

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET  
 Los Alamitos Racing Association**

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**Report for the Week of Thursday, December 10, 2020 through Sunday, December 13, 2020.**

**WEDNESDAY**12/09/20<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Ms. Kim Sawyer was in the office this morning to supervise entries and scratches. Entries went well, as there is a nine race program with full fields.

**THURSDAY**12/10/20<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1st race	#1 SPECTACULAR STORM (Stewards - Panel) Refund \$268.50
2nd race	#11 MILITARY PRINCESS (Also eligible)
	#12 DONTMESSWITHTESS (Also eligible) Refund \$191.00
4th race	#11 BIG HOOCHIE MAMA (Also eligible)
	#12 BREWED BIG (Also eligible) Refund \$154.78
5th race	#5 HOT ON THE TRAIL (Stewards - Panel) Refund \$297.86
6th race	#2 TOBACCO ROAD (Vet-Sick) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$664.39
8th race	#2 AUTISM CAN DO (Vet-sick)
	#12 WALKING WITH DINO (Also eligible) Refund combined with 12/10/20 <sup>5</sup>

12/10/20<sup>2</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE was excused from his mount in the fourth race this afternoon as he was named on the horse without a “call” and did not plan to ride today. A replacement rider was named.

12/10/20<sup>3</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey SANTOS RIVERA was in the office this morning to review the third race from Sunday, during which he was possibly in violation of the “crop” rule. Following a review of the race and discussion with Mr. Santos, it was the unanimous decision not to issue a penalty.

There was some question as to whether one of the “strikes” was actually a “flag” motion. He was given the benefit of the doubt in this instance.

12/10/20<sup>4</sup>

**ACCIDENTS/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted as there were two accidents during the afternoon’s third race. #3 BIG BARREL, with TYLER BAZE aboard, stumbled twice shortly after the start, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall. Later in the one mile event, #5 GOVERNANCE, ridden by ABEL CEDILLO, broke stride sharply near the 7/16<sup>th</sup> pole and unseated the rider.

Baze was on his feet quickly and, after examination by track paramedics, was cleared to ride. Cedillo, however, was transported to a local hospital for evaluation as he complained of body soreness. Neither horse was injured. Replacement riders for Cedillo were announced.

12/10/20<sup>5</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #6 OUR HY ROLLER was “off” in the left foreleg during the warmup period and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead. The refund amounted to \$9,842.00.

12/10/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$5,179.40
SCOTWinc	97	\$33,605.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,055,727.16
Total	97	\$3,094,511.56

**FRIDAY**

12/11/20<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

1st race #3 NATHANSMIMSY (Vet-sick) Refund \$1,108.64  
2nd race #4 JOE DON LOONEY (Vet-sick)  
#10 LOZIOVIAN (Vet-injured) Refund \$2,204.62  
3rd race #11 EXCHANGE VOWS (Also eligible)  
#12 RISEN LADY (Also eligible) Refund \$512.50  
4th race #8 LADY CHROME (Stewards – Missed GGF van) Refund \$370.80  
5th race #9 VERRY BOSSY (Vet-sick) Refund \$526.21  
6th race #4 IT’S MY HOUSE (Vet-Sick)  
#7 DIVA’S FINALE (Vet-sick) See combined refund in 12/11/20<sup>4</sup>  
7th race #10 DEVILS DANCE (Vet-sick)

12/11/20<sup>2</sup>

**CAMBRA LAFL RULING #09**

Exercise Rider TAYLOR CAMBRA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – use of cell phone while on horseback on racetrack) at Del Mar Racetrack on November 29, 2020.

This ruling was issued after Mr. CAMBRA offered no excuse for using his cell phone while on the track.

12/11/20<sup>3</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey JAVIER MATIAS was in the office to review the eighth race from yesterday for a possible “crop” violation. After reviewing the race and discussing the situation with Mr. Matias, it was determined that while his “crop” motion was somewhat unusual, he did not violate the rule. No penalty was in order.

12/11/20<sup>4</sup>

**LATE DECLARATION/REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #5 RACING ACE became fractious just after stepping on the track, unseated jockey TYLER BAZE, then ran off into the stable area despite the efforts of the Outrider. The refund amounted to \$14,671.19.

Baze was not injured and completed his remaining engagements while the horse was corralled shortly afterward with no apparent injuries.

12/11/20<sup>5</sup>

**LAZY AFTERNOON**

All other matters during the eight-race card were routine.

12/11/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$10,621.50
SCOTWinc	172	\$68,077.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,835,640.25
Total	172	\$3,914,338.75

**SATURDAY**

12/12/20<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

2nd race #5 COOL YOUR JETS (Vet-sick)  
#6 LUVLUV (Vet-injured) Refund \$2169.48  
5th race #6 GHOUL (Vet-sick) Refund \$980.86  
6th race #3 RAELEE (Vet-Sick)  
#7 SADIE BLUEGRASS (Vet-sick) Refund \$1,939.80  
8th race #11 EDDIE'S NEW DREAM (Vet-sick) Refund \$1,128.60

12/12/20<sup>2</sup>

**RIDERS EXCUSED**

VICTOR ESPINOZA and CERAPIO FIGUEROA were excused this afternoon due to injury/illness issues. Replacement riders were named.

12/12/20<sup>3</sup>

**ROJAS LAFL RULING #10**

Jockey EDUARD F. ROJAS is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second offense within the past sixty-day period) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse on December 11, 2020.

The preceding was issued after Mr. ROJAS had viewed the fourth race from Friday, as he possibly violated the “crop” rule. The rider was candid, stating that he was in contention for the Win and lost count of the number of strikes, which amounted to seven, one over the limit. This was his second violation of the meeting.

Ward dissented; not with the fact that there was a violation, but with the amount of the fine.

12/12/20<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race as ESWAN FLORES, the rider of #1 BOTTLE NECK, experienced cramps in his body during the warm-up period and paramedics recommended that he not ride. Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul reported that he canvassed the available riders in the Jockeys' Room and no one agreed to pick up the open mount. The fact that the horse was a longshot in the wagering may have contributed to their reluctance to step up. The refund amounted to \$3,518.57.

12/12/20<sup>5</sup>

Other matters during the racing card were not noteworthy.

12/12/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$14,440.10
SCOTWinc	275	\$100,986.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,744,576.92
Total	275	\$5,860,003.92

**SUNDAY**  
12/13/20<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race #11 MUSKET POWDER (Also eligible)  
#12 COIL TO STRIKE (Also eligible) Refund \$845.72  
3<sup>rd</sup> race #3 IRISH AURA (Vet-injured)  
#6 SWEET AND SOFTLY (Vet-injured)  
#7 MARIE (Vet-sick) Refund \$3,233.10  
5<sup>th</sup> race #4 GHOSTLY GAL (Vet-Sick)  
#9 CHEVELITA (Vet-sick) Refund \$2,313.14  
9<sup>th</sup> race #12 SIRCAT NELLY (Also eligible) Refund \$706.47

12/13/20<sup>2</sup>

**HELLUM LAFL RULING #11**

Owner/Trainer LANCE HELLUM is suspended for FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (December 26, 2020, through January 9, 2021), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare - improper care of horse). Mr. HELLUM shall be placed on probation for as long as he holds a license from the California Horse Racing Board. During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of LANCE HELLUM are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. HELLUM is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the case filed against Mr. HELLUM (Ref. 12-05-2020<sup>1</sup>). While there were some mitigating factors in Mr. Hellum's defense, nothing relieved him of the responsibility to see that his horse was afforded proper care.

12/13/20<sup>3</sup>

**RULINGS**

**LAFL RULING #12**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES 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 a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 12, 2020.

**LAFL RULING #13**

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ 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 a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 12, 2020.

These rulings were in response to “crop” violations. Both riders admitted they made a mistake; however, Mr. Hernandez did not realize that he had to have his hands on the horse's neck in order to use the crop without the strikes on the shoulder counting toward the total.

12/13/20<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

There was a refund in the sixth race this afternoon as #6 ELECTORAL did not warm up properly and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$32,423.32

12/13/20<sup>5</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

A claim in the seventh race deposited by trainer Jerry Hollendorfer for #2 LIONITE was voided as the horse exhibited signs of lameness during its time in the detention barn. It was returned to the barn of trainer Vladimir Cerin.

12/13/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$16,891.80
SCOTWinc	299	\$108,704.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,926,722.52
Total	299	\$6,052,318.96

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/07/20 TO 12/13/20**

Horses on Vet List	26
Horses off Vet List	15
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 12/10	Fri 12/11	Sat 12/12	Sun 12/13	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	2	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	1	2	2	6	11
<b>Claims</b>	2	1	2	2	7	14
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Refunds</b>	5	7	5	3	20	36
<b>Rulings</b>	0	1	1	3	5	13
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	1	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward