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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 the Week of Tuesday, May 28, 2024, through Sunday, June 2, 2024.**

**THURSDAY**5/30/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present to assist the Racing Office as they prepared a program for Sunday. Eight races with fifty-seven entries made up the overnight.

A fatality review was part of the day's activity. **Drs Lorbiecki** and **Blea** gave the Veterinarian view of the incident as trainer **Roger Hansen** attended the proceedings with Steward **Nevin**.

The third part of the morning an entry panel was held to look into Saturday's program. **Dr. Lorbiecki** moderated as **Drs. Grande** and **Franklin** offered their opinions, Stewards **Nevin** noted that two horses were labeled to go to the test barn.

**FRIDAY**5/31/24<sup>1</sup>**ESPINOZA HEARING**

California Horse Racing Board CASE #24GG0035 was rescheduled to Saturday June 1, 2024, due to cancellation of today's race program.

5/31/24<sup>2</sup>**FATALITY REVIEW**

A panel met to review a necropsy report on a filly who was euthanized due to septic peritonitis. Veterinarians on the panel were **Blea**, **Franklin** and **Lorbiecki**. **Mr. Nevin** represented the Board of Stewards, trainer **Steve Sherman** provided training information.

5/31/24<sup>3</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

A deep dive into Sunday's program was led by **Dr. Lorbiecki** assisted by **Drs. Blea**, **Grande** and **Franklin**. Steward **Nevin** were present to relay any findings to the other Stewards. Besides horses labeled as "Hard Watch" there were two horses designated as a "Test Barn Candidate".

5/31/24<sup>4</sup>

**HIWU DQ**

The following ruling was published after this Board of Stewards were notified by HIWU that the horse “**One Little Indian**” tested positive for a controlled medication substance from a race on **October 2, 2023**.

**GGF RULING #87**

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample obtained from the horse, ONE LITTLE INDIAN, who finished FOURTH in the first race at Golden Gate Fields, on October 2, 2023, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, Phenylbutazone (Class C), it is hereby ordered that ONE LITTLE INDIAN be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner KENDAL KING, Jockey EVIN ROMAN and Trainer REID FRANCE be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at GOLDEN GATE FIELDS on or before July 1, 2024, 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> EDDIE CROSSWIRE      2<sup>nd</sup> DRUMADOON      3<sup>rd</sup> STORMY JOE

4<sup>th</sup> CALARI BLUECAT    5<sup>th</sup> SPLIT ACES

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.

**SATURDAY**

6/1/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #3 **Light the Beam** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Sick – **K. Cox, DVM**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Union Juan** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Sick – **K. Cox, DVM**

Refunds: \$294.92

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #7 **Freeport Joe** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Sick – **F. Franklin, DVM**

6/1/24<sup>2</sup>

**ESPINOZA HEARING**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was present to answer to California Horse Racing Board CASE #24GG0035 a HISA Rule #2280 (c) (2) & (3) violation. A twenty-eight-page package which included five photos, two of welts on flank and three photos of crops.

Steward **George Yniguez** chaired the proceedings. After non represented questions were asked **Mr. Espinoza** admitted to unintentionally causing the welts and would accept any penalty warranted. Ruling to follow.

6/1/24<sup>3</sup>

**RODRIGUEZ HEARING (CASE #24GG0046)**

A hearing was held to address CASE #24GG0046, disorderly conduct and obedience to security were the violations cited. An Investigative report filed by Golden Gate Fields security suggested that an incident in the recreation room laundry area was at the center of the problem. After hearing testimony from defendant **Eduardo Rodriguez** and three other individuals the stories changed greatly. This Board of Stewards will discuss issues presented from all parties and will try to resolve the matter.

6/1/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 2 – DEAD HEAT PLACE**

When the field crossed the finish line the #3, **Catchme at Thelake**, was a clear winner but the next two finishers #5, **Good Focus**, and #6, **Gotcha Lookin**, couldn't be separated. A photo was called for and the resulting picture showed both horses' noses on the wire Stewards and Placing Judges were all in agreement that it should be a dead heat.

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

6/1/24<sup>5</sup>

### DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,398	\$294,474.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,373,790.08
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$257,099.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,463	\$2,629,526.30

### SUNDAY

6/2/24<sup>1</sup>

### DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #2 **A Dime for Me** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Ash Cloninger DVM**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #4 **Truly Fabulous** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) Sick – **B. Bazeley DVM**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Yoderando** (Tr. **S. Specht**) claimed, **G. Greiner**, trainer

Refunds \$757.08

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Chelsiesdanziglite** (Tr. **W. McDaniel**) claimed, **M. Stortz**, trainer

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #4 **Galway Shawl** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **B. Bazeley DVM**

Refunds \$124.70

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Havakash Ready** (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) claimed, **R. Lucas**, trainer

6/2/24<sup>2</sup>

### ESPINOZ A RULING (REF 06/01/24<sup>(2)</sup>)

The attached ruling was published after discussing yesterday's meeting with Jockey **Assael Espinoza** and taking into consideration complaint package 24GG0035.

### **GGF RULING #88**

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **SMILE BABY SMILE** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on April 27, 2024, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (c) (2) & (3) (Use of Riding Crop – Causing a Welt).

6/2/24<sup>3</sup>

### RODRIGUEZ WARNING (REF 06/01/24<sup>(3)</sup>)

Hot Walker **Eduardo Rodriguez** appeared in this office as requested to hear our decision on California Horse Racing Board Case 24GG0046. As a result of evidence provided this panel gave **Mr. Rodriguez** a stern warning to keep his distance from the other parties mentioned in the complaint.

6/2/24<sup>4</sup>

### FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS

Three Financial Complaints were scheduled (a) **Quinn Howey** CASE 24GG0047 to San Francisco Equine in the amount of \$13,630.14. (b) **Miguel Chavez** CHRB Case 24GG0048 to San Francisco Equine for \$3,341.65. (c) **George Vergos** CHRB Case 240049 to San Francisco Equine \$1,236.32. None of the people named appeared to answer to the charges. Rulings for Failure to Appear (#1547) to be issued.

6/2/24<sup>5</sup>

### HAYNES REINSTATEMENT

After receiving conformation that Owner **Mark Haynes** had signed a Financial Payment Plan acceptable to San Francisco Equine, Inc. PRA Ruling #84 dated May 24, 2024, is hereby set aside. The attached ruling #89, memorializes the terms of the agreement.

### **GGF RULING #89**

Owner **MARK HAYNES** having now signed a Financial Agreement with Veterinarian **KEN ALLISON** (San Francisco Equine Inc.) for the amount of \$2,748.03, Pacific Racing Association Ruling #84 is hereby set aside.

Terms of the Agreement are Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) due May 28, 2024, and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) plus current charges due monthly until balance is Paid in Full.

6/2/24<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 6 DELAY**

The start of race 6 was delayed 5 minutes due to a shoe repair need to #6 **Union Coach**. The riders were ordered to dismount behind the gate while the shoe was tacked back on.

6/2/24<sup>7</sup>

**RACE 8 GATE SCRATCH**

#7, **Jedi Knight** was scratched by the Stewards on advice of Starter **Todd Stephens** when the seven-year-old refused to load after several different attempts. This gelding has been a problem for his last few races resulting in Starter **Stephens** advocating for this panel to bar this horse from racing at a California Horse Racing Board Facility.

6/2/24<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,424	\$319,237.73
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,311,457.52
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$265,387.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,297	\$2,394,745.45

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 5/31</b>	<b>Sat 6/1</b>	<b>Sun 6/2</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	N	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	O	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	3	4	128
<b>Disqualifications</b>	A	0	1	1	8
<b>Inquiries</b>	C	0	1	1	15
<b>Refunds</b>	E	1	2	3	158
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	2	3	89
<b>Voided Claims</b>	S	0	0	0	33

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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George Yniguez, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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