

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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GENERAL DATA

DATES: December 26, 2020 through December 19, 2021. Racing is Friday through Sunday.

POST TIMES: Friday: 7:00pm – Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm

ENTRIES: Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 9:00am the following day after entries.

WAGERING: \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race. Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 21, 2020 through December 27, 2020.

Wednesday
 12/23/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this Monday, Tuesday and today for entries, scratches and "Panel" discussions. Entries for the last week of the year went well, with eight race cards scheduled for the 26th and 27th of the month.

Saturday
 12/26/2020

(1) STEWARD CHANGE

Grant Baker will fill in for Richard Williams, who will be out of the stand for this abbreviated week.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the following horses were scratched as, after panel discussion, it was determined the horses had received interarticular injections inside the thirty day deadline.

1st Race #1 Cat In The Pulpit (Vet-Injured) Refund \$3,213.72
 5th Race #2 In Deep Thought
 #3 Diva on Fire Refund of \$575.68
 8th Race #1 Rox Win
 #2 Roving Kind
 #6 Proud Movin Renegade Refund of \$411.86

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

Ramon Sanchez was excused from his mounts this evening as he was dealing with intestinal problems. Replacement riders were named.

(4) RULING

Ruling # 319

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA, WHO RODE LOVEPOP IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 20, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 2ND, 3RD, AND 8TH, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SEVENTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda had viewed the seventh race from 12-20-2020, after which his mount was disqualified for interference at the start. The rider felt he had made an effort to correct his mount, but video showed that he allowed his horse to come in three paths before making an effort to correct.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY- NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident entering the far turn involving the first, second and fourth place finishers- #1 With Due Cause (E. Payeras), #6 Leroy Pegasus (H. Lopez), and #3 Cryiin' Chick (F. Orduna Rojas). After speaking with the riders and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original order of finish intact. Rojas went up into a position where there was insufficient room to negotiate the turn properly. When he checked his horse, it bore out into the heels of the horse to its outside (#6), forcing Rojas to check once again.

(6) LATE RIDER CHANGE- WEIGHT ISSUE

Jockey Jairo Rangel was removed from his mounts this evening as he could not come within the seven pound overweight allowed by rule. Replacement riders were named.

(7) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed the circumstances which resulted in jockey Irving Lara, aboard #7 Strange Fellow, being unseated at the start. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to consider the horse a "starter". The horse went airborne when the stall doors opened, causing Lara to lose his inside stirrup and fall. He was on his feet quickly and received a clean bill of health from the paramedics. The horse was not injured.

(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$4,712.20
Off track	134	\$25,295.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,155,798.63
Total	134	\$1,185,805.83

Sunday
12/27/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #6 Ballycastle (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$118.80
2nd Race #6 Irish Jack (Not eligible-injection) Refund \$153.96
3rd Race #1 Always Working (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$366.24
5th Race #2 Kylemore (Vet-unsound) Refund \$251.32
6th Race #1 Western Hustle (Not eligible-injection)
#4 Mighty Minnie (Vet sick)
#8 Jet Blew Dash (Not eligible-injection) Refund \$447.92
7th Race #5 Swirling (Not eligible-injection) Refund of \$231.06
8th Race #2 La Reina Del Sur 1 (Not eligible-injection) Refund of \$384.47

(2) RIDER CHANGES

Armando Viramontes was replaced in the sixth race as he did not arrive at the Jockeys' Room to fulfill his obligation in the sixth race. Jockey Carlos Huerta was removed from his mounts as he could not make his assigned weight- in excess of the seven pound overweight limit. Replacement riders were announced.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START- NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review the start of #8 Cartels Legacy, ridden by Raul Valenzuela. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson, jockey Valenzuela, and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare the horse a "starter". Video showed that the horse turned its head to the right just when the field was dispatched, causing it to break well behind the field. It was felt that the horse was totally responsible for the problem, despite the assertions of the rider, who blamed the problem on the assistant starter.

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$4,678.70
Off track	79	\$18,220.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,347,560.63
Total	79	\$1,370,459.53

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 27, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 5 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri C	Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		H	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A		R	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		I	2	1	3	3
Disqualifications	K		S	0	0	0	0
Inquiries		D	T	2	1	3	3
Refunds		A	M	3	7	10	10
Rulings		Y	A	1	0	1	1
Voided Claims		S	S	0	0	0	0

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Grant Baker and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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