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Cypress, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, February 14 through Sunday, February 18, 2024.

WEDNESDAY2/14/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Saturday February 17, 2024. Nine races were assembled by the racing office for the Saturday card that features the Grade I Los Alamitos Winter Derby.

2/14/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the condition book, for California Bred maidens going 300 yards, only received one entrant, so the race was quickly called off.

THURSDAY2/15/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday, and to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card. Additionally, he participated in the entry-panel review of Saturday's runners.

2/15/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Once again, the lone California Bred race offered had just one entry, so naturally it was called off and the racing office turned its focus to filling other races offered.

2/15/24³**ALEMAN HEARING**

The Board of Stewards heard complaint #23LA0205 that was filed by the CHRB against trainer Juan Aleman for an alleged class 4/D medication violation. Mr. Aleman stated that the medication is commonly used for horses with feet issues and it was not used on any horses under his care at that time, so he could not explain the findings. The Stewards will consider all the facts that were presented today and reach a decision in the coming days. More to follow...

FRIDAY

2/16/24¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was in the office to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday evening's card, and to participate in the entry-panel review of Sunday's runners.

SATURDAY

2/17/24¹

ALEMAN DECISION (Ref: 2/15/24³)

After consulting with the Equine Medical Director and deliberating all the facts heard during Thursday hearing, the following Official Warning was issued.

Ruling #22

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Owner or Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Juan Aleman, who started the horse MOONING UP, the second place finisher in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 14, 2023, is issued an Official Warning for Violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and 1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Medication – Pentoxifyline – Class 4/D).

2/17/24²

ROMAN RULING

As a result of violating the crop rule in last Saturday's eighth race, jockey Jonathan Roman was issued the following ruling.

Ruling #23

Jockey Jonathan Roman 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 Jessa Dashin Hero in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 10, 2024.

2/17/24³

KLINE DECISION (Ref: 1/25/24¹)

After deliberating all the facts presented in the settlement conference three weeks ago, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #24

The following ruling is based on a formal hearing, a settlement conference, and with the concurrence of counsel for the California Horse Racing Board:

Carolyn Kline and William Kline are to transfer ownership of the horses Marino Heat, Shake N Fries, and Tyrannical Rex to Robert Lucas as ordered by Judicial Officer Ronald Klar of the Orange County Superior Court. Such transfers are to be completed by March 1, 2024.

2/17/24⁴

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the ninth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry to review an incident involving #6 Rockin With Energy (J. Ayala) who steadied sharply while racing between horses. After reviewing all available angles, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Rockin With Energy initially shifted inward, moving away from the runner to his outside, creating his own problems. No change was made to the original order of finish.

2/17/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Rainbows On Ice (Tr. A. Farias) Vet - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$47.75
#4 Peppertini (Tr. A. Aquino) Vet - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$117.95
#5 Bart Sip Some (Tr. C. Dollase) Stewards – Ownership Refund: \$98.20

2nd Race #4 Agringento (Tr. J. Raudales) Vet - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$110.50
 #6 Newpark (IRE) (Tr. K. Craigmyle) Stewards – Trainer Refund \$275.90
 #7 Around The Dial (Tr. M. Valenzuela) claimed by Tr. A. Aquino
 4th Race #4 Smiling For Nana (Tr. B. Koriner) Vet - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$343.40
 7th Race #2 Playcation (Tr. S. Morfin) Rider changed to Cruz Mendez
 8th Race #1 Pepebarbaro (Tr. S. Morfin) Rider changed to Cruz Mendez

2/17/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	798	\$115,238.50
SCOTWINC	1,159	\$369,979.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,065,319.49
TOTAL	1,957	\$1,550,537.79

SUNDAY

2/18/24¹

LEON RULING

After jockey Juan Pablo Leon exceeded the maximum allowed overweight last night, resulting in two late rider changes, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #25

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), causing a late rider change in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 17, 2024.

2/18/24²

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

After the running of tonight's fourth race, the Stewards conducted an inquiry into an incident at the start, where #5 Separate Blast (jockey J. Matias) broke out sharply, impeding the two rivals to his outside. Since the incident did not involve the top four finishers, the Stewards made the race official (for wagering purposes) and continued to conduct their review. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards disqualified Separate Blast from fifth and placed him seventh, for interference at the start.

Original order of finish: 4-3-1-2-~~5~~-6-7

Official order of finish: 4-3-1-2-6-7-~~5~~

2/18/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Single Merit (Tr. R. Lucas) Vet - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$169.05
 2nd Race #6 Dance Kid (Tr. J. Flores) claimed by Tr. M. Valenzuela Jr.
 7th Race #2 Blownbubbles (Tr. P. Jones) Vet - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$597.00

2/18/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	655	\$70,516.60
SCOTWINC	949	\$182,763.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,177,887.06
TOTAL	1,604	\$1,431,167.06

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 2/17	Sun 2/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	1	2	20
Disqualifications	K	0	1	1	5
Inquiries		1	1	2	10
Refunds	D	6	2	8	42
Rulings	A	3	1	4	25
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	8

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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