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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
Los Alamitos Racing Association****Los Angeles County Fair Meet at Los Alamitos  
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**Report for Wednesday, July 5, 2023, Through Sunday, July 9, 2023.****WEDNESDAY**7/5/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY STEWARD**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in on Wednesday to oversee entries for Saturday's afternoon program. The nine-race card is highlighted by the \$125,000 Los Alamitos Derby.

**THURSDAY**7/6/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Once again, Steward Kim Sawyer was attendance to oversee entries for Sunday, along with scratches for Saturday afternoon. The racing office put together ten races for the final card of the summer fair meet.

**FRIDAY**7/7/23<sup>1</sup>**HEARINGS DAY**

This morning, the entire Board of Stewards were in attendance to hold four scheduled hearings, in addition to the rescheduled GEORGE SHARP hearing.

7/7/23<sup>2</sup>**JASON HALL HEARING (case #22DM0056)**

First on the docket was the case filed by the CHRB against owner JASON HALL for allegedly falsifying foal records on three horses. Investigator Jeanne Garrido presented the very detailed case for the CHRB and Jason Hall traveled in from his Idaho home for the hearing. Also in attendance was court reporter Michelle Derieg, to transcribe the proceedings. Mr. Hall was very forthcoming with his account of what happened approximately five years ago, and he answered

all the follow-up questions that the Stewards had for him. After all the evidence was presented and discussed, the hearing was brought to a close. Decision to follow.

7/7/23<sup>3</sup>

**CATALAN HEARING (case #23SA0080)**

The second complaint was not heard as groom MILTON CATALAN did not show up to his scheduled hearing, so a Failure to Appear ruling will be issued.

7/7/23<sup>4</sup>

**PACHECO HEARING (case #23SA0106)**

Next up was the SELVIN PACHECO hearing where the CHRB filed a complaint against the exercise rider for allegedly being intoxicated while on horseback. Investigator Steven Manila presented the case via Microsoft Teams from his San Luis Rey location. Decision to follow...

7/7/23<sup>5</sup>

**THE CHECKS ARE IN THE MAIL**

The next complaint to be heard was filed by Farrier Robert Treasure against LEANNA EKSTROM for services renders last summer at Del Mar. Ms. Ekstrom stated by phone that once she learned of the outstanding bill, she instantly put a check in the mail. The Stewards granted her an additional week for the check to arrive. Stay tuned...

Word was also received that ANTHONY DEMARCO (ref: 6/29/23<sup>5</sup>) sent a check to Dr. Seim, so once again, the Stewards granted an additional week for conformation of the check's arrival.

Lastly, we learned that the lawyer for GEORGE SHARP (ref: 7/01/23<sup>2</sup>) wired money to the attorney representing Dr. Dana Stead, so the make-up hearing scheduled was cancelled.

**SATURDAY**

7/8/23<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW / RULINGS**

Four jockeys were summoned to report to the Stewards' office today, all to review alleged crop violations on last Tuesday's card. All four riders were each found to have gone over by one strike, so all received the minimum penalty, with the exception of jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ, who's violation occurred in the Grade 2 Great Lady M Stakes. The four rulings are listed below.

**LAFB RULING # 13**

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 ABDUL ALSAGOOR, who rode AVA'S STORM in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 8, 2024, 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. Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR 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.

LATS #29 (3/3/2023)

**LAFB RULING # 14**

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 ANTONIO FRESU, who rode BIG SWEDE in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS H(\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 8, 2024, 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. Jockey ANTONIO FRESU 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.

LATS #60 (5/7/2023) and LATS #67 (5/27/2023)

#### **LAFL RULING # 15**

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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode SIGUR ROS in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 8, 2024, 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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ 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.

#### **LAFL RULING # 16**

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 JUAN HERNANDEZ, who rode EDA in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023), and fined ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS (\$1,169.00)\* (Great Lady M Stakes [Grade II]) for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 8, 2024, 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 JUAN HERNANDEZ 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.

7/8/23<sup>2</sup>

#### **PACHACO RULING (Ref: 7/07/23<sup>4</sup>)**

A decision was reached in the SELVIN PACHACO case and the following ruling was issued.

#### **LAFL RULING # 17**

Exercise Rider SELVIN PACHACO is suspended FIFTEEN (15) days (06/25/2023 thru 07/09/2023 with credit for time served) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of an alcoholic beverage while performing his duties) at Santa Anita Park on June 9, 2023. Furthermore, SELVIN PACHACO must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board.

7/8/23<sup>3</sup>

#### **CATALAN RULING (Ref: 7/07/23<sup>3</sup>)**

As a result of MILTON CATALAN'S failure to appear for his scheduled hearing yesterday, the following ruling was issued.

#### **LAFL RULING # 18**

Groom MILTON CATALAN, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course July 7, 2023, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Suspension to commence July 15, 2023.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MILTON CATALAN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

7/8/23<sup>4</sup>

#### **AMESCUA RULING (Ref: 6/29/23<sup>4</sup>)**

The Stewards also reached a decision in the Amescua/Lockwood case, so both parties were called, and the following ruling was issued.

#### **LAFL Ruling # 19**

Following a hearing held at Los Alamitos Racecourse on June 29, 2023, trainer RENE AMESCUA is ordered to pay Don Lockwood Horse Van Service \$2,400.00 on or before August 8, 2023. Failure to comply with this ruling will constitute a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

7/8/23<sup>5</sup>

#### **CLEAR DAY OF RACING**

Today's nine-race card, that featured the \$125,000 Los Alamitos Derby, was conducted smoothly, and with no notable incidents.

7/8/23<sup>6</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Speeding Style - Claimed by L. Ruiz, trainer  
#3 Oil Can Knight (tr. M. Pineda) - Stewards' scratch – HIWU. Refund \$1,318.60  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Real Thirsty (tr. A. Aquino) - Vet scratch - Injured, Dr. Stead. Refund \$679.70  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$417.38  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Everlys Girl (tr. M. Pineda) - Stewards' scratch - HIWU  
#5 Bella Renella (tr. M. Pineda) - Stewards' scratch – HIWU. Refund \$1,771.60  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Yellow Brick - Stewards' scratch – Stake. Refund \$1,189.65

7/8/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,524	\$479,673.20
SCOTWinc	3,949	\$1,544,373.18
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,871,583.49
Total	5,473	\$6,995,629.87

**SUNDAY**

7/9/23<sup>1</sup>

**HALL RULING Ref: 7/07/23<sup>2</sup>**

After deliberating all the facts presented yesterday, the Stewards reached a decision in the JASON HALL case, and issued the following ruling.

**LAFI RULING # 20**

Owner JASON HALL, who falsified the information submitted to the The Jockey Club as to the correct foaling location for the horses REALLY BIG NEWS, WINNING BIG and KAL BARG, causing REALLY BIG NEWS and WINNING BIG, to be registered as California Bred, is fined Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and suspended 30 days (July 15, 2023 thru August 13, 2023) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). In addition, JASON HALL must make restitution to California Thoroughbred Breeders Association for breeders awards in the amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-eight dollars and Seventy Six cents (\$5,788.76) by August 8, 2023.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JASON HALL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), JASON HALL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

7/9/23<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' DOUBLE-INQUIRY, RACE #3**

The Stewards immediately posted the inquiry sign when #6 NOISEY BURGLAR (jockey A. Aguilar) came out of the starting gate without her rider. The Stewards also expanded the inquiry to review an incident entering the far turn where #2 JAYCEE (jockey R. Ramirez) steadied sharply while racing inside of #5 THINK OF ANITA (jockey E. Rojas).

The Stewards reviewed the start several times where NOISEY BURGLER reared-up, just as the doors were about to open, causing apprentice jockey Armando Aguilar to be unseated. In a majority decision, the Stewards ruled that NOISEY BURGLAR caused her own problems and would be considered a starter. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling the horse was not afforded a fair start and should be deemed a non-starter.

The Stewards' focus shifted to the second incident, and though there were differing opinions as to how much THINK OF ANITA contributed to JAYCEE having to steady, the Stewards unanimously agreed that it did not affect the original order of finish, so no change was made.

7/9/23<sup>3</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Rip City - Stewards' scratch – Panel. Refund \$1,425.15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #9 Without Borders (tr. P. Miller) - Vet scratch – Unsound, Dr. Gonzalez  
 Refund \$521.50  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Friendly Shuffle (tr. R. Lucas) - Vet scratch - Injured, Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$411.10  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$11.10  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Real Thirsty (tr. P. Miller) - Vet scratch - Sick, Dr. Stead. Refund \$424.75  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Smuggler's Run - Claimed by P. Miller, trainer  
 #4 Forgiving Spirit (tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Stewards' scratch,  
 on the advice of the Track Veterinarian, unsound during warm-up  
 Refund \$41,959.57

7/9/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,313	\$392,951.20
SCOTWinc	3,176	\$1,322,792.68
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,197,102.62
Total	4,489	\$5,912,846.50

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/3/23 TO 7/9/23**

Horses on Vet List 18  
 Horses off Vet List 12  
 Shock Wave Therapy 0  
 Fatalities 0  
 Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	Sat 7/8	Sun 7/9	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	2	3	19
<b>Claims</b>	1	1	2	18
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	1	2
<b>Refunds</b>	5	6	11	34
<b>Rulings</b>	7	1	8	20
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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 David Nuesch, Steward

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 Rich Williams, Steward

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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