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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Los Alamitos Winter Meet**  
Los Alamitos Racing Association  
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**Report for Monday, December 12, 2022, Through Sunday, December 18, 2022.**

**TUESDAY**12/13/22<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY STEWARD**

David Nuesch was present to solve any issues that might arise pertaining to entries for Friday, 64 participants were carded in eight races.

**WEDNESDAY**12/14/22<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Nuesch was available to supervise entries for Saturday (10 races) and approve program changes for Friday (10 races).

**THURSDAY**12/15/22<sup>1</sup>**XANTHOS COMPLAINT CASE 22SA0202**

After confirmation from Wendy Soo Hoo that trainer Simon Callaghan was paid in full for services rendered in the amount of \$7,094.25 from owner Demetrios Xanthos, the complaint was withdrawn.

12/15/22<sup>2</sup>**ARSLANIAN COMPLAINT CASE 22SA0199**

The financial complaint filed against owner Harout Arslanian in the amount of \$3,194.50 has been withdrawn as the debt owed to Bonnie Acres Ranch was satisfied prior to the scheduled hearing.

12/15/22<sup>3</sup>**KNAPP RECORDED HEARING CASE 22DM0045**

The official blood sample #DM20073 taken on September 10, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track was reported by Ben Moeller, PhD of U.C. Davis Laboratories to contain Methocarbamol, which is a

class 4, penalty C violation. The sample was obtained from the horse "Square Deal" who ran in the second race on September 10, 2022 and finished fourth. The trainer of record is Steve Knapp. Possible CHRB rule violations are as follows; 1840 (Veterinarian Practices and Treatments Restricted), 1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV)), 1844 (Authorized Medication) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Present for the hearing were, representing the CHRB, Investigator Anne Dillon and trainer Steve Knapp. Mr. Knapp stated, it had to have been a medication administered in error.

**FRIDAY**  
12/16/22<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Julio De La Torre was directed to meet with the Stewards for a crop violation in Sunday's sixth race. Mr. De La Torre used his crop twelve times in the race which is six times over the allowable limit which violates HISA rule 2280. He stated he totally forgot the rule and apologized. As no purse money was earned per HISA 2282 a disqualification of the horse was not necessary. Mr. De La Torre's penalty is listed below.

**LWTLRULING #04**

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 2), Jockey JULIO DE LA TORRE, who rode PAPA PRIMITIVO in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 11, 2022, is suspended for three (3) days (December 26, 30 and 31, 2022), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for six (6) strikes over the limit. (Class 2 violation)

Furthermore, Jockey JULIO DE LA TORRE is assigned five (5) violation points that will be expunged on September 16, 2023, nine (9) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey JULIO DE LA TORRE now has five (5) points pursuant to HISA Rule #2283 (Multiple Violations)

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

12/16/22<sup>2</sup>

**KNAPP RULING (ref 12-15-22<sup>3</sup>)**

**LWTL RULING #05**

Trainer STEVE KNAPP, who started the horse SQUARE DEAL, finishing fourth in the second race at Del Mar Racetrack on September 10, 2022, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations - Expires 12/16/23) pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1840 (Veterinary Practices and Treatment Restricted), #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1844(d)(5) (Authorized Medication) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances - Methocarbamol [Class 4]).

12/16/22<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

No reportable incidents occurred during the afternoon card.

12/16/22<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#1 PEPPERMAN (Tr. B. McClean) claimed by Tr. C. De Alba
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$0
3rd race	#6 BOWL OF CHERRIES (Tr. L. Mora) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin #9 LOUD LOUD MUSIC (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) claimed by J. Raudales
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$628.80
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$0

12/16/22<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	696	\$172,062.13
SCOTWinc	2,002	\$674,754.31
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,223,214.09
Total	2,698	\$4,070,030.53

**SATURDAY**  
12/17/22<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice ARMANDO AGUILAR met with the Stewards as directed to review the use of his crop in the fourth race yesterday. After a review it was evident, he violated the crop rule. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

**LWTL RULING #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), Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode BIG FRANK DA TANK in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 16, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (December 26, 2022), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Furthermore, Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 17, 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 November 6, 2022. Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR 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. LATC #29, 11-6-2022

2/17/22<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIRST RACE 5 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two different incidents. The first occurred at the start that involved #5 CA DREAMER (R. Rameriz 6<sup>th</sup>). Unanimously, #5 was declared a starter as it lost its action behind, soon after leaving the gate and no other horse was involved. The second incident involved #4 FAMILY TRIPS (E. Payeras 2<sup>nd</sup>) and #7 WHERE’S FRANKIE (K. Frey 3<sup>rd</sup>). #4 drifted out mid-stretch making contact with #7, in a majority opinion #7 was not compromised for a better placing. Steward Nuesch voted for a disqualification.

12/17/22<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS’ REVIEW /NO INQUIRY /THIRD RACE 5 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the Stewards announced there would be a “review” of the start that involved #8 PAT CAN’T COUNT who dwelt before it decided to join the rest of the field. It was confirmed there were no other factors involved in the incident and the original order of finish was made official.

12/17/22<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER OBJECTION /NO CHANGE /SIXTH RACE 5/8 dirt**

Following the running of the race JAIRO MONASCAL trainer of #4 SHARP WARNING (J. Matias 8<sup>th</sup>) lodged a claim of foul against #7 WHOA BUDDY (D. Herrera 5<sup>th</sup>) for an incident approaching the 1/8 marker. #7, while running up on heels, shifted inward and made slight contact with #4. In a unanimous decision the Stewards stated this incident did not warrant a disqualification and the original order of finish was made official.

12/17/22<sup>5</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

After Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio examined #5 STORMSIDE, who performed in the sixth race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian’s List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Steve Knapp.

12/17/22<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race      No Changes; Refund \$22.82  
2nd race      No Changes; Refund \$0

3rd race #8 PAT CAN'T COUNT (Tr. R. Guillen) B. Harvey replaced K. Camacho (suspended)  
 4th race No Show Wagering; Refund \$0  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #5 STORINSIDE (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga, **VOIDED**  
 Refund \$238.84  
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$66.10  
 8th race #5 CRYPTO MUNNY (G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$568.18  
 9th race #3 STARSHIP DEFIANT (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Steward-entered back  
 Refund \$415.08  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #8 SAVILE ROW (Tr. T. Yakteen) J. Velazquez replaced D. Van Dyke (sick)  
 Refund \$960.80

12/17/22<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,298	\$424,297.24
SCOTWinc	3,300	\$1,201,169.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,770,375.14
Total	4,598	\$6,395,842.13

**SUNDAY**  
 12/18/22<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

DIEGO HERRERA met with the Stewards to review his ride yesterday in the sixth race. He stated the horse in front of him stopped so quickly, which was verified on the video review, he believed his only option was to veer inward. Warning.

EDGAR PAYERAS, as directed met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in the first race yesterday in which an inquiry was posted (ref 12-17-22<sup>2</sup>). At the top of the stretch Mr. Payeras pushed out making contact with a horse to his outside. After a good discussion, he left the office with a warning.

CESAR ORTEGA also met with the BOS to review his ride in the sixth race. He pushed out entering the far turn to stay off of heels in the 5/8's event and made contact with two horses to his outside. The incident was not worthy of a penalty and he was issued a warning.

12/18/22<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW /NO CHANGE /SECOND RACE 5 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the BOS announced a "review" of the start of the race. Involved were # 2 EL DIABLO ROJO (R. Curatolo 3<sup>rd</sup>) and #7 RECKONING DAY (R. Vasquez 7<sup>th</sup>) who were both tardy at the break. In a unanimous decision, it was confirmed no other factors were involved and they were both declared starters.

12/18/22<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /NO CHANGE /TENTH RACE 1 mile dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an accident in the first turn of the 9<sup>th</sup> running of the King Glorious Stakes. Involved was #3 PLEASE FOCUS (M. Gutierrez DNF), while on the lead mid first turn, ducked out and unseated its jockey. After a review of all available angles, the overhead "drone" shot made it apparent no other horses were involved in the incident. At this juncture the original order of finish was made official. The paramedics were on scene immediately to attend to the jockey and the loose horse was caught by an outrider.

12/18/22<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Change; Refund \$0  
 2nd race #1 JUNE GLOOM (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin  
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 4th race #5 JUSTIN'S LADY (Tr. D. Hofmans) A. Cedillo replaced D. Van Dyke (sick)

5th race #3 ANGELCENTS (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
 #4 SHARED FUTURE (Tr. S. Knapp) T. Pereira replaced D. Van Dyke (sick)  
 Refund \$1,006.46  
 6th race #5 BETITO (Tr. R. Lucas) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund \$219.91  
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 10th race #3 PLEASE FOCUS (L. Mora) DNF

12/18/22<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,084	\$266,857.31
SCOTWinc	2,740	\$900,585.74
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,033,792.24
Total	3,824	\$6,201,235.29

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/12/22 TO 12/18/22**

Horses on Vet List 6  
 Horses off Vet List 9  
 Shock Wave Therapy 2  
 Fatalities 0  
 Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	2	6	9
<b>Claims</b>	2	0	1	3	12
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	2	1	3	4
<b>Refunds</b>	1	6	2	9	15
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	0	3	6
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	0	2	2

Respectfully submitted,

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 David Nuesch, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Steward

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 George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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