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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley California

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, May 19, 2021, through Sunday, May 23, 2021****WEDNESDAY**5/19/21<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff were on hand in the racing office today putting together a racing card for Saturday May 22. Sixty-seven (67) horses are scheduled to face Starter **Todd Stephens** on Saturday. Nine (9) races will be contested. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on hand today representing the California Horse Racing Board and overseeing all matters pertaining to racing.

**THURSDAY**5/20/21<sup>1</sup>**FRANK ALVARADO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the eighth race on Sunday May 16<sup>TH</sup>. Jockey **Alvarado** was aboard second place finisher #1 **Lady Phyllis** being beaten by #2 **Odessa (Irving Orozco)** in a photo finish.

Today's film review shows Jockey **Alvarado** employ his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch drive of this 1 1/16 mile main track event. For violating California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

**Ruling #76**

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** who rode **Lady Phyllis** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, May 16, 2021, is suspended three (3) racing days May 27, 28, and 29, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

5/20/21<sup>2</sup>

### **JEDD JOSEPHSON COMPLAINT (CASE #21GG0053)**

Trainer **Jedd Josephson** appeared in the Steward Office for an informal hearing this morning. He has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865(a) (Altering of Sex of Horse) and Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of a Horse). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** was on duty and presented his thirty-six (36) page complaint at this tape recorded hearing. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

*The horse **Blakeford** was scratched from the 6<sup>TH</sup> race by the Board of Stewards after it was discovered that the horse was actually a gelding and not a stallion as reported in the race program. Trainer **Josephson** had authorized the horse to be gelded at an off-site facility and failed to properly report the procedure to the horse identifier.*

Trainer **Josephson** was sworn in by Steward **Will Meyers** who chaired today's hearing. Trainer **Josephson** told the Stewards that the horse **Blakeford** was gelded at a ranch while being turned out for four (4) months. He candidly told the Stewards that he forgot to declare the change when he entered the horse over the telephone, to racing office personnel. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

### **Ruling #77**

Owner/Trainer **Jedd B. Josephson** is fined the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "**Blakeford**" who was scheduled to run in the sixth race on May 2, 2021, at Golden Gate Fields. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse).

5/20/21<sup>3</sup>

### **LOOSE HORSE THIRD RACE**

As Paddock Judge **Linda Anderson** sent a seven (7) horse field from the paddock to the racetrack for the third race post parade #4 **Shenandoahdoesit** (Tr. **Ivan Becerra**) left the paddock riderless and ran onto the race track, **Shenandoahdoesit** ran loose around the track before Outrider **Ashton Campoy** made an excellent catch of this loose horse while going at a high rate of speed. The Stewards scratched #4 **Shenandoahdoesit** after it ran loose for several furlongs and the \$1 Rolling Super High Five was cancelled as the field was reduced to six (6) participants.

5/20/21<sup>4</sup>

### **VOIDED CLAIM**

A claim was submitted in today's seventh race for \$16,000.00. Shortly before this race Assistant Clerk of Scales **Kenny Fowler** informed the Stewards that a claim was submitted for #4 **Rickey B.** Unfortunately, **Mr. Fowler** reported that the claim slip read **Ricky B.** In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1656 (Errors Which Invalidate Claim) the Stewards immediately voided the claim due to the misspelling of the horse's name.

5/20/21<sup>5</sup>

### **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's seven (7) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' Inquires and/or jockey objections.

5/20/21<sup>6</sup>

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

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Portando** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**) Unsound – Late – **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund: \$39,519.23

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

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #3 **Concur** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM.** Refund: \$328.08

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #7 **Lolo Paniolo** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Claimed **T. McCanna**, trainer

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

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Princess Vivian** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund: \$232.75

5/20/21<sup>7</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	35	\$26,242.40
Out of state	n/a	\$743,993.32
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$79,112.58
Total	360	\$849,348.30

FRIDAY

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

### **ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW/RULIING**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday May 20. Jockey **Espinoza** was aboard #3 **Midnight Special**; who finished first in this five (5) furlong turf event. Today's film review shows **Mr. Espinoza** use his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch drive of this race. For going over the six (6) strike limit the Stewards issued the following ruling, in what was a unanimous decision.

### **Ruling #78**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **Midnight Special** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, May 20, 2021, is suspended for three (3) racing days (May 28, 29 & 30, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

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

### **MICHAEL LENZINI COMPLAINT (CASE #21GG0042)**

Trainer **Mike Lenzini** appeared in the Stewards' Office this morning for a hearing that was chaired by Steward **Will Meyers**. Trainer **Lenzini** has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a),(b),(c) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1868 (a) (b) (1) & (2) (Authorized Medication During Workouts) and Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer and Owner to Insure Condition of a Horse). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented a forty-six (46) page complaint packet at this morning's tape recorded hearing. The cover page of the complaint in this case reads as follows.

*The official blood sample #NC34373 taken at Golden Gate Fields was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller, PHD** of the Maddy EACL at U.C. Davis Laboratories, to contain both Flunixin (120ng/ml) and Phenylbutazone (1370 ng/ml) exceeding their authorized thresholds for a horse participating in a workout. The sample was obtained during an out of competition sampling from the horse "**Strut To The Wire**". The trainer of record is **Michael A. Lenzini**. A split sample was not requested. Phenylbutazone and Flunixin are each [Class 4] penalty [Class C] violations.*

Both Trainer **Lenzini** and Investigator **Longoria** answered several questions from the Stewards before this hearing was brought to a close. Decision to follow.

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

### **GOOD RACING**

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

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

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

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration: #4 **Mega Mischief** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$451.80

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration: #3 **Babe Didrikson** (Tr. **J. Batista**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$129.00

2<sup>ND</sup> Race No Show Wagering

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #5 **Argosy Fleet** (Tr. **S. Naranjo**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$100.80

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #5 **Mecklenburg** (IRE) (**S. Sherman**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund \$480.70

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **Manila Mischief A. Ayuso** for **J. Couton** – Personal  
 6<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **King Of Speed** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) Claimed, **C. Dollase**, trainer  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #7 **After Sundown** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**  
 Refund: \$129.89  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Cutetip** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Claimed, **S. Lagrone**, trainer  
     #4 **Good Time Dolly** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Claimed, **P. DeJesus**, trainer  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Race #8 **Sugar Pickel** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Claimed, **A. Aquino**, trainer – Voided – Unsound  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #1 **Question Authority** (Tr. **A. Lerner**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**  
 Refund: \$191.20  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **Hydrogen** (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) **F. Monroy** for **J. Couton** - Personal  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Anitanewmercedes** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer  
     #7 **Lord Wimborne (IRE)** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

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

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	62	\$33,033.30
Out of state	n/a	\$1,169,097.82
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$165,788.78
Total	715	\$1,367,919.90

**SATURDAY**  
 5/22/21<sup>1</sup>

**ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW/RULING**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards office this morning to review his ride aboard #4 **Anitanewmercedes** who finished first, in wire to wire fashion this was in yesterdays (May 21) eighth race which was contested at 1 1/16 miles on the turf. Today's film review shows Jockey **Espinoza** use his riding crop eight (8) times in the stretch drive of this race.

The Stewards unanimously voted to issue a three (3) day suspension for this action. Standard practice has Stewards beginning riding and/or riding crop suspensions one (1) week from the date of film review. However, in this instance Jockey **Espinoza** is already suspended (Ref: Golden Gate Fields Ruling #78) May 28, 29 & 30. The suspension days for this violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) are listed below.

**Ruling #79**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **King Of Speed** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, May 21, 2021, is suspended for three (3) racing days (May 31, June 4 & 5, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

5/22/21<sup>2</sup>

**MICHAEL LENZINI DECISION (CASE #21GG0042)**

An informal hearing was held yesterday (Ref: 5/21/21<sup>2</sup>) for Trainer **Michael Lenzini**. The **Lenzini** trained horse "**Strut To The Wire**" was reported by U.C. Davis Laboratories to contain both Flunixin and Phenylbutazone exceeding authorized thresholds, following a morning workout on March 28, 2021, at Golden Gate Fields.

Trainer **Lenzini** told the Stewards that his foreman at the barn told him "The Big Horse" was tying up following "**Strut To The Wire's**" workout. Trainer **Lenzini** who was away from the barn watching his horse exercise, told the foreman to go ahead and treat "The Big Horse". There was a mix-up at the barn regarding who "The Big Horse" was and the wrong horse was treated according to testimony of **Mike Lenzini**. The Stewards deliberated following the informal hearing. Steward **Baker** voted for a fine. The majority voted to dismiss the case.

5/22/21<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward's Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

5/22/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration: #2 **Clubhouse Saint** (Tr. **A. Lerner**) Panel Scratch – Stewards Refund: \$766.37

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

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration: #7 **Time Is Gone** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM** Refund: \$281.37

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five Wagering

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration: #1 **Darling Demon** (Tr. **E. Moger**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM** Refund: \$281.50

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #2 **Swanee** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race No Show Wagering

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #2 **Tiba** (Tr. **L. Ekstrom**) Unsound – **Forrest Franklin DVM** Refund: \$97.57

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #5 **Handsome Gary** (Tr. **L. Rivera**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM** Refund: \$176.99

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Mr. Pickles** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Space Odessey** (Tr. **S. Callaghan**) Claimed, **L. Campuzano**, trainer

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #1 **Marilyn’s Smile** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM** Refund \$719.60

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	293	\$77,744.60
Out of state	n/a	\$1,479,448.41
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$268,131.80
Total	1,240	\$1,825,324.81

**SUNDAY**  
5/23/21<sup>1</sup>

**OFFICIAL SHIFTING**

Assistant Racing Secretary/Odds Maker **Steve Martinelli** replaced Placing Judge **Lisa Wilkerson** for races one (1) thru four (4) this afternoon. **Ms. Wilkerson** is schooling for the Paymaster of Purses job she has been assigned to for the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) this summer/fall. **Mr. Martinelli** then went to the Jockey’s Room to fill in for **Ken Fowler** as Assistant Clerk of Scales for race five (5) thru nine (9). Racing Official **Fowler** is off the second half of the afternoon for personal reasons.

5/23/21<sup>2</sup>

**FOURTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the stretch drive of this 1 1/16 mile turf race. Film review shows fourth place #3 **Mollie O’ McEvoy** (**Kyle Frey**) check slightly while tiring inside 1/16 mile marker. Third place finisher #4 **Escape The City** (GB) (**Brayan Pena**) drifted out a bit; possibly contributing to the minor incident. #4 **Escape The City** (GB) bested #3 **Mollie O’ McEvoy**, by 3 1/2 lengths for the show position.

After receiving a patrol judge report and speaking to both jockey’s involved the Stewards made ‘No Change’ in the order of finish. The decision was unanimous.

5/23/21<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #1 **Big Enough** (Tr. **Q. Howey**) Claimed, **R. DeLeon**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #1 **Dreamers Reality** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

#5 **Lastbesthope** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Claimed, **P. DeJesus**, trainer

#6 **Paper Boy** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Claimed, **R. France**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #5 **Golden Iris** (GB) (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Unsound- **Forrest Franklin DVM** Refund: \$331.12

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration: #1 **Jedi Knight** (Tr. **B. Wright**) Unsound – **Forrest Franklin DVM** Refund: \$492.77

6<sup>TH</sup> Race #5 **Silver Claim** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **J. Thomas**, trainer– **Void** Lame  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race #7 **Jungle Boy** (Tr. **Q. Howey**) Claimed, **S. Naranjo**, trainer– **Void** Lame  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five Wagering  
9<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations: #6 **Terry's Boy** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick– **Casille Batten DVM**  
#7 **War Games** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick– **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund Total: \$662.23

5/23/21<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	410	\$85,148.00
Out of state	n/a	\$1,871,028.18
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$324,691.23
Total	1,205	\$2,280,867.41

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
20-May	4	2	Portando	S. Ledezma	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$39,519.23
20-May	5	3	Concur	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$328.08
20-May	6	2	Princess Vivian	S. Ledezma	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$232.75
21-May	1	4	Mega Mischief	J. Bonde	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$451.80
21-May	2	3	Babe Didrikson	J. Batista	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$129.00
21-May	5	5	Argosy Fleet	S. Naranjo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$100.80
21-May	6	5	Meklenburg	S. Sherman	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$480.70
21-May	7	7	After Sundown	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$128.89
21-May	8	1	Question Authority	A. Lerner	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$191.20
22-May	2	7	Time Is Gone	M. Lenzini	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$281.37
22-May	3	1	Darling Demon	E. Moger	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$281.50
22-May	4	2	Tiba	L. Ekstrom	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$97.57
22-May	5	5	Handsome Gary	L. Rivera	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$176.99
22-May	8	1	Marilyn's Smile	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$719.60
23-May	4	5	Golden Iris	M. Badilla	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$331.12
23-May	6	1	Jedi Knight	B. Wright	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$492.77
23-May	9	6	Terry's Boy	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Below
23-May	9	7	War Games	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$662.23

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 5/20	Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	10
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	1	1	2	26
<b>Claims</b>	2	5	3	4	14	187
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	1	1	19
<b>Refunds</b>	4	8	8	8	28	412
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	1	0	4	79
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	0	2	4	24

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward