

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
SONOMA COUNTY FAIR  
Santa Rosa, California**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 30 through Sunday, August 4, 2024.**

**GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Scheduled nine (9) days, Friday August 2, 2024, through Sunday August 18, 2024.

Friday, August 2, 2024, through Sunday, August 4, 2024

Friday, August 9, 2024, through Sunday, August 11, 2024

Friday, August 16, 2024, through Sunday, August 18, 2024

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 (10-cent min. with 6 betting interests)  
\$2 Rolling Daily Double  
\$1 Rolling Pick 3  
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)  
\$1 Pick 6  
\$0.50 Rolling Super High 5

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:  
-Darrel McHargue (Chief Steward)  
-Richard Lewis - Cal Rainey  
-Dennis Nevin - Eddie Rich (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  
Bill Downes – Track Announcer  
Leanda “Bucky” Huff – Paymaster  
Michael Patricks – Morning Line Maker  
Randy Malmgren – Stable Superintendent  
Juan Meza – Track Superintendent  
Pegasus Communications – Video Production  
William Vassar – Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Scott Iversen – Placing Judge  
Angela Couton – Placing Judge  
Jayme Thomas – Paddock Judge  
Jayme Thomas – Patrol Judge  
Myra Troske – Patrol Judge  
Kenny Sjoldal – Clerk of Scales  
Stephen Fisher – 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  
Ashton Cloninger, D.V.M. – Fitness/Race Veterinarian  
Brittany Bazely, D.V.M. – Fitness Veterinarian  
Karina Cox, D.V.M. – Fitness Veterinarian

## TUESDAY

07/30/24<sup>1</sup>

### DUTY STEWARD

**Mr. Dennis Nevin** was in the office to attend to any matters calling for a Steward’s interpretation. Six races were drawn for opening day with forty-eight entrants.

## WEDNESDAY

07/31/24<sup>1</sup>

### ENTRIES / PANEL

Today’s entries were directed by **Steward Dennis Nevin**. Eight races, featuring the \$75,000 Luther Burbank stakes made the Overnight. One Quarter horse and four Turf races were part of the program being offered to the public.

An “Entry Panel” led by **Dr Lorbiecki** and attended by **Drs. Grande, Blea** and **Franklin** along with **Cal Rainey** delved into the Opening Day card.

## THURSDAY

08/01/24<sup>1</sup>

### DAY THREE ENTRIES

**Dennis Nevin** was the Duty Steward overseeing Sunday’s draw and changes to Saturday’s card. Eight races with fifty-one entrants, all thoroughbreds, completed the weekend program.

The “PANEL” met to discuss Saturday’s races with the regular Vet crew and **Steward Nevin** representing the BOS. Several horses were designated as “Hard Watches”.

**FRIDAY**

08/02/24<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 3 SCRATCH #3, SANGER STYLE (Tr. B. Wright) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM  
SCRATCH #5, VIOLET THUNDER (Tr. S. Calvario) Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM  
Race 4 SCRATCH #3, UNCLE JUAN (Tr. J. Ramos) Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM  
(NO SHOW WAGERING)

08/02/24<sup>2</sup>

**SUNDAY PANEL**

A PANEL convened this morning to discuss Sunday’s entries. The Veterinarian members of the Panel had one entrant that drew their attention and concluded that it should be a SCRATCH due to Vet history and no recent work. Steward **Nevin** contacted the trainer and gave him the news.

08/02/24<sup>3</sup>

**TOTE BOARD ISSUE**

When trying to post the Order of Finish for the first race there was a malfunction to the Placing Judges’ console. As soon as the Tote Operator checked it, she found a loose connection and rectified the problem.

08/02/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 2 LATE SCRATCH**

While the horses were in the Saddling Paddock #3, RIVER’S BEHEST, flipped and landed on the ground. **Dr. Cloninger** contacted us reporting the horse was injured. Upon receiving that information, the horse was scratched by the Stewards and refunds were in order.

08/02/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	3,622	\$102,675.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$81,373.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$293,302.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,956	\$1,003,079.93

**SATURDAY**

08/03/24<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAMS CHANGES**

Race 1 - #1, TWO TIMIN TAYLOR (Tr. A. Ortiz) Sick - Cloninger, DVM  
Race 7 - #1, PRINCESA DEL TIGRE (Tr.T. McCanna) Sick - Bazley, DVM  
Race 8 - #5, A PERFECT PITCH (Tr. W. McDaniel) Sick - Cloninger, DVM

08/03/24<sup>2</sup>

**GOULD HEARING #24BM0020**

A CHRB complaint alleging violation of rules 1874 & 1930 was part of the morning's agenda. Present for this hearing was Robert Gould, license #405979 - exp.05/25, CHRB Supervising Investigator Louis Quezada and the Board of Stewards. Mr. Cal Rainey chaired this hearing. A twelve (12) page document and a Non-Represented by Counsel Questionnaire were presented into evidence for the record. Taking testimony voiced at this hearing and evidence labeled we will discuss the issue, and a ruling may be forthcoming.

08/03/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACE 4 - LATE SCRATCH**

#3, IRISH PRANCER became unruly in the gate and kicked the tailgate doors several times. Dr. Ash Cloninger advised this Panel that the three-year-old filly had been injured and with that information we had the even money favorite declared from the race.

08/03/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 6 - DNF**

Shortly after the break of this one-mile turf race #1, TURI AF ridden by Assael Espinoza, was taken out of the race and pulled up entering the first turn. Horse was examined by Dr. Cloninger and given the okay to walk home.

08/03/24<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 6 - LATE SCRATCH**

As the field were being loaded into the gate #2, LEEDSTHESKY, reared in her stall and threw her rider, Alexander Chavez, to the track surface. The filly sat down in the gate and Dr. Cloninger reported her as injured. The Stewards withdrew her from the race on the advice of the Veterinarian.

08/03/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,547	\$268,000.31
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$117,996.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$404,154.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,965	\$1,534,211.63

**SUNDAY**

08/04/24<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 4 - Scratch #3, NO BEACHES (Tr. E. Guerrero) PANEL - Vet History / Workouts

Race 8 - 3, DRIVER'S ED (Tr. G. Greiner) Sick - Cloninger, DVM

08/04/24<sup>2</sup>

**GOULD RULING (REF 08/23/24<sup>2</sup>)**

Ruling #1 of the Sonoma County Fair was issued after discussing issues which arose during yesterday's hearing.

**RULING #1**

Gateman ROBERT GOULD is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication) at the Alameda County Fair on July 10, 2024

08/04/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACE 3 – JOCKEY OBJECTION**

Jockey Irving Orozco aboard third place finisher #1, BOBBY ANTON, lodged an Objection via the Outrider against the first-place finisher #2, ST BODIN, ridden by HUGO HERRERA. The alleged interference occurred near the 3/16ths marker. Video shows #2 clearly ahead of the #1 but does drift out slightly. In a unanimous decision #1 was not prevented a better placing nor interfered with. The original Order of Finish was not altered.

08/04/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 3 – DNF**

In this third race #3, APPLE WARRIOR, was pulled up at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole by jockey Santos Rivera. Dr. Cloninger called for the Equine Ambulance to give the four-year-old a ride back to trainer Sam Calvario's barn for further examination.

08/04/24<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 5 – LATE SCRATCH**

As the field approached the Starting Gate #2, LOVE CANDY, shied from the Starting Barrier, wheeling and dropping jockey SANTOS RIVERA to the turf and running off. After two attempts to catch the grey soured, the Stewards ordered LOVE CANDY to be Scratched.

08/04/24<sup>6</sup>

**ATTENDANCE**

The full Board of Stewards were present for morning activities and each Race Program during this Opening Week of the Sonoma County Fair.

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	4,726	\$271,690.34
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$105,053.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$389,314.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,760	\$1,314,412.77

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 7/28</b>	<b>Sat 7/29</b>	<b>Sun 7/30</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	2	0	3	3
<b>Refunds</b>	4	6	7	17	17
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Calvin Rainey, Steward

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