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**WEEKLY UPDATE: MARCH 8 – 14, 2010**

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

The CHRB filed two separate complaints against trainer George Frousiakis alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (c) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine samples collected from two horses in his care, Juliesdiorbracelet and Prince Snowbound, contained ractopamine, a Class 3 prohibited substance. Ractopamine is a beta-2 agonist, the same drug class as clenbuterol and albuterol. Ractopamine is used as a feed additive for increased weight-gain in livestock but is not approved for use in horses. Juliesdiorbracelet finished third in the second race at Los Alamitos on January 9, 2010. Prince Snowbound finished fourth in the second race at Los Alamitos on January 22, 2010. The stewards at Los Alamitos have scheduled an April 30 hearing on these complaints. In February 20 rulings, the stewards disqualified Juliesdiorbracelet and Prince Snowbound and ordered the redistribution of those purses.

The stewards at Cal Expo suspended trainer Liberio Pacheco for 30 days and fined him \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.6 (d) (1) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a blood sample collected from a horse in his care, Split Ticket, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm1/1 for total carbon dioxide (TCO2). This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 25 days of the suspension provided Pacheco has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Split Ticket finished first in the second race at Cal Expo on December 19, 2009. The stewards disqualified Split Ticket from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

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