

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, January 21, 2021 through Sunday, January 24, 2021

THURSDAY1/21/21¹**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY-CHANGES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward **Grant Baker** was on duty to handle changes for Saturday and to resolve any issues concerning entries. The racing office was struggling to fill entries for Sunday and finally drew eight races at four PM.

FRIDAY1/22/21¹**MONROY REMOVED FROM MOUNTS**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** was removed from his mounts until further notice. Jockey **Monroy** is cited in two complaints (cases 20GG0202 and 20GG0205) for alleged positives for Marijuana.

Mr. Monroy was asked to submit a sample today and the field test was presumptive positive for Marijuana. More to come.

Replaced As Follows: 1ST Race- **Kevin Orozco**
2ND Race- **Catalino Martinez**
6TH Race- **Erik Lopez**
7TH Race- **Assael Espinoza**
8TH Race- **Catalino Martinez**

1/22/21²**CLAIMING DAY**

Nine separate horses were claimed today. The prices varied from \$4,000 to \$20,000 with trainer **Jonathan Wong** nabbing four for his barn.

1/22/21³**PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

8th Race: #7 **Cartoonist** – (Tr. **Michael Lenzini**) Injured – Dr. Batten – Refund \$216.29

1/22/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	41	\$25,398.20
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$889,608.35
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$17,615.84
Total	41	\$932,622.39

SATURDAY

1/23/21¹

CEDILLO RULING

Ruling #5

Exercise Rider **Miguel Cedillo** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (1) (Use of Riding Crop-excessive use during training) at Golden Gate Fields on January 23, 2021.

The above ruling was issued in a majority decision after Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** and Outriders **Nancy Barney** and **Mike Waite** appeared along with **Mr. Cedillo**.

The Outriders said **Mr. Cedillo** cropped his horse during a workout. **Mr. Cedillo** said his horse was acting like it wanted to stop (prop) so he used his crop a couple of times to keep him going.

The crop is for safety only and **Mr. Cedillo** agreed he was in the wrong. Steward **Grant Baker** felt the penalty should be two hundred dollars.

1/23/21²

MONROY REPLACEMENTS (Ref 1/22/21¹)

1ST Race: – **Frank Alvarado**

6TH Race: - **Kyle Frey**

1/23/21³

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4TH Race: #5 **Just Like Fred** (Tr. **Miguel Ramirez**) Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$230.18

8TH Race: **Colour Me Happy** (GB) - (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Re-enter-Stewards-Refund \$230.88:

1/23/21⁴

1ST RACE INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

In an unusual circumstance #1 "**Watch The Fed**" (**Julien Couton**) was disqualified in a unanimous decision from second to fourth place for interference to #3 **That's My Story** (**Brayan Pena**) and #5 **Unusual Secret** (**Armando Ayuso**).

As the field passes the three eighths pole #1 is on the lead in this six horse event and proceeds to jump over a shadow on the track. This action caused #1 to lose forward momentum and back into the field. #4 **Kiss Of Congrats** (**David Lopez**) and #6 **Blue Breeze** (**Hugo Herrera**) managed to avoid the confusion as did eventual winner #2 **Royal Alexis** (**Frank Alvarado**).

However, both jockeys **Brayan Pena** and **Armando Ayuso** were forced to check their mounts (3 & 5) sharply to avoid a serious accident. Jockey **Julien Couton** was held blameless.

Original Order of finish 2 - 1 - 3 - 5 - 6 - 4.

Official Order of Finish 2 - 3 - 5 - 1 - 6 - 4.

1/23/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	78	\$47,314.00
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,211,217.85
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$41,535.37
Total	78	\$1,300,067.22

SUNDAY

1/24/21¹

OROZCO RULING

Ruling #6

Jockey **Irving Orozco** who rode **Huge Bigly** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday January 23, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days January 31, February 4 &

February 5, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

Jockey **Orozco** appeared and reviewed the race in question with the Stewards. **Mr. Orozco** accepted the penalty after realizing he was well over the maximum use during a race.

1/24/21²

SPECHT HEARING CASE 20GG0092

Trainer **Steve Specht** was cited for an alleged finding of **Phenylbutazone** (0.61 ug/ml) in blood sample NC337999 taken from his horse "**St. Annie's Indy**" following a workout on August 23, 2020 at Golden Gate Fields. A taped hearing was held today.

During and following the hearing it was determined that there was no violation under the rules cited in the complaint. Case Dismissed.

1/24/21³

MONROY REPLACEMENTS

1ST – **Armando Ayuso**

7TH - **Julien Couton**

1/24/21⁴

4TH RACE INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch drive of this five horse one mile event concerning #5 **Tesoro** (**Kyle Frey**, 1ST) and #3 **Theultimatepraise** (**Irving Orozco**, 5TH).

After talking to the riders and patrol judge and an extensive review of the video #5 **Tesoro** was disqualified and placed last (5TH) for interference to #3 **Theultimatepraise** in the stretch.

Video replays show #5 **Tesoro** start to drift out inside the 1/8TH pole into the path of #3 **Theultimatepraise** causing jockey **Orozco** to check his mount sharply to avoid heels. #3 **Theultimatepraise** was racing in third position at the time and the Stewards were unanimous in concluding #3 **Theultimatepraise** was cost a chance at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish **5 – 1 – 2 – 4 - 3**

Official Order of Finish **1 – 2 – 4 – 3 – 5**

Jockey **Frey** will meet with the Stewards on Thursday.

1/24/21⁵

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

5TH Race: #1 **Smoke Stack** – (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Unsound – Dr. Batten – Refund \$337.25

1/24/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	50	\$27,253.50
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$770,630.84
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$29,833.30
Total	50	\$827,717.64

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
22-Jan.	8	7	Cartoonist	M. Lenzini	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$216.29
23-Jan.	4	5	Just Like Fred	M. Ramirez	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$230.18
24-Jan.	5	1	Smoke Stack	J. Wong	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$337.25

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/22	Sat 1/23	Sun 1/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	3
Claims	9	2	2	13	20
Disqualifications	0	1	1	2	2
Inquiries	0	1	1	2	3
Refunds	3	6	3	12	37
Rulings	0	1	1	2	6
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward