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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 26, 2025, through March 30, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**3/26/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be holding down the fort this week and will also be writing minutes.

3/26/25<sup>2</sup>**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

The Racing Office staff will be accepting entries for the Saturday card this morning. With the closing of the Alameda County Fair as a stabling/training facility, it is hoped that at least some of those displaced horses will filter to Los Alamitos. A very sad situation in the North.

**THURSDAY**3/27/25<sup>1</sup>**SUNDAY ENTRIES/SATURDAY CHANGES AND PANEL**

Entries for the Sunday program will be taken this morning. The Saturday card was finalized by mid-afternoon with nine races on tap, four of which are for two-year-olds. The panel met this morning, with one horse making the hard watch list.

Changes were limited to rider switches and equipment adjustments. Speaking of equipment adjustments, there were also two changes from "colt" to "gelding".

3/27/25<sup>2</sup>**HEARING DAY**

Two financial cases were adjudicated this morning, both dealing with insurance matters. They were sent back to investigators as "withdrawn", as one complaint was settled via a full payment by credit card, while the other ended with a signed financial agreement.

**FRIDAY**3/28/25<sup>1</sup>**SUNDAY PANEL/SCRATCHES/CHANGES**

The nine-race card for Sunday was drawn at approximately 4:00 P.M. yesterday afternoon. The panel met this morning, resulting in one horse being scratched as "Not Eligible" due to lack of a 14-day shedrow examination. There was also one hard watch horse. Scratch time was a combination of one scratch, two rider changes and one gelding alteration.

**SATURDAY**3/29/25<sup>1</sup>**CHANGE IN OFFICIAL**

David Nuesch will be out of the office and Stewards' stand the next few days for personal reasons. Safety Steward Ron Church will fill the position.

3/29/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #38**

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After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, Mars Magic is disqualified for a positive test sample from Race7 at Ferndale Race Track on September 7, 2024, Case #ECM2024-266/ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results). It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owners Packsaddle Road LLC, Jockey Epifanio Garcia and Trainer D. Wayne Baker be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Ferndale Race Track on or before April 27, 2025, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish: 1<sup>ST</sup> VULIN 2<sup>ND</sup> BETHEL RIDGE 3<sup>RD</sup> BOLD DAUGHTER 4<sup>TH</sup> ROSES R BLUE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUPER ELLIE 6<sup>TH</sup> IRISH SONG LEADER 7<sup>TH</sup> PROOF OF JAZZ

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

After receiving notice, the foregoing ruling was issued since there is currently no racing in Northern California, this Board of Stewards was asked to issue the bad news.

3/29/25<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #39**

This ruling was issued after Mr. Franco reviewed the ninth race from last Sunday, during which he violated the crop rule. He was apologetic, stating that in trying to win his first graded stakes, he simply lost count. The number of strikes in a row was in compliance; however, there were too many “two strike” combinations.

Mr. Church felt an increased fine was warranted since the race was a Graded Stakes.

**Ruling #39**

Jockey Cesar Franco 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 Show N Tell Carel in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 23, 2025.

3/29/25<sup>4</sup>

**AN EVENING DEVOID OF PROBLEMS**

The nine-race program this evening went as smoothly as one could hope for. Even with four “baby” races, there was nothing warranting action on the Stewards’ part.

3/29/25<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Doris Avenue (Tr. J. Ramos) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$148.14  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Whites Princess (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$331.70

3/29/25<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	815	\$81,229.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,173	\$192,707.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$985,494.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,988	\$1,259,430.76

**SUNDAY**

3/30/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #40**

This ruling was issued as the rider opted not to appear to defend his actions.

**Ruling #40**

Jockey Armando Viramontes 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 Mambacita in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 29, 2025.

3/30/25<sup>2</sup>

**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Fernando Orduna-Rojas, Armando Aguilar and Adrian Castellanos were excused from their mounts this evening. Replacement riders were named.

3/30/25<sup>3</sup>

**GROUNDHOG DAY**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

3/30/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 Newpark (Tr. J. Nunez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$408.12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Thanks Maggio (Tr. G. Greiner) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$287.68  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Teddy Pantages (Tr. J. Ramos) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$423.34

3/30/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	578	\$82,033.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	906	\$242,830.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,199,566.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,484	\$1,524,430.03

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 03/28</b>	<b>Sat 03/29</b>	<b>Sun 03/30</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	0	1	1	25
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	4
<b>Inquiries</b>	-	0	0	0	6
<b>Refunds</b>	D	2	3	5	95
<b>Rulings</b>	A	2	1	3	40
<b>Voided Claims</b>	Y	0	0	0	6

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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