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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, June 30, through Sunday, July 6, 2025.

TUESDAY

07/01/25¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary Randy Valdez and his staff in the racing office were on hand accepting entries for Friday, July 4. Nine (9) races were drawn. Seventy-seven (77) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty representing the CHRB.

WEDNESDAY

07/02/25¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, July 5. Nine (9) races are scheduled. Seventy-one (71) horses are slated to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty.

THURSDAY

07/03/25¹

GABRIEL MARTINEZ HEARING (CASE: HISA 24-HI-208)

Today's hearing is a continuation of a hearing that was originally scheduled to be heard at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2025 (REF: 5/22/25¹). At Santa Anita Stable Foreman Gabriel Martinez requested a continuance in order have time to secure a lawyer to represent him in this matter. Gabriel Martinez has been charged with alleged violation of HISA Rule 2230 e (Treatment Restrictions). The cover page of today's thirty (30) page complaint reads as follows.

CHRB Investigators conducted a vehicle search of Foreman Gabriel Martinez vehicle after he was observed with a syringe approaching a horse entered to race later that day. Investigators discovered contraband, including syringes, needles and injectable medication in the center console of the vehicle.

CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb presented the thirty (30) page complaint before the Stewards today. Respondent Gabriel Martinez appeared in-person along with his attorney, John Tyre (Irwindale, CA). Safety Steward Luis Jauregui testified telephonically at the request of Attorney Tyre. Appearing on the Microsoft Teams format were Rebecca Price (HISA Attorney) and Brenda Jones (HISA Interpreter). Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) who was in-person at Los Alamitos transcribed the proceedings.

The alleged incident in this matter took place at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 22, 2024.

Documents were marked as exhibits and received into evidence. Steward David Nuesch chaired today's hearing. Decision to follow.

07/03/25²

CHRB VISIT

CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue and CHRB Senior Software Engineer Candace Taylor visited nine (9) Stewards/Safety Stewards today at Los Alamitos. We received training on our CHRB laptop computers that many of us have been recently issued. Tracking of all ponies' health and welfare while in stable areas will now be monitored by CHRB Safety Stewards.

07/03/25³

TRIPLE M RACING STABLE LLC HEARING (CASE: #25SR0010)

A complaint was filed at the request of Trainer Monte Schvaneveldt against Triple M Racing Stable LLC for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The cover page of this complaint prepared by CHRB Investigator Steve Manilla reads as follows.

Triple M Racing LLC, under the sole ownership of McKinley McPherson, owes Trainer Monte Schvaneveldt for training, care, and services for one (1) horse 'Dee Dee's Dream' from January 1 to May 31, 2025. The total amount owed is \$11,470.00.

McKinley McPherson, representing Triple M Racing Stable, sent a type-written letter to the Stewards that requested a continuance. Investigator Manilla, who appeared on Microsoft Teams, was informed of the new hearing date of July 30.

FRIDAY

07/04/25¹

RUBEN GOMEZ DECISION (REF: 06/26/25⁴)

The following ruling was issued following the deliberation of a hearing that was held at Los Alamitos on June 26, 2025. Trainer Rueben Gomez was respectful on the telephone when informed of this decision which was issued following a unanimous vote.

LAFL RULING #15

Trainer RUBEN GOMEZ, who trained MISCHIEF MOMENTS, NEXT TRICK, STORMY GAL and TOP GUN CLASSIC on May 2, 2025, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination) and #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination- no ninety-day examinations).

07/04/25²

YECXON PENA RULING

The Stewards received a 'Violation Notice' from Santa Anita Security regarding Exercise Rider Yecxon Pena. Mr. Pena was cited for galloping a horse along the rail during morning training hours. Telephonic testimony from Santa Anita Outrider John Cortez was also included in this hearing.

At this informal hearing testimony was given that three (3) horses were conducting a recorded workout while racing up on the slower horse that Mr. Pena was galloping. This created an unsafe situation where an accident fortunately did not take place. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LAFI RULING #16

Exercise Rider YECXON Y. PENA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – galloping too close to the inner rail) at Santa Anita Park on July 2, 2025.

07/04/25³

RACING DRONE CHANGE

Jim Porep, from the Video provider Pegasus Inc., stopped by the Stewards' office today. He unfortunately told us that his company would not be able to provide drone camera coverage for the last three (3) days of our current meeting. This is due to FAA regulations concerning the area within two (2) miles of the nearby Los Alamitos Army Air Base. The length of time regarding this change is currently unknown.

The loss of a drone camera is very significant to the Stewards. We feel racing safety is negatively affected by losing this valuable tool. 'Blind spots' that have been virtually eliminated by drone coverage are unfortunately once again a concern to the Stewards.

07/04/25⁴

SMOOTH RACING

Today's nine (9) race Fourth of July card went well, as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

07/04/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Uncle Evco (Tr. H. Palma) Unsound—Laura Austgen DVM
REFUND: \$1,489.19
9th Race #8 Lena Lindgard (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$1,569.80

07/04/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,034	\$130,630.84
SCOTWINC	2,906	\$285,398.26
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,875,032.23
TOTAL	3,940	\$3,291,061.33

SATURDAY

07/05/25¹

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday, July 4. Jockey Aguilar was aboard #5 Shortman, who defeated #6 Cardiff Creek (W. Antongeorgi), in what was a tight finish. The distance of this race was 6 ½ furlongs.

Today's review shows Jockey Aguilar use his riding crop seven (7) times during this race. Mr. Aguilar agreed with the Stewards, as to his number of crop strikes. In a

unanimous decision the Stewards ruled that Jockey Aguilar violated HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop). This is his third violation of this rule in the last one hundred eighty (180) days. The following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #17

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – third offense in 180 days) Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode SHORTMAN in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) days (July 24, 25, and 26 2025) and fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

(02/07/2025 LATS #31)

(03/28/2025 LATS #58)

07/05/25²

DAVID COHEN FILM REVIEW

Jockey David Cohen appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday July 4. Jockey Cohen rode ninth (last) place finisher #6 Sixhoofsevenhoof, who finished 33 ¾ lengths behind the first-place finisher. Film review of this race shows Jockey Cohen appear to ease his mount on the far turn. He then resumes to ride his mount and then strikes his horse hard left-handed twice. #6 Sixhoofsevenhoof had absolutely no chance to be competitive at any stage of this race. Jockey Cohen told us he "completely understood" our reasoning for issuing the following penalty for his actions.

LAFL RULING #18

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (c) (5) (Use of Riding Crop – after horse obtained maximum placing) Jockey DAVID COHEN, who rode SIXHOOFSEVENHOOF in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2025, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

07/05/25³

GABRIEL MARTINEZ RULING (CASE HISA: 24-HI-208)

Irwindale CA based attorney John Tyre was contacted by telephone and informed of the decision below which is listed in 'Ruling' form. A formal hearing was held on this matter on July 3, 2025, at Los Alamitos. This ruling was issued following a unanimous vote.

LAFL RULING #19

Stable Foreman GABRIEL MARTINEZ is suspended for THIRTY (30) days (July 20, 2025 through August 18, 2025) and fined TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority rule #2230 (e) (Treatment Restrictions – possession of hypodermic needles and syringes) on June 22, 2024 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of GABRIEL MARTINEZ are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), GABRIEL MARTINEZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

07/05/25⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,394	\$185,566.88
SCOTWINC	3,869	\$327,555.33
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,622,262.87
TOTAL	5,263	\$3,135,385.08

SUNDAY

07/06/25¹

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Geovanni Franco appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the first race yesterday, July 5. Jockey Franco drifts out in the stretch drive of this event while riding first place finisher #6 Outer Sunset. There was a Jockey's Objection in this race by Jockey Kyle Frey, who rode second place finisher #2 Roman Empress.

Jockey Franco was cautioned to keep a straighter course to avoid possible penalties. He received a 'Warning' in this matter, in what was a unanimous decision.

07/06/25²

FOURTH RACE JOCKEYS OBJECTION

Following the running of this one (1) mile race, Jockey Assael Espinoza lodged a jockey's objection. Jockey Espinoza was aboard second place finisher #2 Auratium and claimed he was interfered with by first place finisher #1 Ryan's Girl (Armando Aguilar) in the stretch run.

Race replays show #1 Ryan's Girl race wide entering the stretch and then drift out 'down the lane'. #2 Auratium also drifts out herself and was beaten 1/2 length for the victory. Stewards spoke to both riders involved, received a Patrol Judge report and reviewed all available camera angles of the alleged incident. In a unanimous decision, Stewards determined that this non-contact drift by the first place finisher did not warrant a demotion. No change.

07/06/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declarations #1 Disposition (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
#4 Cela Hall (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick-Laura Austgen DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,417.60

1st Race #2 Goodnight Nellie (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed, J. Periban, trainer

1st Race NO SHOW WAGERING

5th Race Declarations #4 Smiling Tony (Tr. Jose Raudales) Sick-Laura Austgen
DVM
#5 Titos With a Twist (Tr. R. Gonzalez) Sick-Becky Fitzgerald DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$1,696.40

9th Race #7 Fast Service (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed, Antonio Garcia, trainer

07/06/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,209	\$149,139.68
SCOTWINC	3,544	\$302,306.81
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,983,790.49
TOTAL	4,753	\$3,435,236.98

SUMMARY

	Fri 07/04	Sat 07/05	Sun 07/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	3	2	2	7	19
Claims	4	4	4	12	26
Disqualifications	0	2	0	2	4
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	4
Refunds	2	2	3	7	26
Rulings	2	3	0	5	19
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/30/25 TO 07/06/25

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	5
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

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