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WEEKLY UPDATE

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board’s weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Bay Meadows suspended trainer Richard Baltas for 15 days (November 19 through December 3, 2006) and fined him \$2,500 for violation of Rules 1887a and 1843a,d after a horse in his care, Magic Destiny, tested positive for hydroxyzine and cetirizine, Class 3 prohibited substances. Hydroxyzine is a medication prescribed for chronic allergies; cetirizine is a pharmacologically active metabolite of hydroxyzine.

The stewards disqualified Magic Destiny, which won the 8th race at Bay Meadows on February 4, 2006, and ordered the purse redistributed.

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