



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET
LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 3 - Thursday, September 22, 2016 through Sunday, September 25, 2016.

WEDNESDAY

09/21/16¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday's card.

THURSDAY

09/22/16¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT came to the office to review his whip use in the stretch of the fifth race. He used his whip four times in succession, but it was unclear if he was giving the horse a chance to respond between strikes. The majority felt that he was and exonerated Mr. Elliott, whereas Steward Chaney felt that he did not give the horse a chance to respond and therefore voted for a fine. We did issue the following ruling when Mr. Elliott failed to appear for the hearing as directed on Sunday:

LAFL #014

Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on September 18, 2016).

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER came to the office to review his whip use in the sixth race yesterday. His saddle slipped and eventually he kicked his feet out of the irons. Unfortunately, in his zeal to maintain third place, he violated the whip rule. He agreed and accepted the following penalty:

LAFL #011

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense in the last sixty days; last offense on September 9, 2016), during the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 18, 2016.

Jockey RITO ALMANZA came to the office this morning to discuss his whip use immediately after the start of the fifth race Sunday. He used his whip underhanded on the shoulder 19 times in succession. He was trying to put his horse on the lead but was unsuccessful at the endeavor. This was his third violation in the last sixty days, so the majority voted for the ruling that follows. Steward Chaney believed that 19 strikes was a bit excessive and voted for a \$500 penalty.

LAFL #012

Jockey RITO ALMANZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense in the last sixty days; last offense on September 4, 2016), during the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 18, 2016.

09/22/16²

MARTIN RULING

We issued the following ruling pursuant to a scratch on Sunday when trainer John Martin's runner was inadvertently treated twice with phenylbutazone:

LAFL #013

Trainer JOHN MARTIN pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration –double medication) is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* which resulted in the late declaration of BROTHER GILL from the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 18, 2016.

09/22/16³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#5 SHARP HOLIDAY – Claimed – V. Fernandez, trainer
2 nd Race	Refund \$0
3 rd Race	#2 ETALIER – Rider change – F. Martinez for M. Gutierrez
	Refund \$0
4 th Race	Refund \$0
5 th Race	Refund \$0
6 th Race	#6 WARREN'S CRACKER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
	Refund \$301.00
7 th Race	#5 BACKSTREET LISA – Claimed – R. Agarie, trainer
	Refund \$2.00
8 th Race	#8 YANKEE MINISTER – Stewards' scratch, entered back
	#12 IN CONTROL – Stewards' scratch, entered back
	#3 I BUY GOLD – Claimed – J. Martin, trainer
	Refund \$418.00

09/22/16⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,010	\$240,070.40
Off Track	3,217	\$971,950.90
Out –of-State	N/A	\$1,977,717.54
Total	4,227	\$3,189,738.84

FRIDAY

09/23/16¹

Nuesch for Chaney

David Nuesch is filling in for Scott Chaney, during the final three days of the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos.

09/23/16²**Film Review**

Individually, Steward Elliott, Ramon Guce, Erick Garcia, and Felipe Martinez all came in to review separate incidents from Thursday's card. The stewards felt no actions were required, therefore no rulings were issued

09/23/16³**Jockey Objection/Disqualification**

Following the running of the 8th race, the stewards received word that jockey Brandon Boulanger, rider of second place finisher Bug Off, wished to claim foul against the original winner, Runbrorun, and jockey Iggy Puglisi, for shifting out in deep stretch, causing him to alter course. After further review and deliberation, the stewards felt this action caused Bug Off a better placing, and thus disqualified #6 Runbrorun from first, and placed him second, making #7 Bug Off the official winner.

Original order 6-7-5-8-9-2-3-1-4

Official order 7-6-5-8-9-2-3-1-4

09/23/16⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUND**

1st Race No Changes
 2nd Race #3 Royal Red (Tr. C. Dollase) Vet - sick - Dr. Stead
 #7 Good Looking (Tr. R. DeLeon) Vet - injured - Dr. Stead
 Refund \$3,144.00
 3rd Race #8 Moonie (Tr. E. Freeman) CLAIM VOIDED
 4th Race #6 French Express (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Vet- unsound - Dr Grande
 #12 Chiseled In Stone (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) A/E – stewards
 Refund \$244.00
 5th Race #2 Papasililprincess (Tr. C. Treece) Vet - sick - Dr. Grande
 #7 Quinnette (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio
 Refund \$583.00
 6th Race Tiz Bailee (Tr. J. Cassidy) Vet - sick- Dr. Grande
 Refund \$270.00
 7th Race #4 Lilac Street (Tr. M. Valenzuela, III) Vet - Broke thru starting gate - Dr. Stead
 Refund \$37,596.00
 8th Race No changes

09/23/16⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,002	\$315,251.60
Off Track	3,579	\$1,121,377.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,799,123.14
Total	4,581	\$4,235,752.44

SATURDAY09/24/16¹**DAY OF WARNINGS**

Brayan Pena, Santiago Gonzalez, and Noberto Arroyo Jr. all came in to review separate incidents from Friday's card. All three jockeys received stern warnings regarding their actions, and all agreed to make better efforts in the future.

09/24/16²**REINSTATEMENT**

While attempting to renew his license in Arizona, Foreman Liandro Morfin learned he was currently suspended in California (LATS #016 dated 1/11/15). The board of stewards held an informal hearing, and after investigating all the facts of the case, the stewards issued the following ruling, reinstating Mr. Morfin.

Ruling LAFL # 015

Stable foreman LIANDRO MORFIN, having appeared and complied with the terms of ruling LATS #016, issued at Los Angeles Turf Club on January 11, 2015, is restored to good standing.

09/24/16³**NON-STARTER**

Immediately after the start of the 3rd race, the stewards posted to inquiry sign, to look into an incident at the start, where #7 Bella Sierra acted up, before the doors opened, and left the gate without her rider. After further review, the stewards determined that jockey Santiago Gonzalez was not in the saddle, but rather standing on the side of the gate, at the time the doors opened, not affording Bella Sierra a fair start, and thus we declared Bella Sierra a non-starter.

09/24/16⁴**OBJECTION / NO CHANGE**

In the 5th race, jockey Santiago Gonzalez, who finished second, lodged an objection against the winner, Back Beauty (N. Arroyo Jr.), alleging interference leaving the starting gate. The stewards did not feel the incident warranted a disqualification, so no change was made.

09/24/16⁵**INQUIRY / OBJECTION / NO CHANGE**

Immediately following the running of the 8th race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign, to look further into the stretch run, where #8 Blackjackcat, altered course in deep stretch. In addition to the inquiry, jockey Gary Stevens, rider of Blackjackcat, who finished third, claimed foul against the second place finisher, #5 Semper Fortis, alleging interference in deep stretch. Even though the stewards felt that the pressure was coming from the #7 Accelerate, we determined that the incident did not cost #8 Blackjackcat a better placing, thus no change was made to the original order of finish.

09/24/16⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUND**

1 st Race	No Changes
2 nd Race	#3 Our Trooper (Tr. N. Acuna) Vet - injured - Dr. Stead Refund \$221.00
3 rd Race	#5 Quality Girl (Tr. M. Jones) Vet - injured - Dr. Grander #7 Bella Sierra (Tr. J. Sierra) Declared a non-starter - Stewards Refund \$102,340.83
4 th Race	No changes
5 th Race	#2 Aiming Straight (Tr. P. Harrington) Vet - sick - Dr. Grande Refund \$963.00
6 th Race	No Changes
7 th Race	#1 Anthony's got game (Tr. P. Aguirre) Vet - sick - Dr. Grande #5 Eltiojohnny (Tr. D. O'Neill) Vet - injured - Dr. Grander Refund \$1739.00
8 th Race	No Changes
9 th Race	#9 Glitter's Song (Tr. M. Bellocq) Vet - sick - Dr. Stead #11 Multiple Suns – Rider change-Brandon Boulanger for Abel Lezcano #12 Lucky Snow (Tr. P. Harrington) A/E - stewards Refund \$195.00

09/24/16⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,828	\$683,475.10
Off Track	5,693	\$1,696,646.50
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,787,536.41
Total	8,521	\$6,167,658.01

SUNDAY09/25/16¹**LATE JOCKEY CHANGES**

The following two rulings were issued as a result of two separate rider changes, earlier in the week, that were changed after scratch time.

Ruling LAFL #016

Jockey agent SUSAN MCBRAYER is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner; rider change after scratch time).

Ruling LAFL #017

Trainer DOUG O'NEILL is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner; rider change after scratch time).

09/25/16²**SUSPENSION**

The following ruling was issued after jockey Mario Gutierrez came in to review films of the 3rd race on Friday, where the stewards felt he crossed over, shortly after the start, without sufficient clearance.

Ruling LAFL #018

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, WHO rode MOONIE in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 23, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 30; October 1 and 2, 2016) for crossing over without sufficient clearance, causing interference on the backstretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

09/25/16³**VOIDED CLAIM**

After a post-race exam of #3 L.A. Magic, by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List, due to unsoundness. The claim was voided, and the horse returned to the barn of trainer Gary Stute.

09/25/16⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No Changes
2 nd Race	No Changes
3 rd Race	#4 L.A. Magic (Tr. G. Stute) claimed by Tr. M. Machowshy
4 th Race	#4 It Behoooves Me (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. J. Brocklebank
5 th Race	No Changes
6 th Race	#1 Thunder Basin (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr. #4 Quorum Of Joy (Tr. E. January) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
7 th Race	#4 Prohibition Repeal (Tr. E. Kruljac) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio
8 th Race	#2 Lucky J Lane (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. B. Koriner
9 th Race	No changes

09/25/16⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,518	\$419,218.70
Off Track	4,690	\$1,404,450.80
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,281,932.90
Total	6,208	\$5,105,602.40

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SUMMARY

	Thurs 9/22	Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1	2	12
Claims	3	1	0	5	9	27
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	1	3	0	4	9
Refunds	3	5	5	0	13	37
Rulings	4	0	1	3	8	18
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	2	10

Respectfully submitted,

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward