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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Pacific Racing Association**  
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, February 3, 2021 through Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**WEDNESDAY**2/3/21<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

The Racing Office was open today accepting entries for Saturday February 6. Nine (9) races will be carded. Fifty-eight (58) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty in the Stewards' office to oversee matters.

**THURSDAY**2/4/21<sup>1</sup>**ERICK LOPEZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Erick Lopez** appeared in the Stewards' office to review his actions in the first race on Sunday, January 31. Jockey **Lopez** was aboard #2 '**On The Verge**' who finished fourth in a one (1) mile main track event.

Film review this morning shows Jockey **Lopez** use his riding crop four (4) times over the six (6) strike limit between the 5/16 marker and the finish. Jockey **Lopez** told us his mount was lugging out in this race. The Stewards' unanimously felt that that was not a mitigating circumstance. The following ruling was issued.

**Ruling #10**

Jockey **Erick Lopez** who rode "**On The Verge**" in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday January 31, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days February 11, 12 and 13, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times in a race).

2/4/21<sup>2</sup>**SECOND RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident just inside the ¼ mile marker. This race had five (5) Starters competing at a distance of one (1) mile on the main track.

At the ¼ pole original second place finisher #4 **Raelee (Brayan Pena)** was racing comfortably in third position along the rail. This filly then veers out directly into the path of original fifth (last) place finisher #3 **Ice Kitty** forcing that rival to clip heels, nearly unseating Jockey **Assael**

**Espinoza.** This incident took #3 **Ice Kitty** out of any sort of contention and this mare was very well beaten because of the incident.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of the occurrence, received a patrol judge report, and spoke with both jockeys involved. In a unanimous decision #4 **Raelee** was disqualified and placed last. Jockey **Brayan Pena** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

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

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

2/4/21<sup>3</sup>

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

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Jockey Change - #3 **Second Bold** - **J. Rodriguez** for **A. Ayuso**  
(Originally Named on Horse)

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration - #6 **It's Big Aine** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) – Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M.  
Refund: \$98.90

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration - #4 **Union Smartie** (Tr. **T. Bellasis**) Injured – Casille Batten D.V.M.  
Refund: \$226.94

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations - #1 **Seaside Dancer** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Injured – Casille Batten D.V.M.  
#3 **Casino Games** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M

Refund Total: \$515.87

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Wagering Change – No Show Wagering

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Program Error #4 **Ujustdon'tgetit** should read 'no lasix'

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Darcee's Lovi Dovi** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Flipped in Paddock  
Casille Batten D.V.M. Refund: \$6,655.71

6<sup>TH</sup> Racing Wagering Change – Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Harvest A Storm** (Tr. **E. Moger Jr.**) claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer

2/4/21<sup>4</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	78	\$42,665.80
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$593,870.60
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$25,766.59
Total	78	\$662,302.99

FRIDAY

2/5/21<sup>1</sup>

### **BRAYAN PENA FILM REVIEW (REF: 2/4/21<sup>2</sup>)**

Jockey **Brayan Pena** appeared in Stewards' office to review his ride in the second race which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. **Mr. Pena** was aboard #4 **Raelee** who finished second but was disqualified and placed fifth (last) for interference at the ¼ mile marker to #3 **Ice Kitty** (**Assael Espinoza**).

Today's review shows #3 **Ice Kitty** closing along the rail before swinging out at the ¼ pole without sufficient clearance causing #3 **Ice Kitty** to clip heels. The inside (left) rein of #4 **Raelee** was flopping around and Jockey **Pena** did not look to his right before his mount veered outward. Jockey **Pena** felt it was the actions of his horse that caused the incident. The Stewards unanimously felt his ride was careless, Jockey **Pena** received a three-day riding suspension last month here at Golden Gate Fields (Ref: Ruling #2 on 1/17/21).

In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following Ruling.

#### **Ruling #11**

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Raelee** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, February 4, 2021 is suspended five (5) racing days February 12, 13, 14, 15 & 19, 2021 for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fifth; A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding-second offense in last sixty days).

2/5/21<sup>2</sup>

### **FRANCISCO MONROY COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0202)**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** appeared in our office to address alleged violations of Rule #1500.1 (b) (2) (a) (Random Drug Testing) Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1489 (a) (8)

(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). The complaint, presented by California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator (Northern Division) **Louis Quezada**, reads as follows.

*During a routine random jockey drug testing at Golden Gate Fields, Jockey **Francisco Monroy** was found to have Marijuana Metabolites in his system. This was confirmed by Quest Diagnostic Laboratories.*

This alleged incident took place on October 24, 2020. Following testimony from Jockey **Monroy** and Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** this hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

2/5/21<sup>3</sup>

**SECOND FRANCISCO MONROY COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0205)**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** appeared today to answer to a charge of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The complaint in this case reads as follows.

*On 10/24/2020, Jockey **Francisco Monroy** provided a urine sample with results from Quest Diagnostics, later showing positive for recent Marijuana use and was removed from his mount on orders of the Board of Stewards. On 11/01/2020, Jockey **Monroy** returned to the California Horse Racing Board Investigations Office and requested a retest so he could ride. The second urine sample tested prescriptive negative; however, Quest Laboratories reported a second positive test for Marijuana Metabolites, 15ng/ml.*

California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator (Northern Division) **Louis Quezada** presented this complaint at today's informal hearing that was chaired by Steward **Will Meyers**, Jockey **Monroy** represented himself. The Stewards asked several questions at today's informal hearing. Following today's testimony, the Stewards will arrive at a decision.

2/5/21<sup>4</sup>

**THIRD FRANCISCO MONROY COMPLAINT (CASE #21GG0005)**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** and California Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** were in our office for a hearing that involved a positive test finding for Marijuana. The complaint included the following alleged rule violations.

1. Rule #1874 – Disorderly Conduct
2. Rule #1489 (a) (8) – Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License
3. Rule #1900 – Grounds for Suspension or Revocation

This matter involves a retest that was conducted on January 22, 2021. The complaint reads as follows.

*Jockey **Francisco Monroy** provided a urine split sample for the purposes of being retested after testing positive for Marijuana use. The sample was submitted to Quest Diagnostics with the laboratory later reporting a positive for recent Marijuana usage. This is the third time in recent months that Jockey **Monroy** tested positive Marijuana. See additional cases (20GG0202) and (20GG0205) for details.*

Decision to follow.

2/5/21<sup>5</sup>

**ARMANDO AYUSO COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0200)**

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** appeared in the Stewards' office to answer two (2) alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1500.1 (b) (2) (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspicion or Revocation). The complaint in this case reads as follows.

*During a routine random jockey drug testing at Golden Gate Fields, Jockey **Armando Ayuso** was found to have Marijuana Metabolites in his system. This was confirmed by Quest Diagnostic Laboratories.*

Jockey **Ayuso** was present at today's informal hearing along with California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada**. They both testified. Decision to follow.

2/5/21<sup>6</sup>

**JOSE RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0201)**

Apprentice Jockey **Jose Rodriguez** appeared in the Stewards office for an informal hearing today. Apprentice **Rodriguez** was charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501.1 (b) (2) (a) (Random Drug Testing), Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1489 (9) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension of Revocation). The complaint in this matter reads as follows.

*During a routine random jockey drug testing at Golden Gate Fields Jockey **Jose Elias Rodriguez** was found to have Marijuana Metabolites in his system. This was confirmed by Quest Diagnostic Laboratories.*

Apprentice Jockey **Jose Rodriguez** was present for this hearing. Jockey **Francisco Monroy** was present and acted as an interpreter. California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented the case. Decision to follow.

2/5/21<sup>7</sup>

**SECOND JOSE RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0206)**

The same individuals mentioned in the previous minute entry participated in this hearing which was, also chaired by Steward **Will Meyers**. The complaint reads as follows.

*On 10/23/2020, Jockey **Jose E. Rodriguez** provided a urine sample with results from Quest Diagnostics later showing positive for recent marijuana use and was removed from his mount on orders of the Board of Stewards. On 10/31/2020, Jockey **Rodriguez** returned to the California Horse Racing Board Investigations Office and requested a retest so he could ride. The second urine sample tested presumptive negative; however, Quest Laboratories reported a second positive test for Marijuana Metabolites, 15ng/ml.*

Testimony was given and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

2/5/21<sup>8</sup>

**FIRST RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this 5 ½ furlong main track event. As this five (5) horse field approaches the 1/8-mile marker second place finisher #2 **Bourbonwithatwist (Assael Espinoza)** drifts in after Jockey **Espinoza** employed his riding crop twice. Third place finisher #3 **Copper Halo (Catalino Martinez)** was closing along the rail. Jockey **Martinez** was forced to steady his mount sharply when squeezed along the rail to avoid contact. #3 **Copper Halo** came back on after being fouled and was beaten 1 ¼ lengths for second position.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of the incident, spoke to both jockeys involved and received a patrol judge report. In a unanimous decision the Stewards disqualified #2 **Bourbonwithatwist** and placed him third. Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish 5 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 4  
 Official Order of Finish 5 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 4

2/5/21<sup>9</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Cold Brew Kelly** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Late- Flipped at gate Casille Batten D.V.M. Refund: \$19,141.58

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5

6<sup>TH</sup> Race #5 **Okoye** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Where's Frankie** (Tr. **E. Freeman**) Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M. Refund: \$368.05

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Wagering Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations #1 **Ranger Molly** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Re-enter–Stewards Refund: \$402.64  
 #3 **Watchful Eye** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M.

2/5/21<sup>10</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	283	\$103,613.20
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$830,945.60
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$68,746.87
Total	283	\$1,003,305.67

SATURDAY  
2/6/21<sup>1</sup>

**ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW (REF: 2/5/21<sup>8</sup>)**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in yesterday's (February 5) second race, which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. Film review this morning shows Jockey **Espinoza** use his riding crop (right-handed) twice and his mount #2 **Bourbonwithtwist** subsequently drifts in and interferes with #3 **Copper Halo (Catalino Martinez)** costing that rival a better placing which resulted in a disqualification from second to third position. The location of the incident was the 1/8<sup>TH</sup> marker. The Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that it was the actions of Jockey **Espinoza** and not his horse that led to the interference of #3 **Copper Halo**.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**Ruling #12**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **Bourbonwithtwist** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 5, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days (February 13, 14 & 15, 2021) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in a disqualification of his mount from second to third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

2/6/21<sup>2</sup>

**ARMANDO AYUSO RULING (REF: 2/5/21<sup>5</sup>)**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey **Armando Ayuso** was found to have Marijuana Metabolites in his system following a random drug test that was taken at Golden Gate Fields on October 23, 2020.

The decision was made following a unanimous vote.

**Ruling #13**

Jockey **Armando A. Ayuso** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* pursuant to #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Positive Marijuana Test).

Further **Armando A. Ayuso** must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and placed on a Testing Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

2/6/21<sup>3</sup>

**JOSE RODRIGUEZ RULING (REF: 2/5/21<sup>6</sup> & 2/5/21<sup>7</sup>)**

The Stewards deliberated following two (2) hearings that were conducted for Apprentice Jockey **Jose Rodriguez** on February 5, 2021. The first hearing was held after Apprentice **Rodriguez** tested positive for Marijuana when California Horse Racing Board enforcement conducted testing on a randomly selected group of jockeys on October 23, 2021. The Stewards reached out to **Darin Scharer** (Winner's Foundation) who will contact **Mr. Rodriguez**. This memorialized in the following ruling.

**Ruling #14**

Apprentice Jockey Jose **Elias Rodriguez** is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* pursuant of #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Positive Marijuana Test).

Further **Jose Elias Rodriguez** must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and placed on a Testing Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

The Stewards' unanimously voted to dismiss Case #20GG0206 as this complaint resulted from a second urine test Apprentice **Rodriguez** requested and then subsequently failed on October 31, 2020. Our decision was unanimous Case #20GG0206 was dismissed.

2/6/21<sup>4</sup>

**FRANCISCO MONROY RULING (REF: 2/5/21<sup>2</sup>, 2/5/21<sup>3</sup> & 2/5/21<sup>4</sup>)**

The Stewards issued the following ruling after addressing three (3) complaints that were filed Against Jockey **Francisco Monroy** on February 5, 2021. Jockey **Monroy** provided a test sample to California Horse Racing Board Investigators after being randomly selected on October 24, 2021. Jockey **Monroy** will be required to contact the Winners Foundation who provides assistance to California Horse Racing Board licensees regarding matters that were

involved in this case (Marijuana). The other two (2) complaints (Case #20GG0202 & Case #21GG0005) were dismissed. They were both related to this matter. All decisions were unanimous.

#### **Ruling #15**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* pursuant to #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Positive Marijuana Test).

Further **Francisco Monroy** must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and placed on a Testing Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

2/6/21<sup>5</sup>

#### **OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Assistant Clerk of Scales **Ken Fowler** was off today for personnel reasons. He was replaced by jack of all trades **Steve Martinelli** Assistant Racing Secretary/Odds Maker and Director of Racing/Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey**.

2/6/21<sup>6</sup>

#### **GOOD RACING**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward Inquiries.

2/6/21<sup>7</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #4 **Galloping Uno** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Queen Molotov** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) - Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M.  
Refund \$300.03

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #4 **Sizzling Jamie** (Tr. I. Tamayo) – Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M.  
Refund \$421.60

6<sup>TH</sup> Race # **Push Through** (Tr. **E. Freeman**) claimed, **A. Ordonez**, trainer

2/6/21<sup>8</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	368	\$207,922.68
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,406,656.63
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$139,480.21
Total	368	\$1,754,059.52

**SUNDAY**

2/7/21<sup>1</sup>

#### **EARLY POST**

Post time for the first race today is 11:15 a.m. The scheduled last (Eighth) race post is 2:58 p.m. which should give punters time to shift from horse racing to football as today's Super Bowl is set for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff.

2/7/21<sup>2</sup>

#### **COVID – 19 VACCINE**

The **Alameda County Department of Public Health** (Berkeley Public Health Division) has been conducting administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in the north parking lot at Golden Gate Fields. The **Berkeley Fire Department** has also been involved with the logistics of this event which began here on Thursday February 4. Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan** has been working diligently with both of these agencies. Mr. Duggan worked tirelessly to coordinate having backside personnel in place for vaccination when surplus serum was available.

2/7/21<sup>3</sup>

#### **OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Assistant Clerk of Scales **Kenneth Fowler** is off today for personal reasons. Assistant Racing Secretary/Odds Maker **Steve Martinelli** will fill in.

2/7/21<sup>4</sup>

#### **FIFTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW**

The Stewards requested that Track Announcer **Matt Dinerman** broadcast that a Stewards review' would be conducted into the start of this one (1) mile main track event. #6 **Passionate Road** (**William Antongeorgi III**) dwelt at the break and was immediately at least a half dozen lengths behind her rivals.

A film review proved to the Stewards that there was no human error or mechanical malfunction of any sort and therefore **Passionate Road** was declared a starter.

2/7/21<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #1 **Family Trips** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #8 **Leme At Em** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

6<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Mystic Traveler** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Loose, Post Parade – Stewards

Refund \$10,394.18

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations #5 **Star Racer** (**Angelo Tekos Jr.**) Sick – Casille Batten D.V.M.

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #9 **Win Like Coach P** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Full Field - Stewards

Refund \$250.56

2/7/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	222	\$96,612.80
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,428,011.25
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$88,358.35
Total	222	\$1,612,982.40

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
4-Feb	2	6	It's Big Aine	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$98.90
4-Feb	4	4	Union Smartie	T. Bellasis	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$226.94
4-Feb	5	1	Seaside Dancer	J. Wong	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$515.87
4-Feb	5	3	Casino Games	D. Markle	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Above
5-Feb	7	1	Where's Frankie	E. Freeman	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$386.05
5-Feb	8	3	Watchful eye	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$402.64
6-Feb	3	2	Queen Molotov	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$300.03
6-Feb	6	4	Sizzling Jamie	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$421.60
7-Feb	7	5	Star Racer	A. Tekos Jr.	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$608.52

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 2/4	Fri 2/5	Sat 2/6	Sun 2/7	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	1	1	1	3	6
<b>Claims</b>	1	1	2	2	6	37
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	1	0	0	2	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	1	0	0	2	7
<b>Refunds</b>	6	4	6	4	20	78
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	4	0	6	15
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward