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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 January 15, 2025, through January 19, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**1/15/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. The racing office assembled fifty horses across eight races, six of which are going 1000 yards.

1/15/25<sup>2</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for maidens three years old failed to fill and was called off.

**THURSDAY**1/16/25<sup>1</sup>**SCRATCHES**

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.

1/16/25<sup>2</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old going 300 yards, had just two Cal-Bred entrants, but was used "open" as the eighth race on the card with five runners.

1/16/25<sup>3</sup>**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled fifty-six runners to complete a nine-race program for Sunday night.

1/16/25<sup>4</sup>**COMPLAINT #24LA0281**

The complaint filed against trainer Jaime Gomez for alleged violations of rules 1890 and 1894, was continued until January 30, 2025. More to follow...

1/16/25<sup>5</sup>**COMPLAINT #24LA0301**

Complaint #24LA0301 was filed against owner Alexander Spasiano by the CHRB, on behalf of veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove, for violation of rule 1876 (financial responsibility) for an

outstanding bill in the amount of \$5,884.00. Owner Alexander Spasiano failed to appear for his scheduled hearing this morning, so a ruling will be issued in the coming days.

**FRIDAY**  
1/17/25<sup>1</sup>

**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**  
1/18/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING (Ref: 1/16/25<sup>5</sup>)**

**Ruling #6**

Owner Alexander Spasiano, having failed to respond to a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$5,884.00 to Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on January 20, 2025.

The above ruling was issued because Mr. Spasiano failed to appear for his scheduled hearing.

1/18/25<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW / RULING**

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez came into our office to review his ride in last Sunday's fifth race, where his mount shifted in entering the far turn, interfering with the runner to his inside. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Ramirez allowed his mount to shift inward, putting the horse and rider to his inside into a dangerous situation. As a result, the following ruling was issued.

**Ruling #7**

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference and creating a dangerous situation while riding Perfect D in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 12, 2025. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

1/18/25<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY / DOUBLE-DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the eighth race, to review an incident involving several runners shortly after the start. Initially, #8 Belia (jockey Cesar Franco) broke inward, impeding multiple runners to his inside. Shortly after, #2 Royaltys First (jockey Henry Lopez) making contact with the runners to his outside. The Stewards unanimously agreed that #8 Belia should be disqualified from second and placed behind #7 Shapusero. In a majority vote, the Stewards also disqualified #2 for shifting out, contributing to the jam-up. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling all the blame for the incident could be placed on #8.

Original Order of Finish: 1-(8)-(2)-6-5-4-7

Official Order of Finish: 1-6-5-4-7-(8)-(2)

1/18/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 Maggie's Faye (Tr. S. McGowan) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$156.89
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 Irish Prancer (Tr. M. Stortz) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$310.61
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#5 Drive By (Tr. J. Ramos) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$247.30 #6 Won Bid (Tr. S. Morfin) Loose Post Parade – Stewards – Refund \$4,202.40
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Strawberry Girl (Tr. C. Dollase) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$194.34
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Exalting (Tr. K. Castaneda) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$89.19 #4 Smarty Nose (Tr. K. Castaneda) – Claimed by trainer S. Rivera
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Chick Is My Eagle (Tr. S. Perez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$860.54 #7 Shapusero (Tr. J. Mendoza) Jockey changed to J. Alcalá

1/18/25<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	690	\$58,297.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,132	\$138,276.70
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$584,457.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,822	\$781,031.29

**SUNDAY**1/19/25<sup>1</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

The fifth race claim of J La Profesora, submitted by trainer Kelly Castaneda, was voided after the three-year-old filly was found to be unsound by Dr. Beck during his post-race evaluation. She will remain in the stable of trainer Jaime Gomez.

1/19/25<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS' REVIEW**

Following the running of tonight's ninth race, the Stewards conducted a review of the start where #2 Jess Dream stumbled sharply, throwing jockey Hugo Herrera to the track. The Stewards determined that no other horses were involved, so no further action was taken. The outrider caught Jess Dream, and after being evaluated by the racing vet, was vanned back to the Jose Aguila barn for further evaluation. Jockey Herrera was evaluated by the on-call paramedic and later walked back to the jockeys' room under his own power.

1/19/25<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Galway Shawl (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$379.12  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Apollitical Wonder (Tr. P. Jones) Broke Thru Gate – Stewards – Refund \$12,330.74  
 #5 J La Profesora (Tr. J. Gomez) Claimed by trainer K. Castaneda – VOIDED  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Chick Is My Eagle (Tr. S. Perez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$426.76

1/19/25<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	487	\$53,570.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	959	\$159,514.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$983,065.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,446	\$1,196,150.64

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 01/17</b>	<b>Sat 01/18</b>	<b>Sun 01/19</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	1	1	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	0	1	6
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	2	0	2	3
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	0	1	3
<b>Refunds</b>	A	7	3	10	27
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	2	0	2	7
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	1	1	4

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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