

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
OAK TREE RACING ASSOCIATION
Santa Anita Park****To the California Horse Racing Board**

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For the period: Wednesday, September 26, 2007, through, Sunday, September 30, 2007.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Wednesday, September 26, 2007, through Sunday, November 4, 2007 – 31 racing days. Racing Wednesday through Sunday. Dark Mondays and Tuesdays, except Monday racing on Columbus Day, October 8, 2007.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races Opening Day and weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 1:00 p.m. Weekends – Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays: 12:30 p.m. Except: 9:15 a.m. Breeder's Cup Day on October 27, 12:00 p.m. Breeder's Cup Day on October 26, Cal Cup Day on Saturday, November 3, and Closing Day on Sunday November 4.
- Scratch time:** 10:00 a.m. previous day deadline for scratches for overnight races and overnight stakes races. Scratch time for regular stakes will be prior to the 3rd race on race day.
- 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; \$1 Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on final four races; \$1 Pick Five on final five races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.
- Auxiliary stables:** Hollywood Park, Fairplex Park, San Luis Rey Downs.

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TUESDAY

09/25/07 **PRE-MEET DAY**

Steward Tom Ward was on hand for entries and scratches and to inspect the facility to ensure all will be in working order for opening day.

**OPENING DAY
WEDNESDAY**

09/26/07¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1st - #2 YOUHADYOURCHANCE –tr. MARK RHEINFORD
Vet – sick. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$4,284.89
- 4th - #1 TRAIL BLAZER – tr. ROBERT BEAN
Vet – injured. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$345.20
- 8th - #10 STYLISH WILDCAT – tr. JOHN SADLER
Stewards – Stakes race
- #12 SPENDITALLBABY – tr. BARRY ABRAMS
Stewards – Stakes race
- #13 TRUE AND TRUE – tr. WESLEY WARD
Stewards – Stakes race Total Refund: \$956.40

09/26/07² **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today’s fourth race was written for two year old maidens bred in California sprinting six furlongs, and a nine horse field was assembled.

09/26/07³ **PRE-OPENING CONFERENCE**

The Stewards attended a conference with CHRB Executive Director Ingrid Fermin and Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur. Also present were General Manager George Haines, Official Veterinarian Tim Connor, and Track Veterinarian Jill Bailey, along with representatives of the Racing Department and the track maintenance crew.

Various topics were discussed as well as guidelines and procedures to keep the day-to-day operations running smoothly and communication lines flowing.

09/26/07⁴ **OBJECTION, SIXTH RACE - NO CHANGE**

Jockey BRICE BLANC aboard the fourth place horse #4 SANTA TERESITA lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #1 ALL SET with VICTOR ESPINOZA in the saddle. BLANC alleged interference near the 1/16. After a thorough review, the Stewards dismissed the claim of foul.

Tapes showed that ALL SET drifted in slightly near the 1/16 causing SANTA TERESITA to steady momentarily, but the latter was being outrun at the time and the Stewards were convinced the placings were not affected. ESPINOZA will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

09/26/07⁵ **OBJECTION, EIGHTH RACE - NO CHANGE**

Jockey ALEX SOLIS, who rode #14 CLINET (5TH) claimed a foul against the place horse #5 LADY GAMER ridden by DAVID FLORES. SOLIS alleged interference at the 1/16. After a thorough review the Stewards disallowed the claim of foul.

Tapes show that Solis steadied briefly near the 1/16 while racing behind LADY GAMER but responsibility for the incident must be shared between the two rivals as CLINET was drifting out in the final strides as much as LADY GAMER was drifting in.

09/26/07⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 15,027 | 2,498,005.80 |
| Inter-track | 21,347 | 4,282,326.20 |
| Out of state | n/a | 4,223,702.16 |
| Total | 36,374 | 11,004,034.26 |

THURSDAY09/27/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1st - #8 BLACK CINDER – tr. GABRIELE GROSS
Vet – sick. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$405.70
- 4th - #8 CLOSET TRADER – tr. RON MCANALLY
Vet – injured. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$72,828.34
- 6th - #1 ZAYA – tr. A.C. AVILA
Vet -sick. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$663.00

09/27/07²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

This afternoon's first race offered California Bred maiden fillies and mares, three year olds and upward, racing six furlongs with eight ladies competing.

09/27/07³**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA reviewed the tapes of yesterday's sixth race with the stewards after he was the subject of an objection. Tapes revealed that Victor's mount drifted in causing close quarters in the stretch and that he could have reacted a jump or two sooner to relieve the pressure. Victor vowed to improve his efforts.

09/27/07⁴**OWNER'S RIGHTS**

The Stewards received written notification from owner JERRY JAMGOTCHIAN that he will be responsible for entries, declarations and the naming of jockeys on horses he owns pursuant to CHRB rule #1899 (Duties of trainer). According to the document this assumption of responsibility will be in effect for the Oak Tree meeting or until further written notice. A copy of the document was supplied to the Racing Department.

09/27/07⁵**LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – FOURTH RACE**

#2 GOLD TRIM, trained by Mike Puype, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Jill Bailey as the field neared the starting gate when she diagnosed the horse as being off in the left front. On Vet's List. The refund amounted to \$72,828.34

09/27/07⁶**PRICES LATE**

A failure of the communication lines running to Las Vegas caused a 10-15 minute delay in the posting of prices for the afternoon's eighth and final race. The system lost the Vegas signal and when communication was restored it was necessary to manually verify that the pools had been locked prior to off time for the last race. Once verified the prices were posted. The cause of the crash is as yet undetermined.

09/27/07⁷ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 3,195 | 995,852.50 |
| Inter-track | 9,066 | 2,497,910.40 |
| Out of state | n/a | 3,139,559.74 |
| Total | 12,261 | 6,633,322.60 |

FRIDAY09/28/07¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd - #3 FORT ERIE – tr. NEIL DRYSDALE
 Vet – sick. Dr. GUILLEN Refund: \$765.00

7th - #1 SEKURA – tr. DAN HENDRICKS
 Vet – sick. Dr. CONNOR
 #3 SWISS DIVA – tr. PATRICK GALLAGHER
 Vet -sick. Dr. CONNOR Total Refund: \$1,666.40

09/28/07² **STEWARDS' INQUIRY, FOURTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate contact between #6 WHY TOMORROW (4TH CHRIS RUSSELL) and #8 MT. WHITNEY (2ND MARTIN GARCIA) at the 1/8. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish. Tapes showed that WHY TOMORROW came out and initiated the contact with MT. WHITNEY. Since MT. WHITNEY out finished WHY TOMORROW no action by the Stewards was necessary. Jockey CHRIS RUSSELL will view the tapes with Stewards in the morning.

09/28/07³ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 3,026 | 852,639.00 |
| Inter-track | 8,726 | 2,391,530.00 |
| Out of state | n/a | 3,812,493.81 |
| Total | 11,752 | 7,056,662.81 |

SATURDAY09/29/07¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

7th - #2 WILD BABY GIRL – tr. BARRY ABRAMS
 Stewards – Stakes Race Refund: \$2,061.80

9th - #7 LAVA MAN - tr. DOUG O'NEILL
 Stewards – Stakes Race Refund: \$3,517.90

09/29/07²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHRIS RUSSELL reviewed the tapes of yesterday's fourth race in which his mount came out in mid-stretch and bumped a rival. Tapes showed that Russell's mount ducked out from one left handed whip stroke. Chris reacted quickly to correct his mount's action but could not prevent the contact and was absolved of blame.

09/29/07³**FINANCIAL RESOLVED (CASE #07DM056)**

A financial complaint filed against trainer DOMINICK FAMA by K C Horse Transport alleging \$571.00 due for services rendered was dismissed prior to hearing when CHRB Senior Investigator Jim Hamilton reported the matter had been settled between the parties.

09/29/07⁴**BIG CARD**

A ten race card, most with overflow fields, highlighted by three Grade 1 stakes races, offered fans an exceptional day of horse racing. The stakes races: The Yellow Ribbon, the Oak Leaf Stakes, and the Goodwood carry Breeders' Cup implications which added to the excitement. Most of the finishes required photos and the racing portion of the afternoon's festivities were conducted without noteworthy incident.

09/29/07⁵**CONCERT CONFRONTATION**

A rock concert in the infield sponsored by local radio station KROQ in conjunction with a microbrew festival caused the fans attending those venues to become a bit more boisterous than organizers would have wished. Local law enforcement officers were called in just prior to the tenth and final race to ensure the crowd dispersed in an orderly fashion.

09/29/07⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 27,353 | 3,495,350.60 |
| Inter-track | 37,352 | 6,852,221.60 |
| Out of state | n/a | 7,549,143.28 |
| Total | 64,705 | 17,896,715.48 |

SUNDAY09/30/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 3RD - #5 RAILROAD - tr. BRIAN KORINER
Vet - injured. Dr. CONNOR Refund: \$1,536.20
- 4th - #2 LADAY TALE - tr. BILL SPAWR
Vet – sick. Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$797.70
- 9th - #7 SKY CAPE – tr. KRISTEN MULHALL
Stewards – Stakes Race
#9 P.S.U. GRAD – tr. CRAIG DOLLASE
Stewards - Stakes Race Total Refund: \$72,447.30
- 10th - #2 CARMENS EXCESS – tr. KATHY WALSH
Vet – injured. Dr. CONNOR
#9 WARREN'S BLVD – tr. JORGE GUTIERREZ
Vet – sick. Dr. BAILEY Total Refund: \$1,378.60

09/30/07²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Three races written exclusively for horses bred in California appeared on today's card. The fifth race had 13 two year old maidens racing 6 ½ furlongs under special weight conditions while the tenth featured two year old maidens sprinting six furlongs for a claiming price of \$40,000 and eleven paraded to the post. In between the eighth race showcased allowance horses at 1 1/16 miles and 10 competed.

For the five day race week five California bred races appeared in the program.

09/30/07³**TALAMO – BAZE RULINGS****OTTS #001**

Jockey JOSEPH TALAMO, having ridden more than one designated race on Saturday, September 29, 2007 while under suspension, is hereby suspended one additional day, Wednesday October 3, 2007, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

OTTS #002

Jockey MICHAEL BAZE, having ridden more than one designated race on Saturday, September 29, 2007 while under suspension, is hereby suspended one additional day, Sunday, October 7, 2007, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

The above rulings were issued after each jockey rode more than one designated race on yesterday's card.

09/30/07⁴**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CLINTON POTTS reviewed yesterdays' fifth race with the stewards. Clinton called after the race yesterday and stated that his horse was injured in the race due to contact with VICTOR ESPINOZA'S mount. The stewards checked the tapes twice – yesterday and again today with Clinton present, and found the angles were inconclusive to assess responsibility for the injury.

The incident occurred behind the trees in the 6 ½ furlong dash on the hillside turf course. The tapes show close quarters between the two horses with Clinton racing along the rail but do not show whether Espinoza's mount caused Potts' horse to check or if Clinton's horse failed to make the turn and came out over Victor's heels.

09/30/07⁵**LATE SCRATCH, SIXTH RACE - REFUND**

#6 PART TIME, trained by JEFF METZ was scratched on the recommendation of DR. BAILEY who noticed the horse was off in the hind quarters during the warm up period. On Vet's List. The refund amounted to \$64,213.20.

09/30/07⁶**LATE SCRATCH, NINTH RACE - REFUND**

The Patrol Judge at the 3/8 pole, Dawn Jackson, reported that #12 TRICKSTER NICKSTER had blood emanating from a nostril during warm up. That information was relayed to Racing Veterinarian Jill Bailey who, after examining the horse, recommended it be declared. On Vet's List. One more reason we need Patrol Judges.

09/30/07⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 8,816 | 2,603,156.60 |
| Inter-track | 17,965 | 5,317,385.60 |
| Out of state | n/a | 5,517,417.60 |
| Total | 26,781 | 13,437,959.80 |

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

Week of 09/26/07 – 09/30/07

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| Horses on Vet List | 18 |
| Horses off Vet List | 14 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 12 |
| Deceased | 2 |

SUMMARY

| | Wed. 09/26 | Thurs. 09/27 | Fri. 09/28 | Sat. 09/29 | Sun. 09/30 | | Week | Meet |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Inquiries | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 3 | 3 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Rulings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| Refunds | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | | 15 | 15 |
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 13 | 13 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | 5 | 5 |

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbeveux, Steward

Martin Hamilton, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward