** – Trainer **Ruby Thomas** – Unsound  
All horses will stay in the barns of the original trainers.

12/02/23<sup>7</sup>

**SIXTH RACE DNF**

In the sixth race today (51/2 furlongs) the **Steve Sherman** trained #3 **Its Happy Hour** did not finish the race. Jockey **William Antongeorgi** pulled this horse up mid-stretch and was then vanned off.

**SUNDAY**

12/03/23<sup>1</sup>

**RAMON ESQUIVEZ, JESUS ARRIAGA & ADAN GARCIA RULING**

The California Racing Board reached settlement agreements with Owner **Ramon Esquivetz**, Exercise Rider **Jesus Arriaga** and Trainer **Adan Garcia**. The horse **Fastrak Required** had the substance Clenbuterol in its system following a workout at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on July 04, 2023. **Mr. Esquivetz**, **Mr. Arriaga**, and **Mr. Garcia** all agreed to the terms memorialized in the following rulings.

**GGF RULING #27**

In accordance with a Settlement Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, Owner **RAMON ESQUIVEZ** who worked the horse **FASTRAK REQUIRED** on July, 4, 2023 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is suspended seven (7) days December 10 thru 16, 2023 and fined One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1869 (a)(7) ( Prohibited Drug Substances in Out-of-Competition Testing – Clenbuterol [Class 3]), #1843(a)(b) &(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), #1594 (Registration Certificate to Reflect Correct Ownership), #1596 (Transfer After Sale of Horse On The Grounds), #1489(a) (5) & (10) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation).

**GGF RULING #28**

In accordance with a Settlement Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, Exercise Rider **Jesus Arriaga** who worked the horse **FASTRAK REQUIRED** on July, 4, 2023 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is suspended seven (7) days, December 10 thru 16, 2023 and fined One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1869 (a)(7) (Prohibited Drug Substances in Out-of-Competition Testing – Clenbuterol [Class 3]), #1843(a)(b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1878 (b)(1) (Workouts), #1502(a) (Program Training Prohibited), #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), #1594(Registration Certificate to Reflect Correct Ownership), #1596 (Transfer After Sale of Horse On The Grounds), #1489(a) (4) (5) & (10) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation).

**GGF RULING #29**

In accordance with a Settlement Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, Trainer **ADAN GARCIA** who worked the horse **FASTRAK REQUIRED** on July, 4, 2023 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds is suspended seven (7) days December 10 thru 16, 2023 and fined One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1869 (a)(7)( Prohibited Drug Substances in Out-of-Competition Testing Clenbuterol [Class 3]), #1843(a)(b) &(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug

Substances), #1866.1(a) (Presence of Clenbuterol in Horses), #1878(b)(1) (Workouts), #1502(b)(1) (Program Training Prohibited), #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person), #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), #1894 (Duties of Trainer), #1895 (Trainers Duty to Insure Licensed Participation), #1489(a)(10) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation).

12/03/23<sup>2</sup>

**ALEXANDER CHAVEZ FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/02/23<sup>(3)</sup>)**

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in yesterday's fifth race (Gold Rush Stakes). In the stretch drive (1/16<sup>th</sup> pole to finish) second place finisher #6 **Classy City** drifted out from the inside rail to the middle of the track. This action forced the eventual winner #4 **Wild Jewels (Catalino Martinez)** well off what was previously his straight path. Jockey **Catalino Martinez** assisted today's film review as he acted as an interpreter.

The Stewards unanimously determined that this was a 'careless ride' as Jockey **Chavez** made no effort to straighten his mount. Jockey **Chavez** received a 3-day suspension earlier this week (**REF: Ruling PRA #21 – 12/01/2023**). The majority voted for the following decision. Steward **Baker** voted for a 4-day suspension.

**GGF RULING #30**

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **CLASS CITY** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 02, 2023, is suspended Five (5) racing days, December 26, 29, 30, 31, 2023, and January 01, 2024, 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 offensive in sixty (60) days).

12/03/23<sup>3</sup>

**EVIN ROMAN FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Evin Roman** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the ninth race which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Jockey **Roman** was aboard seventh place finisher #6 **House of Lords** who broke out when leaving the starting gate. Jockey **Roman** was somewhat off balance at dispatch and led to a 'warning' from the Stewards as opposed to any sanction.

12/03/23<sup>4</sup>

**SHYANN GARCIA**

Safety Steward **Cal Rainey** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** accompanied Owner/Exercise Rider/Pony Person **Shyann Garcia** to our office this morning. Examining Veterinarian **Casille Batten** reported that **Ms. Garcia** displayed abusive behavior when being told that #5 **Dance Company** (Tr. **Genaro Vallejo**) would be a late scratch in today's third race. **Ms. Garcia** was transparent about her poor behavior today and appeared to understand the reasoning for the following penalty.

**GGF RULING #31**

Owner, Exercise Rider, Pony Person **SHYANN GARCIA** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Abusive Behavior toward a Racing Official) on December 3, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

12/03/23<sup>5</sup>

**MORGANN SCHLESSER RULING (REF: 11/30/23<sup>(2)</sup>)**

The Stewards reached a decision following a formal hearing that was heard here at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday November 30, 2023. The incident in this matter (CASE NO. 23BM0059) took place in The Big Fresno Fair Stable Area on October 14, 2023. Pony Rider **Morgann Schlessler** had three (3) dogs in the tack room for Trainer **Gary Greiner**. All three (3) dogs were in the tack room with the door open and a bale of hay blocking the entry way to the tack room. The hay bale was 18" to 20" inches in height according to California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Luis Quezada** at about 8:15 am two (2) of the dogs (**Blue**) Heeler & (**Nova**) Pit Bull, according to Investigator **Quezada**, jumped over the hay bale and attacked Jockey **Pedro Flores**, who was standing outside of **Greiner's** barn 37. Neither Pony Rider **Schlessler** nor Trainer **Greiner** were at the barn at the time of the subsequent dog attack. California Horse Racing Board Enforcement contacted Fresno Animal Resource Officers. Two (2) of those officers arrived at the racetrack and decided not to take the dogs into custody.

After being transported to a local hospital via ambulance Jockey **Flores** said he was attacked without provocation. **Flores** received lacerations in face, hand, and groin area.

Jockey **Flores** stated he received 3 stitches to his facial area and 9 stitches to his hand. He said he has not worked since the incident and is not doing well emotionally since the attack.

The Stewards issued that following ruling. Steward **Baker** (minority opinion) felt a \$1000.00 fine should be added to the suspension days.

**GGF RULING #32**

Pony Rider **MORGANN SCHLESSER** is suspended Thirty (30) Calander Days, December 11, 2023, Thru January 09, 2024, for Violation of California Horse Racing Board #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – Dogs Off Leash).

During the term of this suspension, all Licenses and License Privileges of **MORGANN SCHLESSER** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this Jurisdiction.

12/03/23<sup>6</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

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

12/03/23<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & SCRATCHS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Not Now I'm Bizzie** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**)

Off Turf – **Stewards** Refund: \$262.68

1<sup>ST</sup> Race **Off Turf**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Jockey Change #5 **Port O' Call F. Alvarado** for **B. Pena** Sick

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #4 **Anthony's Best** (Tr. **J. Puentes**) claimed, **C. O'Hagan**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Dance Company** (Tr. **Genero Vallejo**)

Unsound – **Casille Batten**, **DVM** Refund: \$215.44

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #4 **Made the Team** (Tr. **S. Paldanius**) claimed, **L. Medina**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race **Off Turf**

9<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 **Piper's Causeway C. Martinez** for **B. Pena** Sick  
 9<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #9 **Handsome Gary** (Tr. **R. Thomas**)  
 Unsound – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$236.26  
 9<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Piper's Causeway** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer  
 #4 **Dino's Dixie** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

12/03/23<sup>8</sup>

**DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	591	\$193,376.90
Out of state	n/a	\$1,709,969.09
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$300,905.88
Total	1,487	\$2,644,633.05

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 12/01	Sat 12/02	Sun 12/03	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	3	1	4	8	48
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Refunds</b>	3	2	3	8	89
<b>Rulings</b>	2	4	6	12	32
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	3	0	3	13

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
01-Dec	6	5	Smiling Felon	R.Hansen	Injured	Batten	\$164.87
01-Dec	7	9	Honorable Gal	V,Trujillo	Injured	Batten	\$177.76
01-Dec	8	5	Lyinatthebar	D.W. Baker	Re-Enter	Stewards	See Below
01-Dec	8	9	Riviera Sunrise	S. Hobson	Tr.Tnf	Stewards	\$190.81
02-Dec	1	1	Stateforest	J.Steiner	Lame	Cloninger	\$410.04
02-Dec	6	6	Digital Soldier	B.Wright	Injured	Cloninger	\$202.81
03-Dec	1	6	Not Now I'M Bizzie	S.Ledezma	Turf Only	Stewards	\$262.68
03-Dec	3	5	Dance Company	G.Vallejo	Unsound	Batten	\$215.44
03-Dec	9	9	Handsome Gary	R.Thomas	Unsound	Batten	\$236.26

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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