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BOARD REVIEWING FORM REVERSALS

SACRAMENTO, CA –The California Horse Racing Board is reviewing certain races with significant form reversals, including the second race Wednesday at Hollywood Park in which a filly improved tremendously to win at relatively low odds while stepping up in class.

The review may involve interviews with trainers, owners, veterinarians, and jockeys, as well as analyzing betting patterns. No additional details will be disclosed until the review is completed.

Flyindownbaylaurel, a 3-year-old filly who had been badly beaten in all four of her previous career starts, reversed form to win by one length Wednesday at odds of 7-2 while facing seven rivals in a one-mile turf race for straight maidens (non-winners). In her previous race, Flyindownbaylaurel finished eighth against lower-level maiden claimers at odds of nearly 40 to 1.

Jerry Dutton trained Flyindownbaylaurel for her first four career starts, which all were run on the main track at shorter distances. She finished no better than seventh in those starts, and in three of those races she finished either last or next to last, always at odds of 10-1 or higher.

Trainer Jeff Mullins submitted a claim on behalf of new owner Richard Englander to purchase Flyindownbaylaurel for \$32,000 from her last start April 10 in which she raced 7 furlongs at Santa Anita. Mullins stepped her up in class Wednesday to the level of her first two career starts against straight (non-claiming) maidens. He changed her equipment by adding blinkers. He also ran the daughter of Alphabet Soup at the longer distance of one mile and on a new surface (grass). Alex Solis, who rode Flyindownbaylaurel in her second career start, was back aboard Wednesday

The CHRB routinely reviews races in which horses reverse form to win. While it is not a common practice to issue news releases concerning such reviews, the race Wednesday prompted so much comment that the Board considered it necessary to reassure the public of the CHRB's vigilance in such matters.

“The CHRB is continually working to insure that the racing industry in California benefits from the highest degree of regulatory scrutiny,” said CHRB Chairman Roger Licht. “The public and those involved in the sport must be confident their respective interests are protected to the maximum extent of the law.”

Board investigators regularly take actions that are confidential in nature and not widely known. At other times their enforcement activities are highly visible and well publicized, such as when they are joined by racetrack security personnel to provide enhanced security for important races like the three Grade I events this holiday weekend at Hollywood Park. A member of the security team will be posted at the stall of each horse entered to run in the Milady Handicap on Saturday and both the Shoemaker Mile and Gamely Handicap on Monday beginning several hours before each race.

“Hollywood Park has again shown exemplary cooperation in its willingness to assist the CHRB and help protect the interests of the racing community by providing security personnel for these important races,” said Licht.

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