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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, June 19 through Sunday, June 23, 2024.

WEDNESDAY6/19/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, June 22, 2024, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY6/20/24¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, June 23, 2024, and changes to Saturday's program.

6/20/24²**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended panel scratch and one entry listed as a hard watch.

6/20/24³**JESUS NUNEZ – (CASE #24LA0058 & #24LA0059)**

An informal hearing was held this morning to address two complaints filed against Mr. Nunez by the California Horse Racing Board, alleging violations of CHRB rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

In attendance were the Board of Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward and Ron Church, and Mr. Nunez, who was advised of his rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. According to the complaint filed by CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian Rebecca Fitzgerald, two horses under Mr. Nunez's care worked out prior to receiving training soundness examinations. Cali Kinetic, who worked out at Los Alamitos on October 8, 2022, and not again until December 27, 2023, and Roses n Chrome, who worked out on October 3, 2023, and January 9, 2024. Both horses were outside of the ninety-day rule without being examined by a CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian.

Mr. Nunez testified that he was not aware of CHRB Rule #1846.2 and accepted responsibility for the violations. As there were no witnesses called, the hearing was closed. Both cases will be reviewed, and a decision will be forthcoming.

FRIDAY
6/21/24¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended panel scratch.

6/21/24²

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches and changes to Sunday's program.

SATURDAY
6/22/24¹

RULING #89

Ruling #89

Trainer Jesus Nunez is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for two violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the testimony presented during the informal hearing held on Thursday June 20, 2024 (Ref: 6/20/24³). The decision was unanimous.

6/22/24²

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez met with the Stewards for a review of the ninth race from Sunday June 16, 2024. Mr. Cruz's mount was the subject of an inquiry for drifting in midrace.

Mr. Mendez was cautioned about allowing his mount to drift in during the running of the 400 yard event. Although no placings were compromised, we advised him that we expect him to make a better effort to correct his mount so as not to cause interference. Mr. Mendez was issued a warning.

6/22/24³

INQUIRY – NON-STARTER 4TH RACE

The Stewards post the Inquiry sign following the fourth race for a review of the start, to determine if #5 Equipo A (Jockey Henry Lopez) had a fair start.

After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to declare #5 Equipo A a non-starter and ordered a refund of all wagers on Equipo A (Refund: \$13,642.28).

The video shows Equipo A turned his head at the start and as the assistant starter tried to correct the seven-year-olds movement, the horse reared and unseated his rider.

6/22/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIM 6TH RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Jorge Farias for #5 Diva Best Card (Trainer Lindolfo Diaz) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by Official Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald that the filly was unsound and would be placed on the vet's list. Diva Best Card was returned to the barn of Lindolfo Diaz.

6/22/24⁵

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes
2 nd Race	No Changes
3 rd Race	No Changes
4 th Race	No Changes
5 th Race	No Changes
6 th Race	#3 Getfiggywithit (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by M. Arriaga
7 th Race	No Changes
8 th Race	No Changes
9 th Race	No Changes

6/22/24⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	757	\$118,106.40
SCOTWINC	1,117	\$273,368.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$841,627.17
TOTAL	1,874	\$1,233,101.77

SUNDAY6/23/24¹**RULING #90****Ruling #90**

Jockey Federico Vargas 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 BP A Million Dreams in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 22, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Vargas failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the crop in the fifth race on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

6/23/24²**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#3 Debt Monger (Tr. P. Jones) Claimed by Trainer A. Aquino #5 Torrid Tommy (Jockey J. Valenzuela) Replaced by F. Ramirez
2 nd Race	No Changes
3 rd Race	No Changes
4 th Race	#8 Maycee Jo (Tr. J. Uranga) Flipped in Saddling Paddock. Refund: \$866.89
5 th Race	#1 All (Tr. S. Rivera) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$184.25 #6 Crazy About You (Tr. J. Nunez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$109.91
6 th Race	No Change
7 th Race	No Change
8 th Race	#6 Lawless World (Jockey E. Hernandez) Replaced by J. Gonzalez

6/23/24³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	642	\$104,028.60
SCOTWINC	897	\$194,329.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,089,457.90
TOTAL	1,539	\$1,387,815.60

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 6/22	Sun 6/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	1	1	62
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	14
Inquiries		1	0	1	31
Refunds	D	1	3	4	146
Rulings	A	1	1	2	90
Voided Claims	Y	1	0	1	23

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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