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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, September 16, through Sunday, September 22, 2024.

TUESDAY

9/17/24¹

ENTRY DAY

The Los Alamitos Thoroughbred Racing Office was open today accepting entries for Friday September 20, 2024. Racing Secretary Randy Valdez and his staff drew eight (8) races for this card. Fifty-one (51) horses are scheduled to start. Steward David Nuesch oversaw all matters in the Stewards' office for the CHRB.

WEDNESDAY

9/18/24¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday September 21, 2024. Nine (9) races were drawn. Steward David Nuesch was on duty for the CHRB.

THURSDAY

9/19/24¹

KARL PERGOLA HEARING (CASE #24DM0044)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue DVM has filed a complaint against Owner Karl Pergola for a veterinarian bill that is allegedly past due. The complaint in this case was prepared by CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon. It was filed against Owner Karl Pergola. Dr. Blue appeared on Microsoft Teams for this hearing. The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows.

Karl Pergola is indebted to Dr. Melinda Blue for services rendered for the horse KP WEST which total \$2,465.82 from October 25 through November 25, 2023.

Owner Karl Pergola failed to appear (In person or Microsoft Teams) for today's hearing. More to follow.

9/19/24²

LOUIS NEVE HEARING (CASE: #24DM0036)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue DVM has filed a complaint against Owner Luis Neve for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows.

Louis Neve is indebted to Dr. Melinda Blue for services rendered for the horse SHES A BIT SASSY which total \$3,064.96 from August 25 through October 21, 2023.

Dr. Melinda Blue appeared via Microsoft Teams. Owner Louis Neve did not appear for this informal hearing. More to follow.

9/19/24³

DALE BREWER COMPLAINT (CASE #DM0037)

Farrier Kyle Baze filed a complaint against Owner Dale Brewer for allegedly not paying a past due bill. Owner Brewer has been charged with alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Farrier Kyle Baze appeared in person. He was accompanied by his witness Dihigi Gladney. Dale Brewer appeared over speakerphone. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired today's hearing. Stewards Baker and Nuesch also heard this matter. The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows.

Kyle Baze of Thoroughbred Farrier Science Inc. provided farrier services to Owner Dale Brewer and prepared an invoice in the amount of \$660.00 on June 25, 2024, payable immediately. Owner Dale Brewer paid \$400.00 on July 18, 2024, leaving an outstanding balance of \$250.00. A request for payment of \$260.00 was sent to Dale Brewer via Certified US Mail on August 20, 2024, and remains outstanding to this day.

Farm Owner/Witness Gladney testified on behalf of Farrier Baze. Owner Brewer testified that he didn't want Kyle Baze to shoe his horses due to past disagreements. Mr. Gladney told Owner Brewer that he (Baze) was the only blacksmith that works at his farm. Owner Brewer offered a reduced payment amount. Kyle Baze turned down the offer. Following this hearing the Stewards deliberated and then informed Mr. Baze and Mr. Brewer that this case would be dismissed.

FRIDAY
9/20/24¹

VOIDED CLAIM RULING

The Stewards received word from HIWU that that the horse, Handy Dandy had a Controlled Medication Rule Violation pursuant to HISA RULE 2262(g) and the claim of the horse submitted at Del Mar Race Track on August 25, 2024 is now deemed eligible to be voided. The new trainer Manuel Ortiz Jr. immediately informed the Stewards that he wanted to return this horse to the original trainer Robert Hess Jr. Both trainers have been cooperative and told the Stewards that they will discuss reasonable financial reimbursement to Trainer Ortiz Jr. for the time he has trained the horse since August 25.

LATL RULING #07

In the matter of the claim submitted for the Covered Horse HANDY DANDY:

Having received first notice letter of an alleged violation of Controlled Medication Rule (TRANEXAMIC ACID) in the post-race test sample (#U101187151), pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule 2262(g) (Void Claim), the claim

submitted for the Horse HANDY DANDY, in the seventh race on August 25, 2024, at Del Mar Race Track is hereby deemed void.

The horse, HANDY DANDY trained by ROBERT HESS JR., who was claimed by DANIEL GLEASON and ROGER E. SNOW; shall be returned to owners DAVID A. BERNSEN LLC, DUKE PERRY STABLES, WHITE FENCE LLC, and JEFFEREY S. LAMBERT. Also, they shall return the amount of the claim THIRTY- TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$32,000) to the paymaster at Del Mar Race Track by October 20, 2024.

9/20/24²

LOUIS NEVE RULING (REF:09/19/24 (2))

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue filed an 'Official Complaint' against Owner Louis Neve. Dr. Blue alleged that Owner Neve is indebted to her in the amount of \$3,064.96. Dr. Blue appeared yesterday September 19, 2024, on Microsoft Teams. Owner Neve did not appear for today's hearing. The following ruling suspends the license privileges of Mr. Neve one week from today.

LATL RULING #08

Owner LOUIS NEVE, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2024, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility \$3,064.96 to Veterinarian Melinda Blue). Suspension to commence September 27, 2024.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of LOUIS NEVE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

9/20/24³

KARL PERGOLA RULING (09/19/24(1))

The following ruling was issued after Owner Karl Pergola failed to appear for an informal hearing today.

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue has alleged that Mr. Pergola is indebted to Dr. Blue in the amount of \$2,465.82. The following ruling is now issued.

LATL RULING #09

Owner KARL PERGOLA, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2024, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility \$2,465.82 to Veterinarian Melinda Blue). Suspension to commence September 27, 2024.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of KARL PERGOLA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

9/20/24⁴

RICARDO RAMIREZ RULING

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday September 15. Jockey Ramirez was aboard #2 Rock N Roll

Song who finished second in this race, which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs. Today's film review shows Jockey Ramirez use his riding crop seven (7) times during the running of this race. He understood the reason this penalty, which was issued in a unanimous decision.

LATL 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 – first offense), Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode ROCK N ROLL SONG in the sixth race (Purse \$12,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 27, 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

9/20/24⁵

TYLER BAZE RULING

Jockey Tyler Baze rode #5 McClusky to a first-place finish in yesterday's (September 15) eighth race. The Stewards observed Jockey Baze use his riding crop seven (7) times during the running of this six furlong race. Jockey Baze pled guilty following this race on September 15, 2024, and waived his right to an informal hearing. Jockey Baze also had a HISA Rule #2282 violation earlier this month at Del Mar. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATL RULING #11

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 – second offense), Jockey TYLER BAZE, who rode McClusky in the eighth race (Purse \$18,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2024, is suspended for TWO (2) days (September 27 & 28, 2024), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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.

9/20/24⁶

FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident shortly after the start. #2 Tiger Strength (Jeremy Laprida) lost his rider a few strides after the start of this 6 ½ furlong race. After this horse broke awkwardly Jockey Laprida corrected his mount's errant path. However, a few strides later, Jockey Laprida lost a stirrup and became unseated. Tiger Strength ran riderless and was safely captured by a track outrider. Jockey Laprida was transported to a local hospital for observation.

The Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish as this was a single horse incident.

9/20/24⁷

INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the start of this five (5) furlong race. There was also a Jockey Objection in this race. Jockey Armando

Ayuso, who rode third place finisher #5 Helen's Revenge, claimed foul against second place finisher #3 Rapida (Adrian Escobedo).

Video replays of the start show #3 Rapida break out very sharply and ultimately affected the performance of four rivals to his immediate outside. After reviewing all camera angles (including drone) of the incident, the Stewards disqualified #3 Rapida and placed her eighth. Jockey Adrian Escobedo was ordered to a film review before the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 9-3-5-2-4-1-7-6-8

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 9-5-2-4-1-7-6-3-8

9/20/24⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Feisty Mitole (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
2nd Race Declaration #6 Mr. Machupicchu (Tr. J. Bonde) Injured- Jay Deluhery
DVM. REFUND: \$670.30
3rd Race Declaration #4 Code Duello (Tr. C. Dollase) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$366.59
8th Race Jockey Change #6 Rhythmical E. Payeras for J. Laprida-- Injured

9/20/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	750	\$175,979.79
SCOTWINC	1,958	\$642,075.51
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$2,985,223.48
TOTAL	2,708	\$3,803,278.78

SATURDAY

9/21/24¹

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Kim Sawyer replaced Grant Baker this closing weekend as Judge Baker had a personal agenda to attend to.

9/21/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (REF; 09/20/24⁷)

Adrian Escobedo met with the Stewards to review the eighth race yesterday that involved an inquiry and a disqualification of his mount. After a thorough review in a majority opinion Mr. Escobedo received a three-day penalty in the following ruling. Steward Sawyer dissented and believed the actions of the horse impeded his ability to correct sooner.

LATL RULING #12

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, who rode RAPIDA in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 20, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 28, 29 and October 4, 2024) for failure to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to eighth place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

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

9/21/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race NO SHOW WAGERING
#2 Supreme Confidence (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio

REFUND \$409.00
 3rd Race #5 Tomorrownevercomes (Tr. J. Periban) R. Ramirez replaced S. Gonzalez (personal)
 #6 Next Trick (Tr. R. Gomez) A. Aguilar replaced J. Laprida (injured)
 4th Race #6 Classic Alphie (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) A. Alsagoor replaced J. Laprida (injured)
 6th Race #2 Midnight Love (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. H. Palma
 8th Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 9th Race #6 Dyin a Thirst (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) A. Cedillo replaced J. Laprida (injured)

9/21/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,217	\$382,197.68
SCOTWINC	3,428	\$1,325,431.62
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$4,192,053.55
TOTAL	4,645	\$5,899,682.70

SUNDAY

9/22/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Barrington Harvey met with the Stewards to review his winning ride in the seventh race yesterday. The issue was the use of his crop which ended up being a total number of twelve (12) times, this is six (6) over the limit. He stated he “lost his mind”. He was very humble, apologetic and was especially saddened for the owner and the trainer as by rule their horse will probably face a disqualification. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATL RULING #13

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 2 – first offense), Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY, who rode SMARTY NOSE in the seventh race (Purse \$12,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 21, 2024, is suspended for three (3) days (September 29, and October 4, & 5, 2024), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for six (6) 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.

9/22/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Cesar Ortega also met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop and his ability, or lack thereof to maintain a straight course out of the starting gate in the fifth race yesterday September 21, 2024 . The two incidents were discussed, and the crop penalty is listed in the following ruling. He was warned, his effort to correct the drift out of the gate could have been more robust. He agreed and stated he will do better.

LATL 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 - first offense), Jockey CESAR ORTEGA, who rode TROUBLE N PARADISE in the fifth race (Purse \$21,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 21, 2024, is suspended for one (1) day (September 29, 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.

9/22/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race NO SHOW WAGERING
#2 Project Leader (Tr. J. Crotts) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
REFUND \$728.92

3rd Race NO SHOW WAGERING
#1 Vegas Moon (Tr. J. Nunez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Austgen
REFUND \$2,977.16

6th Race NO SHOW WAGERING

7th Race #2 High Flying Gracie (Tr. S. Knapp) A. Cedillo replaced J. Laprida (Injured)
#6 Hallelujah High (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-Sick-Dr. Pattio
REFUND \$345.20

8th Race #1 Motet (Tr. R. Gomez) A. Cedillo replaced J. Laprida (Injured)

9th Race #1 Jarama (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-Sick-Dr. Pattio.
REFUND \$50,985.78

9/22/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,074	\$268,504.88
SCOTWINC	2,772	\$916,157.91
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$3,254,611.88
TOTAL	3,846	\$4,439,274.67

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/20	Sat 9/21	Sun 9/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	2	6	14
Claims	1	1	1	3	9
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	2
Inquiries	2	0	1	3	4
Refunds	2	1	4	7	14
Rulings	5	1	2	8	14
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	2

Grant Baker, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward