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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 February 19, 2025, through February 23, 2025.

WEDNESDAY2/19/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be on hand for morning chores which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

2/19/25²**CAL BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

2/19/25³**THE DRAW**

A midafternoon draw saw fifty-eight horses pass the entry box to make up our eight races.

THURSDAY2/20/25¹**SCRATCHES**

One declaration and two equipment changes completed Saturday's program corrections.

2/20/25²**CAL BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book, maiden fillies three years old, failed to fill.

2/20/25³**THE DRAW**

Sunday's feature will be the \$97,500 2025 Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes.

2/20/25⁴**COMPLAINTS #25LA0011 AND #25LA0013**

The two complaints listed above will be consolidated and heard as one violation due to the fact that trainer Gonzalez received the second positive prior to being notified of the first violation, thus being unable to adjust his medication regimen.

Present this morning were Felix and the Board of Stewards. The investigators were on the rifle range. Felix testified that he had given the bute himself and within the allowable time rules. He felt both horses ate their grain over a period of time allowing the bute to remain in their systems longer than it would had it been administered in a different manner, which is a plausible explanation. A ruling will be issued.

FRIDAY

2/21/25¹

SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in two declarations and four rider changes.

SATURDAY

2/22/25¹

RULING #18

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Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) Exercise Rider Jose G. Lopez is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to obey the instructions of the morning outrider – galloping too close to the inside rail.

The above ruling was issued after exercise rider Lopez accepted responsibility for galloping to close to the inside rail.

2/22/25²

RULING #19 (Refer-2/20/25 -#4)

Ruling #19

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to insure condition of horse), Trainer Felix Gonzalez, who started Chilean Bride, the first place finisher in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 28, 2024, and Cava John Cash, the second place finisher in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 4, 2025, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point – expires January 3, 2026 in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1834.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843(a, b, &d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances - Phenylbutazone). First offense within the past 365 days. ***This ruling also applies to case 25LA0013.

The foregoing ruling was issued after weighing all of the circumstances surrounding these complaints.

2/22/25³

RULING #20

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Jockey Rodrigo Aceves 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 Jess Being A Friend in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 16, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after Rodrigo got stung by Rule #1688

2/22/25⁴

RULING #21

Ruling #21

Groom Edgar Giron, having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is restored to good standing. Ruling #82, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Association on July 15, 2023, is set aside. Additionally, groom Edgar Giron is hereby fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Marijuana) on May 7, 2023 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Furthermore, Edgar Giron must sign a test agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and is placed on probation until June 30, 2026.

Groom Giron finally appeared to address a ruling issued in 2023 for failure to appear. He explained he had been off the track with no way to get here. After testing negative in a field test the foregoing ruling was issued.

2/22/25⁵

IDENTIFIER REPLACEMENT

Ralph Seville will be taking some time off citing personal reasons and will be replaced by Miriam Santamaria during the interim.

2/22/25⁶

CLEAR SAILING

It was an uneventful evening with nothing of significance to note.

2/22/25⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

3rd Race #2 Lady Run (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$101.20
 6th Race #4 Kingdom Heart (Tr. V. Cerin) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$561.44
 7th Race #7 Prey N Cartel (Tr. M. Jungers) IA Injection – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$282.34
 8th Race #7 Milagro Lady (Tr. M. Casselman) Stake – Stewards – Refund: \$859.60

2/22/25⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	748	\$55,365.90
SCOTWINC	1177	\$132,601.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$791,139.02
TOTAL	1,925	\$979,106.82

SUNDAY

2/23/25¹

FILMS

Jockey Francisco Ramirez reviewed last evening's third race with the Stewards this afternoon. Entering the stretch, he allowed his mount to drift nearly to the middle of the track packing his brother's mount with him. He was warned that if he had beaten his brother's horse he would probably have been disqualified.

2/23/25²

CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of Chispa Roja by trainer Chuck Treece was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vets list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Rolando Quinonez.

2/23/25³

PLEASANT EVENING

With the exception of an incident that occurred post-race and will be addressed in the safety Stewards minutes it was a good evening.

2/23/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Des Doigts (Tr. R. DeLeon) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$320.32
 2nd Race #3 Score For Alice (Tr. F. Rondan) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$432.85
 #7 So Flashy (Tr. A. Garcia) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$162.55
 3rd Race #1 Seona (Tr. R. Hanson) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$485.34
 4th Race #4 Hey Batman (Tr. S. Perez) Flipped in Receiving Barn – Dr. Beck – Refund: \$886.26
 7th Race #3 One Favorite Runner (Tr. E. Willis) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$632.42
 9th Race #4 Uncle Willard (Tr. M. Arrossa) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$176.80
 #8 CM Cowgirls Are Cool (Tr. L. Linsdey) Stake – Stewards – Refund: \$234.

2/23/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	559	\$66,859.80
SCOTWINC	1,041	\$198,535.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$908,703.82
TOTAL	1,600	\$1,174,098.72

SUMMARY

	Fri 02/21	Sat 02/22	Sun 02/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	0	1	12
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	-	0	0	0	4
Refunds	D	4	8	12	62
Rulings	A	4	0	4	21
Voided Claims	Y	0	1	1	5

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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