

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 Wednesday, December 16, 2020 through Sunday, December 20, 2020.

WEDNESDAY12/16/20¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Tom Ward was in the office to supervise entries for Saturday December 19, 2020 and scratches for Friday December 18, 2020.

THURSDAY12/17/20¹**KUNZ LAFL RULING #14**

Owner TRACI KUNZ, having failed to comply with the provisions of a financial agreement with trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN (\$14,285), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Suspension to commence on December 24, 2020. During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of TRACI KUNZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Ms. KUNZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after Trainer Adam Kitchingman reported that Owner Traci Kunz has not complied with a financial agreement that was signed and dated on November 22, 2020 at Del Mar Race Track. Ms. Kunz has been notified of the listed ruling.

12/17/20²**TRAINER JOSEPH HERRICK – (CASE #20SR0045)**

The Stewards held an informal hearing in response to a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board alleging past due wages owed to groom Alberto Aguero in the amount of \$2,155.00.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Chaplain Ruben Esczlane who assisted Mr. Aguero as interpreter and Mr. Herrick, who was available by telephone. Both parties had an opportunity to give their version of events and introduce documents. After a period, it was apparent that a mutual agreement could not be negotiated, and the parties were advised that we would consider all testimony and documents and would notify them of our decision.

12/17/20³

PYFER LAFL RULING #15 AND BAZE LAFL RULING #16

LAFL RULING #15

Jockey JESSICA PYFER 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 second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2020.

LAFL RULING #16

Jockey TYLER BAZE 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 seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2020.

The above rulings, in a majority decision with Steward Ward voting for a lesser penalty, were issued after both riders met with the Stewards and acknowledged they violated the crop rule.

12/17/20⁴

HERNANDEZ LAFL RULING #17

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ 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 seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2020.

The foregoing ruling, in a unanimous decision, was issued after Mr. Hernandez met with the Stewards and acknowledged he violated the crop rule.

12/17/20⁵

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JAVIER MATIAS met with the Stewards for a review of the sixth race on Sunday December 13, 2020. Mr. Matias' mount was drifting in down the backside of the 5 ½ furlong race, and approaching the ½ mile marker a rival to his inside had to check his mount as Mr. Matias continued his inward drift. Mr. Matias was cautioned to maintain a straight course and have a better awareness of his surroundings. A warning was issued.

12/17/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	Refund: \$440.81
2 nd Race	#10 YA BEAUTY (GB) (Tr. P. Miller)–Claimed Tr. Hollendorfer. Refund: \$569.44
3 rd Race	Refund: \$800.08
4 th Race	Refund: \$1,056.36
5 th Race	Refund: \$94.82
	#2 BRILLIANT BIRD (Tr. J. Martin) – Claimed by Tr. R. Trela
	#11 JUST CLASSY (Tr. M. Meier) – Claimed by Tr. J. Wong
6 th Race	#5 FABOZZI (Tr. M. Glatt) – Claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall. Refund: \$446.28
7 th Race	Refund: \$2,071.91
	#2 UNCHAIN HER HEART (Tr. S. Sherman) – Sick – Dr. Stead
	#10 REDS TRIBAL HEART (Tr. W. Solis) – Injured – Dr. Stead
8 th Race	#5 CAPTAIN SCOTTY (Tr. P. Miller) – Sick- Dr. Pattio Refund: \$1,215.86
9 th Race	Refund: \$919.54

12/17/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$24,041.30
SCOTWinc	114	\$39,576.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,429,148.71
Total	114	\$4,492,766.81

FRIDAY

12/18/20¹

SADLER – LAFL RULING #18 (Case #20DM0042)

Trainer JOHN SADLER, who worked the horse HIGHER POWER at Del Mar Race Track on August 10, 2020, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1868 (Authorized Medication During Training) and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances - phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

Mr. SADLER contacted the Stewards and signed CHRB (Waiver of Appearance) and accepted responsibility and the penalty imposed for the above listed violations.

12/18/20²

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 7TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race for a review of an incident near the 5/16^{ths} marker involving #7 ALCOOLS (DNF-Juan Hernandez) and #1 HANDSOME CAT (4th Jose Valdivia Jr.). After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows #7 ALCOOLS lean in while racing on the outside of a tight spread, quarters, and clipping heels with #1 HANDSOME CAT causing Mr. Hernandez to lose his irons and pull his mount up with the aid of the outrider, ALCOOLS clearly caused his own problems therefore no change was warranted.

12/18/20³

DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Refund: \$1,770.84
#1 LOVESICK BLUES (Tr. S. Miyadi) – Sick – Dr. Stead
#10 HANDR'SDREAM (Tr. J. Bonde) – Claimed by Tr. P. Miller
2nd Race #6 SHANGHAI CURLY (Tr. P. Oviedo)–Claimed by Tr. Morfin Refund: \$305.96
3rd Race Refund: \$504.02
#7 ROYAL ORB (Tr. R. Gomez) – Sick – Dr. Stead
#8 FREERUNNING (Tr. L. Mendez) – Claimed by Tr. S. Davis
4th Race Refund: \$44.00
5th Race Refund: \$113.80
6th Race Refund: \$685.78
7th Race Refund: \$1,589.70
#5 ANTITHETICAL (Tr. S. Miyadi) – Sick – Dr. Stead
#6 NO LONGER SILENT (Tr. J. Wong) – Sick – Dr. Stead
8th Race Refund: \$19.00
9th Race #8 SLAMIN' DADDY (Tr. G. Lewis) – Unsound – Dr. Pattio. Refund: \$570.99

12/18/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$18,389.60
SCOTWinc	198	\$77,299.04
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,633,239.66
Total	198	\$6,728,928.30

SATURDAY

12/19/20¹

LAFL RULING #19

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – third violation in the past sixty days) during the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 18, 2020.

Jockey CEDILLO met with the Stewards to review his use of the crop during the running of the fifth race on December 18, 2020, agreed he used his crop more than six times during the running of the race and accepted the penalty imposed.

12/19/20²

LAFL RULING #20

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES 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 a race – second offense within the past sixty day period) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 18, 2020.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. FUENTES and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from December 18, 2020. Mr. Fuentes acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

12/19/20³

LAFI RULING #21

Following an informal hearing held at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 17, 2020, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – groom wages), it is ordered that Trainer JOSEPH HERRICK pay Groom Alberto Agüero the amount of \$1,227.00 by January 4, 2021. Failure to do so will result in an immediate suspension of all licenses held by JOSEPH HERRICK.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards reviewed all the testimony and exhibits presented at the informal hearing held at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 17, 2020.

12/19/20⁴

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT AGREEMENT (CASE #20SA0252)

Mr. Jason Baker (DBA Bradbury Farms) and Trainer LANCE HELIUM having signed a mutual financial agreement, whereby Mr. Hellum will make monthly payments in the amount of \$500.00 until the debt is paid in full.

12/19/20⁵

JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 6TH RACE

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the sixth race at the request of Apprentice jockey ALEXIS CENTENO, who finished fourth on #9 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA. Mr. Centeno lodged a claim of foul against #8 GOV FROM ABOVE (Flavien Prat) the winner, alleging interference near the 1/8 pole.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows #9 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA steady briefly as #8 GOV FROM ABOVE passes and drifts in slightly. The Stewards determined #9 was slightly inconvenienced. But the incident did not affect the outcome.

12/19/20⁶

LATE PROGRAM SCRATCHES

3rd Race #6 RUN KING STUD RUN, trainer Felix Gonzalez was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Dana Stead DVM, after the two-year-old colt turned over behind the starting gate during the loading process.

5th Race #6 KWIKKISSME, trainer Robert Bean was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Dana Stead DVM, after the two-year-old filly turned over during the walk over from the receiving barn to the saddling paddock.

6th Race #7 MARINO HEAT, trainer Robert Lucas was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Dana Stead DVM, after he got loose from his handler leaving the saddling paddock and ran off. The horse and rider were uninjured.

12/19/20⁷

DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	Refund: \$61.00
2 nd Race	#2 SEE THROUGH IT (Tr. J. Metz) – Claimed by Tr. B. Koriner. Refund: \$20.00
3 rd Race	Refund: \$18,015.96
4 th Race	Refund: \$148.00
5 th Race	Refund: \$1,779.31
6 th Race	#1 LUGIA (Tr. B. Baffert) – Claimed by Tr. S. Gonzalez Refund: \$4,564.78
7 th Race	Refund: \$20,786.53
	#2 ARIES (Tr. A. Ordonez) – Claimed by Tr. K. Mulahall
	#11 BOONESBORO BEAUTY (Tr. E. Kruljac) – Claimed by Tr. J. Wong
8 th Race	Refund: \$119.00
9 th Race	Refund: \$387.30
10 th Race	Refund: \$513.53

12/19/20⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$21,778.10
SCOTWinc	310	\$114,123.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,839,997.86
Total	310	\$7,975,899.66

SUNDAY12/20/20¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA JR. was in the office this morning to review the ninth race from Friday December 18, 2020, for a possible violation of the crop rule. After review of the video and discussion with Mr. Valdivia we determined that he did not violate the crop rule.

12/20/20²**LATE SCRATCH - EIGHTH RACE**

#2 SITH LORD trained by Andreas Psarras, was scratched by the Stewards after track Veterinarian Dana Stead reported jockey Humberto Figueroa felt the horse was off during warm up period.

12/20/20³**DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1ST Race Refund: \$190.00
 #6 HOLDEN THE LUTE (Tr. B. Baffert) – Claimed by Tr. S. Knapp

2nd Race #8 LADY ON ICE (Tr. C Gaines) – Claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund: \$34.00

3rd Race #3 BOTTLE NECK (Tr. J. Raudales) – Injured – Dr. Stead. Refund: \$554.70

4th Race Refund: \$60.00

5th Race #4 THANKS (Tr. R Lucas) – Missed Lasix Treatment. Refund: \$684.22

6th Race Refund: \$740.67

7th Race Refund: \$2,736.53
 #5 TRUTH SEEKER (Tr. S. Miyadi) – Sick – Dr. Stead
 #10 SIGNOFTHECROSS (Tr. L Powell) – Sick – Dr. Stead

8th Race Refund: \$19,190.20

9th Race #4 POSITIVITY (Tr. P. Gallagher) – Stakes – Stewards. Refund: \$3,321.57

10th Race Refund: \$1,924.46
 #1 GEMSTONE GAL (Tr. D. Pederson) – Sick – Dr. Pattio
 #6 MARTIQUE MISS (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) – Sick - Dr. Stead
 #8 LADY MO - Ridden by jockey Luis Valenzuela
 #9 FICTIONAL - Ridden by jockey Heriberto Figueroa

12/20/20⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$23,631.90
SCOTWinc	254	\$83,072.93
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,183,801.35
Total	254	\$6,290,506.18

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/14/20 TO 12/20/20

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	4
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/17	Fri 12/18	Sat 12/19	Sun 12/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	0	4	15
Claims	4	3	4	2	13	27
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	1	1	0	2	4
Refunds	9	9	10	10	38	74
Rulings	4	1	3	0	8	21
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Church, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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