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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Cypress, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 16, through Sunday, April 20, 2025.

WEDNESDAY04/16/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will have duty for this abbreviated week of racing at Los Alamitos. Saturday night will be the only night we race as there will be no racing on Easter Sunday. Highlighting the program will be trials for the Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity.

04/16/25²**FATALITY REVIEW**

Ward sat in on a fatality review, along with Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and veterinarians Dr. Jeffrey Blea and Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki. Trainer Christopher O'Dell's horse, Midnight Huckabee, was the subject of review, as it had suffered a fatal injury during a race this past October. Mr. O'Dell was open and candid during the review; consequently, a meaningful discussion was shared by all in attendance.

THURSDAY04/17/25¹**SATURDAY CHANGES AND PANEL**

The Saturday card filled well, bolstered by the Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity Trials. A total of sixty-three two-year-olds entered the race and therefore eight trial races will be held. Four additional races will complete the twelve-race program.

The Los Alamitos entry panel met this morning, with one horse making the "hard watch" enhanced scrutiny list.

04/17/25²**MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Jose Flores was in our office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for a medication violation. His horse, Low And Fast, finished fifth in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on March 2, 2025. The post-race test showed the presence of 390ng/ml of Phenylbutazone. Unfortunately, the horse suffered a right knee fracture and was euthanized shortly after the race.

Mr. Flores was very surprised at the results, saying that his attending veterinarian is the only one who administers medication to his horses. The last recorded administration the horse

received was 200 mg of Phenylbutazone by Dr. Cervantes on February 28th. Mr. Flores called after the hearing was completed to say he had information that Dr. Cervantes treated the injured horse with Phenylbutazone in between the time that he was injured and the time that post-euthanasia blood was drawn. That doesn't sound plausible, but we will check to see if there is any truth to his statement.

SATURDAY
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RULING #48

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Trainer Jose Flores, who started the horse Low And Fast the fifth place finisher in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 2, 2025, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* and assessed ½ point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple medication violations – expires March 1, 2026) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to insure condition of horse), 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 – second Class C violation within the past 365 days).

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed his case. Since this was his second violation within twelve months, penalty guidelines dictated the fine noted above.

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TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted following the seventh race as trainer Jose Flores (8th, #6 Una Dulce Flora) lodged an objection against the first and seventh place finishers, #7 Beuteeful and #5 MG Cash Payment, respectively, for interference at the start. After reviewing video of the break from all angles, the Stewards unanimously dismissed the objection. Video substantiated that Una Dulce Flora was tardy leaving the gate and was not cost a better placing by the horses on either side.

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LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #4 Trigo (R. Aceves) flipped behind the starting gate as the field was loading and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Dr. Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$4,340.31. The rider was not injured.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th Race #8 Powerful Wise Lady (Tr. P. Jones) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$898.45
8th Race #4 Trigo (Tr. A. Farias) Flipped behind gate – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$4,340.31
9th Race #4 Shinning Favorite (Tr. S. Morfin) Trial – Stewards – Refund: \$335.90

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	897	\$111,217.90
SCOTWINC	1,188	\$216,709.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,045,253.00
TOTAL	2,085	\$1,373,180.00

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/18	Sat 4/19	Sun 4/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	D	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	A	0	0
Claims	R	2	R	2	31
Disqualifications	K	0	K	0	4
Inquiries	D	1	D	1	8
Refunds	A	3	A	3	114
Rulings	Y	1	Y	1	48
Voided Claims		0		0	9

Tom Ward, Steward

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