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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 9, 2008 through December 14, 2008.

TUESDAY

12/09/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Will Meyers will monitor morning office matters and record the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Four scratches were taken for Thursday's card this morning.

(3) ENTRIES

A total of ten races are carded for Friday. The "Two Million Dollar Futurity" finals will be drawn tomorrow with the "Champion of Champions" finals at the Vessel's Club to provide television coverage of the draws. One Arabian, three Thoroughbred, and six Quarter Horse races are scheduled for Friday's racing.

WEDNESDAY

12/10/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider change was made at scratch time for Friday's races.

(2) ENTRIES

Saturday's eleven-race card has one Arabian and two Thoroughbred races to compliment the eight Quarter Horse races, including the "Grade I Champion of Champions."

THURSDAY
11/11/2008

(1) ENTRIES

Ten races were carded for Sunday, including two Arabian, two Thoroughbred, and six Quarter Horse races.

(2) VINCENT SMITH RULING (CASE# 08LA0215)RULING # 286

TRAINER VINCE SMITH WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SWEETSOUTHERNCOMFORT" IN THE TENTH RACE ON OCTOBER 26, 2008, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE (6.02 UG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL, 2ND OFFENSE).

The above ruling was issued after Smith was afforded a hearing. He was at a loss as to how his horse tested high. This is Smith's second violation inside twelve months and third inside twenty-four months. Smith runs a small operation and has only started horses about fifty times this year. His record based on the amount of starts does not allow for any leeway of penalty.

(3) SANCHEZ RULINGRULING # 287

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENTS IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH RACES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued when Sanchez failed to arrive in time to fulfill his first two engagements. Sanchez had ridden at Zia Park and didn't make adequate flight plans.

(4) LOPEZ RULINGRULING # 288

GROOM DAVID LOPEZ IS FINED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – (IMPROPER ENTRY TO STABLE AREA) ON DECEMBER 7, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Lopez admitted to jumping over the fence into the barn area. He explained he was in a hurry and needed his keys from his brother. This was Lopez' second warning, thus the fine was leveled.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race - # 2 Blackberry Hill (Tr. C. Treece) injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$7,338.00.

5th Race - # 7 La Quinceanera Too (Tr. G. Morales) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$184.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	870	On Track Handle:	\$169,471.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,882</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$292,149.50
Total:	2,752	Out of State:	<u>\$581,177.80</u>
		Total:	\$1,042,799.10

FRIDAY
12/12/2008

(1) HERRICK RULINGRULING # 289

TRAINER JOSEPH HERRICK, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "OLYMPIC MOMENT" IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2008, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE – CLASS VI).

The above ruling was issued after Herrick contacted the Stewards by phone and accepted the penalty. He was unaware of any mix-up at the barn that could have caused the overage. Herrick last had a class IV bute violation in January of 2007.

(3) SAD NEWS

Dr. Thomas Hackathorn was replaced by Karen Peyser and will be out indefinitely. Our hearts go out to Dr. Hackathorn, whose wife passed away suddenly this morning.

(3) GOOD EVENING

Tonight's racing drew a large, excited crowd to Los Alamitos in anticipation of the richest race in the nation for Quarter Horses. The Los Alamitos "Two Million Futurity" with a purse of \$2,038,250 did not disappoint. "Tres Passes," winner of the \$1,000,000 "Golden State Futurity" here at Los Alamitos, made it two Grade I wins in a row. All-time leading trainer Blaine Schvaneveldt and all-time leading jockey Eddie Garcia once again teamed up for the victory for owner Janet McKinnerny.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

5th Race - # 3 A Classic Dessert (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$187.00.

6 Passinggas (Tr. J. Nunez) unmanageable post parade, Stewards.
Refund: \$3,123.00.

6th Race - # 1 Sand Spirit (Tr. H. Shelley) sick, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$153.00.

4 Boundless (Tr. R. Glass) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$248.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,972	On Track Handle:	\$350,066.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,190</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$621,849.80
Total:	5,162	Out of State:	<u>\$1,114,651.50</u>
		Total:	<u>\$2,086,567.80</u>

SATURDAY
12/13/2008

(1) BAUTISTA RULINGRULING # 290

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1688 (USE OF WHIPS – WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) IN THE NINTH RACE ON DECEMBER 12, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Bautista appeared and admitted to "warming up" second place finisher "Foose" before last night's feature.

(2)INQUIRY – SECOND RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of third place finisher # 4 “Ritas Fair” (Ramon Sanchez). After review, it was determined that # 4 comes out shortly after the start, interfering with # 5 “Going Cartel” (Alex Bautista) and # 6 “Dashing Jessies Lane” (Santiago Mendez), who finished seventh and eighth, respectively. Further on in the race, nearing the finish, # 4 comes out again, causing fourth place finisher # 7 “Outdashn”’s jockey to check slightly. In a unanimous decision, # 4 was disqualified from third place and placed eighth for the interference.

(3)INQUIRY – SIXTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident shortly after the start of this 330-yard race involving second place finisher # 6 “Runs For Cash” (Eulices Gomez), # 2 “Tequilero” (Francisco Rubio), # 3 “A Classy Lady Bug” (Juan Andrade) and # 4 “La Mulita” (Guillermo Guitierrez). After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the tapes, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify # 6 from second to fifth position. Tapes clearly show # 6 make a left-hand turn shortly after the start, causing a chain reaction by bumping # 4 into # 3, who in turn bumps # 2. The # 4, # 3, and # 2 horses were all cost a chance at a better placing.

(4)TENTH RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

1 “Ten Oclock Scholar” (Alex Bautista) fell shortly after the start of the “Champion of Champions” stake race at 440 yards. No other horses were involved, and first reports say both horse and rider are okay.

(5)LATE DECLARATIONS

6th Race - # 5 Planned Expression (Tr. A. Ortiz) injured, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$60.00.

7th Race - # 2 Whosonfourth (Tr. A. Garcia) injured, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$293.00.

6 Memo Me First (Tr. A. Ortiz) injured in gate, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$4,742.00.

10th Race - # 9 No Secrets Here (Tr. P. Jones) stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$1,369.00.

11th Race - # 2 Zoomin Fool (Tr. D. Montes) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$4,469.00.

7 Hawk On The Fly (Tr. P. Jones) identification, Stewards.
Refund: \$1,780.00.

9 Henri Moon (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,200.00.

(6)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,786	On Track Handle:	\$293,531.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,159</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$511,302.60
Total:	4,945	Out of State:	<u>\$826,553.10</u>
		Total:	\$1,631,387.50

SUNDAY
12/14/2008

(1) SANCHEZ RULINGRULING # 291**AMENDED**

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ WHO RODE "RITAS FAIR" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 8TH 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The above ruling was issued after Sanchez appeared and reviewed his efforts with the Stewards. Sanchez claimed he made an effort, but in the end agreed he could have made a better effort.

(2) FIRST RACE – HORSE EXPIRES

9 "Most Decorated," trained by Keith Craigmyle, fell following this 4½ furlong race, apparently expiring from heart failure. Jockey Eulices Gomez was uninjured. An autopsy will be conducted on "Most Decorated."

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 3rd Race - # 4 Golden Gorilla (Tr. E. January) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$715.00.
- 4th Race - # 5 Junos American Royal (Tr. G. Morales) unsound at gate, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$2,193.00.
- # 7 Millions Dasher (Tr. J. Godinez) lame in gate, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$9,680.00.
- 8th Race - # 6 Monarch Pass (Tr. E. Navarro) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$318.00.
- 9th Race - # 2 Miss Kittys Bar Bet (Tr. H. Hernandez) runaway post, Stewards.
Refund: \$3,209.00.
- # 7 My Lady First (Tr. F. Quintero) injured in gate, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$13,722.00.
- 10th Race - # 3 Thischicksgotrhythm (Tr. P. Jones) identification, Stewards.
Refund: \$218.00.
- # 5 Ldscherry Cola Chick (Tr. B. Vickery) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$143.00.
- # 8 Shesnomorningbreeze (Tr. J. A. Flores) no rider, Stewards.
Refund: \$2,235.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	848	On Track Handle:	\$190,855.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,388</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$533,768.60
Total:	3,236	Out of State:	<u>\$639,887.10</u>
		Total:	\$1,364,510.70

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12/11/2008	4	2	Blackberry Hill	C. Treece	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,338
	5	7	La Quinceanera Too	G. Morales	Sick	Hackathorn	\$184
12/12/2008	5	3	A Classic Dessert	H. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$187
	6	1	Sand Spirit	H. Shelley	Sick	Hackathorn	\$153
	6	4	Boundless	R. Glass	Sick	Beck	\$248
12/13/2008	6	5	Planned Expression	A. Ortiz	Injured	Hackathorn	\$60
	7	2	Whosonfourth	A. Garcia	Injured	Hackathorn	\$293
	7	6	Memo Me First	A. Ortiz	Injured in gate	Peyser	\$4,742
	11	2	Zoomin Fool	D. Montes	Sick	Beck	\$4,469
	11	9	Henri Moon	P. Jones	Injured	Beck	\$1,200
12/14/2008	3	4	Golden Gorilla	E. January	Injured	Beck	\$715
	4	6	Junos American Royal	G. Morales	Unsound at gate	Peyser	\$2,193
	4	7	Millions Dasher	J. Godinez	Lame in gate	Peyser	\$9,680
	8	6	Monarch Pass	E. Navarro	Injured	Beck	\$318
	9	7	My Lady First	F. Quintero	Injured in gate	Peyser	\$13,722
	10	5	Ldscherry Cola Chick	B. Vickery	Injured	Beck	\$143

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 14, 2008.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period twenty-two horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: eight for soundness, eight for injury and six for illness.

Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Will Meyers.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 12/11	FRI 12/12	SAT 12/13	SUN 12/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	1	1	0	2	45
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	4	2	1	1	8	751
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	2	0	2	62
INQUIRIES	D			0	0	3	0	3	128
REFUNDS		A		2	4	7	9	22	711
RULINGS			Y	3	1	1	1	6	291

Stewards' Attendance: Will Meyers, James Dreyer, and Paul Nicolo were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Will Meyers (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Paul Nicolo (Steward)