



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET**  
**LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**For the period: Thursday, December 3, 2015, through Sunday, December 20, 2015.**

**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

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

**Dates:** Thursday, December 3, 2015 through Sunday, Sunday 20, 2015.  
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:** 12:30 p.m.

**Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. two days before the racing day, 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 one hour 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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Victor Tovar, Horseshoe Inspector

**WEEK 1 - Thursday, December 3, 2015 through Saturday, December 5, 2015.**

**THURSDAY**

12/03/15<sup>1</sup>

**OPENING DAY**

Today marked opening day of the 2015 of the Los Alamitos Winter Meeting. We met with the jockey colony and reviewed a few rules, procedures and expectations: ambulance procedures (different in Orange County, compared to other counties), whip rule and penalties, signing in procedures and quick official, among others.

12/03/15<sup>2</sup>

**RACE DELAY**

Approximately 2 minutes before the start of the first race, the photo finish booth and timer booth both lost power. We waited a few minutes to see if it could be restored quickly. When it became clear that it might take some time, we proceeded with the running of the race, which was hand timed, and placed based on the live running of the race as well as the video. Fortunately, Los Alamitos has a ground level video camera on the finish which made this task easier.

12/03/15<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the first two finishers in the stretch of the 5 ½ furlong event. Video revealed that the winner #5 Patience Lady (M. Garcia) drifted out throughout the stretch run, bumping and forcing the second place finisher #6 Street Goddess (T. Kennedy) off her path several times. After speaking with the patrol judges riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify the winner and place her second.

Original order of finish: (5)-6-3-2-1-4

Corrected order of finish: 6-(5)-3-2-1-4

12/03/15<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Sibernation – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$3,522.95
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 Herunbridledpower – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
Refund \$855.14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Silver Tassel – broke down near wire, euthanized (see attached report)  
Refund \$235.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Wings of Mojave – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
#3 Syndicated – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
Refund \$1,491.34
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Just a Gem – Stewards’ scratch, entered back  
Refund \$364.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Lucky Snow – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$953.22
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$214.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Soul Crusher – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
#2 Mr. Itkins – Claimed – J. Avalos, trainer  
#8 Johnny Reb – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer  
#5 Znelle – pulled up, walked off  
Refund \$705.00

12/03/15<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,160	\$153,285.80
Off Track	3,260	\$995,743.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,880,909.05
Total	4,420	\$4,029,937.85

**FRIDAY**

12/04/15<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. Video revealed that while his mount was lugging in shortly after leaving the gate, he could have made a better effort to maintain a straight course. Warning.

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA came to the office to review his ride in the second race after which his mount was disqualified for drifting out during the stretch run. The majority felt that Mr. Garcia made a sufficient effort on a horse that was lugging out and therefore issued a warning. Steward Sawyer dissented, believing that Mr. Garcia could have made a better effort, that his actions were careless and therefore deserved a suspension.

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO came to the office discuss to why he failed to sign in at the jockeys’ room for his afternoon mounts. Warning.

12/04/15<sup>2</sup>

**REINSTATEMENT**

After the CHRB investigative staff researched the old case and ruling, we issued the following reinstatement:

**LWTL #001**

Groom LEONARDO QUEVEDO, having appeared for case number 15DM002 is reinstated. Ruling LAFL #009 issued at Los Alamitos Fall Meet on September 20, 2015 is set aside with the provision Mr. Quevedo sign a testing agreement with California Horse Racing Board.

12/04/15<sup>3</sup>

**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the inquiry sign during the running of the second race to examine an incident that involved #6 Midnight Lien clipping heels and unseating apprentice jockey Ty Kennedy near the 3/8<sup>th</sup>'s pole. Video revealed that #5 Cortina Nina was driving up into a bad position going into the turn on the inside of Mr. Kennedy's mount who also found himself in a bad position with a horse to his outside and a length in front of him. To his credit, Mr. Kennedy did his best to protect the rider to his inside but in so doing did not protect himself. Mr. Kennedy was transported by the track EMTs to Cypress Paramedics for evaluation. Mr. Kennedy was not transported to the hospital but was excused from his mounts for the afternoon. (See accident report attached). We unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

12/04/15<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Aiming Straight – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead  
#3 Just a Gem – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
Refund \$1,184.10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #8 Paralyzing Eyes – Stewards' scratch, no Lasix  
#9 Mad Mango – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer  
Refund \$810.70
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Illybilly Boy – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#7 Stormin Swiss – Rider change – T. Pereira for T. Kennedy (injured)  
Refund \$64.70
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Ididn'taskforthis – Rider change – M. Pedroza for T. Kennedy (injured)  
Refund \$20.30
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Gato Dulce – Rider change – T. Pereira for T. Kennedy (injured)  
#7 Warren's Win – pulled up, walked off
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Flew Flicker – pulled up, walked off
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Tenille – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#11 Smart Suzzet – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$121.80

12/04/15<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,076	\$252,392.00
Off Track	3,583	\$1,016,378.20
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,923,671.95
Total	4,659	\$4,192,442.15

**SATURDAY**

12/05/15<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey OMAR SANTOS came to the office to review two rides over the last two days. In the second race yesterday, we felt that he drove up into a bad position going into the turn and was partly to blame for the accident. He seemed receptive to the constructive criticism. At the start of Thursday's second race we felt Mr. Santos could have a made a quicker, stronger effort to correct leaving the gate. He agreed. Warning.

12/05/15<sup>2</sup>

**EMENIKE RULING**

We issued the following ruling when owner EMANUEL EMENIKE failed to appear for his financial complaint (case number 15DM118) filed by Southern California Equine Hospital:

LWTL #002

Owner EMANUEL EMENIKE, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$120.20 to Southern California Equine Hospital), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of EMANUEL EMENIKE are suspended and pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. EMENIKE is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/05/15<sup>3</sup>

**MOULTON HEARING**

We held an informal hearing into case number 15DM112 which was a financial complaint filed by Carlos Cabello III Stables against owner ROBERT MOULTON alleging unpaid ranch training fees. They negotiated a settlement which will be completed by December 18, at which time we will finalize the complaint.

12/05/15<sup>4</sup>

**BAKER RULING**

We issued the following ruling when Dr. Baker failed to treat a runner with Lasix yesterday, necessitating the horse’s late declaration:

LWTL #003

Veterinarian VINCE BAKER, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication –failure to administer bleeder medication - lasix) which resulted in the late declaration of PARALYZING EYES from the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2015.

12/05/15<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving three runners. Video revealed that second place finisher #2 Ossetra (M. Garcia) drifted in a bit causing the third place finisher #3 Glory Bound (E. Maldonado) to overreact and duck into the path of the fifth place finisher #1 Go Long (K. Desormeaux) who had to alter course sharply. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the majority voted to make no change to the original order of finish, believing that #1 was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Steward Chaney voted to disqualify #3 and place him last for costing #1 the opportunity at a better placing.

12/05/15<sup>6</sup>

**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the third race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident where the fourth place finisher #4 Sharpest One (C. Aragon) took up sharply between horses going into the turn. Video revealed that the horse to his outside, third place finisher #5 Casino Fever (M. Pedroza), dropped in causing his rival to steady sharply. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #5 and place her fourth.

Original Order of Finish: 3-6-(5)-4-2-1

Corrected Order of Finish: 3-6-4-(5)-2-1

12/15/15<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#6 Stitch and Rip – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$446.90
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Bound for Heaven – Veterinarian scratch, injured –Dr. Grande
	#4 Cougar Country – Claimed – J. Brocklebank, trainer. Refund \$217.60

- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Patriotic Diamond – Stewards’ scratch. Stake. Refund \$2,508.90  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Small Town Shuffle – Claimed – V. Trujillo, trainer  
 #9 Eagles Fly – broke down 3/8<sup>th</sup>s pole, euthanized – R. Becerra, trainer (see attached report)

12/05/15<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,329	\$622,023.00
Off Track	5,639	\$1,924,350.50
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,383,351.73
Total	7,968	\$6,929,725.23

**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 11-23-15 TO 11-29-15

Horses on Vet List 18  
 Horses off Vet List 4  
 Shock Wave Therapy 15  
 Deceased 3

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 12-03	Fri 12-04	Sat 12-05	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	2	3	3
Claims	2	1	2	5	5
Disqualifications	1	0	1	2	2
Inquiries	1	1	2	4	4
Refunds	8	5	3	16	16
Rulings	0	1	2	3	3
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Steward

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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