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Report for the Week of Wednesday, June 5 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.

WEDNESDAY6/05/24¹**DUTY STEWARD – SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward will be in the Stewards' Office this week for entries, scratches, changes and panel duties. Ward will also be in charge of minutes for the week.

THURSDAY6/06/24¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES – SATURDAY SCRATCHES - PANEL – HEARING DAY**

Entries for the Saturday card were a bit slow, but a nine-race card was drawn around five o'clock. Scratch time resulted in two horses being declared. In race five, #7 Nice and True was scratched as the horse was on the Veterinarian's List and did not have a release from trainer Jesus Uranga's attending Veterinarian. There was another scratch in race nine, as #1 Playcation was not eligible to enter due to the number of interarticular injections it received since its last race.

The Stewards held two hearings this morning. Trainer Scott Willoughby had been charged with a violation of rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination), as his horse, Extrovert, did not have a soundness examination prior to working on March 23, 2024. The horse had not worked since December 6, 2023, and was over the 90 day limit. Mr. Willoughby stated that he was not made aware of the rule even though he had been in contact with several veterinarians. However, he stated that he was not the trainer of the horse when it worked on December 6th. A check of the records proved him correct. The case was dismissed.

Trainer Jose Hernandez, Sr. was not as fortunate. His horse, Maui Road, had been on the shelf for quite some time due to a shin injury and worked without a soundness exam. Mr. Hernandez said that he had not been training in recent months as Maui Road was his only horse and had not been racing. Consequently, he was not aware of the rule. A ruling will be issued this weekend.

FRIDAY

6/07/24¹

SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Los Alamitos Panel met this morning, with all entrants passing muster. There was one scratch as the racing office neglected to remove a horse from a race prior to the draw.

SATURDAY

6/08/24¹

EARLY DECLARATION

5th Race # Kataleya (Medication – Will enter back) Refund of \$46.00

6/08/24²

RULING

Ruling #77

Trainer Jose Hernandez, Sr. is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

This ruling was published to finalize the complaint against Mr. Hernandez, Sr. for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). Refer 6-06-24.

6/08/24³

RULING

Ruling #78

Jockey Barrington Harvey, who rode Pavel Puff in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 2, 2024, is suspended for three (3) days (June 15th, 16th, and 22nd, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (d) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – Striking mount with the crop in the overhand position).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey had viewed the first race from last Sunday, during which he struck his mount with the crop in the overhand position.

Mr. Harvey was adamant that he did not violate the rule. However, he could not have been more mistaken. The head-on view clearly shows that when he pulled the crop through from his right to left hand, it ends up in the “cocked” position. He then proceeded to strike the horse at least three times in violation of the rule. This is not Mr. Harvey’s first violation of this sort – he just came back from a suspension for violating the same rule.

6/08/24⁴

RULING

Ruling #79

Jockey Cruz Mendez 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 Freddie in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 2, 2024.

Mr. Mendez came to the office this evening and pleaded guilty to violation of the “crop” rule.

6/08/24⁵

RULING

Ruling #80

Trainer Jorge Farias is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declarations) in the fifth race on June 8, 2024.

This ruling against Mr. Farias came about as he entered his horse for the Saturday card, and then realized that it had received Naquasone that morning and was not eligible to enter.

6/08/24⁶

RULING

Ruling #81

Owner Greg Ruiz is suspended for failure to comply with Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association ruling #39, dated March 23, 2024 (Financial

Responsibility - \$1,550.00 owed to Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove). The suspension commences on June 10, 2024.

The preceding ruling was issued as we were in receipt of information that Mr. Ruiz did not comply with the terms of ruling #39, which ordered him to pay Dr. Nicola Hardgrove for past due veterinary services by April 15, 2024.

6/08/24⁷

RIDER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The Objection sign was posted after the first race as Erick Garcia (7th, #1 Wrong Turn Cupid) lodged an objection against Armando Aguilar (2nd, #2 Mylittlerunaway) for interference entering the far turn. Garcia felt he was impeded by the actions of the second place rider.

After speaking with the riders involved and viewing video from all angles, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. While Garcia was in tight quarters for a couple of strides, his mount finished last by a long way and it was felt that he was not cost a better finish position.

6/08/24⁸

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #6 RGR Cartel Cabernet flipped in the gate during the loading procedure. The horse became cast, and due to lack of communication with the Racing Veterinarian, the Stewards took the initiative to scratch the horse. The resulting refund amounted to \$5,949.69. The rider was not injured.

6/08/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	951	\$119,215.90
SCOTWINC	1,392	\$288,879.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,265,548.18
TOTAL	2,343	\$1,673,643.38

SUNDAY

6/09/24¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

6th Race #7 Catberney (Vet-sick)
#8 Lampy (Vet-sick) Refund of \$187.90
8th Race #6 Train Station B (Vet-sick) Refund of \$288.50
9th Race #5 Fly Thru Parra (Vet-colic) Refund of \$2,793.46

6/09/24²

RULING

Ruling #82

Jockey Armando Aguilar, who rode Mylittlerunaway in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 8, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (June 16th, 22nd, and 23rd, 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).

This ruling was issued as Mr. Aguilar was guilty of a riding infraction but opted not to appear to argue his case.

6/09/24³

RULING

Ruling #83

Jockey Irving Lara, who rode Trying To Fly in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 8, 2024, is suspended for three (3) days (June 16th, 22nd and 23rd, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (d) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – Striking mount with the crop in the overhand position).

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Lara violated the crop rule by turning his stick over and using it during the race. He also chose to accept the penalty as he did not appear in our office.

6/09/24⁴

RULINGS

Ruling #84

Jockey Cesar Franco 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 Mister Twosday in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 8, 2024.

Ruling #85

Jockey Cesar Franco is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 Threes Company in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 8, 2024.

The above rulings were issued after Mr. Franco had viewed the seventh and ninth races from last evening, during which he violated the crop rule. He admitted the violations and accepted the penalties.

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SEAMLESS EVENING

This evening's nine-race program was conducted without any reportable incidents.

6/09/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	663	\$95,107.80
SCOTWINC	981	\$204,778.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,246,610.12
TOTAL	1,644	\$1,546,496.02

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 6/08	Sun 6/09	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	1	1	60
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	14
Inquiries		1	0	1	28
Refunds	D	2	3	5	132
Rulings	A	5	4	9	85
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	22

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

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