

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 Wednesday, July 2, through Sunday, July 6, 2025.

WEDNESDAY07/02/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, July 5, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY07/03/25¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, July 6, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program.

07/03/25²**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one entry listed as a hard watch.

07/03/25³**FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS (Case #25LA0098 & #25LA100)**

The Stewards were present to hear two separate financial complaints filed against owner Joseph Thomas (Case #25LA0098) and Gerald Reed (DBA Reed Land and Cattle Co.) (Case #25LA00100). Both cases were filed by Equine Sports Medicine alleging unpaid debts for veterinarian services rendered.

Ms. Yesi Tenas, representing Equine Sports Medicine, was present and ready to go forward. However, neither hearing took place as both respondents failed to appear and were unable to be contacted. Rulings to follow.

07/03/25⁴**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT – WITHDRAWN (Case #25LA0099)**

The financial complaint filed against owner Stephen Mayotte, by Equine Sports Medicine, alleging an overdue debt for veterinarian services, was withdrawn after the Stewards were informed by Ms. Tenas that the debt has been paid in full.

07/03/25⁵**TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ (Case #25LA0051)**

Trainer Jesus Nunez appeared before Stewards Tom Ward and John Herbuveaux in response to a complaint initiated by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck DVM, alleging Nunez worked two horses without first having their examination by Nunez's attending veterinarian this would constitute a violation of CHRB #1878 (Workouts).

CHRB Investigator Racowschi, who compiled the complaint, determined one of the horses did have the required exam. With respect to the other horse, Winhappy, a miscommunication occurred between Nunez and racing veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald when Dr. Fitzgerald rescheduled Winhappy's work which had been canceled the week prior. When the vet told Nunez the horse "was good to work" Nunez assumed, since he was working for the track vet, he didn't need his attending vet to examine the horse. The trainer was given the benefit of the doubt. Dismissed.

07/03/25⁶

PONY TRACKING INTRODUCTION – CHRIS 2

Chief Steward Darrel McHargue and Senior Software Engineer Candace Taylor were at Los Alamitos this morning to meet with the Stewards, to demonstrate how to use the Chris 2 program for adding and tracking pony horses within the state.

07/03/25⁷

FATALITY REVIEW

Steward John Herbuveaux, Safety Steward Brice Blanc and Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM, attended the fatality review for the two-year-old colt "Cyber Warfare" trained by Chris O'Dell, who was also present.

FRIDAY

07/04/25¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were three entries listed as a hard watch.

07/04/25²

SCRATCHES

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

SATURDAY

07/05/25¹

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Alfredo Bautista came to the office along with his agent Leslie Navarro, to review his ride in the fourth race on Sunday, June 29, 2025. His mount was disqualified for drifting out throughout the turn during the 1000-yard race. Mr. Baustista explained that his horse was trying to get out throughout the turn and felt he was making the best possible effort to control his mount. While we believed that he could have made a better effort, we did not believe his actions were careless. In a unanimous decision we issued Mr. Bautista a stern warning.

07/05/25²

AMENDED RULING #70

Ruling #70 (Amended)

Acting on a report from the University of California Davis, an official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #PR00531, taken from the horse SWEET MILLIE, the first place finisher in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 4, 2024, tested positive for Clenbuterol (Class 3B), it is ordered that SWEET MILLIE be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$5,880.00) earned by Owner Wayne Swisher, Trainer Roman Figueroa, and Jockey Ricardo S. Ramirez be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course by June 30, 2025, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

We issued this amended ruling as the jockey's name on the original ruling was erroneously listed.

07/05/25³

RULINGS #98 & #99

Ruling #98

Owner Joseph Thomas, having failed to appear to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$857.00 to Equine Sports Medicine) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on July 7, 2025.

Ruling #99

Owner Gerald Reed (Dba Reed Land and Cattle Co.), having failed to appear to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,623.50 to Equine Sports Medicine) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on July 7, 2025.

The foregoing rulings were issued as the respondents failed to appear for their scheduled hearings.

07/05/25⁴

INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION – 2ND RACE

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident midrace of the 300-yard event, where the fourth-place finisher #7 Notre Dame (R. Aceves) and #6 Moon Shadow 12 (R. Ramirez) who finished fifth had to check their horses very sharply. Video revealed that the third-place finisher #8 Una Dulce Flora (J. Alcalá) drifted in causing her inside rival's running lanes to disappear. After reviewing the video from all angles, we unanimously voted to disqualify #8 from third and place her fifth.

Original Order of Finish 4-2-(8)-7-6-1-3-5

Official Order of Finish 4-2-7-6-(8)-1-3-5

07/05/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Akbar (Tr. M. Stortz) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$901.66
#4 Lisa's Doctor S (Tr. Vann Belvoir) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias

2nd Race No Changes

3rd Race No Changes

4th Race No Changes

5th Race No Changes

6th Race No Changes

7th Race No Changes

8th Race No Changes

07/05/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	789	\$112,770.00
SCOTWINC	1,149	\$306,976.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,177,030.10
TOTAL	1,938	\$1,596,776.00

SUNDAY

07/06/25¹

RULING #100

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Jockey Jose Rosario Alcalá, who rode Una Dulce Flora in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2025, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (July 20, 26 and 27, 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 rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The foregoing ruling was issued by a unanimous decision after Mr. Alcalá and the Stewards reviewed the video of the second race from last night.

07/06/25²

CLEAR EVENING

The evening program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

07/06/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Hot Pursuit (Tr. J. Nunez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$1,148.26
- 2nd Race #3 Hellova Louella (Tr. J. Raudales) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias
- 3rd Race #6 He’squite Mischief (Tr. E. Alvarez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$588.68
- 4th Race #3 CM Cowgirls Are Cool (Jockey R. Lozano) – Replaced by A. Cervantes
- 5th Race #5 Mask Mandate (Tr. J. Flores) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$412.88
- 6th Race #1 Dinastia Roja (Tr. E. Andrade) Turned over behind starting gate – Stewards
 #6 Sweet Dreams Baby (Tr. J. Flores) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Total Refund:
 \$14,470.89 for #1 & #6
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race #1 Relentless Eagle (Tr. M. Jungers) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$810.90

07/06/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	580	\$88,112.70
SCOTWINC	940	\$201,069.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$944,918.77
TOTAL	1,520	\$1,234,101.17

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/4	Sat 7/5	Sun 7/6	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	6	0	6	6
Claims	R	1	1	2	50
Disqualifications	K	1	0	1	14
Inquiries	D	1	0	1	15
Refunds	A	1	4	5	182
Rulings	Y	2	1	3	99
Voided Claims		0	0	0	14

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward