



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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#### To the California Horse Racing Board

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**For the period: Thursday, September 8, 2016, through Sunday, September 25, 2016.**

#### GENERAL DATA:

##### Mailing

Address: 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association:  
(714) 820-2800

Dates: Thursday, September 8, 2016 through Sunday, September 25, 2016.  
12 racing days. Total number of days racing per week: 4, Thursday through Sunday.

Races: Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 2:00 p.m.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick Four on final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races.

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**WEEK 1 - Thursday, September 8, 2016 through Sunday, September 11, 2016.**

**MONDAY**

09/05/16<sup>1</sup>

Tom Ward was available for Steward duties today. Kim Sawyer will be available Tuesday and Wednesday.

**THURSDAY**

09/08/16<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATION**

8<sup>th</sup> race #11 PAPA'S LIL WILLOW (Also eligible) Refund of \$77.00

09/08/16<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ was in the office this morning to view the third race from September 4, 2016, as there was a possible "crop" violation during the stretch run. At issue was whether or not he hit the horse four times in succession. After review we were satisfied that he gave the horse the required two strides before going back to use the crop.

09/08/16<sup>3</sup>**VOIDED CLAIMS**

There were two claims voided this afternoon due to soundness issues. The first took place after the first race as #6 MR. T. BIRD, claimed by Jesus Nunez, was "off" in the left foreleg while in the detention barn, prompting Official Veterinarian Tim Grande to recommend that the claim be voided. The horse was returned to the barn of Phillip D'Amato. The second took place following the fourth race as #6 LEGITIMATE, claimed by trainer Angela Aquino, was determined to be unsound in the left foreleg after being examined by Dr. Grande. The horse went back to trainer Denise Breuer.

09/08/16<sup>4</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #4 KENNY BENNY unseated jockey Chantal Sutherland and ran off. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$13,351.00. Jockey Sutherland was examined by the track physician and found to be uninjured.

09/08/16<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,014	\$241,330.00
Off Track	2,753	\$770,163.40
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,362,028.73
Total	3,767	\$3,373,522.13

**FRIDAY**09/09/16<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> race #2 ARACELL B C M D (Vet-injured) see entry of 9-9-16<sup>5</sup>  
 6<sup>th</sup> race #11 MARCHTOTHEMUSIC (Also eligible) Refund of \$182.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> race #2 MADUBA (Vet-sick)  
 #5 INFOBEDAD (Vet-sick) Refund of \$568.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> race #3 FREEDOMORFREEBIES (Vet-sick)  
 #12 No CLASS No (Also eligible) see entry of 9-9-16<sup>7</sup>

09/09/16<sup>2</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was in the office this morning to review the fourth race from opening day regarding a possible "crop" violation. After a review and discussion of the race, the Stewards – by majority vote (Mr. Jauregui dissenting) – voted to give the rider a warning. The majority felt that the video was not conclusive that Mr. Hernandez struck his mount more than three times in a row shortly after the start.

09/09/16<sup>3</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race to review an incident approaching the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole involving the first and second finishers, #6 Evolve (S. Gonzalez) and #5 Dawn of the Empire (E. Gomez). The winner stepped out for one stride approaching the finish and the second place horse also altered its course. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account a report from the Patrol Judge in the vicinity of the incident and viewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards, by majority vote (Mr. Jauregui dissenting), voted to make no change to the original order of finish. The majority felt that Evolve was clear when it altered course and did not cost the second place finisher a better placing.

09/09/16<sup>4</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

Brayan Pena was excused from his final two mounts on the card to be with his wife, who went into labor earlier in the afternoon. Replacement riders were named.

09/09//16<sup>5</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #1 To B. Ava flipped in the starting gate, prompting Racing Veterinarian Stead to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund amounted to \$39,504.00.

09/09/16<sup>6</sup>**REFUND**

There was a refund ordered in the eighth race as #7 Bucks Luckster flipped while in the saddling paddock and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund totaled \$3,705.00.

09/09/16<sup>7</sup>**ACCIDENT/STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review the circumstances which resulted in jockey Christian Aragon, aboard #4 Lucky Snow, being unseated at the start. After speaking with the Patrol Judge at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> pole and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make change to the original order of finish. Video showed that the horse broke out at the start and got tangled up with the horse to its outside, #5 Too Much Chatter, causing Lucky Snow to stumble and unseat the rider. Fortunately, neither horse nor rider suffered any ill effects from the incident. Accident report attached for Jockey Christian Aragon.

09/09/16<sup>8</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim by trainer Vann Belvoir in the eighth race for #8 Patron was voided as the horse was "off" in the left foreleg (tendon) while in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Bob Baffert.

09/09/16<sup>9</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,042	\$276,991.90
Off Track	3,328	\$1,126,430.10
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,818,398.33
Total	4,370	\$4,221,820.33

**SATURDAY**09/10/16<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race #4 TOUGH EMBLEM (Vet-sick) Refund of \$1,129.00 NO SHOW WAGERING  
 3<sup>rd</sup> race #1 ROCKPORT KAT (Vet-sick) Refund of \$1,835.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> race #3 El Huerfano (Vet-sick) Refund of \$522.00 NO SHOW WAGERING  
 9<sup>th</sup> race #11 MONEY MAKIN MIKE (Also Eligible)  
 #12 GLITTER'S SONG (Also Eligible) Refund of \$1021.00

09/10//16<sup>2</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Mario Gutierrez was excused from his mounts this afternoon in order to be with his wife, who went into labor last evening. Replacement riders were named.

09/10/16<sup>3</sup>**RULING**

Jockey Flavien Prat

**LAFL #001**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – causing a welt on the skin), during the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 27, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Prat, who is currently riding in Kentucky, accepted responsibility for welting his mount on August 27, 2016, at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meeting. He will pay the fine when he returns to this jurisdiction.

09/10/16<sup>4</sup>**RULING**

Jockey Brandon Boulanger

**LAFL #002**

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER 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 in the in the last sixty days; last offense on August 21, 2016), during the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 8, 2016.

This ruling was issued when Mr. Boulanger admitted to violating the “crop” rule during the seventh race on Friday, September 9, 2016. He realized his error after watching the replay.

09/10//16<sup>5</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Omar Santos was in the office this morning to review the sixth race from Friday, during which his mount was responsible for interference during the run down the backstretch. While his actions did not give rise to a sanction, he was warned to be more alert when crossing over from an outside post position.

09/10/16<sup>6</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Dr. Mike Harrington and his wife, Patricia, were in the office to review to races from yesterday as two of their horses were subjects of Stewards’ inquiries during the card. We explained the basis for our decision relating to taking no action in the first race (Ref. 9-9-16<sup>3</sup>), and while they were not in total agreement they graciously accepted the explanation. They also looked at the eighth race as their horse was involved in an accident leaving the starting gate (Ref. 9-9-16<sup>7</sup>). Once again we agreed to disagree, but the couple accepted our explanation.

09/10/16<sup>7</sup>**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race to review an incident during the stretch run involving the first and second place finishers, #3 Winning Causeway (S. Elliott) and #2 Rough Passage (M. Pedroza). Mr. Pedroza also lodged a claim of foul. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account a report from the Patrol Judge in the stretch and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards, by majority vote (Ward in the minority) elected to leave the original order of finish intact. It was felt by the majority that while jockey Elliott was responsible for the initial drift near the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole, jockey Pedroza was responsible for the contact near the finish. The incidents offset one another.

09/10/16<sup>8</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim in the third race deposited by trainer Jorge Periban for #2 Big Tire was voided as Official Veterinarian Tim Grande reported that the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of the former trainer, John Brocklebank.

09/10/16<sup>9</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,632	\$491,254.40
Off Track	5,056	\$1,677,406.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,070,239.21
Total	7,688	\$5,238,900.31

**SUNDAY**09/11/16<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> race	#3 ADAIR (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$912.00
7 <sup>th</sup> race	#3 KENTUCKIAN (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$3,198.36

09/11/16<sup>2</sup>**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Christian Aragon, who was unseated at the start of the eighth race on September 9<sup>th</sup>, was excused this afternoon as he was still sore from the spill. A replacement rider was named. Jockey Marcial Ramirez was also excused as he called to say he was not feeling well. A replacement rider was named.

09/11/16<sup>3</sup>**VOIDED CLAIM**

A claim deposited in the sixth race by trainer Michael Machowsky for #3 Spiritual was voided as the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Art Sherman.

09/11/16<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,538	\$406,974.00
Off Track	4,744	\$1,547,869.90
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,205,057.99
Total	6,282	\$5,159,901.89

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the after noon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT** – WEEK OF 09-05-16 TO 09-11-16

HORSES ON VET LIST 19  
 Horses off Vet List 10  
 Shock Wave Therapy 15

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 9/8	Fri 9/9	Sat 9/10	Sun 9/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	1	0	2	2
Claims	3	2	6	0	11	11
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	2	1	0	3	3
Refunds	2	4	4	2	12	12
Rulings	0	0	2	0	2	2
Voided Claims	2	1	1	1	5	5

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward