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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association Cypress, California

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 4, 2023, through October 8, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

10/04/23¹

DUTY STEWARD/ SATURDAY ENTRIES

Tom Ward will be in the Stewards' office this week for entries and other assorted duties. Ward will also be writing the minutes for this upcoming week.

Entries for the Saturday program went well, as a ten-race card, comprising eighty-four horses, was drawn by mid-afternoon. Highlighting the evening is the Grade I, \$125,000 Robert L. Boniface Invitational Championship. It should be a great evening of racing.

THURSDAY

10/05/23¹

SUNDAY ENTRIES/ SATURDAY PANEL

The Los Alamitos panel met this morning via telephone to discuss each Saturday entrant. There were two horses making the "hard watch" list. Entries are being accepted for the Los Alamitos Million Futurity, and management is hoping to get enough two-year-olds for twelve trials.

FRIDAY

10/06/23¹

SUNDAY SCRATCHES, CHANGES, AND PANEL

The entry process for Sunday went extremely well, with thirteen trial races for the Los Alamitos Million Futurity being drawn by 12:45 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Changes for Sunday were limited to two jockey changes and a handful of equipment changes. The Panel met this morning with one horse making the "hard watch" list.

SATURDAY

10/07/23¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #7 Run Snappy (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$251.65
6th Race #7 Rocks Snootie Girl (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$1,005.95

10/07/23²

RULING

Ruling #123

Jockey Jesse P. Gonzalez is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Jettin Gigi in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 1, 2023.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Gonzalez was in the office in response to a crop violation. He acknowledged his mistake and stated that it would not happen again.

10/07/23³

CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited by trainer Genaro Vallejo in the first race for #3 Awesome Heights was voided as Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck reported that the horse was exhibiting signs of lameness in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Alfred Vuocolo.

10/07/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	772	\$112,490.80
Off track	1,215	\$294,770.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,063,404.74
Total	1,987	\$1,470,665.74

SUNDAY

10/08/23¹

STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race as the Stewards reviewed an incident which took place at the mid-way point of the 400 yard event between the fifth and eighth place finishers, #5 Favorite Budder (C. Mendez) and #4 Kiss My Wine (R. Vallejo).

After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Favorite Budder from fifth to eighth position. Video showed the horse drifting in to take the path of Kiss My Wine and forcing that horse's rider to take up and lose all chance at a better placing.

10/08/23²

REFUND

A refund was ordered in race seven as #1 Kickin Famous (I. Lara) flipped while awaiting the start and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund from the late declaration totaled \$14,883.07.

10/08/23³

A GOOD NIGHT OF TRIALS

Starter Gary Brinson and his crew of assistants are to be commended for a great job this evening. The thirteen trial heats were virtually without incident at the start of the races. The riders also did a good job of keeping their horses straight leaving the gate.

10/08/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	672	\$122,824.00
Off track	1,014	\$260,936.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,568,256.94
Total	1,686	\$1,952,017.04

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 8, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 6 for soundness and 2 for injury. One horse previously on the Veterinarian’s List was examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 10/07	Sun 10/08	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			0	0	0	115
Disqualifications	K			0	1	1	27
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	40
Refunds		A		2	1	3	386
Rulings		Y		1	0	1	124
Voided Claims		S		1	0	1	27

Stewards’ Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward