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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 Wednesday, August 27, through Sunday, August 31, 2025.

WEDNESDAY08/27/25¹**ENTRIES AND MINUTES**

Steward John Herbuveaux has been rotated into the barrel for duties ranging from supervising this week's entry process, certifying scratches and monitoring the entry panel to composing the weekly minutes.

THURSDAY08/28/25¹**JOSE HERNANDEZ SR. HEARING**

A tape-recorded hearing was held for trainer Jose Hernandez, Sr. who was the subject of a complaint filed by trainer Gail Ruffu for alleged violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Ruffu had a small claims court judgement in the amount of \$288.00. Ruffu received the judgement when a pony she purchased from Hernandez was not as advertised. Hernandez was given until Sunday August 31, 2025, to make the payment.

08/28/25²**WILLOUGBY HEARING (Cases #25LA0110 - #25LA0112 - #25LA0126)**

A tape-recorded hearing was conducted for trainer Scott Willoughby who was alleged to have violated CHRB rules #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination) and #1878 (Workouts). Testimony was given and evidence submitted. The Stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision in the near future.

08/28/25³**SATURDAY'S SCRATCHES**

There were no scratches on Saturday's nine race program and only one rider change.

FRIDAY08/29/25¹**DOUBLE PANEL DUTY**

Steward Herbuveaux was on hand for the panel review for Saturday and Sunday. One horse was taken out of Sunday's third race for failure to have a 120 day Shedrow Exam prior to entry.

SATURDAY

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FIGUEROA RULING

Ruling #120

Acting on an order of remand dated August 25, 2025 and a proposed decision having been adopted by the California Horse Racing Board it is hereby ordered that trainer Roman Figueroa, who started the horse Sweet Millie, winner of the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 4, 2024, is suspended TEN (10) days (September 15 – September 24, 2025) and fined the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a, b & d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Clenbuterol – Class 3) and #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) in post-race urine sample (PR00531).

The above ruling was disseminated after the Stewards were notified by Headquarters in Sacramento that the Board had adopted the Stewards proposed decision.

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CERVANTES RULINGS

Ruling #121

Jockey Armando Cervantes 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 Run Dont Walk in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 24, 2025.

Ruling #122

Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 Elemetryntal in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 24, 2025.

The above rulings were issued after Mr. Cervantes met with the Stewards and reviewed the tapes of the races in question. Armando admitted he struck the horses more times than allowed by the regulations and the above penalties were imposed.

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STEWARDS' INQUIRY – FIRST RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review an incident at the top of the far turn involving the place horse #2 Valerie, ridden by Pedro Flores and the third placed horse #4 Maggie's Faye with Leonel Camacho-Flores in the saddle. After a thorough review the stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes of the race showed that Maggie's Faye ran up into a spot inside of Valerie as the field was nearing the ¼. Room evaporated before Camacho-Flores reached the hole he was aiming for and he had to quickly put Maggie's Faye into reverse. When he applied the brakes Maggie's Faye bore out over the heels of Valerie. The Stewards determined Camacho-Flores should have made sure there was room for his horse before he turned her loose.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #2 Dynasty Apollitical (Tr. C. O'Dell) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$154.45
- 7th Race #6 Miss Perrys Cowgirl (Tr. A. Valles) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$317.43
- 8th Race #3 Being Blessed (Tr. R. Ramirez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund \$808.95
- 9th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	735	\$88,555.40
SCOTWINC	1,215	\$317,941.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,038,724.14
TOTAL	1,950	\$1,445,221.34

SUNDAY

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WILLOUGHBY RULINGS

Ruling #123

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

Ruling #124

Trainer Scott Willoughby is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for multiple violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1878 (Workouts).

The above rulings were issued following Thursday’s hearings. Scott had two instances of Training Soundness Examination violations and numerous counts of Workout irregularities. Willoughby admitted the workout infractions were his fault and accepted responsibility.

With respect to the citations for Training Soundness exams Willoughby contended that paragraph (a) of rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination) does not specifically state that it is the trainer’s responsibility to ensure the examinations are completed prior to the workout. The Stewards disagreed with his interpretation and issued the penalty.

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FILM REVIEW

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio viewed the tapes of last night’s seventh race where his use of the crop was called into question. It appeared to the Stewards that Nicasio struck multiple times early in the race but on review, with Nicasio’s narration, we could see that some of the motions we considered strikes were, did not make contact with his mount. Nicasio was absolved.

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RULINGS #125 & #126

Ruling #125

Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala 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 BP Hail Mary in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 30, 2025.

Ruling #126

Jockey Irving Lara 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 Cyanide in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 30, 2025.

The above two rulings were issued in absentia. Jockey Jesus Ayala viewed the race last night in the Jockey’s room and notified the Stewards that he would enter a guilty plea. Jockey Irving Lara waived his right to review with the Stewards.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes

2nd Race #5 Smiling Tony (Tr. J. Raudales) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$202.80

3rd Race #5 Could Be Gold (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Vet’s List – Stewards – Refund: \$129.19

4th Race #6 Won Bid (Tr. S. Morfin) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$273.89

5th Race No Show Wagering

#1 En Tu Honor Bro (Tr. J. Ramos) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$238.60

#2 Conejo Malo – Jockey Efrain Hernandez replaced by Francisco Rojas

#6 Al B Raecin (Tr. J. Farias) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$150.53

6th Race #3 Apollitical Tell (Tr. M. Fales) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$261.35
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race #5 Jess Flaming (Tr. S. Morfin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$231.52
 9th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	752	\$80,200.50
SCOTWINC	1,000	\$224,932.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,171,560.22
TOTAL	1,752	\$1,476,692.82

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/29	Sat 8/30	Sun 8/31	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	0	0	0	74
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	17
Inquiries	D	1	0	1	22
Refunds	A	3	7	10	237
Rulings	Y	3	4	7	126
Voided Claims		0	0	0	16

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

BOS:JH:dj