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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 20 through Sunday, March 24, 2024.

WEDNESDAY3/20/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will monitor morning chores which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

3/20/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book, maidens three years old, was off with five. 2 Cal-Breds.

3/20/24³**THE DRAW**

Saturday evening's feature will be the \$404,000 Los Alamitos Oaks.

THURSDAY3/21/24¹**COMPLAINT #23LA0215**

An informal hearing was conducted to address the above complaint. Present were Supervising Investigator Kevin Kitashima representing the Board, Albert E. Gonzaz representing Belico Racing LLC and Stewards Tom Ward, David Nuesch and James Dreyer. It was pretty straight forward after Oil Can Knight had tested positive for the class two drug Diisopropylamine requiring his disqualification. A ruling will be forthcoming.

3/21/24²**SCRATCHES**

Two first time geldings completed Saturday's program changes.

3/21/24³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book, maidens three years old, failed to fill.

3/21/24⁴**THE DRAW**

The colts and geldings will get their chance on Sunday evening in the \$204,200 El Primero Del Ano Derby.

FRIDAY
3/22/24¹

SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one equipment change and one declaration.

SATURDAY
3/23/24¹

RULING #38 (Refer 3/21/24-#1)

RULING #38

Acting on a report from the University of California, Davis, an official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample LA52114, taken from the horse Oil Can Knight, the second place finisher in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 18, 2023, tested positive for Diisopropylamine (Class II), it is ordered that Oil Can Knight be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon positive test finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$11,050) earned by owners Belico Racing, LLC and Lizbeth Medina, trainer Milton Pineda and jockey Edgar Payeras be returned to the paymaster of purses at Los Alamitos Race Course by April 22, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse award or prized to be withheld).

Revised order of finish is as follows:

- 1st – Tizlightning
- 2nd – Winding
- 3rd – El Diablo Rojo
- 4th – Darnquick
- 5th – Helicopter Pilot
- 6th – Catbernay
- 7th – Mongolian Moon
- 8th – Giants Brite Eye

All records are ordered to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race declared official), this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

The above ruling was generated after complaint #23LA0251 was heard on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

3/23/24²

RULING #39 (Refer 3/14/24-#2)

Ruling #39

Owner Greg Ruiz, having appeared via phone to answer charges of complaint #24LA0040 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (financial responsibility - \$2,900.00 to veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove), failed to present adequate evidence that the money in question was not owed or had been paid. Greg Ruiz is ordered to pay the adjusted amount of \$1,550.00 to Nicola Hardgrove by April 15, 2024. Failure to pay by April 15, 2024, will result in

suspension and denial of access to all premises under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board.

The above ruling was issued after the complaint referred to above was addressed on Thursday.

3/23/24³

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the fifth race to review the start. #3 Ecstatik (E. Nicasio) flipped his head just when starter Brinson dispatched the field. He then broke directly into the side of the door prompting jockey Eduardo Nicasio to pull him up. Ecstatik was declared a starter after the Stewards felt the entire incident was the fault of Ecstatik.

3/23/24⁴

LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #1 Tiz Lightning (Tr. J. Uranga) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$370.00
3rd Race #3 Don't Get Me Wrong (Tr. G. Ruffu) - injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$182.20
7th Race #1 Char Donae (Tr. H. Taylor) – Flipped in paddock – Stewards
Refund \$2,733.29
8th Race #1 Separate Heart (Tr. J. Aleman) – Stake Refund \$2,423.57

3/23/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	793	\$103,094.80
SCOTWINC	1,183	\$331,197.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$896,380.81
TOTAL	1,976	\$1,330,673.51

SUNDAY

3/24/24¹

CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Catberney by Troy Dial was voided after Dr. Beck placed him on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Genaro Vallejo.

3/24/24²

GOOD EVENING

With the exception of a couple of crop violations, it was a good night of racing.

3/24/24³

LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #4 Rays Regal (Tr. R. DeLeon) – wrong Trainer – Stewards
Refund \$153.16
3rd Race #5 Modera (Tr. J. Nunez) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$108.55
4th Race #4 Jacrodra's Devil (Tr. C. Hurtado) - sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$71.70
6th Race #7 Bruno Czech (Tr. R. Viramontes) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$283.25
9th Race #8 Kevins Wise Corona (Tr. P. Jones) - stake – Stewards
Refund \$1,315.55

3/24/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	574	\$63,106.60
SCOTWINC	1,022	\$161,403.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,011,299.33
TOTAL	1,596	\$1,235,809.33

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 3/23	Sun 3/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	0	0	31
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	8
Inquiries		1	0	1	17
Refunds	D	4	5	9	81
Rulings	A	2	0	2	39
Voided Claims	Y	0	1	1	17

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

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