

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 Monday, June 26, 2023, through Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

TUESDAY

6/27/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Rich Williams was available to supervise entries for Saturday (8 races) and resolve any issues that may arise.

WEDNESDAY

6/28/23¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Rich Williams was accessible to oversee entries for Sunday (9 races) and Approve program changes for Saturday (9 races).

THURSDAY

6/29/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Williams was again present to oversee entries for Monday (8 races) and approve program changes for Sunday.

6/29/23²

SHARP HEARING CASE 23SA0107

The CHRB filed a financial complaint (CHRB rule 1876 Financial Responsibility) on behalf of Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead against owner GEORGE SHARP in the amount of \$5,976.10 per a Superior Court of the State of California County of Los Angeles, Judgement, Case No. 20STCV04582. A Court Order was distributed on March 21, 2023, which produced the Memorandum of Costs (summary) which was served April 3, 2023, stating Mr. Sharp is indebted to Dr. Dana Stead (Racing Veterinarian) in the amount of \$5,976.10. Present for the hearing before the BOS was Dr. Stead. After waiting twenty minutes for Mr. Sharp to appear Dr. Stead was told he was no longer needed. A ruling will be issued on Saturday, July 1, 2023.

6/29/23³

AGARIE HEARING CASE 23SA0006

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer RICKY AGARIE for violation of CHRB Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) in the amount of \$783.00 owed to groom Miguel Villalta. With confirmation from Supervising Investigator Mike Barker that the Mr. Villalta was financially satisfied, the complaint was withdrawn.

6/29/23⁴

AMESCUA HEARING CASE 22SA0219

The CHRB filed a complaint on behalf of Don Lockwood (Don Lockwood Horse Van Service) against trainer RENE AMESCUA in the amount of \$7,500.00. Present before the BOS was Don Lockwood and Mr. Amescua was available by telephone. After much testimony from both licensees, they disagreed on every aspect of the dynamics of the alleged debt. Exhibits were entered into evidence along with the complaint, decision to follow.

6/29/23⁵

DEMARCO HEARING CASE 23SA0086

The CHRB filed a financial complaint (CHRB Rule 1876 Financial Responsibility) on behalf of practicing Veterinarian Amy Seim against owner ANTHONY DEMARCO in the amount of \$4,897.91. Mr. DeMarco and Dr. Seim were in attendance via a conference call. After discussions between both parties about the debt owed, more documentation will be shared between the two before a decision is rendered. The Stewards expect this will be resolved in the near future. More to follow.

6/29/23⁶

THOMAS HEARING CASE 23SA0091

The CHRB filed a financial complaint against owner JOHN THOMAS in the amount of \$2,105.00. for Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. After a telephone conversation with SCEF representative, Karen Klawitter, she stated she had previously notified the So Cal Investigators on June 8, 2023, that the debt owed had been paid. The complaint was withdrawn.

FRIDAY

6/30/23¹

ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS

Again, Steward Williams was front and center to control all responsibilities pertaining to entries for Tuesday (9 races) and finalization of the official program for Monday.

SATURDAY

7/1/23¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

TIAGO PEREIRA met with the Stewards to evaluate the use of his crop in the sixth race last Sunday. After a review of the video, he agreed he violated the rule. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFB RULING #07

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 TIAGO PEREIRA, who rode JAM SESSION in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 25, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 8, 2023) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 1, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties). Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA 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.

7/1/23²

SHARP CONTINUANCE ref 06-23-23²

After Steward Nuesch telephoned MR. SHARP and made him aware of the ruling to be distributed, he (Mr. Sharp) summoned his attorney on the conference call. Dr. Stead also joined on a different telephone (without his counsel). After a few statements were made, a hearing was rescheduled on Friday July 7, 2023, at 11:30 am, location, Los Alamitos Race Course. All have the opportunity to be present via Microsoft Teams.

7/1/23³

GOOD RACING

There were no reportable incidents during the afternoon card. Changes made are listed below.

7/1/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race	#4 Fast Per Se (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. G. Lopez. Refund \$0
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
9th race	No Changes; Refund \$0

7/1/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,485	\$545,089.00
SCOTWinc	4,169	\$1,629,968.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,505,784.83
Total	5,654	\$7,680,842.63

SUNDAY

7/2/23¹

CEDILLO RULING

The following ruling was issued after jockey ABEL CEDILLO contacted the Stewards Yesterday and agreed he violated the crop rule.

LAFI RULING #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 ABEL CEDILLO, who rode GRANADA FLAVOR in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 1, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 9, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ABEL CEDILLO is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 2, 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 ABEL CEDILLO 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 Ruling #62 (5/13/23)

7/2/23²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

ERIC GARCIA met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race yesterday. He admitted he violated the rule, and his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #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 BENGAL TIGER in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 1, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 9, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ERICK GARCIA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 2, 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 ERICK GARCIA 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.

7/2/23³

INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /THIRD RACE 5/8-dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident inside the 1/16 marker. After an assessment of the available video, it was verified there were no other horses involved when #4 TWENTYSEVENTROUTS (Francisco Orduna-Rojas) fell and unseated the jockey, the race was made official.

7/2/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race NO SHOW WAGERING
#3 Liberalism (Tr. R. Saldana) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$617.05

2nd race #6 Commander Khai (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. E. Truman
Refund \$0

3rd race #3 Swirling (J. Uranga)
#4 Twentyseentrouths (Tr. M. Pineda) DNF Refund \$0

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5th race No Changes; Refund \$0

6th race No Changes; Refund \$0

7th race #6 Episode Five (Tr. L. Mendez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$1,246.87

8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

9th race #2 Tangledupingrey (J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda
Refund \$6.40

7/2/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,254	\$362,062.40
SCOTWinc	3,289	\$1,285,845.43
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,465,151.06
Total	4,543	\$7,113,058.89

MONDAY

7/3/23¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

CESAR ORTEGA met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the third Race yesterday. He stated he was aware he violated the rule and accepted the penalty in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #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 CROWN KITTEN in

the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey CESAR ORTEGA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 3, 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 CESAR ORTEGA 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.

EDGAR PAYERAS also met with the Stewards to review the sixth race yesterday. Mr. Payeras agreed he violated the rule, his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #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 EDGAR PAYERAS, who rode TURQUOISE BIKINI in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 21, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 3, 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 EDGAR PAYERAS 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.

7/3/23²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#4 Anmer Hall (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-unsound -Dr. Stead Refund \$8,535.56
2nd race	WIN WAGER ONLY #1 Paleo's Princess (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead #3 Sadie Bluegrass (J. Wong) Stewards-HIWU Refund \$839.00
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	WIN WAGER ONLY #2 Carless Kitten (Tr. Brinkerhoff) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon #4 Nauvoo (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards-HIWU Refund \$960.55
5th race	#3 Imperial Hornet (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$559.17
6th race	#3 Pedro Perez (Tr. S. Rivera) A. Escobedo replaced F. Orduna-Rojas (injured) #6 Octopus (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed. Refund \$0
7th race	#3 Jaycee (Tr. Wong) Stewards-HIWU. Refund \$650.20
8th race	#3 Bochombo (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) DNF. Refund \$0

7/3/23³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	852	\$198,787.05
SCOTWinc	1,850	\$585,945.14
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,865,624.60
Total	2,702	\$3,650,356.79

TUESDAY
7/4/23¹

CEDILLO RULING

The following ruling was issued after a brief telephone call with MR. CEDILLO after he had been cited by Santa Anita Security stating he allegedly violated the crop rule during an am workout. He admitted to this mishap.

LAFL RULING #12

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop – use of crop during a.m. training) at Santa Anita Park on June 30, 2023.

7/4/23²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

CESAR ORTEGA and apprentice ADRIAN ESCOBEDO met with the Stewards to review their ride near the 3/8 marker in the sixth race (5 ½) yesterday. Both were involved in a reverse stair step entering the turn (four horse spread) and they were advised how to handle this scenario more safely in the future. They left the office with a warning.

7/4/23³

QUIET AFTERNOON

The nine-race program was conducted without notable mishap, changes made are listed below.

7/4/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race NO SHOW WAGERING
#3 Merrily Rush (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards-HIWU
#5 Paid In Gold (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin.
Refund \$1,208.23

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0

3rd race WIN WAGER ONLY
#1 Sing a Happy Song (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards-HIWU
#5 Stan's Starlet (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards- HIWU
Refund \$1,338.99

4th race #4 Rain Diva (A. Harris) claimed by Tr. B. Cunningham
Refund \$0

5th race NO SHOW WAGERING
#3 See Through It (Tr. M. Pineda) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,318.92

6th race No Changes; Refund \$0

7th race NO SHOW WAGERING
Refund \$1.00

8th race No Changes; Refund \$20.00

9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

7/4/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1107	\$276,820.23
SCOTWinc	2700	\$931,049.49
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,049,674.64
Total	3807	\$5,257,544.36

SUMMARY

	Sat 7/1	Sun 7/2	Mon 7/3	Tues 7/4	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	3	3	1	1	8	16
Claims	1	3	1	2	7	16
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	0	3	5	5	13	23
Rulings	1	2	2	1	6	12
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/26/23 TO 7/2/23

Horses on Vet List	3
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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