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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, September 15, 2025 through Sunday, September 21, 2025.

TUESDAY

09/16/25¹

ENTRIES

Steward GRANT BAKER was in to oversee entries for Friday races. The racing office carded nine (9) for Friday.

WEDNESDAY

09/17/25¹

ENTRIES

Steward Grant Baker was also in on Wednesday morning to oversee Saturday's entries.

THURSDAY

09/18/25¹

WILLIAMS FINANCIAL (case #25DM0025)

After receiving notice that Owner DEWEY WILLIAMS paid his debt in full (\$1,8009.12) to KC Horse Transport, the complaint has been withdrawn.

09/18/25²

IAVARONE FINANCIAL (case #25DM0026)

The complaint filed by KC Racing Transport in the amount of \$260.82 against Owner MICHAEL IAVARONE for unpaid vaning services has been withdrawn.

09/18/25³

DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (case #25SW0037)

Trainer JOHN GRAHAM appeared via Microsoft Teams to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB when his horse "BIN A MYSTERY" tested positive of the drug "Diisopropylamine" in a post-race sample from the 13th race at Cal Expo on May 2, 2025. Also present via Microsoft Teams was CHRB Investigator Jennifer Tolman. The matter was referred to us by the CHRB since the Cal Expo meet is not currently running. After hearing all the facts and entering all the exhibits, the hearing came to an end.

FRIDAY

09/19/25¹

QUIET MORNING

Friday morning was quiet with no scheduled hearings or jockeys ordered to come in. We spent the morning handling the typical Steward's issues.

09/19/25²

SAFETY STEWARD FILL IN

Safety Steward BRICE BLANC was in to fill in for Safety Steward PAUL ATKINSON, who was out of the office today.

09/19/25³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

After the running of the eighth race, we ignited the inquiry sign to review the stretch run involving the winner #8 Tamarando Star (K. Frey) and the #7 Easy Breezy (A. Bautista). After reviewing the race and speaking to both jockeys involved, we made no change to the order. We unanimously voted that the #8 did shift inward making contact with the #7, but the contact did not cost the #7 a placing.

09/19/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 2nd Race #2 Penny Princess- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured
Refund \$367.06
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 5th Race #4 Lady Lithesome- Claimed by D. Baker, trainer
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 8th Race #2 Wild Wager- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
#3 Devilnthbluegrass - Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
Refund \$7,382.88
- 9th Race #6 Too Much Info- A. Escobedo replaces C. Franco, HISA
#7 Good Vibes Only – A. Bautista replaces F. Olague, HISA

09/19/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	651	\$90,918.80
SCOTWINC	1,922	\$199,843.21
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,210,159.49
TOTAL	2,573	\$2,500,921.50

SATURDAY

09/20/25¹

DISQUALIFICATION RULING (case #25SW0037)

The following ruling was issued in regard to Thursday's disqualification hearing. The case stems from a race at Cal Expo Harness association. The Harness meet is not currently running in California and the disqualification needed to be addressed.

LATL Ruling #04

Acting on a report from the University of California Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #PRO1961, obtained from the horse, BIN A MYSTERY, the first place finisher in the thirteenth race at Cal Expo Harness Racing Association on May 2, 2025, contained Diisopropylamine (25 ug/mL) (Class 2), it is ordered that BIN A MYSTERY be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner MARK ANDERSON, Trainer JOHN G. GRAHAM, and Driver JAMES KENNEDY be returned to Watch and Wager on or before October 20, 2025 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST LILBABYBLUE 2ND ROSE RUN ZUES 3RD FIERY CONCLUSION
4TH TUTTO BENE 5TH MAJOR TRIP

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

09/20/25²

FRESU RULING (case #SAC 253-006)

The following ruling was issued after receiving a proposed decision from the CHRB that the appeal of Jockey, ANTONIO FRESU of ruling LATS #43 (2/28/2025) has been overruled. Therefore, the four (4) suspension days have been issued in the ruling below.

LATL Ruling #05

Having received notice of a Proposed Decision adopted by the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #43 dated February 28, 2025 has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (September 26, 27, 28 and October 3, 2025.)

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

09/20/25³

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey KYLE FREY was in to review yesterday's eighth race in which he was involved in a Steward's inquiry. The video shows Mr. Frey leaning inward, bumping the inside horse several times. Mr. Frey agreed it was careless and took full responsibility for his actions. The following ruling was issued.

LATL Ruling #06

Jockey KYLE FREY, who rode TAMARANDO STAR in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 4, 5, and 10, 2025) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules- careless riding).

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

The following ruling was issued after Jockey BRAYAN PENA took full responsibility and accepted the penalty when he violated the riding crop rule in yesterday's sixth race.

LATL Ruling #07

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 – first offense) Jockey BRAYAN PENA, who rode DEVIL'S BELLA in the sixth race (Purse \$20,000) at Los Alamitos

Race Course on September 19, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (October 4, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) 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.

Apprentice Jockey ALFREDO BAUTISTA was called in to review his crop usage—whether he used his crop three times in a row. After reviewing the race, it was determined that he did not violate the rule. Therefore, no sanction was issued.

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OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT

Dr. Lorbiecki will fill in as the Official Veterinarian for the weekend as Dr. Pattio is out of town.

09/20/25⁵

GOOD RACING

The ten (10) race card went very well with no major issues to report other than the changes and declarations listed below.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 3rd Race #2 Meeking- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
 Refund \$790.39
 4th Race #1 King of Success- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, injured
 # 7 Bobby Anton- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
 Refund \$1,462.51
 5th Race #6 Sir Zo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
 #8 U R My Destiny- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$443.20
 6th Race #7 El Diablo Rojo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, injured
 Refund \$650.80
 7th Race #2 Don't Get Me Wrong- Stewards' scratch- enter back
 Refund \$138.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 9th Race #2 Ooty (ARG)- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$848.70
 10th Race #5 Stanford Dropout- VOIDED claim, returns to B. Koriner
 #8 Gray Tiger- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, unsound
 Refund \$215.75

09/20/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,194	\$184,959.38
SCOTWINC	3,686	\$316,600.56
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,420,720.86
TOTAL	4,880	\$2,922,280.80

SUNDAY

09/21/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MIRCO DEMURO was in to review his ride in yesterday's fourth race in which he dead heated for fourth place. Mr. Demuro stated that his horse was laboring and he was concerned about the horse's safety. The video does show the horse was laboring, therefore, he was not issued a penalty.

Jockey DAMIAN CRUZ was ordered to come in to review yesterday's fifth race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. Mr. Cruz failed to appear and the following ruling was issued.

LATL Ruling #08

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 – first offense) Jockey DAMIAN CRUZ, who rode NAVAL HARBOR in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 20, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (October 5, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for two (2) strikes over the limit.

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

09/21/25²

CLOSING DAY

The closing day races went smoothly and all ten (10) races ran with no major issues to report.

09/21/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Violets Song- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, injured
 #6 God Bless- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Benson, injured
 Refund \$2,524.37

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

5th Race #2 Carmen Miranda- Claimed by A. Aquino, trainer
 #6 Liquid Spirit- claimed by K. Watanabe, trainer

6th Race #1 Very Quiet- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, sick
 Refund \$1,486.69

7th Race #2 Cote Blanc- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, sick
 Refund \$236.53

8th Race #6 A Clear Behest- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon

9th Race #6 A Clear Behest- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, injured
 Refund \$762.10

10th Race #2 Yacowlef (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick
 #3 Mining District- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, sick
 Refund \$3,738.14

09/21/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,018	\$127,209.14
SCOTWINC	2,742	\$312,382.96
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$3,440,270.89
TOTAL	3,760	\$3,879,862.99

SUMMARY

	Fri 09/19	Sat 09/20	Sun 09/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	4	4	3	11	15
Claims	1	0	0	1	6
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	3
Refunds	2	7	5	14	24
Rulings	0	4	1	5	8
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	4

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/15/25 – 09/21/25

Horses on Vet List	20
Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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