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**STEWARDS RULE IN FAVOR OF INTERCONTINENTAL**

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The stewards issued a unanimous decision Wednesday that the horse Intercontinental, official winner of the Palomar Breeders' Cup Handicap at Del Mar last year, "did not gain an unfair advantage when it raced with a late treatment of pre-race bleeder medication" and Intercontinental "remains the official winner of the race."

Stewards Darrel McHargue, Albert Christiansen, and Martin Hamilton conducted a hearing June 5 on protests filed by the owners and one trainer of horses that finished behind Intercontinental in the Palomar Breeders' Cup Handicap on September 3, 2005. They sought to have Intercontinental disqualified and the purse money redistributed after they learned that Intercontinental had received furosemide, a bleeder medication, 20 minutes closer to the race than allowed by CHRB rules and policy.

The stewards issued an 11-page statement of decision Wednesday indicating the furosemide administered to Intercontinental was a "legal pre-race day medication." They said the contention that the late administration of the authorized medication provided an "edge" to Intercontinental in the race was "unsupported by any evidence, scientific or otherwise."

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