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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 28, 2009 through May 3, 2009.

TUESDAY

04/28/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will be on duty for the above referenced week and is charged with attending to morning office duties along with recording the minutes of this period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday's scratch time yielded only a single rider change.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The nine-race card for Friday was drawn at 11:30 a.m. and consists of five Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred, and one Arabian event.

WEDNESDAY

04/29/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Friday evening was held at 9:00 a.m. sharp and amounted to four declarations and two rider changes.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's ten-race card was drawn at 11:30 a.m., and featured this evening will be seven trials for the "Kindergarten Futurity," each with a field of eight for a total of fifty-six babies vying for position in the final event to be run on Saturday, May 16th. There will also be two additional Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred race on the program.

THURSDAY

04/30/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Saturday was completed at 9:00 a.m. with two rider changes.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the book for Cal-Bred three-year-olds and upward, claiming price \$ 2,500, at 350 yards, was called off with three entries.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's draw was conducted at 12:30 p.m., and the nine races are comprised of eight Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred event.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Gerardo Gavica was in to review film of the seventh race from Sunday evening in which he was disqualified from second to fourth for interference out of the starting gate. Film establishes that his mount broke sharply inward from the # 4 post to impede # 3 to his inside, forcing the rival to take up and lose his best chance. The Stewards thought Gerardo did his best to straighten the difficult horse two jumps out of the gate and determined that he was the cause of his own problem. No sanction was deemed appropriate.

(5) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted upon completion of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) to review the start, where # 4 “Rhonda Lee” (D.N.F. - G. Gavica) reared simultaneously with the start, causing his rider to lose his balance and step off in the gate. The taped replay revealed that the horse caused his own demise and did not interfere with any other participants. The result was declared official as originally finished.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 2 Oh Stolo Mio claimed, Tr. G. Morales.

6th Race - # 2 Avir (Tr. D. Frey) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$422.00.

8th Race - # 4 Leaving Corona (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$656.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	720	On Track Handle:	\$119,712
Off Track Attendance:	1,884	Off Track Handle:	\$180,324
Total:	2,604	Out of State:	\$460,329
		Total:	\$760,365

FRIDAY

05/01/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday were taken at 9:00 a.m. promptly and resulted in one rider change along with an equipment adjustment.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book for Cal-Bred maidens, three-years-old and upward, claiming price \$10,000 at 300 yards, was off with only two entrants.

(3) ROBERTO DOMINGUEZ (CASE# 09LA0072)

A formal recorded hearing was conducted to address the above referenced complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). Present were California Horse Racing Board Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake who presented the case, respondent trainer Roberto Dominguez who gave testimony in his behalf, and the Board of Stewards, Albert Christiansen, Martin Hamilton, and Randy Winick.

Investigator Blake's testimony described how he discovered two horses of Mr. Dominguez's standing in stalls with no bedding or water. Trainer Dominguez admitted to these facts but said that he was only negligent for one day of not providing bedding or water for his ponies. Photographic evidence and testimony may suggest otherwise.

Exhibits were put into evidence, and the case was closed with a decision to be forthcoming in the near future.

(4) EVENING RACING PROGRAM

Tonight's racing was conducted without a reportable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 8 Tidal Wave Teller claimed, Tr. J. Flores.

4th Race - # 6 Lillie Hawk claimed, Tr. C. O'Dell.

7th Race - # 3 Arctic Winner (Tr. D. Ekins) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$110.00.

8th Race - # 9 Just Cant Hide It (Tr. D. Frey) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$355.00.

9th Race - # 1 Move Out claimed, Tr. J. Badilla.

2 Mini Omega (Tr. J. Nunez) Stewards – jockey Joel Valadez (sick) – no replacement rider available).
Refund: \$758.00

3 SLR Supermans Cape (Tr. S. Fiscal) Stewards – ownership.
Refund: \$30.00.

7 Miss My Friend claimed, Tr. J. Badilla.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,303	On Track Handle:	\$145,841
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,238</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$350,739
Total:	4,541	Out of State:	<u>\$751,732</u>
		Total:	\$1,248,312

SATURDAY

05/02/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book for Cal-Bred two-year-old maidens at 300 yards went open with eight starters, four of which were California-Breds.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Thursday's draw was conducted at 12:15 p.m. with an eight-race card comprised of six Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

(3) BILLY LEWIS (CASE# 09LA0077)

Trainer Billy Lewis, Jr. appeared to address the above referenced complaint alleging his indebtedness to pony person Juan Bustamante for ponying horses in the amount of \$680. Mr. Lewis agreed to this figure and asked if he could be allowed ten days to make payment in full. The Stewards asked Mr. Bustamante if this was acceptable, to which he affirmed "yes." Completion of this agreement will be monitored by the Stewards.

(4) THE EVENING'S RACING

Saturday night's racing included seven trials for the "Kindergarten Futurity," which were conducted without mishap as were the remaining three races on the program.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

8th Race - # 6 Zoomin For Gold (Tr. J. Gomez) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Alejandro Luna (injured leg).

9th Race - # 8 Southern Fury (Tr. J. Gomez) jockey Juan Andrade replaced jockey Alejandro Luna (injured leg).

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,040	On Track Handle:	\$164,490
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,194</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$335,134
Total:	4,234	Out of State:	<u>\$718,008</u>
		Total:	\$1,217,632

SUNDAY

05/03/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the condition book for Sunday, Cal-Bred three-year-olds and upward, claiming price \$2,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with four horses entered.

(2) DOMINGUEZ RULING (REFER 05/01/09 (3))RULING # 74

TRAINER ROBERTO DOMINGUEZ IS FINED ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE - NEGLIGENCE).

The following ruling was issued after due deliberation by the Stewards regarding case #09LA0072. Evidence led the Stewards to believe that trainer Roberto Dominguez was negligent in not providing adequate water, feed, and bedding for two of his ponies, however, mitigating factors in his favor in determining the amount of penalty were his good overall record over the past eight years as a trainer, the fact that a very small amount of water was detectable in the water bucket, and the condition of the horses did not suggest overt abuse.

(3) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards asked for the Inquiry sign to be posted immediately upon completion of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to review the start. Films show that # 5 “Take Dad The Bud” (D.N.F. - F. Rubio) whipped his head simultaneously with the start and momentarily got his head stuck behind the left upright and dwelt in the gate. The Stewards declared him a starter as the tapes show that his head was pointed straight and the doors opened properly. “Take Dad The Bud” was ultimately the cause of his own problem.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Makeloveandrun claimed, Tr. J. De La Torre.

5 Denali Special (Tr. H. Sanchez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$428.00.

6 BF End Game claimed, Tr. P. Jones.

7 Let There Be Zoom claimed, Tr. D. Francisco.

2nd Race - # 2 Wins The Prize claimed, Tr. D. Frey.

6 RJ's Peanut (Tr. J. Hernandez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$175.00.

4th Race - # 1 Belichick claimed, Tr. D. Montes.

2 Holy Seis claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.

7th Race - # 5 Baby Doll Blazin (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Adrian Loza replaced jockey Joel Valadez (overweight).

9th Race - # 4 Bettencourt claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

5 Im The Secret (Tr. D. Frey) jockey Jose De La Torre replaced jockey Cesar De Alba (sick).

7 My Hero Jr (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Juan Andrade replaced jockey Joel Valadez (overweight).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 850
Off Track Attendance: 2,560
Total: 3,410

On Track Handle: \$129,814
Off Track Handle: \$292,951
Out of State: \$631,434
Total: \$1,054,199

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
04/30/2009	6	2	Avir	D. Frey	Injured	Hackathorn	\$422
	8	4	Leaving Corona	J. Flores	Injured	Hackathorn	\$656
05/01/2009	7	3	Arctic Winner	D. Ekins	Sick	Hackathorn	\$110
	8	9	Just Cant Hide It	D. Frey	Sick	Hackathorn	\$355
05/03/2009	1	5	Denali Special	H. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$428
	2	6	RJ's Peanut	J. Hernandez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$175

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 3, 2009.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period fourteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: four for soundness, seven for injury and three for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 04/30	FRI 05/01	SAT 05/02	SUN 05/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	11
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	1	4	0	7	12	210
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	18
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	1	2	46
REFUNDS		A		2	4	0	2	8	212
RULINGS			Y	0	0	0	1	1	74

Stewards' Attendance: Randy Winick, Martin Hamilton and Albert Christiansen were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)