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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 Del Mar disqualified Zanda Blue and ordered the redistribution of the purse for the first race at Hollywood Park on July 2, 2008, in which Zanda Blue finished first, after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from Zanda Blue exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The finding was confirmed by Iowa State University Racing Chemistry Laboratory. Procaine is a local anesthetic and is found in procaine penicillin G, a commonly administered antibiotic. For this reason procaine is a Class 3 violation rather than a Class 2 violation, as are other local anesthetics. A hearing is pending for Thomas Bell II, the trainer of Zanda Blue,

The California Horse Racing Board entered into a stipulated agreement with trainer Darrell Vienna, who agreed to pay a fine of \$8,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis identified clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision level in urine samples collected from Medici Code following two consecutive races. Industrial Laboratories confirmed the presence of clenbuterol above the authorized decision level in both split samples. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. These are Class 3 violations. Medici Code finished second in the fourth race at Del Mar on July 18, 2007, and then finished first in the ninth race at Del Mar on August 11, 2007. The stewards at Santa Anita Park issued rulings last November disqualifying Medici Code from those races and redistributing the purses.

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