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WEEKLY UPDATE

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board’s weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The California Horse Racing Board has adopted the proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge David Rosenman to suspend trainer Jeff Mullins for 90 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843(a), 1843(d), and 1887(a). After serving 20 days, the balance of the suspension shall be stayed, provided that Mullins obeys all horse racing laws and CHRB regulations during the one-year probationary period. Mullins was the trainer of Rob’s Coin when the gelding finished second in the 7th race at Hollywood Park on July 8, 2006. A post-race urine sample analyzed at the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis was found to contain mepivacaine in excess of the regulatory threshold level. The finding was confirmed by Industrial Laboratories, the split sample laboratory chosen by Mullins. Mepivacaine is a commonly used local anesthetic in equine veterinary procedures and is a Class II violation.

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