

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 30, 2019 through January 5, 2020.

Tuesday

12/30/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer has the morning assignment this week and in addition will author the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$2,500 claim, was off with one Cal-Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

One Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races will comprise Friday evening's program.

Wednesday

12/31/2019

(1) SCRATCHES

One scratch and two rider changes completed Friday's program corrections.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for \$16,000, failed to attract any interest whatsoever.

(3) THE DRAW

The Thoroughbreds were a bit more helpful comprising three of the eight races for Saturday evening.

Thursday

01/02/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in no changes on Saturday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens three years old for \$8,000, was off with two. 0 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Tonight's eight race card will feature the \$100,000 Charger Bar Handicap. Charger Bar was probably one of the greatest race horses to ever step on the Los Alamitos racing surface.

Friday
01/03/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

Two rider switches were the only changes on Sunday's program.

(2) FILMS

Ruben Lozano was in this afternoon to review Sunday's fifth race during which he was disqualified. After a thorough review, the Stewards, with the exception of Scott Chaney who felt days were deserved, felt Lozano had made an adequate effort and a warning was issued. Mr. Lozano's mount ducked out under a left-handed crop and Mr. Chaney felt he could have reacted quicker.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The seventh race claim of First Shot Down by trainer Yanet Rodriguez was voided after the filly was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. She was returned to trainer John L. Cooper.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #3 Scott's Best Beth (S. Naranjo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$425.41
- 2nd Race #1 Put It There (J. Mendoza) – Late Arrival – Stewards'. Refund \$109.00
- #5 Pointsettia Park (J. Mendoza) – Late Arrival – Stewards'. Refund \$109.00
- #6 Older Brother (R. Lucas) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$109.00
- 3rd Race #9 Street Punk (R. Bean) – Program Error. Horse was declared at scratch time, 9:00 am, Tuesday – Stewards' Refund \$102.18
- 7th Race #1 Wrong Impression (P. Jones) – Entered Back – Stewards'. Refund \$514.80

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	543	\$58,020.40
Off track	1,754	\$225,823.70
Out of state	N/A	\$577,370.75
Total	2,297	\$861,214.85

Saturday
01/04/2020

(1) RULINGS #6, #7

Ruling # 6

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 3, 2020.

Ruling #7

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL 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 WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE

EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 3, 2020.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were in violation of Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(2) RULING #8

Ruling # 8

TRAINER JESUS MENDOZA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION-HORSES NOT ON GROUNDS IN A TIMELY MANNER RESULTING IN LATE DECLARATION), ON JANUARY 3, 2020.

The foregoing ruling was issued after trainer Mendoza failed to have his runners here prior to the twenty-four hour cut off. His scratches, along with the other declaration, reduced the second race to a three horse field.

(3) OBJECTION-NO CHANGE

Following the fourth race, the riders on #2 El Koreano (4th- C. Franco) and #3 Sokudo (2nd- E. Payeras) claimed an objection against #4 Ron's Cat (6th- J. Dominguez) and #5 Justamitch (1st- R. Guce) midway down the backstretch. After speaking with the riders and reviewing the film, the Stewards felt Justamitch was not involved at all and Ron's Cat finished last, so his involvement was inconsequential. The decision to make no change was unanimous.

(4) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

Following the fifth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry to examine the start. #6 Classncoronas (2nd- J. Sanchez) breaking from the outside post ducked in sharply and although Juan Sanchez was making a commendable attempt to alleviate the situation, his mount succeeded in eliminating the entire field inside of him. After reviewing the break, the decision was unanimous to disqualify Classncoronas.

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

Official Order: 2-1-3-4-5-(6)

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Lake Show (R. Bean) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$237.00

2nd Race #2 Baby Beauty (J. Mendoza) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$204.00

7th Race #4 Foxys First Kiss (P. Jones) – Broke through gate and ran off – Stewards' Refund \$14,347.00

8th Race #7 Chancer (S. Willoughby) – Injured– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$1,943.00

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	592	\$58,798.90
Off track	1,794	\$228,840.30
Out of state	N/A	\$676,729.37
Total	2,386	\$964,368.57

Sunday
01/05/2020

(1) RULING #9

Ruling # 9

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 12TH, 17TH AND 18TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE

#1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-EXCESSIVELY AND MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 4, 2020.

One might get the impression that Jockey Franco can't comply with Rule #1688 (b)(6). This is his third consecutive violation in a period of three days resulting in the foregoing ruling.

(2) RULING #10

Ruling # 10

JOCKEY JOSE LUIS DOMINGUEZ, WHO RODE "RON'S CAT" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 4, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 12TH AND 17TH, 2020) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. 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.

Jockey Jose Dominguez was in this afternoon to review last evening's fourth race. At the start, his mount ducked in which Jose reacted to and corrected. The problem we had was a bit further down the track. #5 Justamitch was coming in and Mr. Dominguez contended that his mount ducked away from him. There was never any contact between the two horses, so whether he ducked from Justamitch or not is open for discussion. The difficulty we had was that we could find no effort on Mr. Dominguez's part to remedy his mount's wayward path, resulting in the above ruling.

(3) OBJECTION-DISQUALIFICATION

Following the third race, the trainer of #4 Nova (5th -F. Rojas) claimed an objection against #3 Gutsy Streak (2nd- E. Rojas). Trainer De Leon contended that Gutsy Streak drifted out going into the turn causing his horse to check. After speaking with the riders involved and examining the film, the Stewards felt the interference had occurred and voted unanimously to disqualify Gutsy Streak.

Original Order 1-(**3**)-5-6-4-2
Official Order 1-5-6-4-(**3**)-2

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of Hollywood Sky by trainer Jesus Mendoza was voided after the horse was put on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Jesus Uranga.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of Scrambled by trainer Sally Rivera was voided after Dr. Beck put the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Salvador Naranjo.

(6) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review an incident mid-stretch. #2 Life Call (3rd- V. Bednar) drifted in causing #1 Wrong Impression (5th -J. Ayala) to clip heels and stumble. After speaking to both riders and a thorough review of the race, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Life Call.

Original Order 4-5-(2)-3-1
Official Order 4-5-3-1-(2)

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #1 Nevada Wild Cat (V. Zamudio) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$337.00
4th Race #1 Sierra Echo – (S. Perez) - Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$101.00
7th Race #1 Cotton Cartel (A. Aquino) - Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$157.00

(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	592	\$80,833.50
Off track	1,794	\$358,809.90
Out of state	N/A	\$826,990.74
Total	2,386	\$1,266,634.14

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 5, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness and 5 for injury. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer

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SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 01/03	Sat 01/04	Sun 01/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		4	0	4	8	17
Disqualifications	K		0	1	2	3	4
Inquiries		D	0	2	2	4	5
Refunds		A	6	4	3	13	25
Rulings		Y	0	3	2	5	10
Voided Claims		S	0	0	2	2	3

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Scott Chaney and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Scott Chaney, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward