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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Cypress, California**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, March 6 through Sunday, March 10, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**3/06/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday, March 9th. Nine races were assembled by the racing office for the Saturday evening card.

3/06/24<sup>2</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The lone California Bred race offered received only three entrants, so naturally it was called off and the racing office turned its focus to filling other races offered.

**THURSDAY**3/07/24<sup>1</sup>**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 night's runners.

3/07/24<sup>2</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the condition book, for California Bred maidens going 300 yards, had a bit of interest today with four entrants, but was ultimately called off.

3/07/24<sup>3</sup>**AQUINO HEARING**

The Board of Stewards heard complaint #24LA0037 that was filed by the CHRB against trainer Angela Aquino for allegedly owing groom Silvia Bonilla back-pay totaling \$900.00. Present in the hearing was trainer Aquino, owner Ashley Garcia, along with Chaplain Izzy Uribe, as an interpreter for Silvia Bonilla. Ms. Garcia testified that she paid Ms. Bonilla directly, as she typically would only help with horses that Ms. Garcia owned herself. Several other issues, that were not listed in the complaint, came up over the hour-long hearing, and neither side could come close to agreeing on the amount of money owed Ms. Bonilla. In the end, both sides

agreed to meet-in-the-middle, and owner Garcia paid groom Bonilla \$450.00, closing the case as settled.

**FRIDAY**  
3/08/24<sup>1</sup>

**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**  
3/09/24<sup>1</sup>

**OVERWEIGHT RULINGS**

Having exceeded the maximum overweight allowed, resulting in late rider changes having to be made during last Sunday night's card, jockeys Armando Viramontes and Armando Cervantes were issued the following rulings.

**Ruling #28**

Jockey Armando Viramontes is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), resulting in a late rider change in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2024.

**Ruling #30**

Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), resulting in a late rider change in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2024.

3/09/24<sup>2</sup>

**CROP RULINGS**

As a result of crop rule violations during the warm-up period during last Sunday night's races, the following two rulings were issued.

**Ruling #29**

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – struck mount during post parade/warm up period) prior to the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2024.

**Ruling #31**

Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – struck mount during post parade/warm up period) prior to the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2024.

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**VOIDED CLAIMS**

In two consecutive races, claimed horses failed to pass the post-race exams. As a result, both claims were voided, and the horses returned to their original barns.

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**INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

After the running of tonight's eighth race, the Stewards conducted an inquiry into an incident at the start, where #6 No Sedona (jockey Jesse Gonzalez) broke in sharply, impeding the three rivals to his inside. Though jockey Gonzalez reacted quickly to correct his mount, the damage was already done. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards disqualified No Sedona from first and placed him seventh, for interference at the start.

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

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**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Single Merit (Tr. T. Abraham) Vet - Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$180.46  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Paid In Gold (Tr. S. Morfin) Claim by Tr. J. Farias - VOIDED  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Newpark (IRE) (Tr. J. Nunez) Claim by Tr. T. Dial - VOIDED  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Bronster (Tr. G. Vallejo) Stewards – Ineligible. Refund: \$268.75  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Drum Major (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) Claimed by Tr. J. Flores  
#6 Moonly Mission (Tr. S. Willoughby) Vet - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$ 473.10

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	810	\$111,396.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,162	\$329,590.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$889,248.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,972	\$1,330,234.91

**SUNDAY**

3/10/24<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW (Ref: 3/03/24<sup>2</sup>)**

Jockey Kevin Camacho came in to review his ride in last Sunday's second race, where his mount was disqualified for interference on the backstretch. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Camacho did not make the proper effort to correct his mount after shifting out, so the following ruling was issued.

**Ruling #32**

Jockey Kevin Jesus Camacho, who rode Hot Pursuit in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024) for altering course without sufficient clearance shortly after the start, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to eighth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

3/10/24<sup>2</sup>

**CROP RULING**

As a result of jockey John Valenzuela Jr. violating the crop rule in yesterday's seventh race, the following ruling was issued.

**Ruling #33**

Jockey John Raul Valenzuela, Jr. is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(7)(Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Royal Zippo Pine Bar in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 9, 2024.

3/10/24<sup>3</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Adrian Escobedo was summoned to come to the Stewards' office to review his ride in last night's fourth race, where he shifted in entering the turn, interfering with a rival to his inside. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Escobedo did not make enough effort to prevent his mount from shifting in, so the following ruling was issued.

**Ruling #34**

Jockey Adrian Escobedo, who rode Acceleration in the fourth race at Los Alamitos

Race Course on March 9, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024) for permitting his mount to drift in entering the far turn, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

3/10/24<sup>4</sup>

**RACE CANCELLED**

After five of the six runners entered in tonight's sixth race were scratched, management opted to cancel the race entirely. As a result, all multi-race wagers that involved tonight's sixth race were also cancelled. The cancelled wagers and the subsequent refunds are listed below.

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**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Place Pick All CANCELLED Refund: \$3,860.36  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Pick 6 CANCELLED Refund: \$2,885.40  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race Pick 3 (4-6) CANCELLED Refund: \$64.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race Late Pick 4 CANCELLED Refund: \$3,236.88  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race CANCELLED BY MANAGEMENT Refund: \$85.30  
 Pick 3 (6-8) CANCELLED Refund: \$344.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Playcation (Tr. C. Hurtado) Vet - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$105.50

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	649	\$58,141.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,008	\$147,456.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$725,006.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,657	\$930,604.44

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat 3/09</b>	<b>Sun 3/10</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	0	1	27
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	1	0	1	7
<b>Inquiries</b>		1	0	1	12
<b>Refunds</b>	D	3	7	10	68
<b>Rulings</b>	A	4	3	7	34
<b>Voided Claims</b>	Y	2	0	2	14

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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