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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug O'Neill for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a), 1843.6 (d) (1) (2), and 1887 after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Chicks Rule, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mml/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO₂). This is a Class 3 violation. Chicks Rule finished first in the third race at Santa Anita Park on January 17, 2008. A hearing has not been scheduled.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer David LaCroix for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (F), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that blood and urine samples taken from a horse in his care, Happyhour Atthebrig, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. LaCroix did not request split sample analysis. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Happyhour Atthebrig finished second in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on December 1, 2007. The stewards at Santa Anita have scheduled a hearing on February 17.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Melody Conlon for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (F), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that blood and urine samples taken from a horse in her care, Tommys Luck, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. This is a Class 3 violation. The University of Florida Laboratory confirmed the excess level of clenbuterol in the split samples. Tommys Luck finished first in the sixth race at Hollywood Park on November 21, 2007. The stewards at Santa Anita have scheduled a hearing on February 16.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Patty Lou Harris for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that a sample collected from a horse in her care, Biggest Big Bertha, tested positive for 4-hydroxypropranolol. The University of Pennsylvania Laboratory confirmed the presence of 4-hydroxypropranolol in the split sample. 4-hydroxypropranolol is a metabolite of propranolol. Propranolol is a beta-2 adrenergic blocking agent occasionally used in humans for hypertension. This is a Class 3 violation. Biggest Big Bertha finished first in the seventh race at Cal Expo on November 3, 2007. A hearing has not been scheduled.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Matthew Gary sentenced former Cal Expo harness driver Daniel Maier to one year in county jail and five years formal probation following Maier's felony conviction for race fixing, as reported in a CHRB news release dated December 21, 2007, which is available on the CHRB website (www.chrb.ca.gov). During probation, Maier must stay away from all gambling facilities. Previously, the stewards at Cal Expo suspended Maier for the term of his current license (through April 30, 2008) for violation of Rules 1489 (a) (f) (g) (j), 1530, 1902 (b) (c), and 1980 (a) (3) (b) (4). The stewards further ordered and recommended that any future applications for license by Maier be denied.

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