

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 September 15, 2020 through September 20, 2020.

Tuesday

09/15/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer is responsible for morning chores in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, three year olds and up for a \$12,500 claim, was used Cal- Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty seven horses will comprise our one Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races Friday evening.

Wednesday

09/16/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

One equipment change was the only adjustment on Friday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, three year olds for a \$10,000 claim, was off with one. 1 Cal- Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty nine horses passed the entry box today to make up two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

09/17/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one scratch and two equipment changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book, three-year-olds and up for a \$10,000 tag, failed to attract any interest.

Friday
09/18/2020

(3) THE DRAW

Sunday's feature race will be the \$125,000 Mildred N. Vessels Memorial Handicap for fillies and mares.

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's races resulted in one equipment change.

(2) RULING #206

Ruling #206

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA 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 PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2020.

The above ruling was issued after jockey Erasmo Gasca was observed violating Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(3) RULING #207

Ruling #207

TRAINER SERGIO MORFIN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CAPTAIN N. BARRON", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 16, 2020 IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(A) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

An informal hearing was convened to address complaint #20LA0183 this afternoon. Sergio testified that the only time he gives bute is for morning works and he could not recall the last time he gave "Captain N. Barron" bute. He had no idea how this occurred.

(4) RULING #208

Ruling #208

EXERCISE RIDER MARCOS PEREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR AS LONG AS HE HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020. BEING ON A HORSE IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION.

The above ruling was issued after exercise rider Perez admitted to drinking while he was exercising horses.

(5) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the second race jockey Barrington Harvey on #7 "Rocky Stallions" (3rd) claimed an objection against #5 "Bravo Gato" (1st E. Rojas) in the stretch. After speaking with the riders and a review of the film the Stewards felt that although "Bravo Gato" does drift out "Rocky Stallion" is also drifting and the outcome of the race was not compromised. No change was warranted.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Party With Daddy (J. Metz)-Panel- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$101.00.
2nd Race #1 Pete's Inferno (V. Belvoir)-Sick- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$631.60.
2nd Race #3 Jay Boy (J. Nunez)-Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$102.91.
6th Race #5 Royalty Rocks (F. Gonzalez) – Unsound- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$61.20.
7th Race #6 Talayo (J. Mendoza)- flipped in gate- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund 10,041.88.

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$927,548.44
Total	0	\$1,052,640.64

Saturday
09/19/2020

(1) COMPLAINT #20LA0178

A formal hearing was conducted today to address the above complaint. Present were the Board of Stewards, Dr. Fitzgerald, Dr. Beck, Guild Director Darrell Haire, jockey Eduard Rojas, Supervising Investigator Tom Blake, assistant to Dr. Fitzgerald, April Dudone, outrider Juan Garcia. Laura Sandoval assisted jockey Rojas when there was a language problem. Recording the proceedings was Michelle Derieg.

This incident occurred on the morning of August 21, 2020 when Yodelers Way was working for Dr. Fitzgerald to be removed from the vet's list. The horse was working 5/8 of a mile and both Dr. Beck and Dr. Fitzgerald observed Yodelers Way bleeding profusely as he passed the 3/16 pole. Dr. Fitzgerald said she yelled at Mr. Rojas to pull the horse up but could not be certain he heard her. Everyone who testified said the horse was obviously spent and should have been pulled up. Jockey Rojas stated that he was unaware the horse was bleeding and as soon as he realized the horse was in distress he began to pull him up. All of the testimony tends to contradict this statement as almost everyone said he rode the horse to the finish line. All testimony will be evaluated and a decision will be forthcoming.

(2) GOOD EVENING

It was another incident free evening with nothing noteworthy to comment on.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Barbs Valentine (J. Nunez) –Flipped in receiving barn- Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$4,142.44.
2nd Race #3 King Charlie (R. Bean) –Unsound- Stewards. Refund \$13,134.51.
3rd Race #4 Sheza Factor (L. Brady) –Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$80.76.

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,186,565.07
Total	0	\$1,340,280.67

Sunday
09/19/2020

(1) NO PROBLEMS

Sunday's nine race program was conducted with nothing arising that required our attention.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 Lil Baby (J. Nunez)- Horse not on grounds- Stewards. Refund \$111.80.
1st Race #2 Something Chatter (R. Lucas) –Sick- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$67.90.
5th Race #2 Four Twenty (J. Hernandez) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$133.90.
7th Race #1 Kenny Wayne (M. Fales) – Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$173.90

(3) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$908,834.87
Total	0	\$1,033,039.87

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 20, 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: 4 for soundness, 5 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 09/18	Sat 09/19	Sun 09/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A		1	0	0	1	8
Claims	R		3	3	2	8	221
Disqualifications	K		0	0	0	0	27
Inquiries		D	1	0	0	1	29
Refunds		A	5	3	4	12	340
Rulings		Y	3	0	0	3	189
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	32

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward