

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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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 9, 2021 through February 14, 2021.

Thursday
02/11/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was on duty this past week and it was amazing the difference a week off made. Entries for Friday and Saturday were drawn by 1:30 pm, while the Sunday card was finalized by 3 o' clock. The numbers looked good, as well. Changes were minimal. Ward will be writing minutes this week.

Friday
02/12/2021

(1) DELAY IN FIRST POST

Management requested a thirty minute delay in the first post for this evening. The wagering system for TVG crashed and therefore wagering on this venue could not be conducted. Since the vast majority of handle comes through TVG, we thought it prudent to grant the request.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Arrivederci Amore (Vet-injured)
#6 For My Brother (Vet-sick) Refund of \$396.15
4th Race #1 Ever Vigilant (Panel-Vet history) Refund of \$259.28
5th Race #2 Back Beauty (Panel-Vet history) Refund of \$316.50
7th Race #1 A Mere Bail (Vet-sick) Refund of \$264.80
8th Race #6 Registrant (Not eligible-injected) Refund of \$365.23

(3) RULING #20

Ruling # 20

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 31, 2021.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Peinado opted not to appear to defend his actions.

(4) RULING #21

Ruling #21

TRAINER ROBERT LUCAS, HIS CASE HAVING BEEN HEARD BY A HEARING OFFICER OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, IS SUSPENDED TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS (MARCH 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 21, 2021) AND FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A) & (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES - GABAPENTIN - CLASS III), PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

The preceding ruling was issued as a hearing office issued a decision in the case against Mr. Lucas and it was adopted by the Board. He was made aware of the outcome and will accept the penalty.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of the horse Purdue from the fourth race by trainer Jorge Farias was voided as the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The animal was returned to the barn of the original trainer, Rosemary Trela.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$7,423.80
Off track	309	\$87,372.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,145,372.29
Total	309	\$1,240,168.59

Saturday
02/13/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 Bien Precious (Not eligible-no 5/8 and exam)
#3 Very Irish (Not eligible-no exam within 14 days of race)
#7 Moana Luna (Vet-injured) Refund of \$440.55
3rd Race #5 Perfect Reflection (Vet-injured) Refund of \$102.35
6th Race #3 Propellar (Vet-injured) Refund of \$135.78
8th Race #7 CM Dillingham Advice (Stakes) Refund of \$342.39

(2) RULING #22

Ruling # 22

TRAINER SANTOS PEREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER), ON JANUARY 15, 2021.

This ruling was issued after discussion of the case against Mr. Perez. He was cited for tying a horse in its stall and leaving the horse unattended for a short period of time. Mr. Perez admitted his mistake, stating that he intended to come back in just a few minutes, but ran into a delay. The horse showed no signs of distress. He was apologetic and said it would not happen again.

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Armando Viramontes was excused from his only mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRIES-ONE CHANGE AND ONE DISQUALIFICATION

There were two inquiries in the sixth race this evening. The first incident took place shortly after the start, as Rolando Munoz, who finished fifth aboard #2 Query, was forced to steady when #1 El Jr A, originally third with Erasmo Gasca in the irons, came out. The Stewards, by a majority decision (Mr. Dreyer dissenting), voted to make no change in the placings. Video showed that the incident was caused by Query drifting into the hind quarters of El Jr A, tipping that horse out and forcing it off of its original path.

The second incident took place nearing the finish, when #5 Western Hustle (2nd, H. Lopez) lugged in to bump #1 El Jr A ridden by Erasmo Gasca. In a unanimous decision, Western Hustle was

disqualified from second to third position. Video showed that the horse made solid contact with El Jr A, costing that horse the chance for a better placing as it was beaten only by a "nose". Mr. Lopez was not held responsible as he made a good effort on his mount to try and prevent the contact.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$22,542.30
Off track	323	\$58,012.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,445,158.12
Total	323	\$1,525,712.42

Sunday
02/14/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

2nd Race #1 Tapitha Bonita (Not eligible)
#2 Belligerent (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$1,262.06
4th Race #4 Tell It Again (Panel) Refund of \$130.90
6th Race #1 El Noa Noa Cartel (Vet-sick) Refund of \$181.45

(2) RULING

RULING #23

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JESUS URANGA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "BELLIGERENT", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2021, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A, B & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- PHENYLBUTAZONE-CLASS IV).

This ruling was issued after a hearing with the trainer into his second violation for Phenylbutazone. Mr. Uranga had no explanation for the results other than he suspects that the horse's groom, who was subsequently terminated, may have given the medication to the horse.

(3) JOCKEY "CROP" RULINGS

RULING #24

JOCKEY RAUL VALENZUELA IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 21ST, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, AND MARCH 5TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP -MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 13, 2021.

RULING #25

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 21ST, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, AND MARCH 5TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP -MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 13, 2021.

These rulings were issued after a review of the eighth race from February 13, 2021. Mr. Valenzuela was truthful, stating that the race was a Grade 1, and he "did what I had to do". Mr. Andrade, Jr. did not attend the review. Ward was of the opinion that since the violations took place in the finals of a Grade 1 race, the riders should not be accorded the privilege of riding in designated races during their suspensions.

(4) BACKSTRETCH VIOLATIONS- RULINGS

Ruling # 26

GROOM JOSE PAEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE

TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO WEAR A FACE MASK).

Ruling # 27

GROOM MILTON A. CATALAN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO WEAR A FACE MASK).

Ruling # 28

JOCKEY FRANCISCO JAVIER ORDUNA-ROJAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO WEAR A FACE MASK).

Ruling # 29

PONY RIDER MERCEDES S. GONZALEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO WEAR A FACE MASK).

These rulings were issued in response to security complaints which placed the licensees at a party in the track parking lot where beer consumption and loud music were taking place, both of which are violations of track regulations. In addition, and most importantly, none of the four were wearing facial masks. Mr. Paez, who seemed to be the self-appointed spokesman for the group, maintained that the group did nothing wrong and were being harassed by security. His comments were discounted as police were called for backup.

(5) VOIDED CLAIM

The claim of #4 Ever Vigilant from the second race by trainer Angela Aquino was voided as the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. It was returned to the barn of the original trainer, Jose Raudales.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #2 Remember To Bid flipped while in the starting gate, injuring itself in the process, and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$13,248.75.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$27,821.70
Off track	331	\$75,731.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,372,817.05
Total	331	\$1,476,370.65

2021

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 14, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Fifteen 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 02/12	Sat 02/13	Sun 02/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		1	2	3	6	32
Disqualifications	K		0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries		D	0	2	0	2	11
Refunds		A	5	4	4	13	81
Rulings		Y	2	1	7	10	27
Voided Claims		S	1	0	1	2	5

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward