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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 December 13 - 17, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

12/13/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer is responsible for the final week of the meet which will include penning the minutes during this reporting period.

12/13/23²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was divided. 4 Cal-Breds.

12/13/23³**THE DRAW**

Saturday's card attracted sixty eight horses to make up our nine races.

12/13/23⁴**COMPLAINT #23LA0191 (Refer 11/30/2023- #1)**

After a great deal of negotiating, owner Sylvia Soto and Dr. Hardgrove finally found common ground and settled the above complaint for \$2,000.

THURSDAY

12/14/23¹**SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was completed at 10:00 a.m. resulting in one rider change.

12/14/23²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, failed to fill.

12/14/23³**THE DRAW**

The closing night feature will be the \$162,700 Southern California Derby.

12/14/23⁴**COMPLAINT #23LA0204**

Present at today's informal hearing were trainer Sergio Perez, investigator Vito Racowschi and this Board of Stewards.

Trainer Perez testified that he had two horses in the race in question and was told by racing secretary Castaneda one more horse was needed before he would use the race. Perez gave him the third horse which was on the grounds while the other two were at the Fresno Fair. Sergio hauls his own horses and became ill, rendering him unable to ship the two horses. His attempts to find an alternative ride failed, causing the two horses to be scratched.

A decision will be forthcoming.

FRIDAY
12/15/23¹

SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in four declarations and one equipment change.

SATURDAY
12/16/23¹

CROP VIOLATIONS

Ruling #153

Jockey Panfilo V. Alegria 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 Call Me Winner in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 9, 2023.

Ruling #154

Jockey Victor M. Salazar 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 Optical Illusion in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2023.

Ruling #155

Jockey James A. Flores 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 Southern Divine in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2023.

The foregoing rulings were generated after the riders were found to be in violation of Rule #1688.

12/16/23²

RULING #156 (Refer 12/14/23 - #4)

Ruling #156

Trainer Sergio Perez is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declarations) in the third race on October 15, 2023.

After reviewing the testimony given, the above ruling was issued.

12/16/23³

RULING #157 (Refer 12/07/23 - #1)

Ruling #157

Trainer Gail E. Ruffu is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule

#1874 (Disorderly Conduct – abusive or aggressive behavior towards another person) and is placed on probation for the term of her license.

After reviewing an abundance of testimony, the foregoing ruling was issued.

12/16/23⁴

RULING #158 (Refer 12/07/23 - #1)

Ruling #158

Trainer Lorenzo Ruiz is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – abusive or aggressive behavior towards another person) and is placed on probation for the term of his license.

After reviewing the same material referred to in entry #3, the above ruling was issued.

12/16/23⁵

RULINGS #159 AND #160

Ruling #159

Trainer Rafael A. Deleon is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to security officers and public safety officers – failure to obey outrider).

Ruling #160

Trainer Bruce D. Dillenbeck is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to security officers and public safety officers – failure to obey outrider).

The foregoing rulings were issued after trainers Rafael Deleon and Bruce Dillenbeck failed to comply with the instructions of the outrider.

12/16/23⁶

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the first race, Jockey Adrian Castellanos on #3 Blueberry Muffin (4th) claimed an objection on #6 Angelcents (3rd – R. Ramirez) approaching the turn. After speaking to the riders and reviewing the disc, the Stewards felt the initial contact was initiated by Blueberry Muffin and therefore no change was justified.

12/16/23⁷

INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review the start. #5 Max Storm (1st – K. Camacho) broke in sharply knocking #4 Shezsotempting (4th – A. Cervantes) into #3 Foreign Policy (6th – O. Peinado) eliminating both horses of any chance at a fair placing. After speaking to the riders involved and having examined the film, the decision was unanimous to disqualify Max Storm.

Original Order (5)-2-7-4-1-3-6-8

Official Order 2-7-4-1-3-6-8-(5)

12/16/23⁸

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the ninth race, trainer Clemente Hurtado, the trainer of #4 Dangerous Dude (9th – J. Gonzalez), lodged an objection against #5 Stuck In Probate (3rd – C. Franco). After speaking to the riders and reviewing all angles of the incident, the

Stewards felt the outcome of the race was not affected and were unanimous in making no change.

12/16/23⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	707	\$109,975.40
Off track	1,213	\$346,392.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$975,560.00
Total	1,920	\$1,431,927.80

SUNDAY

12/17/23¹

RULING #161

Ruling # 161

Jockey Adrian Escobedo 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 Holyjazz in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 16, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after jockey Escobedo became a bit eager and violated Rule #1688.

12/17/23²

RULING #162

Ruling #162

Jockey Kevin Camacho, who rode Max Storm in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 16, 2023, is suspended for two (2) racing days (December 31st, 2023, and January 6th, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to sixth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

Jockey Kevin Camacho was in to discuss his ride in last evening's sixth race during which he was disqualified. Unfortunately, he was unable to convince us an adequate effort was made by him to alleviate the situation resulting in the above ruling. Ward was the dissenting vote.

12/17/23³

CLAIM VOIDED

The eighth race claim of Hay Juan by trainer Sally Rivera was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Jesus Ramos.

12/17/23⁴

IT'S OVER

The 2023 Los Alamitos Quarter Horse meet came to a close on a high note with closing night running very smoothly.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!

12/17/23⁵

LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #9 Silent Poet (J. Sadler) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$525.00
2nd Race #1 Flashy Pass (A. Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund #567.50
5th Race #7 Eva's Party (H. Palma) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$151.10

6th Race #2 Wicklow Hills (J. Uranga) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$212.70
4 John Grey (M. Fales) – Panel – Stewards Refund \$70.90
7th Race #4 Chamarel (A. Farias) - Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$110.70
8th Race #1 Sparks Flyin (J. Raudales) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$190.40
12th Race #2 Good Wagon SA (L. Diaz) – Stake – Stewards Refund \$548.90

12/17/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	502	\$89,428.20
Off track	1,002	\$199,551.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,316,579.78
Total	1,504	\$1,605,559.38

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 17, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 4 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/16	Sun 12/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	12
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			0	4	4	138
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	33
Inquiries		D		3	0	3	55
Refunds		A		0	8	8	473
Rulings		Y		7	2	9	162
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	39

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward