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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 18, 2008 through November 23, 2008.

TUESDAY

11/18/2008

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Will Meyers will monitor morning office matters and record the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change was recorded for Thursday's card.

(3) **ENTRIES**

Ten races, including the "Zwayne Griffin Directors Trials," are on tap for Friday. Seventy-nine (79) horses are scheduled to compete. No Cal-Bred races were carded.

WEDNESDAY

11/19/2008

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change was recorded for Friday's card.

(2) **ENTRIES**

Seventy-eight (78) horses were entered in the trials for the "Two Million Dollar Futurity." Six nine-horse fields and three eight-horse fields make up the trials. A total of ninety-four (94) horses are scheduled for Saturday's eleven race card. No Cal-Bred races were carded.

THURSDAY

11/20/2008

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change was recorded for Saturday's card.

(2) THE DRAW

Ten races are on tap for Sunday. Eighty-three (83) horses are scheduled to compete. No Cal-Bred races were carded.

(3) 3RD RACE – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Jockey Otto Arriaga aboard seventh place finisher # 8 “Love My Rose” lodged a claim of foul against # 6 “Ellkin’s Time” (5th) and jockey Baltazar Contreras for an alleged interference down the backside.

After talking to the rider and reviewing the films, no change was ordered. Films show that as the horses leave the chute onto the main track near the ½ mile pole, # 5 “Lady Route” (Ramon Guce) shifts out, causing # 6 to shift slightly, which causes Arriaga to check slightly to the outside and behind # 6. The incident was deemed insignificant in a unanimous vote.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS AND RIDER CHANGES

1st Race - # 2 Love Me More (Tr. G. Vallejo) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,157.00.

4th Race - # 7 Eyes Double Bad (Tr. B. Vickery) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$220.00.

8 Belmont Miracle (Tr. M. Rodriguez) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey
Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

6th Race - # 3 Tales of Glory (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Rodrigo
Aceves (injured).

8th Race - # 5 DS Okey (Tr. D. Montes) lame in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$5,100.00.

6 Ib Illegal (Tr. J. Godinez) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Rodrigo Aceves
(injured).

9th Race - # 8 RGR Noblesse Chick (Tr. F. Quintero, Jr.) jockey Francisco Rubio for jockey
Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,098	On Track Handle:	\$141,566.30
Off Track Attendance:	1,843	Off Track Handle:	\$250,661.40
Total:	2,941	Out of State:	\$465,000.10
		Total:	\$857,227.80

FRIDAY
11/21/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Two jockey changes took care of Sunday’s program.

(2) COMPUTER SYSTEMS SWITCHED

Los Alamitos’ Racing Office is switching to the “Encompass” computer system this week. All racetracks in California use the system, and the continuity should benefit Los Alamitos. As with all major changes, a few glitches are expected early on.

(3) 1ST RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

9 “RedshirtonSunday” stumbled at the start, unseating jockey Adolfo Rodriguez. No other horses were involved, and the gate functioned properly. No change was warranted. Horse and rider were both uninjured. An accident report is attached.

(4) 3RD RACE – INQUIRY - ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident shortly after the start of the 330 yard Quarter Horse race. The horses involved were first place finisher # 3 “Imcheckn” (Rodrigo Aceves) and # 2 “Deviously Red Hot” (Martin Lomeli) who fell and failed to finish.

After review it was determined that # 3 lugged in badly at the start into the path of # 2, causing that rival to clip heels and stumble, unseating jockey Lomeli. The Stewards' unanimous decision was to disqualify # 3 from first and place him unplaced. An accident report is attached.

(5) 5TH RACE – ACCIDENT

Shortly after the horses crossed the finish, # 3 “Mexico Excess” went wrong and fell with jockey Gary Boag. “Mexico Excess” was humanely euthanized. Jockey Boag was transported to Los Alamitos General with back pain. Accident report attached.

(6) 8TH RACE – NO PHOTO

The photo finish camera failed in this 220 yard Quarter Horse race. Camera Operator Jim Anderson said a computer glitch was to blame. The system was rebooted, and no further problems were reported.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 3 Annaqued (Tr. J. Davis) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$177.00.

2nd Race - # 7 Funny Thor (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$699.00.

3rd Race - # 5 Sweet Fair Lady (Tr. D. McArthur) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$117.00.

8th Race - # 1 Sheza Eye Catcher (Tr. P. Visscher) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$99.00.

9th Race - # 3 Jess You And I (Tr. J. Gomez) stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$437.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,731	On Track Handle:	\$204,315.60
Off Track Attendance:	5,210	Off Track Handle:	\$633,654.70
Total:	6,941	Out of State:	\$795,457.60
		Total:	\$1,633,427.90

SATURDAY

11/22/2008

(1) ACEVES FILM REVIEW

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was in to review his ride aboard # 3's “Imcheckn” in last night's third race. “Imcheckn” was disqualified when # 2 “Deviously Red Hot” clipped heels and lost rider Martin Lomeli at the start. Aceves was exonerated as he made every effort to keep his mount straight.

(2) 8TH RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

1 “First Jess Appeal” fell with jockey Carlos Bautista halfway through this 400-yard race. The Inquiry sign was posted to assure no interference occurred. After review it was determined # 1 “First Jess Appeal” went wrong while racing in the clear. No change. An accident report is attached.

(3) 9TH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident during the first half of the 400-yard race involving # 7 “First Shining” (3rd – Santiago Mendez), # 6 “Cartels First Card” (8th – Alejandro Luna) and # 4 “Hawkish Got Rhythm” (7th – Rodrigo Aceves). # 7 drifts in causing both # 4 and # 6 to steady back costing them a chance at a better placing. # 7 was disqualified from third to eighth in a unanimous decision.

(4) PROGRAM CHANGES

5th Race - # 1 Luzoom (Tr. D. Montes) jockey Ramon Sanchez replaced jockey J. R. Ramirez (no show).

6th Race - # 4 Zoomin Fool (Tr. D. Montes) jockey G. R. Carter replaced jockey J. R. Ramirez (no show).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,415	On Track Handle:	\$224,680.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,731</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$435,564.20
Total:	4,146	Out of State:	<u>\$776,593.90</u>
		Total:	\$1,436,838.40

SUNDAY

11/23/2008

(1) MENDEZ RULING (REFER 11/22/08 (3))RULING # 275

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ WHO RODE "FIRST SHINING" IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 30TH, DECEMBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The above ruling was issued after Mendez appeared and accepted the penalty. Mendez understood he let his horse drift in too far, causing the interference. He promised to do a better job in the future.

(2) 2ND RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

1 "Mi Tequilla" ducked in sharply after the start of this 300-yard race, hitting the rail extension and unseating rider Carlos Huerta. Huerta was transported by ambulance to Long Beach General. "Mi Tequilla" was uninjured. Accident report attached.

(3) 4TH RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

3 "Chickabono" stumbled at the start of this 300-yard race unseating jockey Dionicio Navarro. No other horses were involved. Both jockey and horse escaped injury.

(4) SHOE PROBLEM – 4TH RACE

2 "Lillie Hawk" (Tr. Justin Clark) had to be shod on the rear feet by Horseshoe Inspector James Stump after arrival in the Receiving Barn. Trainer Clark said the horse had reared on the cement earlier and pulled both shoes, according to his groom.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 1 Café Lindo (Tr. C. Treece) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$0.00.

2nd Race - # 5 Exquisite Effort (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,004.00.

7th Race - # 3 Hensey (Tr. C. Bloomquist) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$4,445.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	781	On Track Handle:	\$165,786.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,336</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$505,917.70
Total:	3,117	Out of State:	<u>\$656,368.00</u>
		Total:	\$1,328,072.50

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
11/20/2008	1	2	Love Me More	G. Vallejo	Injured	Hackathorn	\$1,157
	4	7	Eyes Double Bad	B. Vickery	Injured	Hackathorn	\$220
	8	5	DS Okey	D. Montes	Lame in gate	Hackathorn	\$5,100
11/23/2008	1	1	Café Lindo	C. Treece	Lame in gate	Hackathorn	\$0
	2	5	Exquisite Effort	P. Jones	Injured	Beck	\$1,004
	7	3	Hensey	C. Bloomquist	Lame in gate	Hackathorn	\$4,445

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 23, 2008.

Three equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: nine for soundness, five for injury and two for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Will Meyers.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
 SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 11/20	FRI 11/21	SAT 11/22	SUN 11/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	3	1	2	6	40
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	5	4	1	4	14	722
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	1	0	2	56
INQUIRIES	D			1	2	2	2	7	114
REFUNDS		A		3	5	0	3	11	664
RULINGS			Y	0	0	0	1	1	274

Stewards' Attendance: Will Meyers, James Dreyer, and Paul Nicolo were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

 Will Meyers (Steward)

 James Dreyer (Steward)

 Paul Nicolo (Steward)