

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 August 29, 2017 through September 3, 2017.

Tuesday

08/29/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
James Dreyer will cover mornings and will record the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$12,500 claim, was off with two. 2 Cal-Breds.
- (3) THE DRAW
A timely draw, 1:00 P.M., produced two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races for Friday evening.

Wednesday

08/30/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
There were no changes or declarations on Friday evening's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for a \$5,000 claim, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW
Saturday's eight race card will be divided equally between Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

08/31/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
Scratch time was completed at 9:00 A.M. again with no changes or declarations.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The fourth race in the book, three year old maidens for a \$5,000 claim, was called off with two. 0 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Sunday evening's program will spotlight the \$100,000 Go Man Go Handicap.

Friday

09/01/2017

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in one blinker change.

(2) COMPLAINT #17LA0191, #17LA0197, #17LA0198 (REFER 7/21/17 #2)

A formal hearing was re-convened today to hear the above referenced cases. They were all heard simultaneously as the cases involved the same horse. The hearing was previously postponed so the parties involved could have a DNA test done on the horse "Winger" to see if a hair sample they had taken matched the urine sample taken from "Winger" after the race in question. As it turned out there was insufficient urine to prove a match. Part of the agreement they signed stipulated that should there not be sufficient urine to test for a DNA match blood would be an acceptable alternative albeit at an additional cost. This they declined to do. Mr. Lopez stated that his friend Victor took the horse to Hesperia to work approximately a week prior to running at Los Alamitos and he felt that may have been where he got the Clenbuterol. That was in his original statement. Today he insisted he was with the horse at all times. The fact remains, however, that "Winger's" urine contained Clenbuterol. The testimony will be reviewed and Proposed Decisions will be submitted to the Board concerning the complaints.

(3) RULING #221

RULING # 221

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE SAMPLE #LA37199, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "WINGER", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 27, 2017, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (97pg/ml) (CLASS III), IT IS ORDERED THAT "WINGER" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE 1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$1,912.00) EARNED BY OWNER CARMEN GARCIA JIMENEZ, TRAINER FRANCISCO VALLEJO AND JOCKEY MINOR ARANA BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY OCTOBER 1, 2017, FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OF PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st – IVE GOT MILK
- 2nd – FLYING JESS
- 3rd – SK DUCK DYNASTY
- 4th – BLANK CZECH
- 5th – KOOL FAVOR
- 6th – BUILDING WEALTH
- 7th – MR JESS LEE II
- 8th – SNYDER

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

Following the hearing the disqualification of "Winger" was addressed resulting in the above ruling.

(4) RULING #222

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JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA, WHO RODE "INDIOS ZACTAG" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27TH, 2017, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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.

The foregoing ruling was issued after reviewing the seventh race with Jockey Zepeda. He was unable to give us any plausible reason why he allowed his mount to drift from the one post to the six making no effort to correct him. He put Rodrigo Aceves on Up For Pride in a very precarious position for several strides. Fortunately the outcome of the race was not compromised.

(5) RULINGS #223 & #224

RULING # 223

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA 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 WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27, 2017.

RULING # 224

JOCKEY JUAN RAMIREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP – EXCESSIVELY, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND—FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27, 2017.

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

(6) RULING #225

RULING # 225

JOCKEY RAUL ZAPIEN, WHO RODE "MY FAVORITE CARTEL" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 27TH, 2017, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SIXTH POSITION. 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.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Zapien allowed his mount to drift from the middle of the track to the ten post. In the process he caused several horses to take up resulting in his disqualification.

(7) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Lilac Street by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided after Dr. Pattio placed the filly on the vet's list as unsound. She was returned to trainer Martin Valenzuela Jr's barn.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

6th Race #1 Catching Fire Z (V. Zamudio) Injured
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$134
#7 My Blessing Jess (J. Nunez) Injured
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$144

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	686	On Track Handle:	\$119,129.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,783</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$439,920.50
Total:	2,469	Out of State:	<u>\$899,496.65</u>
			\$1,458,546.45

Saturday

09/02/2017

(1) RULING #226

RULING # 226

OWNER ERNESTO SANCHEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 17LA0247, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ERNESTO SANCHEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Sanchez failed to appear to answer the charges alleged in complaint #17LA0247.

(2) FILMS

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was in to review the fourth race from last evening with the Stewards. Approaching the turn his mount appeared to drop in a bit sharper than necessary causing Cesar Franco on Raven Ridge to check. When he did his mount bolted causing him to jump heels. After watching the film Efrain felt he probably could have given him a bit more room. The Stewards felt a warning would suffice.

(3) FILMS

Jockey Minor Arana was also in to review the fourth race. His faux pas occurred in the first fifty yards. Breaking from the three post he pushed the two horses to his inside into the gap as they came onto the main track. He took out just in time to avoid what could have been a very bad situation. He was warned that in the future he had better pay more attention to where he's at.

(4) ACCIDENT

Following the fifth race El Ultimo Billette ridden by G. Jairo Rangel appeared to get tangled up with One of A Kind and Cesar Franco causing El Ultimo Billette to fall and unseat Rangel. Both horses and rider appeared to be uninjured.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #1 Stately Command (J. Nunez) Injured
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$103
#5 Evening Again (J. Nunez) Unsound
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$114
7th Race #2 Odeseus (A. Aceves) Injured
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$529

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	806	On Track Handle:	\$103,960.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,909</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$431,171.50
Total:	2,715	Out of State:	<u>\$791,265.80</u>
			\$1,326,398.00

SUNDAY
09/03/2017

(1) RULING #227

RULING # 227

VETERINARIAN NICOLA HARDGROVE IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1842 (VETERINARIAN REPORT) AND #1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after meeting with Dr. Hardgrove. She submitted a bleeder certificate for a horse she insisted she did not treat necessitating a late declaration. She explained that her assistant was new and made the error but Dr. Hardgrove is responsible for what she signs. Another vet had treated the horse so according to the paperwork submitted it appeared "Aikau" had received lasix twice.

(2) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the fifth race to review the break. Incidental with starter Brinson dispatching the field #4 "Kindigit" reared getting his head over the sidebar. The entire incident was totally the fault of "Kindigit" who was declared a starter.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st – Race #4 Lizzy's Express (J. Enriquez) Colic
Dr. Pattio Refund \$103
- 4th – Race #3 Family Rules (D. Shidaker) Colic
Dr. Pattio Refund \$1688

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	600	On Track Handle:	\$118,597.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,809</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$359,789.80
Total:	2,409	Out of State:	<u>\$817,621.12</u>
		Total:	\$1,296,008.32

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 3, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows 2 for soundness, 5 for injury, 2 for sickness, 1 for medication, and 3 for shock wave therapy. Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 09/01	SAT 09/02	SUN 09/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	6
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		4	4	3	11	257
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	26
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	51
REFUNDS		A			2	3	2	7	259
RULINGS			Y		5	1	1	7	223
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	81

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

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)