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**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, October 03, 2007, through, Monday, October 08, 2007.

**WEDNESDAY**

10/03/07<sup>1</sup>

**RULING**

OTTS #003

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN is fined the sum of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse WISE ONE that ran in the fourth race at Santa Anita on September 29, 2007, which is a violation California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering the Sex of a Horse).

This ruling was issued after the trainer pleaded "no contest" to failure to report the gelding of his horse "Wise One", which ran in the fourth race on September 29, 2007.

Cerin accepted full responsibility for the mistake, but added that the horse had been turned out at a ranch after suffering a slab fracture and was gelded during the rehabilitation period. He was not informed of the castration.

10/03/07<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review an incident in the final 1/16 involving the third and fifth place finishers, #2 Chicks Rule (V. Espinoza), and #4 Amybelle (M. Pedroza).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Chicks Rule from third to fifth position. Tapes show the horse coming out to take the path of Amybelle and force Pedroza to take up sharply and lose position. The interference took Pedroza and his mount out of contention and unquestionably cost horse and rider a better placing.

10/03/07<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,666	1,252,146.00
Inter-track	10,641	3,255,906.70
Out of state	n/a	3,782,838.65
Total	14,307	8,290,891.35

**THURSDAY**10/04/07<sup>1</sup>**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> - #6 ANNIE OAKLEAF (Vet – sick)  
 #7 BEAU GENI (Could not load on van)  
 Refund: \$3,112.50

4<sup>th</sup> - #4 DEE'S FLING (Vet – injured)  
 Refund: \$626.10

10/04/07<sup>2</sup>**RULING****OTTS #004**

Trainer MIKE PUHICH is placed on probation for the term of ONE (1) YEAR (through October 1, 2008) for repeated violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and #1877 (Checks).

As a condition of probation any future violation of the aforementioned rules will result in the summary suspension of Mr. Puhich's license privileges pending satisfaction of the outstanding obligation.

This ruling was issued in response to a complaint filed against him for returned checks. While he has made the checks good, Mike has a history of financial complaints filed against him.

10/04/07<sup>3</sup> **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Victor Espinoza was in the office this morning to review the eighth race from Wednesday in which his mount was disqualified for interference in the stretch. After a review and discussion, Stewards Ward and Hamilton voted to give the rider a "pass" as it was felt he did what could be done to prevent interference. Steward Herbuveaux was of the opinion that Victor could have made a better effort.

10/04/07<sup>4</sup> All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

10/04/07<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,341	1,112,423.80
Inter-track	9,782	2,803,341.60
Out of state	n/a	3,690,371.13
Total	13,123	7,606,136.53

**FRIDAY**

10/05/07<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> - #1 CENTORBI (Vet – sick)  
 #3 FLY BY (Vet – injured)  
 Refund: \$3,346.30

10/05/07<sup>2</sup>

**RULING**

**OTTS #005**

Trainer ANTONIO C. AVILA, who started the horse OCEANUS, seventh place finisher in the fifth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 29, 2007, is fined the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1877 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of CHRB rules #1844 (c) (1) (Authorized Medication) and #1843 (a) & (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level [third offense] – 5.56 mcg/ml).

This ruling was issued after the trainer responded to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Butazolidin. He offered no explanation for his third violation within a one year period.

10/05/07<sup>3</sup>

**RULING**

**OTTS #006**

Trainer JOHN W. SADLER, who started the horse TALE OF THE SCALE, winner of the third race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 3, 2007, is fined the sum of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1877 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of CHRB rules #1844 (c) (1) (Authorized Medication) and #1843 (a) & (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level – 6.18 mcg/ml).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Sadler addressed a complaint filed against him for an overage of Phenylbutazone. It was his first violation within a one year period.

10/05/07<sup>4</sup>

**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$7,855.20 was created in the first race as #5 North Rodeo, odds on at 1/5, finished in the "Show" position.

10/05/07<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,341	1,171,006.60
Inter-track	9,944	3,190,036.00
Out of state	n/a	5,071,361.59
Total	13,285	9,432,404.19

**SATURDAY**10/06/07<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> - #8 SPRING HOUSE (Stakes)  
Refund: \$1,855.10

10/06/07<sup>2</sup> **FILM REVIEW**

Joe Talamo was in the office this morning to review the second race from 10-5-07, in which his mount was responsible for interference in the stretch. Talamo was cautioned to make a stronger effort to keep his mount on a straight course.

10/06/07<sup>3</sup> **REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the second race as #4 l'magambler flipped during the saddling procedure and was declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Bailey. The refund amounted to \$9,938.58.

10/06/07<sup>4</sup> **MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the ninth race when #3 The Tin Man, the prohibitive choice at odds of 3/5, finished second. The "Show" pool needed \$10,524.00 to balance

10/06/07<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,244	2,501,261.80
Inter-track	20,029	5,646,131.20
Out of state	n/a	5,279,423.79
Total	30,273	13,426,816.79

**SUNDAY**10/07/07<sup>1</sup>**CASSIDY HEARING**

Trainer James Cassidy was in the office this morning to address a complaint filed against him by Board investigators alleging a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Disorderly Conduct); namely, a confrontation with a former owner, Jerry Jamgotchian. The charges were presented by investigator Rick Amieva. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Jamgotchian testified via telephone that he and Mr. Cassidy had words in the Hollywood Park clubhouse box section and shortly thereafter he was accosted by his former trainer. Jamgotchian said Cassidy head butted him then put a hand around his throat. He said he attempted to walk away from the situation but was prevented from doing so by Cassidy. A video taken by Hollywood Park security cameras confirmed Jamgotchian's testimony. Jamgotchian requested that he be allowed to listen to the remainder of the hearing, but his request was denied in that he could possibly be recalled later in the hearing.

Cassidy did not deny the allegations, stating that he had previously been the subject of e-mails sent by Jamgotchian which were derogatory in nature and said the confrontation on the day in question made him "snap".

The case will be taken under advisement with a determination of issues being made shortly.

10/07/07<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race (Ancient Title Stakes – Grade I) to review an incident approaching the finish involving the second and third place finishers, #3 Greg's Gold (V. Espinoza), and #5 Barbecue Eddie (A. Gryder). Observation indicated contact between the two when the second place finisher came out for room.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. While there was incidental contact created by Greg's Gold, the incident was not of a nature to warrant disqualification.

10/07/07<sup>3</sup>**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review the start of jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr., aboard #6 Tayla Renee (NZ), was unseated.

After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the start the Stewards took no action. The horse caused its own problem when it went in the air at the break. Valdivia was not injured.

10/07/07<sup>4</sup> **MINUS POOLS**

Three minus pools were created during the ten race card this afternoon. The first took place in the third race when #4 Colonel John, at odds of 2/5, came home in front. Management had to kick in \$2,779.42. The next negative pool came in the fifth race when #4 Hystericalady, going off at 1/2, finished second. A total of \$16,908.13 was needed to balance.

The final minus pool was in the seventh race, when #3 Greg's Gold, who was odds on at 3/5, finished in the Place spot. The negative cash flow reached \$20,198.48.

10/07/07<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	22,775	2,824,898.20
Inter-track	32,552	5,865,682.90
Out of state	n/a	5,705,517.60
Total	55,327	14,396,098.60

**MONDAY – COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

10/08/07<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> - #3 FOUR FOUR TWO (Vet – injured)  
Refund: \$ 1,128.60  
6<sup>th</sup> - #7 KATORI (Vet – injured)  
Refund: \$ 868.30  
8<sup>th</sup> - #5 LOGAN AVENUE LINDA (Vet – sick)  
Refund: \$ 582.40

10/08/07<sup>2</sup> **RULING**

**OTTS #007**

Jockey MICHAEL BAZE, having ridden more than one designated race on Sunday, October 7, 2007 while under suspension, is hereby suspended one additional day, Saturday, October 13, 2007, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued in order to comply with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), which states that a rider who competes in more than one designated race on any one racing day must serve an additional day of suspension. Baze rode in two designated races on Sunday, winning one.

10/08/07<sup>3</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review an incident which occurred as the field entered the stretch. It involved the second and fifth place finishers, #3 Storm Brave (A. Quinonez), and #9 Call Transfer (A. Gryder).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Storm Brave from second to fifth position. Tapes show the horse coming out approaching the 3/16 pole, making hard contact with Call Transfer and causing that horse to stumble. The interference, in the Stewards' view, cost Gryder and his mount a better placing.

10/08/07<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards reviewed tapes of the stretch run of the seventh race to determine the extent of interference between the fifth and sixth place finishers, #3 Topper Shopper (I. Enriquez), and #1 Byjohn (V. Espinoza). The inquiry sign was not posted as pari-mutuel payoffs were in progress.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Topper Shopper from fifth to sixth position. Tapes show the horse ducking out from a left hand whip to make contact with Byjohn and force that horse off of its path. The margin at the wire as a "head" and in the Stewards' opinion the incident cost Espinoza and his mount a better placing.

10/08/07<sup>5</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED / HORSE DECLARED**

Jockey Martin Pedroza was excused from his final mount of the afternoon after being examined by the track physician. Pedroza's absence prompted trainer Bill Spawr to request that his horse, #1a Majestic Game, be declared from the ninth race as no suitable replacement could be found. There was no refund as the horse was coupled in the wagering.

10/08/07<sup>6</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,740	2,311,485.80
Inter-track	16,980	4,634,761.60
Out of state	n/a	4,740,739.55
Total	26,720	11,686,986.95

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**

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**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 10/03/07 – 10/07/07**

Horses on Vet List	7
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	20
Deceased	2

**SUMMARY**

	Wed. 10/03	Thurs. 10/04	Fri. 10/05	Sat. 10/06	Sun. 10/07	Mon. 10/08	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	1
Cal-bred Races	2	2	4	1	2	2	<b>13</b>	18
Claims	3	3	3	3	1	4	<b>17</b>	30
Disqualifications	1	0	0	0	0	2	<b>3</b>	3
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	2	2	<b>5</b>	8
Refunds	0	2	1	2	0	3	<b>8</b>	23
Rulings	1	1	2	0	0	1	<b>5</b>	7

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Martin Hamilton, Steward

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John Herbuveaux, Steward