

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, July 1 through Sunday, July 7, 2024.

MONDAY

7/1/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

David Nuesch was available to approve scratches and program changes for Thursday (9 races). He also participated in a panel review.

TUESDAY

7/2/24¹

ENTRIES

Again, Steward Nuesch was present for entries taken for Friday July 5. When concluded, 8 races were formulated and carded.

WEDNESDAY

7/3/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday (9 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (8 races).

THURSDAY

7/4/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

John Valenzuela, Jr. met with the Stewards to review his ride in the fifth race last Sunday, the issue was the use of his crop. He was refreshingly honest and admitted he went one over the limit. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFL RULING #10

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey JOHN VALENZUELA JR., who rode STAY ZAPPY in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 30, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 20, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Diego Herrera also met with the Stewards to review his crop use in the sixth race Sunday. In a majority opinion, it was hard to prove the seventh strike connected with his mount and he was issued a warning. Steward Baker dissented and voted for a penalty.

7/4/24²

ACCIDENT /INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION / SEVENTH RACE - 5/8 dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an accident. Involved were #1 Bessie Coleman (K. Frey 3rd), #6 Hot Danzing (A. Cedillo DNF) and #8 Betty Pack (A. Aguilar 4th). Approaching the 3/8 marker #1 bore out and made contact with #6 who then veered outward into the hindquarters of #8. Jockey Cedillo appeared to become unbalanced and then was unseated. In a unanimous decision #1 was disqualified and moved to unplaced behind #6. Mr. Cedillo was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for further evaluation. The loose horse fell over the paddock entrance and was declared deceased.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-3-(1)-8-5-7-2-(6) DNF

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-3-8-5-7-2-(6)DNF-(1)unplaced

7/4/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #5 Betheguynotthatguy (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$664.76
2nd race #3 Zzyzx (Tr. S. Morfin) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race #7 Omev Island (Tr. E. G. Harty) Stewards. Refund \$292.90
5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
7th race #6 Hot Danzing (Tr. P. Miller) DNF
8th race #1 She's Just Grand (Tr. S. Miyadi)
#4 Garden Party (Tr. M. Glatt) D. Herrera replaced A. Cedillo-injured Refund \$307.75
9th race #10 Come Fly Away (Tr. C. Sise, Jr.) D. Herrera replaced A. Cedillo-injured. Refund \$0

7/4/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,066	\$279,674.04
SCOTWINC	2,470	\$872,550.53
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$4,568,534.23
TOTAL	3,536	\$5,720,758.80

FRIDAY

7/5/24¹

AQUINO RULING

The following ruling was issued after Ms. Aquino failed to register her horse on Lasix prior to entry.

LAFL RULING #11

Trainer ANGELA AQUINO, who started the horse CONQUEST CELSIUS in the seventh race on July 4, 2024, at Los Alamitos Race Course is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

7/5/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (ref: 7/4/24²)

Kyle Frey met with the Stewards to review the accident in the seventh race yesterday. After a thorough review all agreed jockey Frey was not culpable for the incident.

7/5/24³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIRST RACE-5/8 dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved was #1 Swift Harmony (T. Pereira 4th) who shifted outward several paths when two horses to its inside passed rapidly. Jockey Pereira via telephone, informed the Stewards his horse shied away from the horses that passed him and the race was made official.

7/5/24⁴

DELAYED UPLINK

While the sixth race was entering the race track a Roberts Communication representative telephoned the Stewards and stated the uplink that feeds the outside world with the coverage of Los Alamitos races was dropped. The sixth race was not delayed and it was discovered that FanDuel was able to display the race coverage. The uplink was available and running after the seventh race. A letter of explanation was requested and obtained. (See attached)

7/5/24⁵

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /SEVENTH RACE-1 mile dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident at the start. Involved were #3 Mackinnon (A. Alsagoor 4th), #4 Shortman (W. Orantes 3rd), #5 Jack Sixpack (K. Frey 5th) and #6 Red Cross Knight (E. Maldonado 2nd). As Starter Gary Brinson dispatched the field, #3 broke outward sharply into #4 causing a chain reaction that also effected, #5 and #6. In a majority vote #3 was disqualified from fourth position and placed fifth behind #5. The other horses involved finished in front of #3. Steward Baker voted for no change in the order of finish.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-6-4-(3)-5-7

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-6-4-5-(3)-7

7/5/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd race #2 Dendra (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase
 4th race #2 Dapitan Star (Tr. J. Bonde) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #3 Kimberly's Devil (Tr. R. Lucas) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Austgen. Refund \$22,025.55
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 6th race #6 Philippa (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Austgen
 7th race #1 Sketchy (Tr. R. Ellis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio.
 Refund \$2,632.72
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

7/5/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	873	\$232,095.62
SCOTWINC	2,489	\$856,053.55
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$4,145,753.04
TOTAL	3, 362	\$5,233,902.21

SATURDAY

7/6/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (ref: 7/5/24⁵)

Abdul Alsagoor met with Stewards to review the disqualification of his mount in the seventh race yesterday. After a review, much conversation and proof of mitigated factors, Mr. Alsagoor left with a warning.

Edwin Maldonado also met with the Stewards to review the seventh race yesterday. Again, the actions or lack of actions of several jockeys were discussed. Mr. Maldonado left the office with a warning.

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to discuss the use of his crop in the third race yesterday. After he agreed he violated the rule the following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #12

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode LOVE OUR FAMILY in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 20, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

7/6/24²

GOOD RACING

There are no significant incidents to report, any changes made are listed below.

7/6/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race	#4 Big Cheddar (Tr. T. Abraham) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	#4 Res Ipsa Loquitur (Tr. S. Campo) claimed by Tr. R. Figueroa #5 Fordy G (Tr. T. Abraham) F. Ramirez replaced C. Figueroa
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race	#1 Bella Renella (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. R. DeLeon #9 Just a Little Luck (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Claimed by Tr. J. Nunez
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
8th race	#9 Sharp Ride (Tr. D. Pedersen) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,200.32
9th race	No Changes; Refund \$0

7/6/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,508	\$570,948.07
SCOTWINC	3,636	\$1,322,065.11
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$5,872,018.04
TOTAL	5,144	\$7,880,880.22

SUNDAY

7/7/24¹

JIMENEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Jimenez failed to comply with ruling LAFL #07.

LAFL RULING #13

Groom TITO JIMENEZ is hereby suspended for having failed to comply with the provisions of LAFL RULING #07 dated June 30, 2024 (Failed to be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by their recommendations), for violation of California Horse Racing board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of TITO JIMENEZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) TITO JIMENEZ is denied access to all premises under the jurisdiction of The California Horse Racing Board.

7/7/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Ricardo S. Ramirez met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the second and fourth races. The following two rulings were issued listing his penalties.

LAFI RULING # 14

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode ABADON in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 20, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) strikes over the limit. Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

LAFI RULING # 16

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode SMARTY NOSE in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 21, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit. Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Francisco Orduna-Rojas notified the Stewards yesterday that he agreed he violated the crop rule in the third race. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #15

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS, who rode CHOLLIMA in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 20, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit. Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Diego Herrera returned to the Stewards' office to discuss the use of his crop yesterday in the fifth race. After the Stewards verified, he violated the rule the ruling was issued. Mr. Herrera believed the first strike did not make contact with the horse.

LAFI RULING #17

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode THE BIG CHEESEOLA in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 20, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit. Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Apprentice Welfin Orantes was asked to meet with the Stewards to review the first race yesterday. Some riding tactics were discussed and he was very receptive to opinions and advice given.

7/7/24³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FOURTH RACE -5 ½ dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident at the start. Involved were #2 La Chiquis (E. Hernandez 5th), #3 Miss Joannie (R.

Ramirez 4th), #4 Shvere Arbeter (J. Alcalá 8th), #5 Family Trips (A. Cedillo 7th) and #6 Keep Your Coil (E. Payeras 1st). In a unanimous decision there was no change in the order of finish as several of these horses contributed to the incident.

7/7/24⁴

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE / EIGHTH RACE -3/4 dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race. Involved was #11 Indian Arrow (H. Lopez 6th) who was tardy leaving the starting gate. After a review, in a unanimous decision the horse was declared a starter as he caused his own difficulties and the race was made official.

7/7/24⁵

VOIDED CLAIMS

After an examination of #1 Warren's Show Girl (Tr. C. Lewis) and #7 Tapit Doux (Tr. S. Knapp) by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, both horses were placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided both claims and the horses were returned to their original trainers listed above.

7/7/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
 2nd race #4 Johnny Drama (Tr. G Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
 3rd race #3 Whoa Buddy (Tr. G. Vallejo) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Austgen
 Refund \$394.28
 4th race #1 Warren's Show Bizz (Tr. C. Lewis) claimed -Tr. S. Morfin VOIDED
 #7 Tapit Doux (Tr. S. Knap) claimed by Tr.M. Valenzuela, Jr.)
 VOIDED
 5th race 1 Irish Legacy (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #6 Shea Brennan (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards-loose post parade,
 departed race track
 #7 Master Jacques (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr.
 Pattio. Refund \$20,795.14
 6th race #7 September Magic (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$778.46
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race #8 Appreciate Today (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$2,052.30
 9th race #11 Bronko Nahurski (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$928.48

7/7/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,265	\$372,377.08
SCOTWINC	3,342	\$1,272,850.08
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$5,192,454.98
TOTAL	4,607	\$6,837,682.14

SUMMARY

	Thu 7/4	Fri 7/5	Sat 7/6	Sun 7/7	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	3	2	2	2	9	17
Claims	1	1	4	1	7	11
Disqualifications	1	1	0	0	2	3
Inquiries	1	2	0	2	5	8
Refunds	3	2	1	5	11	22
Rulings	1	1	1	5	8	17
Voided Claims	0	0	0	2	2	2

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/1/24 TO 7/7/24

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

David Neusch, Steward

BOS:KS:dw

My name is Bruce Bagby and I am the on site director of the racing for FanDual.

This is a time line of events of the television signal blackout of race 6 on July 5 2024

Just a few minutes prior to the post parade for race 6 I noticed that the FanDual return video that we use on site was black. Also all communication that the talent on the FanDual set and I use was also not working. I alerted our engineer Junior Diaz to help figure out what the extent of the problem was.

At that point we weren't aware of any problems beyond that which is needed for the FanDual broadcast.

About the time that the horses were starting the parade, we realized that the official Los Alamitos race feed wasn't being uplinked to Roberts Communications.

At this time Andrew Cohen, the director of the official race broadcast attempted to notify the stewards of the problem.

A minute or so later the horses were on the track before the race, and in the Club House turn, when I got the stewards on the phone and told them that we should postpone the race because the signal wasn't going out to anyone beyond the track.

It should be noted that this problem did not effect the television monitors in the facility and there wasn't any viewing interruption for the patrons at the track.

Once we had determined that the problem must be in the uplink building, Junior Diaz went there to see what he could do.

I'm unsure as to how many minutes had passed at this point but we had not gotten any call from Roberts.

This is where my memory is not accurate as per communication with Roberts. I was on the phone with them from the TV room but I had no information for them and they had nothing for me. The Roberts engineer did tell me to have Junior start up the backup generator as they assumed that it had a power failure.

When Junior got into the uplink building he was able ascertain that the problem was not power, but an internet switching device in the uplink system had malfunctioned. He was able to get with Roberts Comm. Engineers and fix the problem sometime before the 7th race.

That is the extent of my knowledge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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