

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 2, 2014 through September 7, 2014.

TUESDAY

09/02/2014

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will attend to morning office matters as well as record the minutes of this week's activities.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The entries for a "shortened" Los Alamitos program were drawn at 1:00 p.m., with six races that are composed of five Quarter Horse and one Arabian race. Quarter Horses, lower level Thoroughbreds, and Arabian races will be offered for a mix of five races after the Fairplex at Los Alamitos meet runs its card. Until September 21st, the early card starts at 2:00 p.m., and the late card starts at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

09/03/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

There were no scratches or changes at the regular 9:00 a.m. deadline.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The draw was conducted for Saturday evening's Los Alamitos Quarter Horse program at approximately 1:15 p.m., and the result was a five-race card comprised of three Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred, and one Quarter Horse mixed race at five furlongs, which only attracted seven Thoroughbreds.

THURSDAY

09/04/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

The 9:00 a.m. scratch time provided only one jockey change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

There was a 2:15 p.m. draw today for Sunday evening's program, which will consist of three Quarter Horse, one mixed Quarter Horse-Thoroughbred race, and one Arabian contest for a five-race program.

FRIDAY

09/05/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

The usual 9:00 a.m. scratch time yielded one equipment change and one rider change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

There was one CAL-BRED race offered on Friday's program for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$8,000 at a distance of 300 yards. It failed to fill with only one entrant.

(3) FAMA HEARING – COMPLAINT #14LA0103

The above referenced complaint filed against Trainer Dominador "Dominic" Fama is for a positive test finding by the U.C. Davis Official Laboratory for "acepromazine" in urine sample #LA25650 from the Thoroughbred race horse "Ernie Owl," who finished first in the fourth race on April 13, 2013 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Present at the hearing were the respondent, Mr. Fama, who was represented by Attorney Seth Weinstein, his clerk Sam Goldsmith, his owner Laura Bailey, Dr. Nolton Pattio, Mr. Fama's attending veterinarian, his assistant Samantha Karasch, and Fama's stable foreman, Lorie McHenery. There were two observers who were also attorneys at the defense's request: Ms. Nadja Habinek and Mr. Marvin Vallejo. Present for the California Horse Racing Board were the Board of Stewards, George Slender, James Dreyer, and Randy Winick, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg, Senior Investigator Tom Blake, Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, and the Deputy Attorney General, Kevin Hosn.

The hearing was opened; witnesses were called and sworn in; and their testimony was recorded. After all testimony was heard and cross-examination questions were answered, the hearing was closed and taken off the record. More will follow regarding a decision.

(4) GOOD RACING

Tonight's abbreviated program of five races went off without problem or incident.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th Race - # 1 Lantys Secret claimed, Tr. Lindolfo Diaz.
5 Lavish Sofia claimed, Tr. Yanet Rodriguez.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	394	On Track Handle:	\$85,997.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,311</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$252,480.60
Total:	1,705	Out of State:	<u>\$266,544.48</u>
		Total:	\$605,022.08

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$154,764

SATURDAY

09/06/2014

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race for CAL-BREDS, maiden allowance two year olds at a distance of 330 yards, was called off with only one entry.

(2) MENDEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued to Jockey Santiago Mendez, because as he was warming up his horse prior to the fourth race on August 31, 2014 at Los Alamitos, Santiago whipped this horse against California Horse Racing Board rules inappropriately. He stated the horse was acting up, trying to lay on his pony. The video taped replay does not support this, so a penalty is in order.

RULING #167

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-2) (USE OF WHIPS - WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014.

(3) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY/ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

The Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry light following the finish of the first race for Thoroughbreds (5 furlongs) to review an incident between the 3½ furlong marker to the 3

furlong marker, where #3 "Kettle Man" (D.N.F. – B. C. Boulanger) skimmed the fence while being head and head for the lead and hit the rail, jostling the horse but not disengaging Mr. Boulanger. However, as they approached the 3/8 pole, he lost his balance and came off, hitting the ground hard and was narrowly missed by a trailing horse. The track E.M.T.'s arrived immediately to evaluate his situation and transport him to Los Alamitos Medical Center. He was conscious and talking but was in need of observation. The horse, "Kettle Man," was returned post-race, uninjured.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 My Last Tycoon (Tr. M. Parker) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$579.00.
 4th Race - # 2 Fast Moving Fire claimed, Tr. S. Fiscal.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	620	On Track Handle:	\$122,901.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,649</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$313,053.90
Total:	2,269	Out of State:	<u>\$382,148.06</u>
		Total:	\$818,103.56

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$206,920

SUNDAY
 09/07/2014

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book for CAL-BRED maiden two year olds, claiming price \$5,000, at a distance of three hundred yards, was called off with only four entrants.

(2) JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez was called in to explain why his mount in the second race appeared to back off the bit with a less than aggressive ride midway through the three hundred yard Quarter Horse event. Mr. Cruz stated that his whip was hung up in the reins and horse's mane while he was trying to switch from the right hand to the left for the final 1/16 of a mile to the wire. Video replays somewhat substantiate this as well as a report from Dr. Beck in the Receiving Barn that the horse was placed on the Vet's List for being unsound post-race. The Stewards gave Mr. Mendez a warning, however, that in future races we want to see an honest effort all the way through the wire. Cruz understood the ramifications and would comply.

(3) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards). The incident involved #2 "Scuba Doo" (4th – S. Mendez) breaking inward, interfering considerably with #1 "Chowchilla Kid" (7th – R. Arvizu) the first several strides out of the starting gate, very plausibly costing him any chance of a better placing. After talking to the riders involved and several reviews of the taped replays, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 and place him last behind #1 for interference out of the gate.

Original Order of Finish: 5 – 3 – 7 – (2) – 4 – 6 – 1
 Official Order of Finish: 5 – 3 – 7 – 4 – 6 – 1 – (2)

(4) FIFTH RACE – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fifth race for Quarter Horses going 330 yards, the Stewards posted the Objection sign at the request of Jockey Ramon Sanchez (7th – #3 "Straight Dasher") against both #2 "Hidalgo Dasher" (5th – S. Mendez) and #4 "Super Kool" (4th – R. Lozano) for interference at approximately the 150 yard mark or the 1/8 pole at mid-stretch. Ramon contends that he was sandwiched between the two horses and forced to take up. Upon further review, the Stewards disallowed the claim as video replays show that Sanchez was trying to outrun a closing hole and was just not far enough up into the opening before it reasonably closed, shutting him out. No change.

(5) FIFTH RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

#2 "Hidalgo Crunch" was claimed by Edwin Sirin and later voided by Official Veterinarian Dr.

Beck in the Receiving Barn post-race for unsoundness. The horse was returned to the original trainer, Rodolfo Viramontes. Claiming price \$2,500.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 3 Ghostly Fever (Tr. K Castaneda) Jockey Brandon Boulanger replaced Jockey Gerardo Martin (injured).
 2nd Race - # 3 Money Too Burn (Tr. S. Willoughby) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$263.00.
 5th Race - # 2 Hidalgo Crunch claimed, Tr. E. Sirin – VOIDED.
 # 3 Streakit Dasher claimed, Tr. D. Givens.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	350	On Track Handle:	\$89,142.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,647</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$299,127.40
Total:	<u>1,997</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$400,688.79</u>
		Total:	<u>\$788,958.99</u>

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$245,031

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
9/6/2014	1	4	My Last Tycoon	M. Parker	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$579
9/7/2014	2	3	Money Too Burn	S. Willoughby	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$263

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 7, 2014. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period five horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, one for injury, one for sickness, none for medication, none for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 09/05	SAT 09/06	SUN 09/07	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	26
CLAIMS			R		2	1	1	4	332
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	31
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	2	3	56
REFUNDS		A			0	1	1	2	291
RULINGS			Y		0	1	0	1	167

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Randy Winick, George Slender, and James Dreyer were in attendance during this reporting period.

 Randy Winick (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)