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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 Los Alamitos issued a \$3,000 fine to trainer John Frousiakis for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (b) (e) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that blood and urine samples taken from a horse in his care, Purple Slurple, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol, and the post-race urine sample showed the presence of dexamethasone. The findings were confirmed by Iowa State University laboratory. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses and is a Class 3 violation. Dexamethasone is a commonly used corticosteroid and is a Class 6 violation. Purple Slurple finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on January 12, 2008. The stewards also disqualified Purple Slurple and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

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