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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, June 9, 2021, through Sunday, June 13, 2021.****WEDNESDAY**6/9/21<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff were on hand today accepting entries for the penultimate day of racing at this meet, Saturday June 12, 2021. Ten (10) races are set with seventy-nine (79) horses scheduled to start. Golden Gate Fields received permission for a 12:45 p.m. first post. The change was made to keep in line with Santa Anita's nine (9) race card on this same day. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty in the Stewards office to oversee all racing matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

**THURSDAY**6/10/21<sup>1</sup>**SUBSTITUTE STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** is off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** will replace him. **Calvin Rainey** will serve as Safety Steward today.

6/10/21<sup>2</sup>**JOSE DE JESUS 'JESSE' MARTINEZ SALDIVAR HEARING (CASE #21GG0019)**

A formal hearing was held in our office today for Groom **Jesse Saldivar**. Groom **Saldivar** has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), Rule #1485 (d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreement) and Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing).

This hearing was conducted on the Microsoft Teams format. The following participants were at Golden Gate Fields.

1. **Richard Lewis**- Steward – Hearing Chair
2. **Dennis Nevin**- Steward
3. **Grant Baker**- Steward
4. **Jesse Saldivar**- Respondent
5. **Jim Ghidella**- Attorney for Respondent
6. **Louis Quezada**- CHRB Supervising Investigator - North

The following participants were not at Golden Gate Fields.

1. **Robert Brodnik**- CHRB Chief Counsel
2. **Darin Sharer**- Executive Director Winner Foundation (Witness)
3. **Christine Niccoli**- Court Reporter

The cover page of this complaint contained the following information.

*Groom **Jose “Jesse” Saldivar** was observed drinking alcohol inside a shed row on the backside of Golden Gate Fields. This is a direct violation of his contract with the Winner’s Foundation and his probation orders from the Golden Gate Fields Board of Stewards. (PRTG Ruling #78 dated 5/31/2020). During the contact, Groom **Saldivar** was extremely belligerent and argumentative with investigators.*

Testimony was given. Documents were marked as exhibits and moved into evidence. This hearing began at 10:30 a.m. and was adjourned due to time constraints (Judging of Horse Races) at 12:45 a.m. **Mr. Brodnik** and **Mr. Ghidella** will work on a future date for hearing that is agreeable to this same panel of Stewards.

6/10/21<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today’s seven (7) race card went well as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

6/10/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Wahasha** (Tr. **Q. Howey**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund \$273.60

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #2 **Island Life** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed, **J. Josephson**, trainer, ‘Void- lame’

3<sup>RD</sup> Race: #2 **Music Babe** (Tr. **R. France**) Claimed, **S. Naranjo**, trainer  
#3 **Seaside Dancer** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed **M. Meier**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 **Momma Mocca** should read first time Lasix

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #4 Jockey Change **Thatsabadboy E. Roman** for **A. Gomez** – Injured

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Imperator** (Tr. **D. Franko**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund: \$124.20

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

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: Jockey Change #5 **Prudent**, **E. Roman** for **A. Gomez**- Injured

6/10/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	62	\$31,639.40
Out of state	n/a	\$814,444.53
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$79,225.04
Total	320	\$1,049,480.47

**FRIDAY**

6/11/21<sup>1</sup>

**SUBSTITUTE STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** is off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** will replace him. **Tom McCarthy** will serve as Safety Steward today.

6/11/21<sup>2</sup>

**JULIEN COUTON COMPLAINT (CASE #21GG0054)**

Jockey **Julien Couton** appeared in the Stewards office to answer to alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), Rule #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements) and Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The cover page of this thirty-five (35) page complaint prepared by Northern California Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** reads as follows.

*Jockey **Julien H. Couton** falsified a medical record in order to avoid appearing when his name was selected during a random jockey testing at Golden Gate Fields. He avoided being tested that day but was tested weeks later with him having marijuana metabolites in his system. He admitted to falsifying the medical records and ultimately to smoking marijuana weekly.*

Jockey **Julien Couton** rode last night at Emerald Downs in the State of Washington. He arrived in our office on time at 10:30 a.m. for this formal hearing. **Louis Quezada** presented a thirty-five (35) page complaint packet at this hearing which was transcribed by Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli**.

Jockey **Couton** had his name drawn for random drug testing on April 17, 2021. Nine (9) jockeys were selected for testing on that day. Jockey **Couton** said he was not feeling well and took off his lone mount on that day. He eventually tested positive for Marijuana on April 27, 2021. He has not ridden in California since then but has been riding in the State of Washington. Testimony was taken today, and documents were marked for evidence. This hearing was chaired by Steward **Richard Lewis**. A decision will be forthcoming.

6/11/21<sup>3</sup>

### **THIRD RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the start of this one (1) mile main track event. Of particular interest were the actions of third place finisher #3 **Charming Vintage (Kyle Frey)** and fifth place finisher #4 **Compellus (Assael Espinoza)**.

Race replays show #3 **Charming Vintage** break outward. #4 **Compellus** subsequently is steadied by Jockey **Espinoza**. #4 **Compellus** was beaten 3 ¾ lengths with no chance of a better placing. The Stewards unanimously felt this incident did not warrant a disqualification. No Change.

6/11/21<sup>4</sup>

### **HOT JOCKEY**

Leading rider **Kyle Frey** maintained his lead in the jockey standings by visiting the Winners Circle five (5) times today.

6/11/21<sup>5</sup>

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

1<sup>ST</sup> Race: Ownership #1 **Redstirlingdancer** should read **Anthony George, Patricia George, Bill Isetta** or **Patty Wall**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Declaration #2 **Tim's Street Girl** (Tr. **M. Meier**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**  
Refund: \$468.96

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

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #7 **Sojourner Truth** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **D. Franko**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #6 **Evenerevenworse** (Tr. **R. France**) Claimed, **V. Trujillo**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Sarlat** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) Undeclared Gelding – Stewards  
Refund: \$1,090.31

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #7 **Greetings** (Tr. **D. Franko**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**.  
Refund: \$142.30

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: Jockey Change #6 **Oiseau De Guerre, S. Rivera** for **D. Herrera**- excused

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations #3 **Annie Graham** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Sick – **Mike Parker DVM**

#5 **Canam Gal** (Tr. **B. Mclean**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$713.70

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

6/11/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	77	\$51,462.00
Out of state	n/a	\$1,685,868.60
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$215,339.07
Total	784	\$2,303,373.63

**SATURDAY**

6/12/21<sup>1</sup>

**KYLE FREY/IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys **Kyle Frey** and **Irving Orozco** appeared in the Stewards office to review their ride in the eighth race on Sunday, June 6, 2021, which was contested at one (1) mile on the turf. After the race was made official on this day Jockey **Frey** called the Stewards to state that his mount #4 **Claim Of Passion** (Seventh place) steadied due to the actions of fourth place finisher #9 **Cosmo** in the stretch drive. The Stewards were of the opinion that fifth place finisher #10 **Gauguin (GER) (Irving Orozco)** was the horse that specifically contributed to this incident by drifting out (not maintaining a straight course). Jockey **Orozco** was issued a warning Jockey **Frey's** appearance at this informal hearing was so he could get the Stewards' point of view in a more formal setting.

6/12/21<sup>2</sup>

**APPRENTICE EXTENTION**

Apprentice Jockey **Juan Espinoza** was injured in a race at the Alameda County Fair on July 3, 2020. Apprentice Jockey **Espinoza** has ridden thirty (30) winners in his career. The following ruling represents extended time of his apprentice allowance with consideration of his injury that took place last summer.

**Ruling #84**

Apprentice Jockey **Juan Espinoza**, for good cause (injury) has been granted an extension of his apprentice allowance for Two Hundred and Eighty Seven (287) days to start August 30, 2021. Apprentice **Espinoza's** apprentice allowance shall terminate on June 12, 2022, or the date of his fortieth (40) win whichever comes first.

6/12/21<sup>3</sup>

**JOSE BAUTISTA RULING**

Trainer **Jose Bautista** appeared in the Stewards office today to address the late declaration of #3 **Sarlat** in yesterday's fifth race. Horse Identifier **Gary Greiner** reported that this horse was a gelding and not a colt as reported in the 'official program'. Prior to sending the field to the paddock for pre-race saddling the Stewards scratched #3 **Sarlat**. Trainer **Bautista** accepted full responsibility for not reporting the correct sex of #3 **Sarlat** at time of entry. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**Ruling #85**

Trainer **Jose Bautista** is fined the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "**Sarlat**" who was scheduled to run in the fifth race on June 11, 2021, at Golden Gate Fields. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse).

6/12/21<sup>4</sup>

**JULIEN COUTON RULING (REF: 6/11/21<sup>2</sup>)**

Stewards **Baker, Lewis** and **Nevin** issued the following ruling in a unanimous decision. Jockey **Couton** tested positive for marijuana after his name was selected following a random selection. The '**Couton** Complaint Packet' prepared for this hearing, contained showing a fraudulent COVID-19 card that Jockey **Couton** admittedly fabricated. This was pertinent to yesterday's hearing as Jockey **Couton** told California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** he could not provide a test sample on April 17, 2021, as he was at home sick after getting a COVID-19 vaccination on the previous day April 16, 2021. California Horse Racing Board enforcement provided a copy of Jockey **Couton's** COVID-19 vaccination record card in their investigative packet. The date and lot number for the second dose on this card was an obvious forgery. Jockey **Couton** admitted as such to the Stewards. The following ruling includes a

monetary penalty. It also states that **Mr. Couton** be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and comply with a counseling program acceptable to the Stewards.

**Ruling #86**

Jockey **Julien Couton** is fined the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1530 (Cases Not Covered-falsification of medical document) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Positive Marijuana).

Further, **Julien Couton** must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and comply with a counseling program acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Also, **Mr. Couton** will remain on probation and a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for as long as he is licensed in this jurisdiction.

6/12/21<sup>5</sup>

**FIRST RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards' posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in mid-stretch in this one (1) mile main track event. Film review shows #5 second place finisher **Itainteasybeinggray (Kyle Frey)** drift out three (3) separate times, taking eventual first place finisher #6 **Stars Of Bluegrass (Armando Ayuso)** off a straight path. There was a 'photo finish' for the win in this race. The Stewards spoke with both jockeys involved and received a patrol judge report. No change was made in the order of finish as the Stewards unanimously determined that the sufferer of the incident won the race. Jockey **Kyle Frey** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

6/12/21<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **JC Express** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$471.00

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #1 **June Gloom** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race: Declarations #1 **I'm A Rockette** (Tr. **B. Delia**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

#5 **Queen Of The Track** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) Sick- **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: Total: \$897.64

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 **Darling Demon** (Tr. **E. Moger**) Claimed, **M. Pineda**, trainer

#6 **Arouse N Go** (Tr. **R. France**) Claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

#7 **Good Time Dolly** (Tr. **P. De Jesus**) Claimed, **A. Nguyen**, trainer

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declarations #1 **With Thatbeingsaid** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

#3 **Lady Mohican** (Tr. **E. Jackson**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$888.67

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

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declarations #2 **Mo Bob (IRE)** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

#4 **Hydrogen** (Tr. **OJ Jauregui**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund Total: \$857.27

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: #4 **Governance** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed, **B. Wright**, trainer

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

10<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #6 **Square Dreamer** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$292.70

10<sup>TH</sup> Race: Ownership #5 **Warm Summer** should read **Paradise Road Ranch LLC, David Crosby, David Preiss, or Angel Valadez**

6/12/21<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	338	\$117,221.30
Out of state	n/a	\$1,625,461.19
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$332,305.28
Total		\$2,583,830.18

**SUNDAY**  
6/13/21<sup>1</sup>

**KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW (REF: 6/12/21<sup>1</sup>)**

Jockey **Kyle Frey** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the first race yesterday June 12. Jockey **Frey**, who rode second place finisher #4 **Running Luck** was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry along with first place finisher #6 **Stars Of Bluegrass (Armando Ayuso)**.

In the stretch drive of the one (1) mile main track event #4 **Running Luck** repeatedly drifted out preventing the eventual winner #6 **Stars Of Bluegrass** from maintaining what was her previous straight course. The Stewards unanimously felt this was a careless ride as Jockey **Frey** made little effort to even straighten his mount. Jockey **Frey** last violated California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Careless Riding) on a May 1, 2021, ride. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**Ruling #87**

Jockey **Kyle Frey** who rode **Itainteasybeingray** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, June 12, 2021, is suspended five (5) racing days June 20, 25, 26, 27 and July 2, 2021, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding-second offense in last 60 days).

6/13/21<sup>2</sup>

**ELEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the start of this six (6) furlong main track event. Race replays show seventh place finisher #3 **Galoping Cat (Silvio Amador)** break inward. This action causes ninth place finisher #2 **Afternoon Heat (Cristobal Herrera)** to clip heels. In the unanimous opinion of the Stewards this incident cost #2 **Afternoon Heat** an opportunity for a better placing. Therefore #3 **Galoping Cat** was disqualified and placed ninth.

Original order of finish 6 – 7 – 8 – 5 – 1 – 4 – **3** – 10 – 2 – 4

Official order of finish 6 – 7 – 8 – 5 – 1 – 4 – 10 – 2 – **3** – 4

6/13/21<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race: #4 **Wicks And Chappies (Tr. B. McLean)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #7 **Dark Proof (Tr. E. Jackson)** Claimed, **S. Naranjo**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #2 **Where's Frankie (Tr. P. De Jesus)** Sick- **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund: \$396.88

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

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #1 **Kate Boss (Tr. DW Baker)** Claimed, **A. Pasaras**, trainer, **Void- Lamé**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Galwalksintoabar (Tr. J. Wong)** Claimed, **B. McClean**, trainer, **Void- Lamé**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #6 **Maycee Jo (Tr. B McLean)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Collusion Delusion (Tr. F. Rondan)** Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$449.87

9<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declarations #2 **Excessive Cat (Tr. C. DeLima)** Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

#8 **Trash Talkin Cat (Tr. J. Puentes)** Sick- **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: Total \$587.88

10<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Nicole Grace (Tr. S. Sherman)** Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$431.97

10<sup>TH</sup> Race: #1 **Rose Princess (Tr. E. Jackson)** Claimed, **Q. Miller**, trainer

#6 **Dee Gee (Tr. I. Tamayo)** Claimed, **R. France**, trainer

12<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #1 **Foxy Fax (Tr. C. DeLima)** Stewards – Full Fields. Refunds: \$363.27

12<sup>TH</sup> Race: Jockey Change #3 **BJ's Spirit - A. Espinoza** for **K. Frey** – 2<sup>ND</sup> Call

6/13/21<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	449	\$141,030.20
Out of state	n/a	\$2,927,338.64
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$417,574.10
Total	1,159	\$3,960,393.37

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-June	2	3	Wahasha	Q. Howey	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$273.60
10-June	6	3	Imperator	D. Franko	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$142.30
11-June	2	2	Tim's Street Girl	M. Meier	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$468.96
11-June	6	7	Greetings	D. Franko	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$142.30
12-June	2	3	JC Express	S. Specht	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$471.00
12-June	3	1	I'm A Rockette	B. Delia	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Below
12-June	3	5	Queen Of The Track	J. Bonde	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$897.64
12-June	6	1	With Thatbeingsaid	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Below
12-June	6	3	Lady Mohican	E. Jackson	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$888.67
12-June	7	2	Mo Bob (IRE)	J. Ramos	Sick	Dr. Parker	See Below
12-June	7	4	Hydrogen	OJ Jauregui	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$857.27
12-June	10	6	Square Dreamer	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$292.70
13-June	4	2	Where's Frankie	P. De Jesus	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$396.88
13-June	5	5	Collusion Delusion	F. Rondan	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$449.87
13-June	9	2	Excessive Cat	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Below
13-June	9	8	Trash Talkin Cat	J. Puentes	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$587.88
13-June	10	3	Nicole Grace	S. Sherman	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$431.97

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 6/10	Fri 6/11	Sat 6/12	Sun 6/13	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	10
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	1	0	1	27
<b>Claims</b>	2	2	5	5	14	229
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	1	1	2	12
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	1	1	3	23
<b>Refunds</b>	4	6	10	10	30	488
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	3	1	4	87
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	0	1	2	4	32

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward