

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 March 18, 2025, through March 23, 2025.

TUESDAY3/18/25¹**DISQUALIFICATION HEARING**

Today the Board of Stewards were in attendance to hear two complaints (Cases 24LA0302 and 24LA0302) filed by the CHRB, for violations of rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Findings), both horses involved were trained by Monty Arrossa and both owned by Dunn Ranch LLC. In attendance was trainer Monty Arrossa, accompanied by Legal Counsel Howard Jacobs and Katy Freeman. Additionally, Deputy Attorney General Katharine Tremblay was on-hand for the CHRB and the cases were presented by CHRB Investigator Stewart Ida. Michelle Derieg was in attendance to record the proceedings, along with Daily Racing Form columnist Steve Andersen, who was sitting in as an observer. Mr. Jacobs presented as evidence a narrative from a complaint to be heard in May, regarding the confirmation of one of the original test findings. As a result, he requested that one of the disqualifications be delayed until May. The Stewards agreed to take his request into consideration and the hearing was brought to a close. More to follow...

WEDNESDAY3/19/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

3/19/25²**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled fifty-four runners to complete an eight-race program, headlined by ten finalists competing in the Grade I Los Alamitos Oaks, carrying a purse of \$430,000.

3/19/25³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book for California bred three-year-old maiden fillies going 300 yards only received three entrants and was not used.

THURSDAY

3/20/25¹

SCRATCHES

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card, along with overseeing entries for Sunday's races. Additionally, the entry-panel met this morning to review all of Saturday night's runners.

3/20/25²

CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book, for three-year-olds and up California bred maidens, going 300 yards, only receiving one entrant and was quickly called off.

3/20/25³

THE DRAW

Once again, the racing office compiled fifty-four runners to complete a nine-race program for Sunday night, which features the El Primero Del Ano Derby.

3/20/25⁴

COMPLAINT #25LA0015

The Board of Stewards heard a financial complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer Satchell Stevens for money owed to Post Time Self Insurance Group. Mr. Stevens, currently training in Arizona, attended the hearing via telephone. In addition to the Board of Stewards, Allie Rodriguez was in attendance representing Post Time. Mr. Stevens did not dispute the outstanding balance and agreed to make monthly payments until the balance is paid in full. When the hearing ended, a financial agreement was filled out and signed by both parties.

FRIDAY

3/21/25¹

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, with no panel scratches.

SATURDAY

3/22/25¹

RULING #30 (Ref: 9/28/24²)

Ruling #30

Owner Jesus Avila, having appeared and having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is restored to good standing. Ruling #140, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on September 28, 2024, is set aside.

After appearing before the Board of Stewards and complying with the terms of a previous ruling, the above ruling was issued, restoring Mr. Avila's license to good standing.

3/22/25²

DISQUALIFICATION RULINGS (Ref: 3/18/25¹)

Ruling #31

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #PR03049, taken from the horse AB Seis Corazones, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 10, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class 1/A), it is ordered that AB Seis Corazones be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$129,710.00) earned by Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Jesus Ayala, which are currently being held by the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course, will be distributed within 30 days from the date of this ruling.

Ruling #32

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #PR01266, taken from the horse American Dreamin, the first place finisher in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 27, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class 1/A), it is ordered that

American Dreamin be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$439,656.00) earned by Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes, which are currently being held by the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course, will be distributed within 30 days from the date of this ruling.

The above two rulings were issued after the Stewards deliberated all the facts presented at Tuesday's hearing.

3/22/25³

INCIDENT FREE EVENING

Other than four jockeys being summoned to the Stewards' office tomorrow afternoon to review their respective rides this evening, the eight-race card was conducted without notable incidents.

3/22/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Dancing Soul (Tr. S. Rivera) Entry Panel – Stewards – Refund: \$703.40
5th Race #1 Smarty Nose (Tr. S. Rivera) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$302.34
#5 Kedar (Tr. J. Uranga) – Claimed by trainer T. Dial

3/22/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 801 | \$78,666.50 |
| SCOTWINC | 1,178 | \$192,748.20 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$806,584.48 |
| TOTAL | 1,979 | \$1,077,999.18 |

SUNDAY

3/23/25¹

RULING #33 (Ref: 3/16/25³)

Jockey Adrian Escobedo was in our office to review his ride from last Sunday's first race, where his mount was the subject of an inquiry. Though no change was made to the original order of finish, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Escobedo made little effort to relieve any pressure or prevent his mount from drifting in. He had been warned the week prior that his riding needed to improve. As a result, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #33

Jockey Adrian Escobedo is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (April 5th, 6th and 12, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, contributing to interference while riding Smiling For Nana in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 16, 2025. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

3/23/25²

RULING #34 - #36

Ruling #34

Jockey Martin Arriaga 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 Cattail Cove in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 16, 2025.

Ruling #35

Jockey Armando Aguilar 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 Southern Slang in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 22, 2025.

Ruling #36

Jockey Jose Nicasio 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 Elizabeth Alexandria in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 22, 2025.

The above three rulings were issued due to multiple violations of CHRB rule #1688.

3/23/25³

RULING #37

Jockey Francisco Ramirez was called into our office to review his ride in yesterday's fourth race. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Ramirez did not make sufficient effort to correct his mount after breaking inward at the start, so the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #37

Jockey Francisco J. Ramirez is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (April 6th, 12th and 13, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course after the start, causing significant interference while riding Miguelito in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 22, 2025. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

3/23/25⁴

LATE SCRATCH

During the loading process of tonight's fourth race #5 Hellova Louella reared up and fell over behind the starting gate. As a precaution, the Stewards opted to scratch the three-year-old filly, on the advice of the Track Veterinarian.

3/23/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #7 Agrigento (Tr. J. Raudales) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$526.48
 2nd Race #1 Bobby's Alibi (Tr. S. Rivera) Jockey changed to L. Camacho-Flores
 #5 Anniversaire D'or (Tr. K. Castaneda) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$603.72
 4th Race #5 Hellova Louella (Tr. J. Raudales) Stewards, on the advice of the track vet – Refund: \$6,262.16
 9th Race #3 Do The Job (Tr. S. Willoughby) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$137.64
 #6 Ultimate Battle (Tr. E. Willis) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$981.00

3/23/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 585 | \$80,760.50 |
| SCOTWINC | 899 | \$231,619.40 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$1,097,401.68 |
| TOTAL | 1,484 | \$1,409,781.58 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 03/21 | Sat 03/22 | Sun 03/23 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Cal-Bred Races | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | R | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| Disqualifications | K | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Inquiries | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Refunds | D | 2 | 5 | 7 | 90 |
| Rulings | A | 3 | 5 | 8 | 37 |
| Voided Claims | Y | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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