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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE
Cypress, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, December 10, through Sunday, December 14, 2025.

WEDNESDAY12/10/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Richard Lewis was present to oversee entries for Saturday, December 13, 2025, Champion of Champions' night. An Overnight with eight (8) races was produced.

12/10/25²**FATALITY REVIEWS**

Safety Steward Eddie Rich led a Fatality Review Panel consisting of Dr Lorbiecki and Steward Richard Lewis who discussed the details surrounding the harness horse, DOUG'S MOONSHINE.

An additional three Reviews were presented by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson on horses associated with trainer Ramiro Castillo. Two Colic related fatalities and one post-race sudden death.

THURSDAY12/11/25¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Supervision of entries for Sunday, December 14, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program were overseen by Steward Richard Lewis. An eight (8) race Overnight produced this afternoon for Sunday features the Two Million Dollar Futurity. The full Board of Stewards was in attendance for today's session.

12/11/25²**NUNEZ HEARING 25-HI-193**

A formal hearing was held in the Stewards' Office involving a violation of HISA Rule 2230(a). The Complaint, 25-HI193/2025-21793 read as follows:

On 06/08/2025, CHRB Investigators contacted Trainer Jesus Nunez at his barn regarding information on a non-covered horse. While talking to Nunez, investigators observed several empty needed syringes in plain sight in his tack room. Investigators conducted a search of the tack room and discovered more contraband, several injectable bottles of medication.

Investigators conducted a vehicle search with negative results. Present were trainer Jesus Nunez, represented by legal counsel Michael Flory.

Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Stewart Ida as Court Reporter Michell Derieg chronicled the proceedings.

Investigator Ida read the Complaint and was questioned by Mr. Flory and the Stewards. Mr. Flory presented his defense and then asked to present a witness, Alfredo Aguilar, telephonically. Steward Lewis "objected" to that request which turned out to be a moot point after Aguilar suddenly lost his ability to speak English and wanted his wife to translate.

No witnesses were called to corroborate or refute any of the testimony of Mr. Nunez or of the CHRB Investigator

Closing arguments were made and the Hearing closed. A decision will be made after this Panel takes testimony and evidence into consideration.

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CHRB RULINGS #164 through 173 (ref. 12/4/25²)

The following rulings were issued after this Panel discussed the issues which arose from a formal hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2025. There were ten (10) CARMOTEROL (Class 1/A) findings in post-race test samples which call for disqualification under CHRB Rule #1859.5. After reviewing the Complaints and taking into consideration the arguments presented by Attorneys, in a unanimous decision we elected to issue the following ruling.

Ruling #164

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR01877, taken from the horse BP CARTEL POLICY, the first place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 17, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that BP CARTEL POLICY be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$73,164.00) to Owner Bill Price, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #165

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR01878, taken from the horse READY FOR IT, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on February 17, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that READY FOR IT be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$29,614.00) to Owner Junior's Quarter Horses, Inc., Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Eduardo Nicasio be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #166

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR00809, taken from the horse SOUTHERN DIVINE, the second place finisher in the

eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 23, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that SOUTHERN DIVINE be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$68,680.00) to Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Eduardo Nicasio be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #167

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR00810, taken from the horse DOUBLE DOWN 123, the third place finisher in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 23, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that DOUBLE DOWN 123 be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$48,480.00) to Owner Taos River Ranch LLC and Randy Young, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #168

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR00957, taken from the horse UP TO PARTY, the first place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 16, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that UP TO PARTY be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$407,400.00) to Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #169

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR00958, taken from the horse ULTIMATE BATTLE, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 16, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that ULTIMATE BATTLE be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$164,900.00) to Owner Buck Way Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey James Flores be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #170

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR02298, taken from the horse PARTY TIME TOM, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 27, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol

(Class1/A), it is ordered that PARTY TIME TOM be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$45,900.00) to Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #171

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR02299, taken from the horse MIDNIGHT MOOD, the third place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 27, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that MIDNIGHT MOOD be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$32,400.00) to Owner Travis and Wendy Saxton, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Eduardo Nicasio be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

Ruling #172

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the blood sample #PR00600, taken from the horse UP TO PARTY, the first place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that UP TO PARTY be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$115,500.00) to Owner Dunn Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey Armando Cervantes be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to be Withheld).

Ruling #173

Acting on a report from the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, the official testing laboratory of the California Horse Racing Board, that the urine sample #PR00601, taken from the horse ULTIMATE BATTLE, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2024, tested positive for Carmoterol (Class1/A), it is ordered that ULTIMATE BATTLE be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race 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 (\$46,750.00) to Owner Buck Way Ranch LLC, Trainer Monty Arrossa, and Jockey James Flores be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course within thirty (30) days of this ruling for redistribution, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Awarded or Prize to Be Withheld).

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ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met to review the entries for Saturday's program. There were no recommended scratches, but five (5) horses were to be looked at a second time. An "Entry Panel" was included in today's activity. Two horses were labeled as 'Hard Watch' while four other entrants were scheduled for a second look.

FRIDAY
12/12/25¹

STEWARD DUTY

Changes to Sunday's Overnight fell into Steward Lewis' purview; two jockey changes and four equipment modifications were approved.

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FATALITY REVIEW

Safety Steward Brice Blanc arranged a "Review" to delve into a Ray Bell trainee, PURA VIDA SUMMER. Dr. Lorbiecki moderated the discussion into this gelding who suffered a severe case of colic.

SATURDAY

12/13/25¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes

2nd Race #4 Surf Star (Tr. H. Rubin) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$158.90

#5 A Clear Behest (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$421.00

NO SHOW WAGERING

3rd Race #1 California Cat (Tr. E. Freeman) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$178.60

#4 Candorosa (Tr. A. Farias) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$420.70

4th Race No Changes

5th Race #4 Mischievous Dylan (Tr. R. Lucas) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$127.45

#6 Bottom Dollar (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$635.86

6th Race #1 Good Candy Wagon (Tr. M. Jungers) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$317.89

7th Race No Changes

8th Race No Changes

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RACE 8 ACCIDENT

The Champion of Champions was marred when STANLEY CARTEL suffered a catastrophic injury to his right foreleg shortly after the Finish Line. Jockey Juan Pulido was thrown to the track surface and rolled several times apparently unharmed as he refused medical attention.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1456	\$186,081.40
SCOTWINC	1278	\$248,134.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$894,665.59
TOTAL	2734	\$1,328,881.79

SUNDAY

12/14/25¹

LUIS MARTINEZ FILM REVIEW & RULING 174

Jockey Luis Martinez appeared as requested, with trainer Xavier Rodriguez assisting in translation. Mr. Martinez was aware of his violation after viewing the replay and apologized for his misuse of the riding crop. He stated that his actions were his own and he was not told "to win at any cost". This violation occurred during the running on the \$700,000 Champion of Champions (Grade 1). The following ruling was by unanimous decision as the penalty was based on the number of strikes along with the multiple number of consecutive uses in a Graded race.

Ruling #174

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (d)(2), Jockey LUIS M. MARTINEZ is suspended for FIVE RACING DAYS (December 28, 2025; January 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2026) and fined THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00)* for blatant violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(7&8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in

succession without giving the horse a chance to respond and more than six times during the running of the race) while riding FDD DREAMS in the eighth race (Grade I Champion of Champions) at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2025.

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RACE 5 INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards had the "Inquiry" sign lit to look into actions near the 1/8th pole between #4, MG CASH PAYMENT, the fifth-place finisher and #5, SIX CORONAS FOR K, the last place runner. Replays show #4 veering out sharply, shortly after the break, impeding #5 causing that runner to check and lose all momentum, eliminating him from any chance of a better placing. In a unanimous vote the Stewards disqualified #4 and placed her behind #5.

Original Order of Finish: 3 – 8 – 7 – 6 – 4 – 1 – 5

Official Order of Finish: 3 – 8 – 7 – 6 -1 – 5 – 4

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RACE 8 DELAY

Due to equipment failure with a "flipping halter" there was about a six-minute delay to the start of the night's final event. Starter Brinson got the situation remedied and the replacement rope solved the problem.

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RACE 8 INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity was not problem free as the outside four horses were caught in a jam approaching the finish. Once again, the Stewards called for the "Inquiry" sign to be posted to look into the actions of #10, JESS IM WORTH IT, the third-place finisher. That horse drifted in for several strides causing the #9, ENFORCE, 8, SURPRISE TEMPTATION, 7, POLITICAL TWIST and #6, HIGH OCTANE, to steady and check. Video clearly shows numbers 9 through 6 getting caught in an accordion-like effect, bouncing off each other and being taken a hold of by their riders, costing them any chance at a better placing. The Stewards decision was unanimous.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – 5 – 10 – 6 – 1 – 9 – 3 – 7 – 8 – 4

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 5 – 6 – 1 – 9 – 3 – 7 – 8 – 10 – 4

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Summer Haze (Tr. S. Paldanius) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$751.46
- 2nd Race #2 Epione (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$792.00
- #6 Dulce Emma (Tr. J. Ramos) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$198.05
- NO SHOW WAGERING
- 3rd Race #2 Charmed Dream (Tr. S. Perez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$289.70
- #7 Secret War to Be Ridden By Damien Cruz (Fernando Olague – OFF)
- 4th Race #1 Hell On Wheels V wears a Flipping Halter
- #7 Cowboy Reason MV (Tr. V. Zamudio) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$320.47
- 5th Race #2 Pretty Mischief (Tr. J. Aleman) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$380.40
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race #6 Shinning Favorite (Tr. S. Morfin) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Ref: \$438.61
- 8th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,014	\$131,275.80
SCOTWINC	1,006	\$225,090.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,155,108.62
TOTAL	2020	\$1,511,475.12

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/12	Sat 12/13	Sun 12/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	1	0	1	13
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	0	0	0	108
Disqualifications	K	0	2	2	21
Inquiries	D	0	2	2	34
Refunds	A	7	7	14	355
Rulings	Y	0	1	1	164
Voided Claims		0	0	0	27

Richard Lewis, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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