

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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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 31, 2007, through Sunday, November 4, 2007.**

**WEDNESDAY**10/31/07<sup>1</sup>**NAKATANI APPEARS**

Jockey Corey Nakatani appeared to explain his tardiness to the paddock prior to the fifth race on Sunday (10/28). Corey cited gastrointestinal problems, associated with flu as the cause. As Mr. Nakatani's promptness has never been an issue, the Stewards accepted his explanation.

10/31/07<sup>2</sup>**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> #2 CALL TRANSFER, tr. Doug O'Neill (Vet – sick, Dr. Bailey)  
#5 TO THE PENNY, tr. David Hofmans (Vet – sick, Dr. Connor)  
Total refund: \$1,334.00

4<sup>th</sup> #3 VICTORY SPY, tr. John Sadler (Vet – sick, Dr. Connor)  
#5 LADY MATILDA (NZ), tr. Roger Stein (Vet – sick, Dr. Bailey)  
#6 FORMAL RUSH, tr. John Sadler (Vet – sick, Dr. Guillen)  
Total refund: \$2,029.20

5<sup>th</sup> #2 CHARISMA MATTERS, tr. Martin Jones (Vet – sick, Dr. Connor)  
Refund: \$9,688.16

10/31/07<sup>3</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for three year olds and upward, optional claiming price \$32,000, at a distance of one mile, was carded as the seventh race on the program with nine Cal-Breds going post ward.

10/31/07<sup>4</sup>**REFUND**

During the saddling process prior to the fifth race, #7 "Netty's Knockout" flipped in the paddock necessitating a late declaration upon advice of Track Veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey. The total refund amounted to \$9,688.16.

10/31/07<sup>5</sup>**NO PROBLEMS**

Today's eight-race program was completed without noteworthy incident.

10/31/07<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,143	1,280,158.90
Inter-track	10,841	2,905,074.10
Out of state	n/a	2,722,616.14
Total	15,984	6,907,849.14

**THURSDAY**11/01/07<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Victor Espinoza was in, as directed, to review the sixth race from yesterday (10/31) where Mr. Espinoza appeared to ease up the final 50 yards. Films show his mount trying to drift out late from early efforts and Victor stated that the colt felt wobbly in the closing strides. Accordingly, the Stewards accepted the mitigating factors, however, reminded him to persevere through the finish.

11/01/07<sup>2</sup>**MARTIN PEDROZA RULING****OTTS #041**

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA, who rode Paul's Hope in the second race at Oak Tree at Santa Anita on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 is suspended THREE (3) racing days (November 8, 9, and 10, 2007) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Martin reviewed the second race from yesterday (10/31) with the Stewards and candidly agreed that he erred in judgment. Mr. Pedroza objected to the sanction as he felt other riders received passes for like incidents. The Stewards disagree.

11/01/07<sup>3</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for today for fillies and mares, three years old and upward, optional claiming price \$32,000, going one mile, was carded as the first race with six starters.

11/01/07<sup>4</sup>**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> #2 PRINCETON (IRE), tr. Jim Cassidy (Vet – sick, Dr. Connor)  
 #3 IZA GENERAL, tr. Jeff Mullins (Re-enter/Stewards)  
 Refund: \$1,446.00

3<sup>rd</sup> #8 SUDOKU BUDDY, tr. John Sadler (Vet – sick, Dr. Bailey)  
 Refund: \$1,704.10

6<sup>th</sup> #2 RUPERT'S PROMISE, tr. David Hofmans (Sick – Dr. Bailey)  
 #4 FREEDOM SUMMIT, tr. Bob Baffert (Sick – Dr. Bailey)  
 Refund: \$5,059.45

11/01/07<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY, FOURTH RACE - DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the fourth race the Stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to evaluate an observed incident in mid-stretch involving #4 Common Trust (4<sup>th</sup>, jockey Martin Pedroza) and #3 Tumbaga (5<sup>th</sup>, jockey Alonso Quinonez).

Films show #4 came in under right handed urging and took the path of #3 causing the latter to steady back, losing position and momentum, costing him a chance at a better placing.

After reviewing all views of the incident, talking to the riders involved and taking into consideration our Patrol Judge report, #4 was disqualified from fourth and placed fifth in a unanimous decision.

11/01/07<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,256	1,076,507.30
Inter-track	9,562	2,835,836.00
Out of state	n/a	3,268,457.08
Total	12,818	7,180,800.38

**FRIDAY**11/02/07<sup>1</sup>**MARTIN PEDROZA RULING****OTTS #042**

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA, who rode Common Trust in the fourth race at Oak Tree at Santa Anita on Thursday, November 01, 2007 is suspended THREE (3) racing days (November 11, 14, and 15, 2007) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth place, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The above ruling was issued after Martin reviewed the fourth race from yesterday (11/1) with the Stewards. Jockey Pedroza stated that, in his opinion, there was no room for jockey Quinonez at the top of the stretch. After going over the video Mr. Pedroza recanted his statement and accepted his fate.

11/02/07<sup>2</sup>**ED HALPERN RULING****OTTS #043**

Trainer EDWARD I. HALPERN is fined the sum of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for failure to have the horse Aptomburn properly shod necessitating a late scratch in the seventh race on Thursday, November 1, 2007; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above listed ruling was written after Mr. Halpern telephoned the Stewards and waived his right to a hearing and accepted responsibility for his horse being improperly shod.

11/02/07<sup>3</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race written for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,000-\$9,000, going six furlongs, received fourteen entries and was carded as the fourth race on the day.

11/02/07<sup>4</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> #6 VULCAN, tr. John Sadler (Vet – injured, Dr. Connor)  
Refund: \$1,580.55

7<sup>th</sup> #9 CHURCH SERVICE, tr. Lisa Lewis (Sick – Dr. Bailey)  
Refund: \$500.90

11/02/07<sup>5</sup>

**CLEAN PROGRAM**

Today’s program progressed smoothly without incident worthy of note.

11/02/07<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,293	1,113,248.30
Inter-track	9,281	2,943,573.10
Out of state	n/a	4,274,445.19
Total	14,574	8,331,266.59

**SATURDAY**

11/03/07<sup>1</sup>

**ROUTINE MORNING**

The morning business consisted of routine matters with nothing of significance to report.

11/03/07<sup>2</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today’s entire eleven race card was dedicated to Cal-Bred races, featuring ten “Cal-Cup” events.

11/03/07<sup>3</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

8<sup>th</sup> - #9 BRO LO, tr. Doug O’Neill (Vet – injured. Dr. Connor)  
Refund: \$816.60

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9<sup>th</sup> - #11 DADSALITTLEUNUSUAL, tr. Barry Abrams (Stake –  
Refund: \$567.30

11<sup>th</sup> - #1 HY TEMP, tr. Barry Abrams (Vet – injured. Dr. Bailey)  
Refund: \$1,901.06

11/03/07<sup>4</sup>

**DELAY - ELEVENTH RACE**

Prior to “Riders Up” for the eleventh race, #3 Warren’s Scooter pulled a shoe necessitating an emergency repair. Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar was dispatched to the paddock and quickly reset the shoe. The delay amounted to twelve minutes.

11/03/07<sup>5</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

With the exception of the eleventh race delay, “Cal-Cup” day was completed in championship fashion without remarkable incident.

11/03/07<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	25,763	3,778,739.60
Inter-track	36,999	7,566,914.50
Out of state	n/a	9,285,286.16
Total	62,762	20,630,940.26

**SUNDAY**

11/04/07<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race written for fillies and mares three years old and upward, optional claiming price \$32,000, at a distance of six furlongs, was used with seven starters, carded as the third race.

11/04/07<sup>2</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> #7 MISS MELISSA, tr. Frank Monteleone (Sick – Dr. Connor)  
Refund: \$2,558.00

2<sup>nd</sup> #7 FUNKY CHANTEAL tr. Oscar Garcia (Injured – Dr. Bailey)  
Refund: \$867.80

3<sup>rd</sup> #4 HIGHLY QUICK, tr. Keith Bennett (Sick – Dr. Bailey)  
Refund: \$1,331.00

Stewards)

8<sup>th</sup> #3 CHARM THE GIANT (IRE), tr. Ronald McAnally (Stakes -

Stewards)

#11 DOUBLE TROUBLE (BRZ), tr. Robert Frankel (Stakes –

Total refund: \$4,685.10

9<sup>th</sup> #4 RUMMADA, tr. Kristin Mulhall (Sick – Dr. Connor)  
Refund: \$420.00

11/04/07<sup>3</sup>**WILDLIFE DELAY**

As the field was being loaded into the starting gate for the fourth race, Patrol Judge Dawn Jackson alerted the Stewards that a coyote was roaming the track at the 3/8's pole. Ms. Jackson declined to descend her vantage point atop the 3/8's Patrol Judge's stand to flush the critter, however, summoned the outriders. The outriders put the run on the coyote and safety was restored. The delay amounted to five minutes.

11/04/07<sup>4</sup>**JOCKEY OBJECTION, EIGHTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

At the conclusion of the eighth race (Las Palmas Handicap) jockey Tyler Baze, astride the second place finisher #7 Black Mamba (NZ), contacted Quick Official Larry Gilligan and filed an objection against the first place finisher #4 Naissance Royale (IRE) and jockey Garrett Gomez for alleged interference at the 3/16's pole.

Films show #4 eased out for racing room while in behind #6. The latter fanned out slightly making #4 alter out a step more which caused #4 and #7 to brush lightly. #4 won by 3 ½ lengths.

After a thorough review of the video replays of the incident, talking to the riders involved and considering the Patrol Judge's report, the Stewards unanimously ruled the contact minor and insufficient for disqualification. Accordingly, the numbers as posted on the tote board were affirmed.

11/04/07<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,904	2,684,720.60
Inter-track	20,710	5,931,442.80
Out of state	n/a	6,821,416.42
Total	31,614	15,437,579.82

**W E E K L Y   S U M M A R Y**

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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 10/29/07 – 11/04/07**

Horses on Vet List           22  
Horses off Vet List           15  
Shock Wave Therapy       14  
Deceased                       3

**SUMMARY**

	Wed. 10/31	Thurs. 11/01	Fri. 11/02	Sat. 11/03	Sun. 11/04		<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>	3
Cal-bred Races	1	1	1	11	1		<b>15</b>	49
Claims	2	4	7	0	3		<b>16</b>	93
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	0		<b>1</b>	6
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	1		<b>2</b>	23
Refunds	7	5	2	3	6		<b>23</b>	91
Rulings	0	1	2	0	0		<b>3</b>	43

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin Hamilton, Steward

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward