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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, October 16 through Sunday, October 20, 2024.

WEDNESDAY10/16/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be in the office to address morning chores which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

10/16/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was divided. Both ends open, 4 Cal-Breds.

10/16/24³**THE DRAW**

Sixty-three horses passed the entry box to make up our ten-race program Saturday evening.

THURSDAY10/17/24¹**SCRATCHES**

One declaration, one weight correction and two rider changes completed Saturday's program changes.

10/17/24²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, failed to fill.

10/17/24³**THE DRAW**

Sunday's feature will be the Los Alamitos Super Derby Trials going in four divisions.

10/17/24⁴**COMPLAINT #24LA0138**

After trainer James Cassidy failed to contact us, we phoned him. He apologized, stating he thought the hearing was Friday but was prepared to go forward with the hearing today. Jim was very cooperative saying he was unaware he had done anything wrong. Part of the confusion may have arisen when Lavender Night turned three years old during the timeframe involved. A decision will be forthcoming.

10/17/24⁵ **COMPLAINT #24LA0219**
Present for today's informal hearing were Sally Rivera, Robyn Gordon, supervising investigator Kevin Kitashima and stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church and James Dreyer. The hearing was very brief with both parties agreeing to the amount owed and a payment plan being established.

10/17/24⁶ **ENTRIES REFUSED**
Based on information received by the Stewards the entry of six of Heath Taylor's horses are refused entry until the six are removed from the quarantine list.

FRIDAY
10/18/24¹ **SCRATCHES**
Scratch time for Sunday's races resulted in two declarations.

SATURDAY
10/19/24¹ **RULING #151 (Refer 10/17/24-#4)**

Ruling #151

Trainer James Cassidy is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

After a review of the testimony the foregoing ruling was issued.

10/19/24² **RULING #152**

Ruling #152

Jockey Adrian Escobedo is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing a late rider change in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 13, 2024.

After Jockey Escobedo chose to ride the last race at Santa Anita and was unable to get to Los Alamitos to fulfill his obligation in the second race the above ruling was issued.

10/19/24³ **TRAINER SUSPENDED**

After being advised by the Board of Stewards at Albuquerque, New Mexico that trainer Heath Taylor had been summarily suspended by them, this Board of Stewards, based on the fact that California has reciprocity with New Mexico, declared Mr. Taylor's horses this evening.

10/19/24⁴ **CLAIM VOIDED**

The first race claim of Pavel Puff by trainer Angela Aquino was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Jorge Farias.

10/19/24⁵ **INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the fourth race to review the start. #5 Stay Zappy (7th R. Ramirez) had his head turned into the side of the gate when starter Brinson dispatched the field pretty much eliminating her from any chance at a fair placing. The decision was unanimous to declare her a non-starter.

10/19/24⁶ **INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry was hung following the seventh race to review the start. #5 Holmybeeranwatchthis (4th O. Peinado) broke out sharply, knocking #6 Apollitical Crown (7th J. Ayala) off stride. After reviewing the replay, the Stewards determined that the incident cost Apollitical Crown a neck which was the margin between the two at the wire. The decision was unanimous to disqualify Holmybeeranwatchthis.

Original Order 7-3-4-(5)-2-6 Official Order 7-3-4-1-6-(5)

10/19/24⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #6 Plum Creek (Tr. S. Morfin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$127.20
 4th Race #5 Stay Zappy (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Declared nonstarter – Stewards - Refund: \$24,612.84
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race #8 Tempting Look (Tr. H. Taylor) Trainer - Suspended – Stewards – Refund: \$188.80
 10th Race #6 MFS Cheerio (Tr. H. Taylor) Stakes – Stewards – Refund: 304.10

10/19/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,806	\$102,365.20
SCOTWINC	1,066	\$262,523.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$708,934.24
TOTAL	2,872	\$1,145,822.94

SUNDAY
10/20/24¹

STILL SIDELINED

Not unexpectedly, with it being a weekend, trainer Taylor was unable to secure a temporary restraining order causing the Stewards to declare the four horses he had scheduled to run this evening. Hopefully this will be resolved on Wednesday when he has a hearing with the New Mexico Board of Stewards.

10/20/24²

RULING #153

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Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ 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 A Mere Dash in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 19, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Ricardo Ramirez violated Rule #1688.

10/20/24³

FILMS

Jockey Jose Nicasio reviewed last evenings sixth race with the Stewards this afternoon. His mount drifted out near the finish and although no damage was done, we felt he could have done a better job to correct the situation. Going forward he was warned to be more aware of his position.

10/20/24⁴

CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of Sweet Millie by trainer Jorge Farias was voided after the filly was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. She was returned to trainer Sergio Morfin.

10/20/24⁵

CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of Time To Smile by trainer Jorge Farias was voided after the mare was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. She was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

10/20/24⁶

NO PROBLEMS

Sunday evening went very smoothly with nothing of significance to note.

10/20/24⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #1 Relentless Coronado (Tr. H. Taylor) Trainer Suspended – Stewards – Refund: \$103.90
 #4 MFS Cheerio (Tr. H. Taylor) Trainer Suspended – Stewards – Refund: \$115.30
 #5 You Cant Drive 95 (Tr. H. Taylor) Trainer Suspended – Stewards – Refund: \$76.50
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race #7 Think Again Kev (Tr. H. Taylor) Trainer Suspended – Stewards – Refund: \$159.13
 9th Race No Changes

10/20/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	606	\$81,157.20
SCOTWINC	867	\$220,007.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$979,511.47
TOTAL	1,473	\$1,280,676.37

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	15
Claims	R	0	1	1	104
Disqualifications	K	2	0	2	23
Inquiries	D	2	0	2	46
Refunds	A	4	4	8	256
Rulings	Y	2	1	3	153
Voided Claims		1	2	3	39

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

BOS:JD:dj