

California Horse Racing Board

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

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GENERAL DATA:

- Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, California 90720
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800
- Dates:** Friday, June 26, 2020 through Sunday, July 5, 2020. Seven racing days.
Total number of days racing per week: three, Friday through Sunday except for the closing week, Thursday, July 2, 2020 is included.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** 1:00 p.m. on every race day.
- 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 3rd 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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Report for the Opening Week of Friday, June 26, 2020 through Sunday, June 28, 2020.

TUESDAY
06/23/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Tom Ward was on duty for entries for Friday, June 26, 2020, opening day and was available to resolve any other issues that may arise. The eight-race card closed with sixty-seven entries.

WEDNESDAY
06/24/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Tom Ward was again available for entries for Saturday, of which seventy-three were taken and all other matters that needed to be resolved during this time period were attended to.

THURSDAY
06/25/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Kim Sawyer was on duty to observe entries for Sunday and approve program changes for Saturday. The Sunday card received seventy entries prior to the draw.

FRIDAY
06/26/20¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

JOSE VALDIVIA JR. met with the Stewards to review an incident that involved an inquiry in the ninth race on Sunday, June 21, at Santa Anita Park (ref 06-21-20⁹). Approaching the 3/8 pole Mr. Valdivia angles inward quickly from several paths out causing a horse to his inside to take up sharply to stay off of heels. In a majority vote Mr. Valdivia received a warning, Steward Sawyer believed this was careless riding and he deserved a three-day penalty.

06/26/20²

JOCKEY OBJECTION/ NO CHANGE/ EIGHTH RACE 5/8

Following the running of the race jockey Vinnie Bednar, who finished ninth aboard #3 ELEMENTAL, lodged a claim of foul against #2 LUCKY DAUGHTER ridden by apprentice Victor Flores who finished seventh for a possible incident out of the starting gate. After a report from the Patrol Judge, a review of the race and conversation with the jockeys involved in a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official. Leaving the gate #2 did break outward and made contact with the #3 horse but it did not affect the final placing.

06/26/20³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race No Changes; Refund \$2,059.08
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
5th race #5 COGNAC CAT (Tr. D. Hofmans) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#6 TIGER'S SONG (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed by Tr. A. Marquez. Refund \$441.40
6th race #4 MASTER RECOVERY (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. C. DeAlba
7th race #7 BLAME IT ON KITTY (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
8th race #6 BLUEGRASS BOOGIE (J.G. Hernandez Jr.) DNF-bolted. Refund \$211.30

06/26/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	1,528	\$597,142.33
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,264,778.35
Total	1,528	\$4,861,920.68

SATURDAY
06/27/20¹

AMESCUA RULING

The following ruling was issued after MR. AMESCUA'S horse performed yesterday. Mr. Amescua accepted full responsibility for the late bleeder registration.

LATL RULING #01

Trainer RENE AMESCUA is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)" for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of BODEGA in the sixth race on June 26, 2020 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

06/27/20²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice ALEXIS CENTENO joined the Stewards as directed to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. He was on the outside of a tight spread entering the far turn. He was cautioned the horse on the outside of this formation is the only one who can release the pressure. He stated he understood. This was his first mount since arriving from Puerto Rico. He finished second on a 40-1 shot. Warning.

Apprentice VICTOR FLORES met with the Stewards on his own accord to review the eighth race yesterday. The same formation at the 3/8 pole was discussed. Mr. Flores was thankful for the education and the advice from the BOS.

ESWAN FLORES met with the Stewards to discuss the use of his crop in the first race yesterday. He agreed he violated the rule as listed in the ruling below.

LATL RULING #02

Jockey ESWAN FLORES 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 first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 26, 2020.

06/27/20³

VALLEJO CASE #20SA0138

This financial complaint filed against GENARO VALLEJO in the amount of \$6,180.54 owed to KC Horse Transport has been satisfied. The complaint was withdrawn.

06/27/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race #7 FORETYFIVE CHEVY (Tr. L. Mendez) Stewards-Starter's request
Refund \$2,059.08
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race #5 RSTARS AND STRIPES (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian- left track post parade
Refund \$26,746.02
7th race No Changes; Refund \$21.90
8th race No Changes; Refund \$0
9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

06/27/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	2,176	\$1,030,432.53
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,012,392.68
Total	2,176	\$7,042,825.21

SUNDAY

06/28/20¹

DELEON HEARING CASE #20SA0170

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer RAFAEL DELEON for violation of CHRB rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). On May 22, 2020, the horse "Broken Arrow" was entered in the first race at Santa Anita Park. A pre-race check by Horse Identifier Jennifer Paige revealed that the horse was a gelding.

Mr. DeLeon testified when he realized he forgot to report the correct sex of the horse on the day of the race he immediately called the racing office. Unfortunately, the mutuel windows were already open and by rule the horse became a late declaration. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATL RULING #03

Trainer RAFAEL DELEON is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) and for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse BROKEN FINGER which was scheduled to run in the first race at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2020.

06/28/20²

SADLER RULING

The following ruling was issued after the approval of a stipulated agreement between trainer John Sadler and the California Horse Racing Board.

LATL RULING #04

Trainer JOHN SADLER , who started the horse FIELD BET in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on April 14, 2019, the horse JASIKAN in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2019 and the horse SNEEM in the second race at Golden Gate Fields Race Track on May 10, 2019, having entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined FIFTEEN THOUSAND

DOLLARS (\$15,000.00)*, and suspended for SIXTY DAYS (June 29, 2020, through August 27, 2020) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a),(b), and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1(a)(Prohibited Drug Substances- Gabapentin and Clenbuterol).

In accordance with the agreement, FORTY FIVE DAYS (July 14, 2020 through August 27, 2020) are stayed and JOHN SADLER is placed on probation for ONE YEAR from the date of this ruling and may not have any violation of Class I, II or III drug positives. If JOHN SADLER violates the terms of his probation, the FORTY FIVE DAYS of stayed suspension shall be imposed following a noticed hearing.

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

06/28/20³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

ASSAEL ESPINOZA and ESWAN FLORES participated in their hearings by telephone. Both jockeys acknowledged their rule violation and the following two rulings were issued.

LATL RULING #05

Jockey ASSAEL ESPINOZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – excessive) during the fifth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse on June 27, 2020.

LATL RULING #06

Jockey ESWAN FLORES is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 – second offense in last 60 days), during the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 27, 2020.

06/28/20⁴

INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/ EIGHTH RACE/ NO CHANGE 5 1/2

Following the running of the race an inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch run. Involved were #4 SHOT OF EZ (A. Espinoza 1st) and #5 RISE AND REPEAT (A. Gryder 2nd). In the stretch, while on the lead, #4 drifted outward while clear. When #5 gained ground on the outside of #4 both horses continued to drift before #4 drew off. After conversation with both jockeys and a review of the available angles, in a unanimous decision by the BOS the original order of finish was not affected and made the race official.

06/28/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #4 LAKE SHOW (Tr. R. Bean) V. Flores replaced E. Payeras
 2nd race NO SHOW WAGERING
 #3 PROUD LION (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 #4 ALPINE THUNDER (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) Veterinarian-injured paddock-Dr. Stead. Refund \$5,253.89
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 4th race #1 STREET DEMAND (Tr. R. Bean) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio.
 Refund \$1,034.72
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race #2 CHARMINGSLEW (Tr. N. French) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$614.73
 9th race #2 INFATUATE (Tr. V. Belvoir) DNF – walked off
 #7 INESPERADO (Tr. J. Cassidy) Veterinarian – unsound post parade – Dr. Stead. Refund \$13,760.01

06/28/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0
SCOTWinc	1,646	\$798,163.48
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,512,002.13
Total	1,646	\$7,310,165.61

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

Horses on Vet List 9
Horses off Vet List 18
Shock Wave Therapy 7
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/26	Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	3	6	6
Claims	3	2	2	7	7
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	2
Refunds	3	2	4	9	9
Rulings	0	2	4	6	6
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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