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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 11, 2007, through December 16, 2007.

TUESDAY

12/11/2007

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Anne Alley will handle morning duties and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Thursday was completed with two rider changes.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The seventh race in the book for Cal-Bred three-year-olds and up going 300 yards for a claiming price of \$6,250.00 failed to fill with four entries.

(4) **THE DRAW**

Ten races were drawn for Friday's card. They include the Los Alamitos Juvenile Invitational, and the Los Alamitos' Two Million Futurity, Grade I. The draw for the Futurity was for order of selecting post positions for the race.

Five Quarter Horse races and three Thoroughbred races make up the rest of the card.

(5) **JOCKEY JEFF WILLIAMS APPEARS**

In response to a drug test result that suggested he may be using Methamphetamine, jockey Jeff Williams produced a letter from his doctor.

The letter stated that Mr. Williams had been prescribed Phentermine. Mr. Williams' physician, Dr.

Leary

was contacted by telephone. Dr. Leary stated that the medication was chemically similar to Methamphetamine, and could look like Methamphetamine in a field test.

The investigators were informed of Mr. Williams' letter. They obtained information from Dr. Scott Stanley at UC Davis that Phentermine could produce a reading similar to that of Methamphetamine in a field test. Based on this information, the Stewards gave Mr. Williams permission to ride.

WEDNESDAY

12/12/2007

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Friday was completed with six rider changes, one scratch, and two blinker changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Cal-Bred two-year-old maidens going 300 yards, for a claiming price of \$4,000.00 failed to fill with three entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Eleven races were drawn for Saturday's card. The feature will be the Grade I Champion of Champions. Three Thoroughbred races and seven Quarter Horse races will also be run.

THURSDAY

12/13/2007

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Saturday was completed with two rider changes, and one blinker change.

(2) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn for Sunday's card. The Southern California Derby – Grade I is the feature. Five Quarter Horse races, two Arabian races, and two Thoroughbred races make up the rest of the card.

(3) RIDERS REVIEW FILMS

Rider Guillermo Suarez appeared to discuss his ride on # 9 "RGR Chicks Omni" in the tenth race on Sunday, December 9, 2007. Mr. Suarez allowed his mount to lug in on two occasions during the race. Mr. Suarez admitted he made mistakes during the race and promised to use his head and reins before he uses the stick in the future.

Rider Ramon Sanchez appeared to review his ride on # 7 "Red Tapatio" in the tenth race on Sunday, December 9, 2007. The Stewards expressed concern because he made no effort to win after a minor adverse event during the race. Mr. Sanchez disagreed with the Stewards' opinion.

Mr. Sanchez has been a concern for the Stewards, as he appears to pull up his mounts after any adverse event that occurs during a race.

(4) GOOD RACING

Thursday evening's race card was completed without major event.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 1 Chamayo (Tr. J.P. Dupuis) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$917.00.

- 2nd Race - # 3 Fruits And Rhythm (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$378.00.
- # 5 Easy Twelve (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$322.00.
- 6th Race - # 5 Coastin N Flyin (Tr. J. Aleman) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$360.00.
- 8th Race - # 5 No Vacancy (Tr. J. Flores) horse ID, Stewards.
Refund: \$275.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	926	On Track Handle:	\$134,911
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,642</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$260,198
Total:	2,568	Out of State:	<u>\$424,047</u>
		Total:	\$819,156

FRIDAY

12/14/2007

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was completed with one rider change and one blinker change.

(2) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CASE # 07LA0238

This case arose as a financial dispute between trainer Jesus Nunez and complainant trainer, Ramiro Zuazo Lopez. The trainers resolved their dispute, and the complaint was withdrawn.

(3) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – CASE # 07LA0224

The following ruling was issued after trainer Cash Robertson failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

RULING # 271

TRAINER CASH ROBERTSON, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CASH ROBERTSON ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION.

(4) RACE 1 – INQUIRY AT START

The Stewards lit the Inquiry sign after the first race to review an incident at the start. # 3 “Chihuahua Star” apparently departed the starting gate without rider Victor Navarro. The Stewards reviewed the films; spoke with starter John Baker, and with rider Victor Navarro. Mr. Navarro stated that immediately before the break, his horse attempted to sit down. Mr. Navarro had one foot on the side of the gate and one foot over the horse’s back when the horses broke from the gate. The films substantiated the rider’s story. Because the rider was not on the horse at the break, # 3 was declared a non-starter, and all wagers were refunded.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 3 Chihuahua Star (Tr. A. Soto) declared a non-starter, Stewards.
Refund: \$80,435

7 Secret Fifteen (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Guillen.

10 Punch Maryland (Tr. D. Fama) lame, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$11,400.00.

3rd Race - # 9 For Caper (Tr. J. Davis) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$160.00.

5th Race - # 4 Sheza Natural (Tr. C. Robertson) owner suspended, Stewards.
Refund: \$157.00.

6th Race - # 5 Concrete Charlie (Tr. D. Urista) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$101.00.

8th Race - # 8 Checker (Tr. L. Melton) stakes scratch, Stewards.
Refund: \$201.00.

9th Race - # 3 Fighter On Fire (Tr. A. Farias) injured – flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$58,948.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,165	On Track Handle:	\$327,281
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,724</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$566,169
Total:	5,889	Out of State:	<u>\$714,914</u>
		Total:	\$1,635,364

SATURDAY
12/15/2007

(1) ENTRIES

No entries were taken on Saturday morning, as Thursday, December 20 will be a dark day.

(2) JOCKEY CESAR DE ALBA – ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY

Jockey Cesar De Alba rode in two designated races on Friday night. He rode # 6 “Jess Another Habit” in the Los Alamitos Juvenile Invitational, and he rode # 5 “Ancient Ruler” in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity.

Because he was suspended for December 14th, 15th, 16th and 21st per ruling # 267, the following ruling was issued:

RULING # 272

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY CESAR DE ALBA, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN ONE DESIGNATED RACE IN CALIFORNIA ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007, SHALL SERVE AN ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2007, IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING # 267, DATED DECEMBER 7, 2007.

(3) NEW TRACK RECORD

The three-year-old filly “Blues Girl Too”, trained by Joe Bassett won the Champion of Champions, Grade I, under rider Saul Ramirez, Jr. In winning, “Blues Girl Too” set a new track record of 21.13 for 440 yards. She also became the second Quarter Horse in history to go over the \$2 million mark in earnings.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 3 A Leading Spirit (Tr. Elmer January) Horse ID, Stewards.

6th Race - # 2 Happy Camp Julie (Tr. Adan Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$234.00

10th Race - # 2 No Secrets Here (Tr. Paul Jones) stakes scratch, Stewards.
Refund: \$2,629.00

11th Race - # 3 Mama Pancha (Tr. Eloy Navarro) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$269.00
6 Iris LC (Tr. Hector Sanchez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$165.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1975	On Track Handle:	\$312,446
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3577</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$557,161
Total:	5552	Out of State:	<u>\$803,566</u>
		Total:	\$1,673,174

SUNDAY
12/16/2007

(1) TRAINER'S OBJECTION – RACE 10

The Stewards lit the "Objection" sign after the tenth race in order to review an objection claimed by Donna McArthur, trainer of # 3 "A Lot Like Love" against # 4 "Bannow Bay."

After the break, # 4 did lug in and make brief contact with # 3 as the horses crossed the gap, however the contact was minor and brief. It did not cause # 3 to lose stride, ground, or position. Because # 3 did not lose the chance at a better placing, the Stewards made no change to the original order of finish.

(2) REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 2 Caloro (Tr. F. Gonzalez) horse ID, Stewards.
Refund: \$153.00.

4th Race - # 3 Bench Mark Dove (Tr. J. Gomez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$146.00.

5th Race - # 3 Spectacular Zell (Tr. J. Partin) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,214.00.

6th Race - # 4 Cookies Dash (Tr. G. Morales) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$141.00.

7th Race - # 5 Throttle Up (Tr. J. Partin) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$320.00.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	845	On Track Handle:	\$213,427
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,294</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$548,422
Total:	3,139	Out of State:	<u>\$705,572</u>
		Total:	\$1,467,422

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VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
12/13/2007	1	1	Chamayo	J.P. Dupuis	Sick	Guillen	\$917
	2	3	Fruits and Rhythm	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$378
	2	5	Easy Twelve	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$322
	6	5	Coastin N Flyin	J. Aleman	Injured	Hackathorn	\$360
12/14/2007	1	7	Secret Fifteen	A. Soto	Sick	Guillen	\$118
		10	Punch Maryland	D. Fama	Lame	Hackathorn	\$11,400
	3	9	For Caper	J. Davis	Sick	Guillen	\$160
	6	5	Concrete Charlie	D. Urista	Injured	Hackathorn	\$101
	9	3	Fighter On Fire	A. Farias	Injured-flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$58,948
12/15/2007	6	2	Happy Camp Julie	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$234
	11	3	Mama Pancha	E. Navarro	Sick	Hackathorn	\$269
		6	Iris LC	H. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$165
12/16/2007	4	3	Bench Mark Dove	J. Gomez	Sick	Hackathorn	146
	5	3	Spectacular Zell	J. Partin	Injured	Hackathorn	\$1,214
	6	4	Cookies Dash	G. Morales	Sick	Hackathorn	\$141
	7	5	Throttle Up	J. Partin	Injured	Hackathorn	\$320

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 16, 2007.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period eighteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: three for soundness, six for injury and nine for sickness.

Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Anne Alley.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 12/13	FRI 12/14	SAT 12/15	SUN 12/16	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	23
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	32
CLAIMS			R	3	3	1	4	11	271
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	80
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	1	2	161
REFUNDS		A		5	8	5	5	23	742
RULINGS			Y	0	1	1	0	2	272

Stewards' Attendance: Anne Alley, James Dreyer, and Tom Ward were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Anne Alley (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)