



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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For the period: Thursday, December 3, 2015, through Sunday, December 20, 2015.

GENERAL DATA:

Mailing

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

Dates: Thursday, December 3, 2015 through Sunday, Sunday 20, 2015.
12 racing days. Total number of days racing per week: 4, Thursday through Sunday.

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

Post time: 12:30 p.m.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. two days before the racing day, 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 one hour before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick Four on final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races.

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WEEK 1 - Thursday, December 3, 2015 through Saturday, December 5, 2015.

THURSDAY

12/03/15¹

OPENING DAY

Today marked opening day of the 2015 of the Los Alamitos Winter Meeting. We met with the jockey colony and reviewed a few rules, procedures and expectations: ambulance procedures (different in Orange County, compared to other counties), whip rule and penalties, signing in procedures and quick official, among others.

12/03/15²

RACE DELAY

Approximately 2 minutes before the start of the first race, the photo finish booth and timer booth both lost power. We waited a few minutes to see if it could be restored quickly. When it became clear that it might take some time, we proceeded with the running of the race, which was hand timed, and placed based on the live running of the race as well as the video. Fortunately, Los Alamitos has a ground level video camera on the finish which made this task easier.

12/03/15³

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the first two finishers in the stretch of the 5 ½ furlong event. Video revealed that the winner #5 Patience Lady (M. Garcia) drifted out throughout the stretch run, bumping and forcing the second place finisher #6 Street Goddess (T. Kennedy) off her path several times. After speaking with the patrol judges riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify the winner and place her second.

Original order of finish: (5)-6-3-2-1-4

Corrected order of finish: 6-(5)-3-2-1-4

12/03/15⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 Sibernation – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock – Dr. Stead
Refund \$3,522.95
- 2nd Race #7 Herunbridledpower – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
Refund \$855.14
- 3rd Race #5 Silver Tassel – broke down near wire, euthanized (see attached report)
Refund \$235.00
- 4th Race #1 Wings of Mojave – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
#3 Syndicated – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$1,491.34
- 5th Race #7 Just a Gem – Stewards’ scratch, entered back
Refund \$364.00
- 6th Race #4 Lucky Snow – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$953.22
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$214.00
- 8th Race #4 Soul Crusher – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
#2 Mr. Itkins – Claimed – J. Avalos, trainer
#8 Johnny Reb – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer
#5 Znelle – pulled up, walked off
Refund \$705.00

12/03/15⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,160	\$153,285.80
Off Track	3,260	\$995,743.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,880,909.05
Total	4,420	\$4,029,937.85

FRIDAY

12/04/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. Video revealed that while his mount was lugging in shortly after leaving the gate, he could have made a better effort to maintain a straight course. Warning.

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA came to the office to review his ride in the second race after which his mount was disqualified for drifting out during the stretch run. The majority felt that Mr. Garcia made a sufficient effort on a horse that was lugging out and therefore issued a warning. Steward Sawyer dissented, believing that Mr. Garcia could have made a better effort, that his actions were careless and therefore deserved a suspension.

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO came to the office discuss to why he failed to sign in at the jockeys’ room for his afternoon mounts. Warning.

12/04/15²

REINSTATEMENT

After the CHRB investigative staff researched the old case and ruling, we issued the following reinstatement:

LWTL #001

Groom LEONARDO QUEVEDO, having appeared for case number 15DM002 is reinstated. Ruling LAFL #009 issued at Los Alamitos Fall Meet on September 20, 2015 is set aside with the provision Mr. Quevedo sign a testing agreement with California Horse Racing Board.

12/04/15³

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign during the running of the second race to examine an incident that involved #6 Midnight Lien clipping heels and unseating apprentice jockey Ty Kennedy near the 3/8th's pole. Video revealed that #5 Cortina Nina was driving up into a bad position going into the turn on the inside of Mr. Kennedy's mount who also found himself in a bad position with a horse to his outside and a length in front of him. To his credit, Mr. Kennedy did his best to protect the rider to his inside but in so doing did not protect himself. Mr. Kennedy was transported by the track EMTs to Cypress Paramedics for evaluation. Mr. Kennedy was not transported to the hospital but was excused from his mounts for the afternoon. (See accident report attached). We unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

12/04/15⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 Aiming Straight – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#3 Just a Gem – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$1,184.10
- 2nd Race #8 Paralyzing Eyes – Stewards' scratch, no Lasix
#9 Mad Mango – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
Refund \$810.70
- 3rd Race No changes
- 4th Race #8 Illybilly Boy – Stewards' scratch, entered back
#7 Stormin Swiss – Rider change – T. Pereira for T. Kennedy (injured)
Refund \$64.70
- 5th Race #11 Ididn'taskforthis – Rider change – M. Pedroza for T. Kennedy (injured)
Refund \$20.30
- 6th Race #8 Gato Dulce – Rider change – T. Pereira for T. Kennedy (injured)
#7 Warren's Win – pulled up, walked off
- 7th Race #3 Flew Flicker – pulled up, walked off
- 8th Race #10 Tenille – Stewards' scratch, entered back
#11 Smart Suzzet – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$121.80

12/04/15⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,076	\$252,392.00
Off Track	3,583	\$1,016,378.20
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,923,671.95
Total	4,659	\$4,192,442.15

SATURDAY

12/05/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey OMAR SANTOS came to the office to review two rides over the last two days. In the second race yesterday, we felt that he drove up into a bad position going into the turn and was partly to blame for the accident. He seemed receptive to the constructive criticism. At the start of Thursday's second race we felt Mr. Santos could have made a quicker, stronger effort to correct leaving the gate. He agreed. Warning.

12/05/15²

EMENIKE RULING

We issued the following ruling when owner EMANUEL EMENIKE failed to appear for his financial complaint (case number 15DM118) filed by Southern California Equine Hospital:

LWTL #002

Owner EMANUEL EMENIKE, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$120.20 to Southern California Equine Hospital), 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 EMANUEL EMENIKE are suspended and pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. EMENIKE is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/05/15³

MOULTON HEARING

We held an informal hearing into case number 15DM112 which was a financial complaint filed by Carlos Cabello III Stables against owner ROBERT MOULTON alleging unpaid ranch training fees. They negotiated a settlement which will be completed by December 18, at which time we will finalize the complaint.

12/05/15⁴

BAKER RULING

We issued the following ruling when Dr. Baker failed to treat a runner with Lasix yesterday, necessitating the horse’s late declaration:

LWTL #003

Veterinarian VINCE BAKER, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication –failure to administer bleeder medication - lasix) which resulted in the late declaration of PARALYZING EYES from the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2015.

12/05/15⁵

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving three runners. Video revealed that second place finisher #2 Ossetra (M. Garcia) drifted in a bit causing the third place finisher #3 Glory Bound (E. Maldonado) to overreact and duck into the path of the fifth place finisher #1 Go Long (K. Desormeaux) who had to alter course sharply. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the majority voted to make no change to the original order of finish, believing that #1 was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Steward Chaney voted to disqualify #3 and place him last for costing #1 the opportunity at a better placing.

12/05/15⁶

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the third race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident where the fourth place finisher #4 Sharpest One (C. Aragon) took up sharply between horses going into the turn. Video revealed that the horse to his outside, third place finisher #5 Casino Fever (M. Pedroza), dropped in causing his rival to steady sharply. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #5 and place her fourth.

Original Order of Finish: 3-6-(5)-4-2-1

Corrected Order of Finish: 3-6-4-(5)-2-1

12/15/15⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Stitch and Rip – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$446.90
- 4th Race #5 Bound for Heaven – Veterinarian scratch, injured –Dr. Grande
- #4 Cougar Country – Claimed – J. Brocklebank, trainer. Refund \$217.60

- 8th Race #5 Patriotic Diamond – Stewards’ scratch. Stake. Refund \$2,508.90
 9th Race #4 Small Town Shuffle – Claimed – V. Trujillo, trainer
 #9 Eagles Fly – broke down 3/8ths pole, euthanized – R. Becerra, trainer (see attached report)

12/05/15⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,329	\$622,023.00
Off Track	5,639	\$1,924,350.50
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,383,351.73
Total	7,968	\$6,929,725.23

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

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11-23-15 TO 11-29-15

Horses on Vet List 18
 Horses off Vet List 4
 Shock Wave Therapy 15
 Deceased 3

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12-03	Fri 12-04	Sat 12-05	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	2	3	3
Claims	2	1	2	5	5
Disqualifications	1	0	1	2	2
Inquiries	1	1	2	4	4
Refunds	8	5	3	16	16
Rulings	0	1	2	3	3
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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