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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Tuesday, December 10, through Sunday, December 15, 2024.

TUESDAY

12/10/24¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary Randy Valdez and his racing office crew were on duty accepting for Friday December 13, 2024. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty overseeing entries and all matters for the CHRB. Early in the afternoon Racing Secretary Valdez called Steward Sawyer and requested that the draw for Friday be 'carried over' until tomorrow Thursday. Permission was granted and finalization of the racing card for December 13 will take place tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY

12/11/24¹

DOUBLE DRAW

The racing card for Friday December 13 was finalized today in the Los Alamitos Thoroughbred racing office. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty in the Stewards office. Eight (8) races will be contested on December 13. Forty-six (46) horses are scheduled to start.

Races were also drawn this afternoon for Saturday December 14. Nine (9) races were drawn, highlighted by the \$200,000 Guaranteed Los Alamitos Futurity (Grade 2). Sixty-five (65) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY

12/12/24¹

STEVE MIYADI COMPLAINT (CASE #SA0129)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Trainer Steve Miyadi for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1878 (Workouts -5 Counts). The cover sheet of today's complaint reads as follows.

Daily audits of all workouts performed at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Santa Anita Park during September 2024 showed five (5) timed workouts performed by

trainer Steven Miyadi did not have clearance examinations by the attending veterinarian recorded in EquiTAPS.

Present at today's hearing were Trainer Steve Miyadi and CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the proceedings. Testimony was given and documents were marked as exhibits. Decision to follow.

12/12/24²

RICARDO J AGARIE COMPLAINT (CASE: #24SA0135)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Trainer Ricky Agaire for alleged violation of Rule #1501 (Workers Compensation-2 Counts). Along with the Stewards present today were Court Reporter Michelle Derieg and CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama who prepared a twenty-three (23) page complaint for today's hearing which was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The Stewards spoke with Trainer Agarie at 10:45 a.m. when he stated that he thought the hearing was scheduled for tomorrow December 13. This hearing will now be rescheduled.

12/12/24³

HISA ACCREDITATION MEETING

Representatives from HISA are at Los Alamitos this weekend to examine Los Alamitos Race Course to make sure that they continue to be in compliance with HISA regulations. The Stewards participated in a hybrid format, with several participants here at Los Alamitos and several online. Along with the Stewards the following people participated.

- A. Rick Arthur DVM (Meeting Chair)-Los Alamitos Veterinary & Integrity Consultant
- B. David Nuesch - CHRB Safety Steward
- C. Becky Fitzgerald DVM- Los Alamitos Track Veterinarian
- D. Dennis Moore - Los Alamitos Track Consultant
- E. Cathy Allred - Los Alamitos – President & Director
- F. Frank Sherren - Los Alamitos – Facility Manager
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- M. Karen Hassan DVM - HISA
- N. Nate Estrada-Los Alamitos Director of Racing
- O. Stacy O' Brien- Human Ambulance
- P. Aubrey Sadakane – Los Alamitos

Greg Stiles (HISA) gave the meeting participants a 'snapshot' of his group's involvement here at Los Alamitos this weekend.

FRIDAY
12/13/24¹

RICARDO RAMIREZ FILM REVIEW/RULING

Jockey Ricardo S. Ramirez appeared in our office today for an informal film review. We all gathered to review Jockey Ramirez' ride aboard #3 Smarty Nose in the first race on Sunday December 8. Smarty nose finished second in this 5 ½ Furlong race.

Today's film review shows Jockey Ramirez employ his riding crop eight (8) times from the ¼ mile pole to the finish line. This is a violation of the HISA riding crop rule.

This is his second riding crop violation in a six (6) month period. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LWTL Ruling #05

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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode SMARTY NOSE in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 8, 2024, is suspended for TWO (2) days (December 26 & 27, 2024), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for two (2) 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.

12/13/24²

FERNANDO OLAGUE FILM REVIEW/RULING

Apprentice Jockey Fernando Olague appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the first race on Sunday December 8. Apprentice Olague was aboard #2 Naughty Niko who finished fifth in this 5 ½ furlong race. Today's film review shows Apprentice Olague use his riding crop eight (8) times during this race. In a unanimous vote, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LWTL RULING #06

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), Apprentice Jockey FERNANDO OLAGUE, who rode NAUGHTY NIKO in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 8, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (December 26, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) 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.

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OFFICIAL CHANGE

Placing Judge Danielle Kasparoff is off today. Tim Colosi is the replacement placing judge today.

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VOIDED CLAIM-RACE 8

#7 Itzel was claimed by Trainer Jesus Uranga for \$80,000 out of the eighth race. Following today's racing card CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio contacted the Stewards and reported this horse unsound. The Stewards voided the claim and this horse returns to the barn of original trainer Peter Miller.

12/13/24⁵

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objection's.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#4 Beyond Compare (Tr. S. Morfin) Injured- Laura Augsten DVM REFUND: \$126.70
5 th Race	#3 Gypsy Tears (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM REFUND: \$228.04
6 th Race	#2 Hot Box (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer #5 My Man Bags (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, G. Lopez, trainer

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	685	\$70,085.79
SCOTWINC	2,062	\$779,543.95
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$2,913,905.33
TOTAL	2,747	\$3,763,535.07

SATURDAY

12/14/24¹

RICARDO RAMIREZ FILM REVIEW

For the second day in a row (REF:12/13/24⁶), Jockey Ricardo Ramirez was 'called in' to our office for an informal hearing. The Stewards wanted to view yesterday's first race, where Jockey Ramirez rode second place finisher #4 Queen of the Track to a second-place finish. The Stewards viewed Jockey Ramirez using his riding crop seven (7) times during this five (5) furlong race.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards determined that Jockey Ramirez violated HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop). This is Jockey Ramirez' third 'riding crop violation' since September 20, 2024. The following ruling was issued.

LWTL RULING #07

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 – third offense), Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode QUEEN OF THE TRACK in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) days (December 28 & 29, 2024 and January 1, 2025), and fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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.

12/14/24²

STEVEN MIYADI DECISION (REF:12/12/24¹)

The Stewards deliberated following a formal hearing that was held here at Los Alamitos on Thursday December 12. We called trainer Steve Miyadi and informed him of our decision that is memorialized in the ruling below.

LWTL RULING #08

Trainer STEVEN MIYADI, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (Workouts - No seventy-two [72] hour pre-workout Veterinarian examinations [Non-compliance for 5 workouts]) during September 2024.

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FIFTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

Track Announcer Michael Wrona broadcast that a Stewards' Review would be conducted into the start of today's fifth race which was contested at six (6) furlongs. The focus of this review was the actions of #6 Paula's Candiman (Francisco Ramirez) who appeared to be off awkwardly at the start. After our review we determined there was no need to conduct a formal Inquiry into the actions of this seventh-place finisher.

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SIXTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident involving three (3) horses in the vicinity of the 1/16th mile marker. Review of race video shows fourth place finisher #3 Lava Lucy (Armando Ayuso) drift out and bump third place finisher #5 Donttellowives (Abel Lezcano). This incident led to contact with first place finisher #7 Polythene Pam (Kyle Frey).

The Stewards spoke with the three (3) jockeys involved and received a Patrol Judge report. It was determined that the two (2) horses that were slightly affected both defeated the interferer in this race. The Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish.

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WIN WAGERING ONLY

Today's \$200,000 Los Alamitos Futurity (Grade 1) had five (5) betting interests. Los Alamitos management cancelled place and show wagering for this race. #5 Journalism (Umberto Rispoli) won this race for Trainer Michael McCarthy. He paid \$7.60 to win.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

5TH Race Declaration #7 Big Notion (Tr. S. Miyadi) Injured- Laurie Bohannon DVM
REFUND: \$792.99
7th Race Declaration #4 Got Soul (Tr. A. Mathis) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$2,538.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,178	\$421,154.15
SCOTWINC	3,469	\$1,141,110.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$4,103,054.63
TOTAL	4,647	\$5,665,319.72

SUNDAY

12/15/24¹

SECOND RACE PRE-RACE ACCIDENT

There was an incident prior to the running of today's 2nd race. This race was contested at five (5) furlongs. Prior to this five (5) horse field being dispatched #3 Stormy Samurai (Serafin Carmona) broke through the starting gate riderless. #3 Stormy Samurai veered to the left and struck Starter Gary Brinson who was getting ready to dispatch the field. Stormy Liberal then jumped on the inner rail before being captured. He was vanned off and examined. Apprentice Jockey Serafin Camona was uninjured. There was a thirteen (13) minute delay prior to the start of this race.

Starter Brinson was transported to a local hospital for treatment. He was replaced by Assistant Starter Joe Avalos for the third race. In races four (4) through nine (9), Shane Craigmyle served as the replacement Starter. After Starter Brinson received several stitches above his eye, he miraculously returned to work starting with race three of the evening Quarter Horse card.

At approximately 8:46 p.m. Starter Brinson, successfully dispatched the field in the Grade 1 Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity. When contacted later, Brinson stated he had to wear his cowboy hat in a slightly modified position.

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NO SHOW WAGERING—RACE 2

Following the late scratch of #3 Stormy Samurai the field in the second race was reduced to four (4) wagering interests. All show wagers for this race were refunded.

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NINTH RACE OBJECTION

Today's ninth race was the King Glorious Stakes (\$100,000 Guaranteed) which was contested at one (1) mile. Following the running of this race Jockey Tiago Pereira, who rode fourth place finisher #7 Whiskyginandbrandy, lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher #2 Shea Brennan for alleged interference in the stretch.

A film review of the incident shows #2 Shea Brennan drifting slightly inside the 1/8th mile marker. #7 Whiskyginandbrandy checks slightly while racing behind this rival. The Stewards spoke to both jockeys involved and received a Patrol Judge report. After reviewing all camera angles of this incident, in a unanimous decision, the Stewards left the original placings undisturbed.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race Declarations #3 Stormy Samuri (Tr. S. Morfin) Broke thru gate- Laura Augsten DVM
 #6 Divine Rascal (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured- Laura Augsten DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$30,488.92
 4th Race Declaration #6 Man Child (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
 REFUND: \$353.62
 5th Race #4 Isabel Ludlow (Tr. Steve Miyadi) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer
 #6 D. Ray D. (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, R. B. Hess Jr., trainer
 8th Race #8 Capital Outlay (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

12/15/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,014	\$292,687.74
SCOTWINC	3,117	\$1,066,336.36
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$3,901,500.67
TOTAL	4,134	\$5,260,524.77

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14	Sun 12/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	3	1	4	12
Claims	2	0	4	6	9
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2
Refunds	2	2	3	7	11
Rulings	2	2	0	4	8
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	1

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward