

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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GENERAL DATA

DATES: December 28, 2024, through December 21, 2025. Racing is Saturday through Sunday.

POST TIMES: Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm

ENTRIES: Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 10:00am the following day after entries.

WAGERING: \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

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Report for the week of December 23 through December 29, 2024.

MONDAY

12/23/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night’s program. Eight races were assembled by the racing office, highlighted by the \$25,000 Holiday Handicap going 350 yards.

THURSDAY

12/26/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Once again, Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday, and to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening’s card. Additionally, he participated in the entry-panel review of Saturday’s runners, where one entrant was ordered scratched by panel.

12/26/24²

DeBELLIS HEARINGS (Ref. 11/16/24¹)

The full Board of Stewards were in the office today to hear three financial complaints filed against owner Dominic DeBellis's Cashline Racing Stables, Inc. The first complaint (case #24LA0109), filed by trainer Jose Raudales, was taken "off calendar" as it will now be heard by the San Bernardino Superior Court next month. The second complaint (case #24LA0278), filed by Veterinarian Dr. Nicola Hardgrove, was read into the record by Supervising Investigator Kevin Kitashima. Dr. Hardgrove, who attended via telephone, agreed to accept monthly payments until the balance is paid off. The third complaint (case #24LA0120), filed by KC Horse Transport, was heard with company owner Kerrie Cargill Sahadi attending via telephone. It took some time to reach an agreement, but in the end a payment plan was agreed to, with Mr. DeBellis writing the first payment check on the spot. As a result of appearing today to address these complaints, a ruling will be issued this weekend reinstating Mr. DeBellis's license.

FRIDAY

12/27/24¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was in the office to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday evening's card, and to participate in the entry-panel review of Sunday's runners.

SATURDAY

12/28/24¹

DeBELLIS RULING

Ruling #1

Owner Dominic DeBellis, having appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to financial complaints against him, is restored to good standing. Ruling #167, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on November 16, 2024, is set aside.

Having appeared before the Board of Stewards on Thursday, the above ruling was issued, bringing Mr. DeBellis's license status back into good standing.

12/28/24²

VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 3

After failing a post-race soundness examination, the claim submitted by trainer Brian Cunningham for #3 Too Much Info was voided by the Stewards and the runner returned to the Gary Greiner stable.

12/28/24³

CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

This evening's eight races were conducted smoothly and free of any incidents. All late program changes, claims, scratches, and refunds are noted below

12/28/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Could Be Gold (Tr. F. Gonzalez) - unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$190.20
	#6 Frisco (Tr. A. Farias) - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$555.72
2 nd Race	#5 Lucky Lad (Tr. L. Medina-Gabriel) - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$544.45
3 rd Race	#1 Driver's Ed (Tr. G. Greiner) - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$406.40
	#3 Too Much Info (Tr. G. Greiner) claim VOIDED
4 th Race	#7 Dos Tolls (Tr. P.A. DeJesus) - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$179.70
	#8 Little Venus - jockey changed to L. Camacho-Flores
6 th Race	#1 Jess Dream (Tr. J.A.Aguila) - sick - Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$353.00
	#7 CM Apollitical Dandy (Tr. Lindsey) claimed by Tr. Verimontes

12/28/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	645	\$51,083.20
SCOTWINC	1,001	\$164,284.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$644,932.65
TOTAL	1,646	\$860,300.55

SUNDAY

12/29/24¹

BLINKERS ADDED

As the runners exited the paddock for tonight's fifth race, it was discovered that the Felix Gonzalez trainee Stay Zappy was not wearing blinkers, as she had in her prior starts. Stay Zappy was outfitted with the forgotten equipment at the starting gate, prior to the running of the race.

12/29/24²

SMOOTH SAILING

Once again, we had another clear night of racing, with this evening's eight races being free of any notable incidents.

12/29/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #7 Proceedtotheroute (Tr. Scolamieri) - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$331.63
 3rd Race #5 Cardinal Trick (Tr. R. Hansen) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
 4th Race #3 La Popis (Tr. L. Medina-Gabriel) - unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$97.36
 8th Race #6 Good Reason Jess (Tr. A. Aquino) - injured - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$376.26

12/29/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	515	\$68,283.10
SCOTWINC	839	\$228,329.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,084,371.45
TOTAL	1,354	\$1,380,983.75

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/27	Sat 12/28	Sun 12/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	1	2	2
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	0
Refunds	A	4	4	8	8
Rulings	Y	1	0	1	1
Voided Claims		1	0	1	1

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

BOS:DN:dj