

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, December 4, through Sunday, December 8, 2024.

WEDNESDAY12/04/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, December 7, 2024, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY12/05/24¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, December 8, 2024, and changes to Saturday's program.

12/05/24²**ENTRY PANEL**

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

12/05/24³**TRAINER – JAIME GOMEZ HEARING (CASE #24LA0231)**

Trainer Jaime Gomez came to the office for an informal hearing into case #24LA0231 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board alleging a Dexamethasone positive discovered in the post-race sample of one of his runners. CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb presented the case. Mr. Gomez had no explanation for the positive other than possibly veterinarian error, Mr. Gomez's attending veterinarian, Ricky Overly DVM, also testified by telephone to how the filly was treated and when. After hearing the testimony from Mr. Gomez and DVM Ricky Overly we concluded the hearing. Decision to Follow.

12/05/24⁴**TRAINER – HEATH TAYLOR HEARING (CASE #24LA0250)**

After the Stewards were notified by California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Kevin Kitashima that Mr. Taylor had waived his right to a hearing and accepted responsibility for the alleged violation, the hearing was closed. Decision to Follow.

12/05/24⁵

TRAINER RICARDO AGARIE HEARING (CASE #24LA0237)

Ricardo Agarie appeared before the Board of Stewards for a tape-recorded hearing to address a complaint filed against him for alleged violation of CHRB rule #1501 (Worker's Compensation Insurance Required). Present at the hearing were Mr. Agarie, who was not represented by counsel, and CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb, who presented the case. After testimony and evidence were heard and presented into the record, the hearing was concluded. Decision to Follow.

FRIDAY

12/06/24¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches, four entries were listed as a hard watch.

12/06/24²

SCRATCHES

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

SATURDAY

12/07/24¹

RULING #179

Ruling #179

Trainer Ricardo Agarie is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for Violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence presented during the informal tape-recorded hearing held on Thursday December 5, 2024.

12/07/24²

RULING #180

Ruling #180

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to insure condition of horse), Trainer Heath Taylor, who worked the horse Cartel Kisses, on September 14, 2024, at Los Alamitos Race Course for removal from the Veterinarian's List, is fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a)(b) and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Authorized Medication), and #1844 (d)(12)(Omeprazole-Class 5).

The above ruling was issued after Trainer Heath Taylor waived his right to a hearing, and accepted responsibility and the penalty imposed.

12/07/24³

RULING #181

Ruling #181

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Owner or Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Jaime Gomez, who started the horse RUN LIKA CHEETAH, the first place finisher in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 31, 2024, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and ½ point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), for Violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a)(b) and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and 1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Medication – Dexamethasone).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence presented during the informal tape-recorded hearing held on Thursday December 5, 2024.

12/07/24⁴

RULING #182 & #183

Ruling #182

Jockey Cruz Mendez 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 Travel Afar in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 1, 2024.

Ruling #183

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio 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 Sc Time To Run in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 1, 2024.

The above rulings were issued after both riders acknowledged they violated the crop rule.

12/07/24⁵

STEWARDS REVIEW - 6TH RACE

The Stewards conducted a video review of an incident shortly after the start of the sixth race involving #1 Caught (Gabriel Lara) the winner and #2 LJ Lucky 7 (Armando Cervantes) who finished third. 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 shortly after the start, with the outcome not costing either rival a better placing.

12/07/24⁶

INQUIRY – PHOTO FINISH CAMERA MALFUNCTION – 8TH RACE

We posted the Inquiry sign after photo finish operator Matthew Ascanio notified the placing judges immediately following the eighth race that the main nor the backup photo finish cameras produce a picture of the finish. Fortunately, there was a clear separation of all five horses in the race, and the Stewards and placing judges all agreed on the order of finish and the race was made official. The Stewards requested a report from Plusmic Corporation Inc. on what may have caused the malfunction.

12/07/24⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 Not Gonna Last (Tr. K. Castaneda) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$506.50
- #6 Danz Till Ten (Tr. S. McGowan) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$294.22
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #4 Dragula (Tr. M. Casselman) – Claimed by Tr. A. Farias
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #4 Bossy Girl MG (Jockey D. Morones) – Replaced by M. Arriaga
- 7th Race #5 Executive Teller MRL(Tr. J. Gomez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$118.60
- 8th Race #5 Moms Legacy (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$594.97

12/07/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	815	\$76,277.10
SCOTWINC	1,054	\$248,224.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$548,288.14
TOTAL	1,869	\$872,789.24

SUNDAY

12/08/24¹

RULING #184

Ruling #184

Trainer Satchell S. Stevens, having failed to comply with the terms of a financial agreement with Gordon Feed Company, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Suspension to commence on December 14, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after Trainer Satchell Stevens failed to abide by a payment agreement he reached with Gordon Feed Co. Inc. (Ref. 11/07/2024⁶).

12/08/24²

8TH RACE-INQUIRY - GATE MALFUNCTION - RACE DECLARED – NO CONTEST

As the field was being loaded for tonight’s eighth race, numbers #1,#2,#3,#4,#6.#7,#8 and #9 were loaded in the starting gate and #5 and #10 were behind the gate yet to be loaded. We

learned from starter Gary Brinson that the starting gate malfunctioned with the front doors opening prior to the full field being loaded and eight of the ten runners leaving the gate. After a thorough review of the video and speaking with Starter Brinson, in a unanimous decision we called the race no contest and announced that all affected wagers would be refunded in accordance with CHRB rules.

12/08/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 Bam Bam Again (Tr. A. Farias) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$281.45
- 1st Race #5 Sai Con (Fr.) (Tr. A. Aquino) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$1,125.83
- 2nd Race #4 Luv Who I Am (Tr. C. Treece) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$822.17
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #9 Filthy Fast (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$294.52
- 5th Race No Change
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race Race Declared – No Contest – Stewards – Refund: \$90,748.06

12/08/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	463	\$61,541.10
SCOTWINC	852	\$197,778.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$739,114.52
TOTAL	1,315	998,433.62

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	15
Claims	R	1	0	1	119
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	25
Inquiries	D	1	1	2	54
Refunds	A	4	5	9	295
Rulings	Y	5	1	6	181
Voided Claims		1	1	2	44

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

BOS:RC:dj