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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, November 20 through Sunday, November 24, 2024.

WEDNESDAY11/20/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will handle entry, scratch and panel duties this coming week. Ward will also be writing minutes.

11/20/24²**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

The Saturday card was drawn shortly before the dinner hour with ten races on tap. Tomorrow's entries should be much easier as it is trials night for the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity.

THURSDAY11/21/24¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES/SATURDAY SCRATCHES/SATURDAY PANEL**

Entries were accepted this morning for the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity trials. It is expected that twelve trials will likely be carded given the number of horses that will likely enter.

The Los Alamitos panel met this morning, resulting in two horses being scratched. In the first race, #1 Effort will not be participating as the horse did not meet minimum workout requirements; there had been no recorded workout in the past 30 days. The second race also lost a horse as #5 Mean Sharon will be declared due to ongoing veterinary concerns. The trainers have been notified. Other than the above-referenced scratches, one rider change and two equipment changes completed scratch time.

11/21/24²**THURSDAY HEARINGS**

Hearings were scheduled for two licensees this morning – Mr. Tim Abraham and Ms. Margie Cantrell. Unfortunately, neither one of them appeared nor contacted the Board of Stewards. Mr. Abraham had been cited for four violations of rule #1846.2 (Racing Soundness Examination), while Ms. Cantrell was the subject of a financial complaint filed by Post Time Insurance.

FRIDAY11/22/24¹**SUNDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES/CHANGES**

Trials for the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity filled as expected, as 101 two-year-olds will face Starter Gary Brinson in twelve trial heats on Sunday evening. The Los Alamitos panel met this morning, with two horses being designated as "Hard Watch" horses due to veterinary concerns. Scratch time came and went with nothing to report. We are hoping to have a rain-free weekend.

SATURDAY

11/23/24¹

RULING #170

Ruling #170

Jockey JOSE ROSARIO ALCALA 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 first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 17, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Alcala had no legitimate excuse for missing his mount last Sunday.

11/23/24²

RULING #171

Ruling #171

Trainer Tim L. Abraham, having been duly noticed, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on November 25, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Abraham, who has relocated to parts unknown, failed to appear or contact us on the day of his scheduled hearing.

11/23/24³

RULING #172

Ruling #172

Trainer Margie Cantrell, having been duly noticed, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on November 25, 2024.

The above ruling was issued as Ms. Cantrell was a "no show" for her hearing into a financial complaint filed against her.

11/23/24⁴

RULING #173

Ruling #173

Trainer Jennifer Nunnally, having failed to comply with the provisions of the Los Alamitos Board of Stewards agreement (Financial Responsibility - \$1,451.85 owed to Post Time Self Insurance Group), is suspended. Suspension will commence on November 25, 2024.

Ms. Nunnally failed to make the first payment on her financial agreement, generating the above ruling.

11/23/24⁵

RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was excused this evening as he had pulled too much weight and could not do justice to his mounts. Jockey Armando Cervantes was excused as he was named on a horse without permission. He had never intended on riding this evening. Replacements were named.

11/23/24⁶

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the ninth race this evening as #1 Magestic Boots was unsound approaching the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$4,260.83

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Drumadoon (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$681.90
- #6 Hungry Hearts (Tr. J. Nunez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$227.30
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #4 Grazen Sun (Tr. S. Morfin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$329.40
- 4th Race #1 Torrid Tommy (Tr. J. Nunez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$74.35
- #6 Fed Grant (Tr. G. Vallejo) Panel – Refund: \$98.95
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race #1 Magestic Boots (Tr. A. Farias) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$4,260.83
- 10th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	659	\$82,653.60
SCOTWINC	1,128	\$244,315.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$804,988.40
TOTAL	1,787	\$1,131,957.30

SUNDAY

11/24/24¹

RULING #174

Ruling #174

Jockey Martin Arriaga is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAS (\$750.00)* 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 The Cartel Choice in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 23, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Arriaga chose not to appear to defend his actions in the sixth race on Saturday evening.

11/24/24²

RULING #175

Ruling #175

Jockey Francisco J. Ramirez 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 Xpress Train in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 23, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued for Francisco J. Ramirez’s violation of Rule #1688.

11/24/24³

JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the second race as Oscar Peinado (5th, #2 Big Bank Rocket) lodged a claim of foul against Gabriel Lara (2nd, #1 Norco) for interference at mid-point of the race. Peinado felt that his path was taken when Lara’s horse drifted out. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the Stewards voted unanimously to dismiss the claim of foul. Video showed that while the second place finisher did drift out, it was clear of Peinado’s horse when it did so.

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LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race when #8 Americas Heartbreak flipped while awaiting the start, got loose, and ran off of the track. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$29,296.80.

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STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the twelfth race as the Stewards reviewed interference at the start between #6 Monticello (2nd, R. Vallejo) and #5 La Peralta (3rd, I. Lara). After speaking to the riders and reviewing video, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Monticello from second to third position. Video showed the horse making a left hand turn at the break, making hard contact with La Peralta and in the opinion of the Stewards, costing that horse a finish position. The rider aboard Monticello was not held responsible.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race #8 Americas Heartbreak (Tr. M. Arrossa) Stewards – Refund: \$29,296.80
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race No Changes
- 11th Race No Changes
- 12th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	759	\$147,876.80
SCOTWINC	947	\$300,093.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,535,633.30
TOTAL	1,706	\$1,983,603.30

SUMMARY

	Fri 11/22	Sat 11/23	Sun 11/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	15
Claims	R	2	0	2	118
Disqualifications	K	0	1	1	25
Inquiries	D	0	2	2	52
Refunds	A	6	1	7	286
Rulings	Y	4	2	6	175
Voided Claims		0	0	0	44

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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