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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 28, 2023, through March 5, 2023.

**Tuesday**

2/28/2023

**(1) HEARING DAY**

The entire Board of Stewards was in attendance this morning to hear case #22LA0214, filed against Veterinarian Carlos Cervantes, for failing to submit treatment reports into the Electronic Treatment Reporting System (ETRS) in a timely manner. Dr. Cervantes was in attendance, along with Investigator Vito Racowski, who presented the case for the CHRB. Dr. Cervantes stated that he was having issues with the ETRS that day, but this was not the first time that he was in the Stewards' office with an ETRS issue. More to follow...

**Wednesday**

3/01/2023

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch will be in attendance this week to attend to morning activities, entries, the draws for both Saturday and Sunday, as well as Panel Reviews for both race-cards this weekend.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for Saturday, restricted to California Bred Maiden three-year-olds going 300 yards, did not attract a single entry.

**(3) THE DRAW**

With no racing last week due to weather and four trials for the Los Alamitos Oaks, Saturday's ten-race card came together quickly. In addition to the four aforementioned trials, the card also includes four around-the-turn races, and the Denim N Diamonds Handicap, that was carried over from last weekend.

**Thursday**

3/02/2023

**(1) SCRATCH TIME**

Scratch time for Saturday 3/04/2023 consisted of one scratch and two equipment changes.

**(2) PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to review and discuss the entrants for Saturday evening's ten race card. Several runners made the "watch list" necessitating additional veterinary checks later this morning.

**(3) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for Sunday, a California Bred Maiden race for three-year-olds, going 300 yards, was called off with just one entry.

**(4) THE DRAW**

Once again, the racing office was quick to put together another ten-race card for Sunday evening. The card consists of four around-the-turn races, two trials for the El Primero Del Ano Derby, and features the Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes, that was carried over from last Sunday's cancelled card.

**Friday**  
3/03/2023

**(5) SCRATCH TIME**

Scratch time for Sunday 5/05/2023 had one scratch and three jockey changes to note.

**(6) PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met once again to review and discuss the entries for Sunday evening's races. Just like yesterday, multiple horses made the "watch list" so additional veterinary checks will be conducted on those runners this morning.

**Saturday**  
3/04/2023

**(1) FILM REVIEW (REF:1/29/23<sup>2</sup>)**

Jockey Rodrigo Vallejo came into our office to review his ride on Empressum in the prior Sunday's tenth race where the Stewards felt he violated the crop rule. Once viewing the replays of the race, jockey Vallejo agreed to his mistakes and the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 23

JOCKEY RODRIGO S. VALLEJO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING EMPRESSUM IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2023.

**(2) DR. CERVANTES RULING (REF:2/28/23<sup>1</sup>)**

After deliberating the facts heard on Tuesday, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 24

VETERINARIAN DR. CARLOS CERVANTES IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1842 (VETERINARY REPORT - FAILURE TO SUBMIT TREATMENT REPORTS IN THE ELECTRONIC TREATMENT REPORTING SYSTEM IN A TIMELY MANNER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE WITHIN A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD).

**(3) REVIEWS OF START**

The Stewards reviewed the start of the sixth race, where #3 Streak Of Power (jockey Armando Cervantes) broke inward, prior to going on and winning the race. The Stewards quickly determined that the horse to the inside of Streak Of Power (#2 Imm Born To Fly), broke poorly on his own, thus no further action would be taken. However, jockey Cervantes was summoned to report to the Stewards' office tomorrow. Additionally, the Stewards also reviewed the start of the eighth race, where #5 Into Wishin and #6 Dashas Dynasty got away poorly. Once again, the Stewards determined that both runners contributed to their own problems at the start, so no further action would be taken. In both cases, trainer Jose Flores called upstairs, not to claim foul, but to vent his frustrations with the two starts involving both of his runners.

**(4) LATE DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Epic Drama (tr. A. Aquino) scratched (Vet – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$230.03  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Big Creek (tr. A. Farias) scratched (Vet – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$260.04

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	971	\$108,631.50
Off track	1,231	\$374,562.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,368,081.98
Total	2,202	\$1,851,276.38

**Sunday**  
3/05/2023

**(1) FILM REVIEW (REF:3/04/23<sup>3</sup>)**

Jockey Armando Cervantes was asked to come into our office to review the start of last night's sixth race, where his mount broke inward quite sharply. Though the horse to his inside broke poorly on his own, the Stewards cautioned Mr. Cervantes to make a better effort to correct his mount. Warning.

**(2) DRONELESS**

We were without our drone shots for the first two races this evening, as our head operator was still enroute from Santa Anita where he assisted with their program today. The drone has proven to be an invaluable tool in recent weeks, but thankfully our first two races were conducted without incident.

**(3) LATE SCRATCH**

During the loading process of the ninth race, #6 Space Flight (trainer Scott Willoughby) broke through the front doors of the starting gate, unseating jockey Oscar Peinado. Space Flight ran loose down the track, so the Stewards' ordered that runner to be scratched. Additionally, two other runners broke through the front doors as a result of Space Flight's antics, but both horses were detained by their assistant starters, cleared by the racing vet, and allowed to compete. Once Space Flight was caught by the outrider and removed from the track, the remaining runners were reloaded into the starting gate.

**(3) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Tiger's Wish (tr. D. Winick) scratched (Vet – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$283.80  
#7 Wink Wish And Park (tr. D. Winick) scratched (Vet – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald)  
Refund \$217.89

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Asian Rain (tr. J. Uranga) scratched (Vet – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$161.73

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Ladie Antebellum (tr. H. Taylor) scratched (Vet – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald) Refund \$127.43

9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Aint He Tempting (tr. M. Arrossa) scratched (Vet – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald)  
Refund \$118.65  
#6 Space Flight (tr. S. Willoughby) late scratch (Stewards – loose on track)  
Refund \$21,651.28

10<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Buymyladyacorona (tr. V. Zamudio) scratched (Vet – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald)  
Refund \$332.20  
#8 Milenio (tr. S. Perez) scratched (Trainer - Stake) Refund \$54.15

**(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	624	\$86,724.50
Off track	1,013	\$210,820.80
Out of state	N/A	\$1,542,074.42
Total	1,637	\$1,839,619.72

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 5, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 2 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 2 for EIPH. Twenty-five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were removed. This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 3/04	Sun 3/05	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			4	2	6	30
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	3
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	3
<b>Refunds</b>		A		2	8	10	58
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	0	2	24
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	2

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, David Nuesch, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward