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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of March 12, 2025, through March 16, 2025.

WEDNESDAY3/12/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be at his desk this week to handle morning business in addition to writing the minutes during this reporting period.

3/12/25²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

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

3/12/25³**THE DRAW**

It was a bit of a challenge, but nine races were finally drawn with a total of fifty-six horses.

THURSDAY3/13/25¹**SCRATCHES**

Four rider changes completed Saturday's program corrections.

3/13/25²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

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3/13/25³**THE DRAW**

Highlighting Sunday's nine race card will be the \$35,000 Moonist Stakes.

3/13/25⁴**COMPLAINT #25LA0032**

With trainer Flores being out of town this complaint was addressed telephonically. Cimetidine is a class 5 substance which carries a Class D penalty. Cimetidine is administered via oral syringe and is used to treat the horse's stomach. A decision will be rendered in this matter.

FRIDAY3/14/25¹**SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday evenings races resulted in one equipment change.

SATURDAY3/15/25¹**RULING #27 (Refer 3/13/25-#4)**

Ruling #27

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Owner or Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Jose A. Flores, who started the horse Quick Look, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 8, 2025, is issued an Official Warning for Violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Medication – Cimetidine – Class 5/D), #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) and #1844 (d) (10) (Authorized Medication).

After due consideration the foregoing ruling was issued.

3/15/25²

RULING #28

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Jockey Jonathan Roman 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 West Texas Prize in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 9, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after another rider fell victim to Rule #1688.

3/15/25³

RULING #29

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Jockey Jesse P. Gonzalez, who rode Royaltys First in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 9, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing (March 29th, 30th and April 5th, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Jesse Gonzalez was in concerning his ride in Sundays eighth race. His mount drifted in badly causing one horse to stumble and the Stewards felt that at no time did Jesse make any attempt to relieve the situation.

3/15/25⁴

GOOD NIGHT

Saturday evening went quite smoothly with nothing of significance to note.

3/15/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #1 Manitowish (Tr. M. Valenzuela, Jr.) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$911.00
#6 Vegas Moon (Tr. J. Nunez) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$116.32
4th Race #4 Filthy Fast (Tr. G. Vallejo) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$552.44
6th Race #3 Excessive Cat (Tr. J. Uranga) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$674.38

3/15/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	738	\$69,535.50
SCOTWINC	1,137	\$179,548.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$844,894.34
TOTAL	1,875	\$1,093,978.14

SUNDAY

3/16/25¹

FILMS

The Stewards had apprentice Jockey Salvador Vargas in this afternoon to review his maiden mount. All in, he did pretty well, but was offered a little constructive criticism as he launches his new career.

3/16/25²

FILMS

Adrian Escobedo was in for incidents in both the fourth and sixth races. In the fourth race he dropped in from the outside post putting the six horse in tight quarters. In the sixth race the incident occurred during the stretch run. Adrian let his mount drift in with minimal clearance of the horse trailing him. A warning was given in both instances. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling the first incident was suspension worthy.

3/16/25³

INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The Stewards hung the inquiry following the first race to review and incident mid-stretch. Both #6 Smiling For Nana (1st A. Escobedo) and #4 Bronze Girl (4th F. Rojas) were drifting in causing #3 Sweet Tempest (6th R. Ramirez) to check. After examining the films and taking into consideration Sweet Tempest's beaten margin the Stewards could not justify making any change in the original order of finish.

3/16/25⁴

INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

Following the sixth race the Stewards posted the inquiry to review the start. #5 Crypto Craze stumbled badly at the start unseating Jockey Edgar Payeras. After examining the incident Crypto Craze was declared a starter. Both horse and rider appeared uninjured.

3/16/25⁵

CLAIM VOIDED

The eighth race claim of Go Tell Carter by trainer Jaime Gomez was voided after Dr. Beck put the filly on the vet's list for bleeding. She was returned to trainer Ramiro Castillo.

3/16/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

3rd Race #6 Acceleration (Tr. A. Aquino) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$438.62
 7th Race #2 Chepe Cartel (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Flipped in receiving barn – Dr. Beck – Refund: \$591.00

3/16/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	586	\$82,743.50
SCOTWINC	921	\$224,171.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,101,839.50
TOTAL	1,507	\$1,408,754.40

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/14	Sat 03/15	Sun 03/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	1	1	23
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	-	0	2	2	6
Refunds	D	4	2	6	83
Rulings	A	3	0	3	29
Voided Claims	Y	0	1	1	6

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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