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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Los Alamitos September Meet
 Los Alamitos Racing Association

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Report for the Week of Monday, September 19, 2022, through Sunday, September 25, 2022.

THURSDAY9/22/22¹**OFFICIAL SWITCH**

Tom Ward will be filling in for Steward Kim Sawyer this final week of the meeting. Ron Church will take Ward's place at the night meet. Ward will write minutes for the coming week.

9/22/22²**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #2 SIGUR ROS (Vet-unsound)

#5 BIG CREE (Stewards-entered back) Refund of \$1,041.52

4th Race #3 MESILLA SUNRISE (Vet –injured) Refund of \$95.70

9/22/22³**RIDER EXCUSED**

MIKE SMITH was excused from his only mount of the afternoon as he is in Pennsylvania to ride stakes races this weekend. A replacement rider was named.

9/22/22⁴**FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS RULING****LATL #06**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS, who rode BOX OF CHOCOLATES in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 18, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (September 30, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 22, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing

Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - second offense since July 3, 2022). Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS has accrued a total of six (6) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Rojas viewed the seventh race from September 18, 2022, in which he violated the "crop" rule. He readily admitted the violation and accepted the penalty.

9/22/22⁵

DOMINGO RAMIREZ RULING

LATL #07

Exercise Rider DOMINGO RAMIREZ, having complied with the terms of ruling LATS #69, issued at Santa Anita Park on March 18, 2022, is restored to good standing. MR. RAMIREZ will be required to remain on a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for as long as he is licensed in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Ramirez appeared in the Stewards' office this past Tuesday and provided proof that he had complied with the terms of a ruling issued by the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park earlier in the year. Winners' Foundation executive Darin Sharer weighed in regarding Mr. Ramirez' progress and said that Domingo was one of their success stories. His turnaround has been nothing short of outstanding.

9/22/22⁶

QUIET AFTERNOON

The eight race program was conducted without incident or controversy.

9/22/22⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	501	\$111,315.00
SCOTWinc	1,412	\$488,290.54
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,466,701.38
Total	1,913	\$3,066,306.92

FRIDAY

9/23/22¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #5 RECKONING DAY (Stewards - entered back) Refund of \$300.23
5th Race #1 FASTTRAINTOTEXAS (Vet-sick)
#5 CHICK'S DIG IT (Vet-injured) Refund of \$826.76
8th Race #1 ALPHIE'S ANGEL (Vet-sick)
#8 CHEVY GIRL (Vet-sick) Refund of \$403.80

9/23/22²

CROP RULINGS

INIGUEZ RULING LATL #08

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ, who rode RALLY CAT in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 22, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (September 30, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for three (3) strikes over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 23, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - first offense). Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ has accrued a total of three (3) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

GARCIA RULING LATL #09

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey ERICK GARCIA, who rode TALKATIVE GAL in the second race at Los Alamitos Race

Course on September 22, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (September 30, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ERICK GARCIA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 23, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – third offense since July 2, 2022). Jockey ERICK GARCIA has accrued a total of nine (9) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

These rulings were issued after the riders had viewed the first and second races, respectively, during which they violated the ‘crop’ rule. Mr. Iniguez was candid admitting that he just got caught up with his horse responding while Mr. Garcia thought one of his “strikes” could have been a “flag”.

9/23/22³

VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two claims voided during the card due to soundness issues. The first took place following the third race, as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, VMD, determined that #3 MONOLOGUE, claimed by Oscar Heredia was “off” in both front limbs. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Steve Knapp. The second voided claim was following the fifth race as once again Dr. Pattio called, this time to inform us that #3 JERRY JEFF WALKER did not pass muster as the horse showed signs of soreness in the right hind leg during its time in the detention barn. Originally claimed by trainer Jorge Periban, JERRY JEFF WALKER was sent back to trainer Steve Miyadi’s stable.

9/23/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	621	\$165,399.92
SCOTWinc	2,190	\$846,031.36
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,244,851.72
Total	2,811	\$4,256,283.00

SATURDAY

9/24/22¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

5th race #8 SWEET HEIDELBERG (Vet-sick) Refund of \$760.24

6th race DIVENLY DIVERSE (Vet-sick) Refund of \$223.90

9/24/22²

MORE CROP RULINGS

ORTEGA RULING LATL #10

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey CESAR ORTEGA, who rode BEING BLESSED in the THIRD race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 23, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (October 1, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey CESAR ORTEGA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 24, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - second offense since July 9, 2022). Jockey CESAR ORTEGA has accrued a total of six (6) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

HERRERA RULING LATL #11

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode WILD ARCH in the SIXTH race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 23, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (October 1, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 24, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - second offense since July 4, 2022). Jockey DIEGO HERRERA has accrued a total of six (6) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

The foregoing rulings were issued as the riders were observed violating the "crop" rule yesterday. Neither rider came in to plead their case. The jockeys at this meeting are having a difficult time adhering to the parameters of the HISA rule regarding the maximum number of strikes allowed. Perhaps the inordinately long home stretch here – nearly 5/16th of a mile - is partly to blame, but other than that we are at a loss to come up with an explanation. Hopefully, compliance will be better from now on.

9/24/22³

INCIDENT AFTER FINISH

Jockey TYLER BAZE was unseated from his mount #2 DURANTE, following the finish of the ninth race as he lost his inside iron and tumbled to the track. He completed his remaining engagement after being examined and cleared to ride by the track physician.

9/24/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,307	\$442,686.58
SCOTWinc	3,861	\$1,675,752.91
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,473,140.62
Total	5,168	\$6,591,580.11

SUNDAY

9/25/22¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

3rd race #2 MEMES (Vet- Unsound) Refund of \$1,426.74
4th race CAPACITY (Vet-sick) Refund of \$172.80
5th race RAFIKK (Vet-sick) Refund of \$404.97
6th race #3 HEAVEN'S MUSIC (Vet-sick) Refund of \$1,612.66
#5 PRAYER OF JABEZ (Stewards - trainer transfer)
9th race #6 CROSSKIRK (Vet-sick) Refund of \$951.09

9/25/22²

RULING

MACE RULING LATL #13

Owner LEIGH "ED" MACE, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$1,203.00 to K C Horse Transport) is restored to good standing. LATS ruling #95 issued at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2021, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after KC Horse Transportation reported that owner Mace had sent them payment in full for a past due transportation invoice.

9/25/22³

ANOTHER CROP VIOLATION

HERRERA RULING LATL #12

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode ENSLEYS DREAM in the TENTH race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 24, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (October 2, 2022) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 25, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - third offense since July 4, 2022). Jockey DIEGO HERRERA has accrued a total of nine (9) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued as the rider was observed overusing the “crop” during the tenth race yesterday afternoon. The concern is the Mr. Herrera, after being sanctioned for the same violation on Friday, is just not getting the message. His number of violation points are getting close to a mandatory seven day suspension.

9/25/22⁴

CONCERN OVER LEGITIMACY OF TRAINER TRANSFER

The Stewards filed a scratch card for the horse PRAYER OF JABEZ, scheduled to run in the sixth race today. The horse had been transferred from Dan Azcarate to Robert Lucas on the morning of entries, with the horse still residing in Mr. Azcarate’s barn at Santa Anita. The problem was that Mr. Azcarate has been barred from racing at Los Alamitos due to his adverse interaction with a regulatory veterinarian while he was stabled on these grounds some time ago. We felt that this was likely a “transfer of convenience” in order to race the horse here and so informed the owner, Anthony DiMarco. He, DiMarco, accepted the Stewards’ decision and offered no argument.

9/25/22⁵

FIRST TIME’S A CHARM

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR made the most of his first mount as he guided #6 SIPPEN N KISSIN to a well-earned victory in the eighth race this afternoon. Breaking from the #6 post. Aguilar kept his mount out of trouble by taking the overland route the entire mile, drawing clear in the final one sixteenth. The rider looked polished, not overusing the crop, and staying in rhythm with his horse. We wish him the best of luck going forward.

9/25/22⁶

CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the ninth race by trainer JONATHON WONG for #8 CAPTAIN N. BARON was voided as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, VMD, reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to trainer Jesus Uranga’s barn.

9/25/22⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,163	\$344,753.69
SCOTWinc	3,006	\$1,187,186.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,348,942.71
Total	4,169	\$5,880,882.80

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 9/19/22 TO 9/25/22

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 9/22	Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	1	5	9
Claims	2	5	6	5	18	32

Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	2
Refunds	2	3	2	5	12	22
Rulings	2	2	2	2	8	13
Voided Claims	0	2	0	1	3	6

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

George Yniguez, Steward

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