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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, July 16, through Sunday, July 20, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**07/16/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward John Herbuveaux was in attendance to oversee the entry process for Saturday July 19, and will be the author of this week's minutes.

07/16/25<sup>2</sup>**OWNER REQUESTS TRAINER TRANSFER**

Former licensed owner Aaron Kroul appeared this morning to transfer a horse registered in his son's name, Christian Kroul. Aaron stated he had a Power-of-Attorney designating him in control of the horse in his son's absence.

Aaron wanted to transfer the horse from the current trainer, Jose Hernandez, Jr. to Leonard Powell. When he informed Hernandez of his wishes Hernandez stated he would not turn the horse over until the training bill had been paid in full. Kroul appeared today on behalf of his son who is currently in law school in Kentucky, hence the power-of-attorney document.

Steward Herbuveaux told Aaron Kroul that he would research the matter and give Kroul a call tomorrow to advise him how to proceed.

**THURSDAY**07/17/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward John Herbuveaux was present to attend to scratches, changes to Saturday's card and oversee entries for Sunday's program.

07/17/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The panel convened this morning to scrutinize Saturday's card and the eight-race program was left intact with nary a hard watch to be found.

07/17/25<sup>3</sup>**LUCAS COMPLAINT (CASE #25LA0095)**

Trainer Robert Lucas appeared this morning in response to a complaint filed by CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcomb alleging violation of CHRB rule #1581.1 (Entries). Before the

record could be opened Lucas requested that a court reporter be present. A continuance was granted in order to honor his request.

07/17/25<sup>4</sup>

**GOMEZ HEARING (CASE #25LA0090)**

CHRB investigator Stuart Ida filed a complaint against trainer Ruben Gomez for alleged violation of rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination) after the horse Pretty Wicked was euthanized on the track here at Los Alamitos during morning training hours. Mr. Gomez did not appear for the hearing. Disposition to follow.

**FRIDAY**

07/18/25<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL AND SCRATCH TIME**

Steward Herbuveaux attended to changes and scratches for Sunday night's program as well as participating in the panel review for Sunday's nine race card.

**SATURDAY**

07/19/25<sup>1</sup>

**OFFICIAL VET/TRACK VET CHANGES**

Official Veterinarian Gary Beck will be absent this weekend for personal reasons and Racing Veterinarian Rebecca Fitzgerald will take his place in the Receiving/Test barn. Dr. Fitzgerald will be replaced by Dr. Kelsey Sapp as the Racing Veterinarian.

07/19/25<sup>2</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE - REFUND**

#3 AB Corona de Rey, trained by Jaime Gomez with Irving Lara in the saddle, was scratched by the Stewards after being observed by both the Stewards and Racing Veterinarian Kelsey Sapp rearing and falling to the ground behind the starting gate just prior to the start of the fourth race. The refund amounted to \$20,336.96.

07/19/25<sup>3</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – EIGHTH RACE - REFUND**

#3 Sunday Rain, trained by Albert Valles and ridden by Justine Klaiber, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Dr. Sapp after the filly flipped behind the starting gate and made contact with the ground. The refund totaled \$12,821.78.

07/19/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Evenerevenworse, trained by Genaro Vallejo, was claimed by Jorge Farias.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race Late Scratch – refer item #2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Merican Woman, trained by Mike Casselman, jockey Oscar Peinado replaced by Martin Arriaga.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race Late Scratch – refer item 3

07/19/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	714	\$76,861.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,096	\$217,276.90
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$757,236.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,810	\$1,051,375.22

**SUNDAY**

07/20/25<sup>1</sup>

**FIGUEROA RULING**

**Ruling #102**

Jockey Cerapio Figueroa is suspended for THREE (3) Racing Days (August 3, 9 and 10, 2025) for

violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (d)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – striking mount with crop in the overhand position) while riding City Of Champions in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 19, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards reviewed the tapes of the race with Figueroa and confirmed that he uncocked his crop at the top of the stretch and applied it to his mount in an unapproved fashion.

07/20/25<sup>2</sup>

**VIRAMONTES RULING**

Ruling #103

Jockey Armando A. 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 One Cartel Runner in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 19, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards viewed the tapes of the race and confirmed that Viramontes struck the horse 7 times.

07/20/25<sup>3</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE - REFUND**

#2 Kapalua Ride, trained by Antonio Garcia and ridden by Edgar Payeras, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Dr. Sapp as the field neared the starting gate. Dr. Sapp reported the filly wasn't traveling well. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$7,226.64.

07/20/25<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – SIXTH RACE**

The claim of Sweet Tempest deposited by Ricardo Guillen was declared void by the Stewards after Dr. Fitzgerald determined the mare was off on the left front. Sweet Tempest was returned to the barn of Angela Aquino.

07/20/25<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY – EIGHTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate the start with respect to #2 Work With It (4<sup>th</sup>, Henry Lopez), #3 Bee Stell (6<sup>th</sup>, Johnathan Roman) and #4 Da One Of Kind (5<sup>th</sup>, Jose Nicasio). After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that Bee Stell broke in and made contact with Work With It. The contact was substantial but Work With It recovered and out ran Bee Stell. After the contact with Work With It Bee Stell then ricocheted out into Da One Of Kind. The latter was filling the empty space made available when Bee Stell broke in. The Stewards determined that the latter two horses contributed equally to the incident and no disqualification was warranted.

07/20/25<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Run Abboudy Run (Tr. Felix Gonzalez) claimed by Francisco Rodriguez

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Bella Chavela (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$461.30

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes

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

5<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Leonel Camacho Flores replaced by Pedro Flores

6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Run Auntie T Run (Tr. Jesus Nunez) claimed by Jorge Farias

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

8<sup>th</sup> Race Jean Grey Too (Tr. C. DeAlba) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$233.31

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

07/20/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	606	\$70,229.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	868	\$162,788.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$946,777.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,474	\$1,179,795.66

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 7/18</b>	<b>Sat 7/19</b>	<b>Sun 7/20</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	6
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	3	4	58
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	15
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	0	1	17
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	3	5	192
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	0	2	2	103
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	1	1	16

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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