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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE Cypress, California**

### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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### **Report for Monday, October 23, through Sunday, October 27, 2024.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

10/23/24<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, October 26, 2024, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

#### **THURSDAY**

10/24/24<sup>1</sup>

#### **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, October 27, 2024 and changes to Saturday's program.

10/24/24<sup>2</sup>

#### **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were two entries listed as a hard watch.

10/24/24<sup>3</sup>

#### **TRAINER SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION HEARINGS (CASE #24LA0143 & 24LA0144) (Case #24LA0143)**

An informal hearing was held this morning to address a complaint filed against trainer James Glenn by CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian Rebecca Fitzgerald DVM, alleging a violation of CHRB Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Mr. Glenn and CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb who read the complaint into the record. Mr. Glenn testified that he was aware of CHRB rule #1846.2 but was unaware of the forty-five-day follow-up exam and accepted responsibility for the oversight of the rule. Decision forthcoming.

(Case #24LA0144)

Trainer Eric Berman also appeared this morning to address a complaint filed against him by CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian Rebecca Fitzgerald DVM, alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). Mr. Berman was advised of his right to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. Mr. Berman acknowledged he was aware of CHRB rule #1846.2 but was unaware of the forty-five-day follow-up exam. Mr. Berman stated that he felt that Dr. Fitzgerald should have some responsibility for reminding the trainers that there is a follow-up examination required and could offer no other excuse for the violation. As there were no witnesses called, the hearing was concluded. Decision forthcoming.

**FRIDAY**

10/25/24<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel changes.

10/25/24<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

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

**SATURDAY**

10/26/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #154**

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Trainer James Glenn is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1846.2 (b) (Training Soundness Examination – failure to have a follow-up examination within 45 days of initial examination).

10/26/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #155**

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Trainer Eric Berman is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (b) (Training Soundness Examination – failure to have a follow-up examination within 45 days of initial examination).

The above rulings were issued after the Stewards considered the testimony presented during the hearings held on Thursday, October 24, 2024. The decisions were majority decisions with Steward Ward dissenting. He felt that an official warning was in order.

10/26/24<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #156**

**Ruling #156**

Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS 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 Sweet Millie in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 20, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Edgar Payeras failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the crop in the fourth race from Sunday, October 20, 2024.

10/26/24<sup>4</sup>

**RULING #157**

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Jockey JOSE NICASIO is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,00.00)\* 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 Apolitical Walk in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 20, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Jose Nicasio met with the Stewards and accepted responsibility for violating the crop rule.

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**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION - 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the first race for a review of an incident shortly after the start involving three horses #8 Instinct D’ Oro (Edgar Payeras) second, #6 Took Charge (Efrain Hernandez) third and #7 Journey D’ Oro (Henry Lopez) who finished last. The video shows #8 Instinct D’ Oro drifts in, shortly after the start forcing #7 Journey D’ Oro down into #6 Took Charge who was forced to take back, sharply lose momentum and the opportunity of a better placing. The Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #8 Instinct D’ Oro from second to third.

Original Order of Finish 3-(8)-6-1-5-2-4-7  
 Official Order of Finish 3-6-(8)-1-5-2-4-7

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**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Mucho Suerte (Tr. S. Miyadi) Claimed by Tr. Angela Aquino  
 #6 Hector’s Hostage (Tr. R. Guillen) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald-Refund: \$111.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Say Something (Jockey R. Arvizu) – Replaced by R. Aceves  
 #6 TF One Dashin Lajolla (Tr. L. Diaz) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald-Refund: \$187.20

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	616	\$84,842.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,058	\$348,421.70
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$723,127.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,674	\$1,156,391.92

**SUNDAY**

10/27/24<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Edgar Payeras met with the Stewards for a review of the first race from last night’s races. Mr. Payeras’ mount was the subject of an inquiry for drifting in shortly after the start of the 1000-yard event. Mr. Payeras was not penalized as the video

showed some of the pressure came from the inside and Mr. Payeras made a good effort to correct his mount's inward drift.

10/27/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #158**

**Ruling #158**

Jockey CESAR FRANCO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$500.00)\* AND SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (November 3 and 9, 2024) for a blatant violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (8) (Use of Riding Crop – twelve times during the running of the race) while riding Tikk Tokk in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 26, 2024.

We issued the above ruling when Jockey Cesar Franco failed to appear as directed indicating that he was accepting responsibility for the blatant crop violation.

10/27/24<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE - 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fourth race for a review of an accident midway down the back stretch of the 1000-yard event. Involving #4 Strawberry Girl (Adrian Escobedo) second and #6 Just A Little Cynn (Erick Garcia) DNF. After reviewing the video from all angles, we decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish. The video shows mutual contact between the two rivals down the back stretch, causing #6 Just A Little Cynn to stumble causing jockey Erick Garcia to lose his balance and become unseated. Mr. Garcia was immediately attended to by the ambulance staff. Both rider and horse were reported to be uninjured.

10/27/24<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Charles Treece for #5 Miss Joannie (Tr. Jesus Uranga) after Official Veterinarian, Gary Beck DVM reported Miss Joannie was placed on the vet's list for being unsound in the right foreleg. Miss Joannie was returned to the barn of Trainer Jesus Uranga.

10/27/24<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the seventh race to determine the cause of the poor start afforded #5 Mcwherter (Francisco Ramirez). After a thorough review, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, declared #5 Mcwherter a starter. The video shows #5 turned his head to the right and pinned his head behind the stall post as the field was dispatched causing his own problem.

10/27/24<sup>6</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Jorge Farias for #8 Black Magician (Tr.J. Nunez) after Official veterinarian, Gary Beck DVM reported that Black Magician was placed on the vet's list for being unsound in the right foreleg. Black Magician was returned to the barn of Trainer Jesus Nunez.

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**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Mischief's King (Tr. J. Nunez) Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Crazy About You (Tr. J. Nunez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund:

\$101.30 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Scoop Of Chocolate (Tr. E. Berman) – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$600.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Smiling For Nana (Tr. B. Koriner) Claimed by Tr. A. Aquino

#4 Gypsy V Bar (Tr. G. Headly) Claimed by Tr. S. Morfin

#4 Gypsy V Bar (Jockey E. Garcia) – Replaced by E. Payeras

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Splashed In Gold (Jockey E. Garcia) – Replaced by A.Escobedo

7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

10/27/24<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	617	\$91,696.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	842	\$211,887.70
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,014,192.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,459	\$1,317,776.67

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
	<b>10/24</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>10/26</b>		
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	1	1	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	15
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	3	4	108
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	1	0	1	24
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	2	3	49
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	2	4	260
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	4	1	5	158
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	2	2	41

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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