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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 April 30, through Sunday, May 4, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**04/30/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, May 3, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**THURSDAY**05/01/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, May 4, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program.

05/01/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were four entries listed as a hard watch with no other panel recommendations.

05/01/25<sup>3</sup>**TRAINER GAIL RUFFU (Case #25GS0023)**

Trainer Gail Ruffu appeared before the Board of Stewards this morning in response to the complaint filed against her alleging violation of HISA Rule #2272 (c) (Shock Wave Therapy). Ms. Ruffu did not enter a plea but requested a continuance to seek legal counsel. Ms. Ruffu's request was granted, the case will be rescheduled. More to come.

05/01/25<sup>4</sup>**GROOM GABRIEL CARRANZA (Case #25LA0065)**

Mr. Carranza appeared before the Board of Stewards for an informal hearing to address a complaint filed against him alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Present for the hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were Mr. Carranza, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, Executive Director of the Winner Foundation Darin Scharer who testified by telephone and CHRB Licensing Supervisor Laura Sandoval who

interpreted for Mr. Carranza. After testimony and evidence were submitted for the record, the hearing was concluded. Decision Forthcoming.

**FRIDAY**  
05/02/25<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel changes.

05/02/25<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches and changes to Sunday's program.

**SATURDAY**  
05/03/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #57**

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Groom Gabriel Carranza, currently on probation, is suspended for SIXTY DAYS (60) (May 3 through July 1, 2025) and show proof of in-house rehabilitation pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (a)(8)(Grounds for Denial of Refusal of License – engaged in the use of drugs).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered all of the testimony and evidence presented during the informal hearing held on Thursday May 1, 2025. The decision was unanimous.

05/03/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #58**

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The horse "THE LADY IS A VAMP" (foaled May 3, 2023), who started in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on April 27, 2025 and finished first, is disqualified and deemed unplaced pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1588 (7)(Ineligible to Enter Said Race) under the provisions of California Horse Racing Law #19668 (Enter a Horse Prior to Two Years From Foaling Date), All monies earned in said race by Owners Parson Ranch, Trainer Paul Jones and Jockey Henry Reynoso Lopez are to be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course by June 2, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Jones waived his rights to a hearing, Mr. Jones also stated he would be representing his owner Parsons Ranch. After a lengthy question and answer period. Mr. Jones accepted responsibility for the alleged violations, but felt the racing office held some culpability in the matter. The decision was unanimous.

05/03/25<sup>3</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz met with the Steward for a review of his ride in the tenth race on Sunday April 27, 2025, Mr. Cruz's mount Heart Like A Truck (Tr. Jose Flores) was the subject of a Stewards inquiry and disqualification of his mount from third to fifth. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, felt that Mr. Cruz made a creditable effort in controlling his unruly mount and he was not penalized.

05/03/25<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 9<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the ninth race for a review of an incident soon after the start involving #4 Trigo (J. Roman) fourth and #3 Jalapeno (M. Arriaga) who finished fifth. After interviewing the riders and reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified #4 from fourth to fifth. All matters taking place during the course of the evening were routine.

The video shows #4 Trigo drift in shortly after the start and made contact with #3 Jalapeno preventing the latter from finishing where he might have, had the bump not occurred.

Original Order of Finish 6-5-2-(4)-3-1-7

Official Order of Finish 6-5-2-3-(4)-1-7

05/03/25<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 10<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards once again posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the tenth race for a review of an incident nearing the finish of the race involving #1 Call Her Perfect (G. Lara) third and #2 Really Classic (R. Lozano) who finished fifth. After reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified #1 Call Her Perfect from third to fifth.

The video shows #1 Call Her Perfect drift out in the late stages of the race and forces #2 out into #3 Beach Walk, causing #2 to take back sharply, lose ground and the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish 6-3-(1)-5-2-4

Official Order of Finish 6-3-5-2-(1)-4

05/03/25<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Naukanauka (Tr.C.Treece) Claimed by Trainer Troy Dial  
#4 Feisty Mitole (Tr. S. Knapp) Claimed by Trainer James Glenn Jr.  
#5 Mucho Suerte (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald –  
Refund: \$263.51

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Evenerevenworse (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald –  
Refund:179.39 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

05/03/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	728	\$110,825.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,587	\$371,891.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,563,865.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,315	\$2,046,582.05

**SUNDAY**

05/04/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #59**

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Jockey Gabriel Lara, who rode Call Her Perfect in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 3, 2025, is suspended for (3) THREE RACING DAYS (May 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued by unanimous decision after Mr. Lara and the Stewards reviewed the video of the tenth race from Saturday May 3, 2025. Mr. Lara accepted responsibility, and the penalty imposed.

05/04/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS #60**

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Jockey Francisco J. Ramirez, who rode Hungry Hearts in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 3, 2025, is suspended for (3) THREE RACING DAYS (May 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer, and Jockey – failed to ride his mount to the finish, costing him a position).

Jockey Francisco J. Ramirez accompanied by valet Luis Arragon, who interpreted for Mr. Ramirez, came to the office to review his ride in the third race from Saturday May 3, 2025. Mr. Ramirez admitted that he miscalculated the pace of the closing horse to his outside and messed up by easing up on his mount prior to the finish of the race. The Stewards did not feel that Mr. Ramirez had any intentional motives, but clearly the owner, trainer and wagering public were denied a better placing for his lack of judgement. After we deliberated the matter in a unanimous decision we issued the above ruling.

05/04/2025<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**

The claim deposited in the first race by trainer Guillermo Preciado for #5 Que Sera Sir Ralph (Tr. A. Aquino) was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that Que Sera Sir Ralph was unsound in the right foreleg and would be placed on the vet's list. Que Sera Sir Ralph was returned to the barn of Angela Aquino.

05/04/2025<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Ramiro Castillo for #5 Falabella (Tr. J. Uranga) after being notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck that the filly was unsound in the right foreleg and would be placed on the vet's list. Falabella was returned to the barn of Jesus Uranga.

05/04/25<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS REVIEW – 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review of the start of the third race to determine the cause of the poor start by #2 Newpark (IRE) (Jockey Jose Arana). The video shows Newpark (IRE) broke in the air as the starting gate doors opened and caused his own problem. In a unanimous decision Newpark (IRE) was considered a starter.

05/04/25<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Erebus (Tr. S. Morfin) Claimed by Tr. Jesus Nunez  
#4 Gross Profit (Tr. H. Rubin) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$179.50  
#8 Too Tall To Call (Tr. M. Stortz) Claimed by Tr. Francisco Rodriguez  
#10 Exhalting (Tr. K. Castanada) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$212.11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Heather's Heathen (Tr. J. Farias) Claimed by Tr. Jesus Garcia  
#7 Catbernay (Tr. J. Nunez) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$168.21  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Circle Your Bet (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$235.20  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 State Secretz (Jockey Jose Nicasio) Replaced by Henry Lopez  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race # MW Love This Candy (Tr. E. Willis) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$318.98  
9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
10<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Basking (Jockey Jose Nicasio) Replaced by Armando Viramontes

05/04/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	579	\$84,512.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	908	\$208,650.80
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,603,862.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,487	\$1,897,025.11

**SUMMARY**

<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	2	3	5	35
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	2	0	2	8
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	2	0	2	11
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	5	7	128
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	2	2	4	59
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	2	2	11

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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