

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS THOROUGHBRED MEET**

Los Alamitos Racing Association

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Report for the Week of Thursday, July 2, 2020 through Sunday, July 5, 2020**WEDNESDAY**07/01/20¹**ENTRIES/SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday. The racing office carded nine races for Saturday.

THURSDAY07/02/20¹**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO, accompanied by agent Erick Arroyo, came in to review Sunday's first race where he possibly violated the riding crop rule. The young rider is new to the jockey colony and was not clear regarding the riding crop rule. We explained all the rules when he was granted a license. Steward Ward voted for a warning. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #07

Apprentice Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense within the past 60 days), during the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 28, 2020.

Jockey ASSAEL ESPINOZA was in our office to review Sunday's seventh race, in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry for failing to maintain a straight course down the stretch. Mr. Espinoza agreed he should have done better. We unanimously voted to issue him a three-day suspension. His left-handed use of his riding crop caused him to drift out. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #08

Jockey ASSAEL ESPINOZA, who rode SHORT OF EZ in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 28, 2020, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (July 10, 11, and 12, 2020) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

07/02/20²

GOOD RACING

The seven-race card went without any major issues to report.

07/02/20³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race #2 FEELING GRAZEFUL - Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$47.40
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
 4th Race #4 WEDDING GROOM - A. Espinoza replaces E. Flores, missed mount
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 7th Race #7 KOKO'S MOM - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,380.31

07/02/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	412	\$162,008.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,632,261.75
Total	412	\$3,794,270.65

FRIDAY

07/03/20¹

ESWAN FLORES

The following ruling was issued when Jockey ESWAN FLORES failed to show up to ride his scheduled mount. Mr. Flores stated that he did not know we were racing on Thursday. We explained to him that he needs to have better communication with his agent. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #09

Jockey ESWAN FLORES, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing a late rider change in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse on July 2, 2020.

07/03/20²

FLORES HEARING (case #320SA0095)

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation #1688(3). The CHRB filed the complaint when Safety Steward Paul Atkinson photographed a welt on the horse "THE LAST RULER", while in the test barn after the sixth race on 2/23/20 at Santa Anita Park, Mr. Flores apologized for the violation. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #10

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(3) (Use of Riding Crop – causing welts or breaks in the skin) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2020.

07/03/20³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ and his agent Matt Nakatani came in to review Sunday's eighth race, where he shifted in at the half-mile pole, making contact with the inside horse. Mr. Gutierrez stated that he was holding his lane when he made the contact with the inside horse. The majority felt that Mr. Gutierrez put too much unnecessary pressure causing him to make contact with the inside horse. Steward Ward voted for a warning. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #11

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, who rode BRAHMS COMMAND in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 28, 2020, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (July 10, 11, and 12, 2020) for failure to maintain a straight course on the backstretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

07/03/20⁴

KEEN FINANCIAL (case #20SA0171)

Assistant Trainer DONNA KEEN participated telephonically on behalf of her husband Trainer DALLAS KEEN, in regard to a financial case for unpaid farrier services, filed by Jose Ariel Beca,

in the amount of \$1,985.00. Mrs. Keen agreed to sign a financial agreement paying Mr. Baca a minimum of \$300 per month until the debt is paid in full.

07/03/20⁵

SMOOTH SAILING

The seven-race card went smooth and there were no major issues to report.

07/03/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race (NO SUPERFECTA WAGERING). Refund \$0
2nd Race (NO SUPERFECTA WAGERING). Refund \$0
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
4th Race #2 MAGIC MUSKETIER - Claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer
#6 SHEZA FACTOR - Claimed by L. Brady, trainer. Refund \$0
5th Race (NO SUPERFECTA WAGERING) Refund \$0
6th Race #3 SPARKLING GEM - Stewards' scratch- Enter back
#8 BIDDY DUKE - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$973.30
7th Race #8 RAWHIDE RAWLINS - T. Pereira replaces D. Van Dyke, office error
(NO ROLLING DOUBLE WAGERING). Refund \$0

07/03/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	560	\$236,005.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,400,356.51
Total	560	\$4,636,362.03

SATURDAY

07/04/20¹

MANDELLA FORMAL HEARING (20SA0097)

Trainer GARY MANDELLA was in our office to participate in a formal hearing to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging CHRB rule violations #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and 1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Mr. Mandella's horse tested positive for the drug Phenylbutazone (class 4) on 2/15/20 in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park. Present in the hearing was CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen, Trainer Gary Mandella, and the Board of Stewards. Court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Mr. Mandella stated he could have accidentally double-treated the mare. After hearing all the facts and entering all the exhibits, the hearing came to an end. The following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #12

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer GARY MANDELLA, who started the horse ZUSHA, the third place finisher in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on February 15, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$500)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a),(b), and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone).

07/04/20²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (5TH RACE)

We posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race to review the stretch run when the #2 MAGNIFICENT Q T (A. Espinoza 2nd) ducked out in front of the #3 DIAMOND OF VALUE (A. Delgadillo 5th) approaching the eighth pole. After reviewing the race and speaking to the riders involved, we made no change to the order of finish. We unanimously voted that #2 does shift out into the path of #3, but in our opinion, the #3 was not cost a better placing.

07/04/20³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
2nd Race (NO SHOW WAGERING). Refund \$433.00
3rd Race #4 THICK SMOKE - Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$1,692.42
4th Race #6 EXHALTING - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$817.16
5th Race No changes; Refund \$3,399.87

6th Race #5 ANNEAU D'OR- Stewards' scratch–Stake. (No place or show Wagering)
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 9th Race #2 DIVINE ARMOR- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick
 #5 WINNING PROSPECT - Late Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, unsound
 Refund \$17,986.11

07/04/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	713	\$349,493.78
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,881,523.86
Total	713	\$6,231,017.64

SUNDAY

07/05/20¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES was in to review yesterday's seventh race in which he violated the riding crop rule (#1688). Mr. Flores agreed, he should have stopped using the riding crop and stated he was sorry and had no excuse. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #13

Apprentice jockey Victor Flores is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(5)(excessive use of the riding crop) during the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2020.

Jockey ASSAEL ESPINOZA was in to review yesterday's fifth race in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry. Mr. Espinoza's horse ducked out sharply from left-handed urging at the eighth pole. The BOS and Mr. Espinoza placed the blame on the horse and Mr. Espinoza was not issued a penalty.

07/05/20²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes; Refund \$69.60
 2nd Race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd Race #5 CSABA MOMMA- A. Centeno replaces J. Ello, no apprentice certificate
 4th Race No Changes; Refund \$0
 5th Race SHAKE N FRIES – Claimed by R. Lucas, trainer. No Changes; Refund \$0
 6th Race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th Race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th Race KIRSCH TRUFFLE – Claimed by S. Perez, trainer. No Changes; Refund \$14.80
 9th Race No Changes; Refund \$0

07/05/20³

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card was conducted without any reportable incidents.

07/05/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	549	\$249,743.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,977,242.77
Total	549	\$6,226,985.90

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/29/20 TO 7/05/20

Horses on Vet List 9
 Horses off Vet List 10
 Shock Wave Therapy 4
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 7/2	Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	0	1	5	11
Claims	0	2	0	2	4	11
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	1	3
Refunds	2	1	5	2	10	19
Rulings	2	3	1	1	7	13
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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