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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 California Horse Racing Board has filed four complaints against trainer John Sadler after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that urine samples taken from four horses in his care exceeded the regulatory limits for 16-beta-hydroxystanozolol, a metabolite of the anabolic steroid stanozolol. Stanozolol is a synthetic anabolic steroid sold under the brand name Winstrol. The findings were confirmed by Iowa State University Racing Chemistry Laboratory. As these alleged violations occurred prior to September 4, they were Class 4 violations subject to Category D penalties. A Category D penalty is an official warning that goes on the trainer's permanent official record.

As of September 4, stanozolol, nandrolone, boldenone, and testosterone have been moved to Class 3 drugs and to Category B penalties. The presence of these anabolic steroids above regulatory thresholds in post-race samples collected on or after September 4 will result in the automatic disqualification of the horse and redistribution of the purse. Category B penalties call for a minimum 30-day suspension and a fine up to \$10,000.

The four Class 4 complaints against Sadler involve the horses:

- Soupy, which finished first in the third race at Del Mar on August 1, 2008;
- Tizsweetdreams, which finished third in the fourth race at Del Mar on August 1, 2008;
- Chanjo, which finished first in the tenth race at Del Mar on August 2, 2008; and
- Sunshine Ridge, which finished first in the fifth race at Del Mar on August 3, 2008;

The stewards at Santa Anita Park have scheduled an October 2 hearing on all four complaints.

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