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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
Los Angeles County Fair Meet at Los Alamitos  
Los Alamitos Racing Association**

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**Report for the Week of Friday, September 10, 2021, Through Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

**Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

**Dates:** Friday, September 10, 2021 through Sunday, September 12, 2021. Ten racing days.  
Total number of days racing per week: three, Friday through Sunday the first and second week and four, Thursday through Sunday the third week.

**Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

**Post time:** 1:00 p.m. on every race day.

**Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

**Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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### **TUESDAY**

9/07/21<sup>1</sup>

### **ENTRY DAY**

Steward Grant Baker was on hand in the Stewards office overseeing entries for opening day Friday, September 10, 2021.

### **WEDNESDAY**

9/08/21<sup>1</sup>

### **ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

Entries for September 11, 2021, were taken today in the racing office. Scratches for Opening Day were held this morning and all changes were activated at 10:00 A.M. Steward Baker was on duty.

**THURSDAY**  
9/09/21<sup>1</sup>

**PRE-MEET**

The Board of Stewards for this abbreviated race meeting convened this morning to tie up some loose ends from the recently concluded Del Mar venue and prepare the office for the upcoming meet. Three riders who received suspensions during Del Mar have indicated they wished to drop their appeals and rulings are being prepared to accommodate them.

Since this meeting is sandwiched between Del Mar and Santa Anita, entries historically have been rather difficult to come by. This year is no different. Eight races are on tap for opening day, while nine race cards, albeit light in numbers, will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

**FRIDAY**  
9/10/21<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 PRIMED FOR DRINKS (Vet-sick)	Refund \$329.58
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 QUESTION AUTHORITY (Stewards-entered back)	Refund \$507.68
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 SWEET SONNY (Stewards-entered back)	
	#4 MONGOLIAN BABY (Vet-injured)	
	#12 MAMMA RAMA (Also Eligible)	Refund \$1,393.94

9/10/21<sup>2</sup>

**DESIGNATED RACE**

There will be one Designated Race at this meeting – the \$100,000 Guaranteed Los Alamitos Special, at one mile and one sixteenth, to be run on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

9/10/21<sup>3</sup>

**MOREY RULING LAFL #01**

Trainer WILLIAM E. MOREY, who started the horse OPTIMISTIC VALOR in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on September 6, 2021, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required – improperly shod).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Morey accepted responsibility for his barn's error.

9/10/21<sup>4</sup>

**APPEALS WITHDRAWN**

**LAFL RULING #02**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #24 (July 30, 2021) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey TREVOR McCARTHY is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 1, 2 and 3, 2021).

**LAFL RULING #03**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD ruling #57 (August 21, 2021) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey JOE BRAVO is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 9, 10 and 11, 2021).

These rulings were published after we were informed by Ms. Sidney Villareal that the riders had expressed a desire to put their suspensions behind them and not go forward with their appeals.

9/10/21<sup>5</sup>

**LATE DECLARATION**

#2 VERY IRISH was a late declaration from the first race as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported that the gelding was injured at the barn of the trainer Cesar De Alba just prior to leaving for the Receiving Barn and would not be able to compete. The refund amounted to \$2,538.89.

9/10/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	717	\$202,562.12
SCOTWinc	1,590	\$687,656.92

Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,736,042.15
Total	2,307	\$4,626,261.19

**SATURDAY**

9/11/21<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 COIL TO STRIKE (Vet-injured) Refund of \$358.66  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 CURLY ESA (Vet-sick)  
 #2 SIR LANDON (Vet-sick) Refund of \$738.93

9/11/21<sup>2</sup>

**ORDUNA-ROJAS RULING LAFL #04**

Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS 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 in the last sixty days) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 10, 2021.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider reviewed the fourth race from yesterday afternoon. He admitted the violation and readily accepted the penalty.

9/11/21<sup>3</sup>

**AFTERNOON DECLARATION**

#1 OUTLAW DAISY was a late declaration from the seventh race as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported that the filly flipped in the Receiving Barn and injured herself. There was a refund of \$3,128.09 due to the scratch.

9/11/21<sup>4</sup>

**QUIET RACING PROGRAM**

All matters during the nine race program were routine – except for one. During the third race, jockey Silvio Amador, in from Northern California to ride this afternoon, stood up in the irons approximately 70 yards before the finish, causing his horse to relax and possibly costing him the Win. His mount was beaten ¾ of a length for first. As might be expected, a number of horseplayers called to, shall we say, express their concerns over Mr. Amador’s actions. We will meet with him tomorrow to discuss his actions.

9/11/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,524	\$491,211.75
SCOTWinc	3,161	\$1,266,090.56
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,002,077.23
Total	4,685	\$6,759,379.54

**SUNDAY**

9/12/21<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATION**

#5 SEA GLASS (Vet-injured) Refund of \$233.71

9/12/21<sup>2</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Alex Jimenez was excused from his only mount of the afternoon card as he complained of illness. A replacement rider was named.

9/12/21<sup>3</sup>

**RULINGS**

**LAFL #05**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #58 (July 26, 2021) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR. is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (September 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 October 1, 2, 3 and 8, 2021).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Valdivia, through his counsel, Bing Bush, Esq., hammered out an agreement regarding the days Mr. Valdivia would serve after dropping his appeal.

**LAFI #07**

Jockey SILVIO AMADOR, who rode Wicked Sunset in the THIRD race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 11, 2021 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 19, 23 and 24, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey - failure to ride his mount to the finish, costing him a better finish position). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Amador, who had returned to his home base in Northern California, discussed the race with the Stewards via telephone. He readily admitted that he stood up prior to actual line of finish, but said that Sunday was his first time riding at this venue and he thought that the Patrol Judge’s stand was at the finish line. He realized his error when he saw the rider to his inside still down on his horse, but by that time it was too late to make a difference in his finish position.

A majority opinion will have Mr. Amador serve a three racing day suspension for the violation. Mr. Baker dissented, voting for ten calendar days, which would have worked out to five racing days.

**LAFI #06**

Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-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 in the last sixty days) during the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 11, 2021.

Mr. Orduna-Rojas was in the office to review his violation of the “crop” rule during the Saturday racing program. Once again he was contrite, stating that he got caught up in the race and lost track of the number of strikes.

**LAFI #08**

Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERRERA 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 offense in the last sixty days) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 11, 2021.

This ruling was issued after the apprentice admitted to striking his mount more than six times during a race on Saturday afternoon.

9/12/21<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed a bumping incident in the final one sixteenth between the first and second place finishers, #2 PEACEFUL TRANSFER (E. Maldonado) and #4 LOUD MOUTH (A. Cedillo). Jockey Cedillo also lodged an objection.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account the reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards, in a majority opinion – Ward dissenting – opted to disqualify PEACEFUL TRANSFER from first to second position. The majority felt that the winner drifted out, there was a significant bump, severe enough that it cost the second place finisher the Win. The minority felt that while the winner did alter its path, the second place finisher had also altered its path, drifting in and thereby contributing to the interference. Mr. Maldonado will meet with us next week.

9/12/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,184	\$332,773.25
SCOTWinc	2,484	\$987,962.01
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,074,218.94
Total	3,668	\$5,394,954.20

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/06/21 TO 9/12/21**

Horses on Vet List 9  
Horses off Vet List 9  
Shock Wave Therapy 1  
Fatalities 0  
Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 9/10</b>	<b>Sat 9/11</b>	<b>Sun 9/120</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	1	3	6	6
<b>Claims</b>	0	4	1	5	5
<b>Disqualification s</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Refunds</b>	4	3	1	8	8
<b>Rulings</b>	3	1	4	8	8
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Steward

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