

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 the Week of Wednesday, November 13, through Sunday, November 17, 2024.

WEDNESDAY11/13/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, November 16, 2024, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY11/14/24¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, November 17, 2024, and changes to Saturday's program.

11/14/24²**ENTRY PANEL**

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

11/14/24³**CROP - DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (CASE #24LA0275)**

A disqualification hearing was scheduled this morning to address CHRB complaint #24LA0275. Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board. Owner Rodrigo Quevedo and Trainer Roman Figueroa were noticed to appear and chose not to be present. Investigator Ida read the complaint into the record and the hearing was closed. Ruling to follow.

11/14/24⁴**FARIAS FINANCIAL HEARING (CASE #24LA0219)**

A formal hearing was held today to address a financial complaint filed by Robyn Gordon (DBA Robert Gordon Feed Co. Inc.) against trainer Adan Farias alleging an overdue feed bill. Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards were Robyn Gordon, trainer Adan Farias, CHRB Chief Investigator Kevin Kitashima who presented the case and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg who recorded the proceedings. After hearing testimony from both parties, Mr. Farias acknowledged he owed the debt and Ms. Gordon was willing to accept payments. A financial

complaint agreement was signed by both individuals. Mr. Farias was advised that failure to comply with the agreement may result in the suspension of his CHRB license and the hearing was closed.

11/14/24⁵

OWNER FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS (CASE #24LA109 & #24LA120)

The Stewards were present to hear two separate financial complaints filed against owner Dominic DeBellis, case #24LA109 was filed by trainer Jose Raudales alleging and overdue training debt and case #24LA120 was filed by KC Transportation alleging an unpaid debt for vaning services. Both complainants were available and ready to go forward. But neither hearing took place as Mr. DeBellis failed to appear and was unable to be contacted. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

11/15/24¹

ENTRY PANEL

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

11/15/24²

SCRATCHES

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

SATURDAY

11/16/24¹

RULING #167

Ruling #167

Owner Dominic DeBellis, having failed to respond to complaints alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$3,000.00 to trainer Jose Raudales and \$3,006.25 to KC Horse Transportation) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

The foregoing ruling was issued as Owner Dominic DeBellis did not respond to two complaints alleging violation of CHRB #1876.

11/16/24²

RULING #168

Ruling #168

Pursuant to an informal hearing held on November 14, 2024, it is hereby ordered that San Jac who finished Fourth in the First race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 27, 2024 be disqualified and deemed unplaced pursuant to HISA Rule 2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties [Class 2 Violation]) for violation of HISA Rule 2280 (Use of Riding Crop). It is further ordered that all purse monies awarded to Owner Rodrigo Quinteros Quevedo, Trainer Roman Figueroa and Jockey Barrington Harvey, be distributed in accordance with the revised order of finish by the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course.

The above ruling was issued following the uncontested disqualification hearing held on Thursday November 14, 2024.

11/16/24³

VOIDED CLAIM

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Sergio Morfin for #4 Closer Still (Tr. Scott Willoughby) after Official Veterinarian, Gary Beck reported Closer Still was placed on the vet's list for being unsound. Closer Still was returned to the barn of Trainer Scott Willoughby.

11/16/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Square D' Oro (Tr. J. Uranga) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$399.41
2nd Race #3 Famous Rock Star (Tr. J. Garcia) Claimed by Tr. J. Crotts
3rd Race No Changes
4th Race No Changes
5th Race #5 Time To Bolt (Tr. A. Kitchingman) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$218.80
5th Race #6 Yaleo (Tr. A. Garcia) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$32.79
6th Race #3 Torrid Tommy (Tr. J. Nunez) – Panel – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$130.80

7th Race No Changes
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race #4 Remember Her (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Stake – Stewards - \$235.50

11/16/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	596	\$79,478.20
SCOTWINC	1,127	\$302,245.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$846,116.45
TOTAL	1,723	\$1,227,840.15

SUNDAY

11/17/24¹

RULING #169

Ruling #169

Jockey RODRIGO ACEVES is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Jessica Cruz in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 16, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after jockey Rodrigo Aceves came to the office to review his crop use during the ninth race last night. Mr. Aceves agreed that he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

11/17/24²

CLAIM – APPROVED 1ST RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Jorge Farias for #5 Storm D’ Oro was reported by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, as being unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the vet’s list. However, we did not void the claim as the claimant marked the claim agreement form to accept the filly regardless of the Official Veterinarian’s post-race examination results.

11/17/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #6 Somethingnefarious (Jockey Jose Alcala) – Replaced by Efrain Henandez
 2nd Race #6 Lusma (Tr. S. Perez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: 506.56
 3rd Race No Changes
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race #3 Lurking Fear (Tr. B. Cunningham) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias
 #5 Luv Who I Am (Tr. J. Raudales) – Claimed by Tr. C. Treece
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race No Changes

11/17/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	742	\$73,510.00
SCOTWINC	970	\$238,228.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,013,240.62
TOTAL	1,712	\$1,324,979.52

SUMMARY

Fri Sat Sun Week Meet
 11/15 11/16 11/17

Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	15
Claims	R	1	2	3	116
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	24
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	50
Refunds	A	5	1	6	279
Rulings	Y	2	1	3	169
Voided Claims		1	1	2	44

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

BOS:RC:dj