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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 stewards at Santa Anita Park issued a ruling disqualifying Rob’s Coin from a second-place finish in the 7th race at Hollywood Park on July 8, 2006, and ordered a redistribution of the purse after 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. Industrial Laboratories, the split sample laboratory selected by Jeff Mullins, the trainer of Rob’s Coin, confirmed the finding. Mepivacaine is a commonly used local anesthetic in equine veterinary procedures and is a Class 2 violation. Previously, the CHRB adopted the proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge David Rosenman to suspend 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’ suspension begins Monday, February 18.

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