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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 September 17, 2025, through September 21, 2025.

WEDNESDAY9/17/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

9/17/25²**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled forty-nine runners to complete an eight-race program for Saturday.

9/17/25³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book for California bred two-year-old maidens going 300 yards originally received just two entries, but once it was opened-up to all runners, the race attracted four more runners and was used as the sixth race on the card.

THURSDAY9/18/25¹**SCRATCHES**

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card, along with overseeing entries for Sunday's races. Additionally, the entry-panel met this morning to review all of Saturday night's runners, with no panel scratches to report.

9/18/25²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California bred maiden fillies two years old going 300 yards did not fill on its own, but after being opened up to all runners, it was used as the sixth race on the card.

9/18/25³**THE DRAW**

Once again, the racing office compiled forty-nine runners to complete another eight-race program for Sunday night.

9/18/25⁴**GOMEZ HEARING (CASE #25LA0090)**

Trainer Ruben Gomez was in our office to address complaint #25LA0090, which was filed after one of his horses sustained a fatal shoulder fracture during a routine gallop at Los Alamitos

Racecourse, and there were no records of any required 90-day layoff veterinarian examinations. Mr. Gomez attended the hearing in person, with Investigator Stewart Ida presenting the case for the CHRB. Though the horse never left the grounds, other than to move from one CHRB regulated facility to another, once the horse turned three years old, and did not work or race for more than ninety days, it was determined veterinarian examinations were required per rule #1846.2. Mr. Gomez, who has prior violations of this rule, stated that as the horse in question had never completely stopped training since arriving in California last year, he did not realize that 90-day layoff provisions would apply once the horse turned three years old. The Stewards will deliberate the facts heard today and will reach a decision in the coming days. More to follow...

FRIDAY
9/19/25¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was in the office to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday evening's card. Additionally, the entry-panel met to review and discuss all of Sunday night's runners. Though there were no immediate panel-scratches, several horses of interest will require additional veterinarian scrutiny prior to Sunday's races.

SATURDAY
9/20/25¹

STEVENS RULING

Ruling #136

Trainer Satchell Stevens, having failed to comply with the provisions of the Los Alamitos Board of Stewards agreement (Financial Responsibility - \$2,229.30 owed to Post Time Self Insurance Group), is suspended. Suspension will commence on September 29, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after the terms of a financial agreement were not met.

9/20/25²

CROP RULING

Ruling #137

Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala 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 Jeriko in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 14, 2025.

The above ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation in last Sunday's fourth race.

9/20/25³

UNEVENTFUL EVENING

Tonight's eight-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

9/20/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

After the conclusion of tonight's card, the Stewards were notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck that the horse Last Round did not pass his post-race soundness examination. As a result, the claim submitted by trainer Ricardo Guillen was voided, and the two-year-old gelding will remain in the care of trainer Jose Flores.

9/20/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 Whiskey Wake (Tr. I. Becerra Perez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$287.00
	#4 Twilight Moon (Tr. R. Guillen) Jockey changed to Francisco Ramirez
3 rd Race	#1 Honorable Gal (Tr. C. Hurtado) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$501.55
6 th Race	#2 Special Sesson (Tr. C. O'Dell) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$746.77
7 th Race	#4 Ecstatik (Tr. A. Farias) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$154.00
8 th Race	#4 Baysider (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed by trainer S. Rivera
	#6 Last Round (Tr. J. Flores) – Claimed by trainer R. Guillen – VOIDED

9/20/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	687	\$77,264.00
SCOTWINC	1,207	\$235,701.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$654,669.57
TOTAL	1,894	\$967,635.47

SUNDAY

9/21/25¹

GOMEZ RULING

Ruling #138

Trainer RUBEN M. GOMEZ, who trained PRETTY WICKED on May 1, 2025, at Los Alamitos Race Course, is suspended for SEVEN (7) days (October 6 through October 12, 2025) and fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – no regulatory or attending veterinarian ninety-day examination).

After considering all the facts presented in Thursday’s hearing, the above ruling was issued.

9/21/25²

LATE SCRATCH

During the loading process of tonight’s second race, #3 Funky Grey broke through the front doors of the starting gate, unseating her rider in the process, and ran off. The agile seven-year-old mare evaded Outrider Gumaro Mena’s multiple attempts to capture her, eventually running off the track and back to the vicinity of her barn. Other than the few minutes Funky Grey delayed the running of the second race, the remainder of the card was incident free.

9/21/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race #3 Funky Grey (Tr. A. Aquino) Starting Gate – Stewards – Refund: \$21,714.74
- 4th Race #3 My Man Bags (Tr. G. Lopez) – Claimed by trainer J. Nunez
- #4 Western Grit (Tr. T. Dial) – Claimed by trainer J. Crotts
- #5 Divine Rascal (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$105.65
- 5th Race #1 Run Abboudy Run (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$91.79
- #5 Natural Fighter (IRE) (Tr. G. Vallejo) Unsound Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$425.40
- 6th Race #6 Marco Cartel (Tr. J. Nunez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$199.60

9/21/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	527	\$46,924.50
SCOTWINC	936	\$117,610.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$731,093.14
TOTAL	1,463	\$895,628.24

SUMMARY

	Fri 09/19	Sat 09/20	Sun 09/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	10
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	1	2	3	80
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	17
Inquiries	-	0	0	0	25
Refunds	D	4	5	9	259
Rulings	A	2	1	3	138
Voided Claims	Y	1	0	1	18

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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