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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, May 22 through Sunday, May 26, 2024.

WEDNESDAY5/22/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer is up for the morning rotation which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

5/22/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with one.

5/22/24³**THE DRAW**

A decent day at the entry box saw sixty six horses enter to make up our nine race card.

THURSDAY5/23/24¹**SCRATCHES**

One scratch and three rider changes completed Saturday's program corrections.

5/23/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Sub 1 in the book, maidens two years old, was not used due to trials.

5/23/24³**THE DRAW**

The Ed Burke Million Futurity Trials went in twelve divisions.

5/23/24⁴**COMPLAINT #24LA0073**

Pony rider Jose Guerrero was in this morning to informally address the above complaint. Investigator Ida testified that Jose has been very cooperative having done everything he was asked to do which included contacting Winners Foundation. A set of scales were found in his tack room, however. He explained that he collects coins and uses the scales to weigh them. When he was searched he had a minimal amount of marijuana and no cash. There was no evidence to suggest anything nefarious. A decision will be rendered regarding this complaint.

FRIDAY

5/24/24¹

SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in two equipment and four rider changes.

SATURDAY

5/25/24¹

RULING #72

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Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b) (1) (Use of Riding Crop – during training).

The above ruling was issued after jockey Cervantes violated Rule #1688 during a morning workout.

5/25/24²

RULING #73 (Refer 5/23/24- #4)

Ruling #73

Pony Rider Jose Guerrero is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1890 (Possession of Contraband) and #1900 (Grounds for suspension or revocation).

In addition, Jose Guerrero must be evaluated by Winners Foundation, sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and is placed on probation for the term of his license.

After reviewing all pertinent testimony, the foregoing ruling was rendered.

5/25/24³

RULING #74

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Jockey Cesar Ortega, who rode Paid In Gold in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 19, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (June 1st, 2nd, and 8th, 2024) for permitting his mount to drift in entering the far turn, causing interference, which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to second. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

Jockey Cesar Ortega reviewed Sunday’s third race with the Stewards this afternoon in an attempt to justify his ride in the event. As the horses dropped into the turn, Cesar put the horse to his inside in very tight quarters, knocking him off stride. Jockey Ortega accepted our evaluation generating the above ruling.

5/25/24⁴

SMOOTH EVENING

Saturday’s program was conducted with nothing of significance to note.

5/25/24⁵

LATE DECLARATIONS

3 rd Race	#1 Lovely Colleen (Tr. A. Aquino) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$70.50
4 th Race	#4 Kataleya (Tr. J. Farias) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$62.60
6 th Race	#5 Elcondor (Tr. J. Ramos) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$73.20
9 th Race	#6 Don’t Sass KVN (Tr. P. Jones) – broke through gate – Stewards Refund \$22,275.90

5/25/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	852	\$99,539.40
SCOTWINC	1,184	\$268,565.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,086,444.43
TOTAL	2,036	\$1,454,548.83

SUNDAY

5/26/24¹

STEWARD CHANGES

Steward Ron Church is off this evening to address some personal obligations which necessitated some rearrangement of officials. David Nuesch will come over from Santa Anita to fill Ron's place with Paul Atkinson going to Santa Anita to cover the vacancy created by David. Paul's position here will be covered by Brice Blanc.

5/26/24²

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry was hung following the fifth race to review the start. Video initially mistakenly showed us the wrong race. After that problem was rectified and the Stewards were shown the correct replay, it was determined the incident did not warrant our involvement.

5/26/24³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	915	\$125,259.50
SCOTWINC	1,027	\$270,240.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$2,068,122.23
TOTAL	1,942	\$2,463,622.33

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 5/25	Sun 5/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	2	0	2	58
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	14
Inquiries		0	0	0	26
Refunds	D	4	0	4	120
Rulings	A	3	0	3	74
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	22

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

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