

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET  
Los Alamitos Racing Association**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

**Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

**Dates:** Friday, December 6, 2019 through Sunday, December 15, 2019. Seven racing days.  
Total number of days racing per week: three, Friday through Sunday except for the closing week,  
Thursday, December 12, 2019 is included.

**Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

**Post time:** 1:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:30 p.m. weekends.

**Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

**Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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Danny Boag, Quick Official  
Tamara LaCroix Horse Identifier  
Victor Tovar, Horseshoe Inspector

**Report for the Week of Friday, December 6, 2019 through Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

**FRIDAY**  
12/06/19<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 CHRISISCOOKIN (Stewards – entered back) Refund of \$174.52  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL (Vet-sick) Refund of \$663.02  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 LILY’S STORM (Vet-injured)  
#7 SUNISER (Vet-sick)  
#10 UNICORN (Vet-sick) see 12/16/19  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 RIDGEWAY (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$447.00

12/06/19<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockeys ABEL CEDILLO and BRICE BLANC were in the office this morning to review videos of races from closing day at Del Mar. The violations which took place were minor and therefore warnings were issued. They were cautioned to be more alert.

12/06/19<sup>3</sup>

**APPRENTICE EXTENSION REQUEST**

VICTOR FLORES, who holds an Apprentice Jockey's license, was in the office requesting an extension of 219 days. Flores, who currently has ridden nine winners, was hurt at Golden Gate Fields on two separate occasions. His fifth winner was on July 15, 2018, and according to the rule, his apprenticeship is due to terminate on July 14, 2020. We will document his medical information and issue an extension starting on July 15, 2020. It will terminate on February 18, 2021 or whenever he reaches forty winners, whichever occurs earlier.

12/06/19<sup>4</sup>

**RULING LWTL #01**

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES, having supplied medical documentation to verify his request for an extension to his apprentice jockey's license, is granted an extension of 219 days. His apprenticeship shall expire at midnight, February 18, 2021, or on the date of his 40<sup>th</sup> winner, whichever comes first.

This ruling was issued after MR. FLORES provided documentation of injuries suffered during training hours and a racing accident at Golden Gate Fields. He was unable to ply his trade for a period of 219 days. As stated in the ruling, his apprenticeship will terminate at midnight on February 18, 2021, or when he rides his fortieth winner, whichever date comes first.

12/06/19<sup>5</sup>

**ESWAN FLORES RULING LWTL #02**

Jockey ESWAN FLORES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(4) (Use of Riding Crop — used riding crop when clearly out of the race), during the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on December 1, 2019.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider did not appear to argue his actions during the ninth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on December 1, 2019. However, while speaking with the Stewards immediately following the race, he admitted that he made an error.

12/06/19<sup>6</sup>

**RULING LWTL #03**

Groom PEDRO V. LEDEZMA, having now complied with the conditions of probation set forth in ruling DMTD #072 issued on August 31, 2019 at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, is reinstated. LATC ruling #001 issued at Santa Anita Race Track on September 28, 2019, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards received information from Darin Scharer, of Winners' Foundation, that MR. LEDEZMA had completed the Winners' program and should be eligible to return to work.

12/06/19<sup>7</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey FRANK JOHNSON, who was involved in a morning training incident this morning, was excused from his engagement this afternoon. A replacement rider was named.

12/06/19<sup>8</sup>

**AND THE RAINS CAME/REFUND**

Shortly after the second race, light rain started falling at this venue. It became heavier during the course of the afternoon, prompting Track Superintendent Dennis Moore to 'float' the track later in the card. There was only one scratch card submitted for a change in track condition - #1 PRANCE from the seventh race. The refund totaled \$3,859.45.

12/06/19<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 902   | \$273,209.74   |
| SCOTWinc           | 3,458 | \$973,679.71   |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$2,873,185.72 |
| Total              | 4,360 | \$4,120,075.17 |

**SATURDAY**

12/07/19<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

|                      |                                  |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #7 DUTT BART (track condition)   | Refund of \$64.30    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Race | #2 SMOOVIE (Vet-sick)            |                      |
|                      | #6 MS PEINTOUR (Track Condition) | Refund of \$1,329.20 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Race | MY SUNSHINE (Track Condition)    | Refund of \$222.10   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Race | HE'S A HIT (Also eligible)       | Refund of \$1,015.00 |

12/07/19<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LWTL #04**

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON, 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 in last 60 days), during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 6, 2019.

This ruling was issued after MR. ARAGON had viewed video of the fourth race from yesterday, during which he violated the “crop” rule.

12/07/19<sup>3</sup>

**OFFICIALS OUT**

Assistant Clerk of Scales Matt Nichols and Patrol Judge Heather Correa were absent today due to illness. Procedures were in place to fill in the gaps.

12/07/19<sup>4</sup>

**AMENDED RULING LWTL #02**

This ruling was issued in order to correct a clerical error regarding date of birth and license information.

Jockey ESWAN FLORES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(4) (Use of Riding Crop — used riding crop when clearly out of the race), during the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on December 1, 2019.

12/07/19<sup>5</sup>

**NO PROBLEMS**

All matters which took place during the conduct of the racing program were routine.

12/07/19<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 1,863 | \$552,607.93   |
| SCOTWinc           | 5,283 | \$1,961,720.87 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$3,842,468.00 |
| Total              | 7,146 | \$6,356,796.80 |

**SUNDAY**

12/08/19<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

|                      |  |                       |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #3 SECRET MANEUVER (Vet - unsound)     |                       |
|                      | #5 DISCRETE STEVIE B (track condition) | Refund of \$1,018.03  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | #2 LA ROSA DRIVE (track condition)     | Refund of \$333.60    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | #9 MATINEIGH IDO (track condition)     | Refund of \$107.60    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Race | #3 MO SEE CAL (Vet – colic)            |                       |
|                      | #4 MIRTH (Stakes)                      | Refund of \$14,364.61 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Race | #11 SUEZAAANA (Also eligible)          |                       |
|                      | #12 Miracle Miler (Also eligible)      | Refund of \$1,363.15  |

12/08/19<sup>2</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey FRANK JOHNSON was once again excused from his mount as he is still suffering from the effects of a training accident on Saturday. A replacement rider was named.

12/08/19<sup>3</sup>

**RULING LWTL #05**

Groom MELVIN QUINTEROS, having failed to appear to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – driving intoxicated in the stable area parking lot), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MELVIN QUINTEROS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. QUINTEROS is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued as MR. QUINTEROS failed to appear to address an allegation of violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

12/08/19<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim from the seventh race, deposited by trainer Peter Miller for #5 RIVER ECHO, was voided as the horse was “off” in the left foreleg while in the detention barn under the watch of

Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

12/08/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 1,155 | \$320,759.97   |
| SCOTWinc           | 4,559 | \$1,485,822.10 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$3,897,696.21 |
| Total              | 5,714 | \$5,704,278.28 |

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/02/19 TO 12/08/19**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List  | 14 |
| Horses off Vet List | 17 |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 5  |
| Fatalities          | 0  |
| Medication          | 0  |

**SUMMARY**

|                          | Fri<br>12/6 | Sat<br>12/7 | Sun<br>12/8 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | 1           | 1           | 2           | 4    | 4    |
| <b>Claims</b>            | 1           | 2           | 1           | 4    | 4    |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | 4           | 4           | 5           | 13   | 13   |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | 3           | 2           | 0           | 5    | 5    |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1    | 1    |

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Scott Chaney, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward