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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 6, through Sunday, August 10, 2025.

WEDNESDAY08/06/25¹**DUTY STEWARD AND MINUTE MAN**

Steward John Herbuveaux was present this morning to keep watch over the entry process for Saturday's races and will be responsible for the coming week's minutes.

08/06/25²**FATALITY REVIEWS**

A review was conducted into the post-race passing of the horse Low And Fast following the running of the second race at Los Alamitos on March 2, 2025. Present were the trainer of record Jose Flores, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and Steward John Herbuveaux. The Teams meeting was chaired by Veterinarian Jocelyn Lorbiecki.

THURSDAY08/07/25¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES-SATURDAY CHANGES-PANEL REVIEW**

Entries for Sunday were in the works as well as changes/scratches for Saturday's races along with a panel review. The panel recommended two scratches due to Veterinarian's list regulations.

08/07/25²**FLORES HEARING**

An informal hearing was conducted for trainer Jose Flores after he was cited by CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcomb for alleged violation of CHRB rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). There were six counts listed in the complaints for various horses falling under the same violation.

Flores explained that he was guilty as charged in that he failed to have the appropriate exams performed before the horses worked but felt that he should be given consideration because he did have the exams given to the horses in question before the complaints were filed. Disposition to follow.

FRIDAY08/08/25¹**SUNDAY CHANGES, PANEL REVIEW AND FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Ron Church was in attendance today, filling in for John Herbuveaux, and Mr. Church was kept busy with Sunday scratches and a panel review. Later he made himself available for a fatality review for the horse Courtside who was euthanized due to severe laminitis. Present for the review, besides Mr. Church, were Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki, DVM, Trainer John Shirreffs and Safety Steward Brice Blanc.

SATURDAY
08/09/25¹

FLORES RULING (Refer 08/07/25-2)

Ruling #111

Trainer Jose Flores is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for multiple violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

The above ruling was issued following Thursday's informal hearing.

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DISQUALIFICATION RULING

Ruling #112

Pursuant to an informal hearing held on August 9, 2025, and in accordance with HISA rule 2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) the horse Southern Slang, second place finisher in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on Sunday, June 1, 2025 is hereby disqualified from second and deemed unplaced for Jockey Leonel Camacho-Flores' violation of HISA rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop – FIVE (5) strikes over the limit).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned and awarded to Owner Taboada Racing Stables, LLC, Trainer Genaro Vallejo, and Jockey Leonel Camacho-Flores be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course by September 8, 2025, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The above ruling was necessary because during the running of the race on June 1, 2025, Leonel Camacho-Flores violated the HISA whip rule in exceeding the established limit by five strikes. HISA regulations mandate that, in addition to the jockey's penalty, the horse must be disqualified.

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BURNHAM RULING

Ruling #113

Upon the documentation of good cause being received, the apprenticeship of Jockey Matilda Burnham, originally scheduled to end on November 14, 2025, or Forty (40) winners, is extended for a period of Eighty Six (86) calendar days through (February 8, 2026) or until she has ridden Forty (40) winners, whichever occurs first.

The above ruling was distributed after Ms. Burnham brought in documentation that she missed 86 days due to medical reasons.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Red On Sunday – Jockey Cristobal Herrera replaced by Pedro Flores
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #3 Wrong Turn Cupid (Tr. S. Morfin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: #134.31
- 4th Race #4 Bobby Anton (Tr. R. Gonzalez) claimed by Angela Aquino
- 5th Race #5 Act of Serendipity (Tr. G. Vallejo) Panel – Refund: \$112.84
- 6th Race #3 Southern Slang (Tr. G. Vallejo) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$15,832.62
- #4 Won Bid (Tr. S. Morfin) Re-Enter – Stewards – Refund: \$127.90
- #7 Heather's Heathen (Tr. A. Aquino) claimed by Adan Farias
- 7th Race #2 Use Of Force (Tr. M. Jungers) Sick – Dr. Beck – Refund: \$942.45
- 8th Race #2 Hana Hou (Tr. P. Jones) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$164.80
- #3 Violet Beauregarde (Tr. E. Andrade) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$123.81
- 9th Race No Changes

08/09/25⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	839	\$110,303.70
SCOTWINC	1,217	\$256,725.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,030,291.79
TOTAL	2,056	\$1,397,321.39

SUNDAY08/10/25¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Orduna-Rojas viewed the tapes of the sixth race from last night's program and agreed with the Stewards that he used the crop more times than allowed by regulations. The following ruling was issued:

Ruling #114

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity And Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use Of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3-First Offense), Jockey Francisco Orduna-Rojas who rode Divine Rascal in the sixth race (Purse \$11,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 9, 2025, is suspended for one (1) day (August 24, 2025), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for three (3) strikes over the limit.

08/10/25²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st Race No Changes
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #5 Captain Willis (Tr. S. Ledezma) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$204.95
 #6 Got Your Six (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$273.22
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race #3 Hermelinda's Fancy (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$553.36
 6th Race #5 Hearts Fantasy (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed by Troy Dial
 #6 Big City Miss (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed by Angela Aquino
 7th Race #1 Competent (Tr. M. Casselman) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$587.95
 8th Race #2 Cyanide (Tr. E. Andrade) claimed by Vann Belvoir
 #5 Even Tougher (Tr. V. Zamudio) claimed by Jorge Farias

08/10/25³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	587	\$62,540.50
SCOTWINC	906	\$175,620.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$950,657.03
TOTAL	1,493	\$1,188,818.13

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/08	Sat 8/09	Sun 8/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	2	4	6	68
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	15
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	18
Refunds	A	7	4	11	215
Rulings	Y	3	1	4	114
Voided Claims		0	0	0	16

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

BOS:JH:dj