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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.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Brian Koriner, the stewards at Santa Anita suspended Koriner for 40 days and fined him \$5,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.2, 1844 (a) (b), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Black Seventeen, exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The violation was confirmed by Iowa State University Racing Chemistry Laboratory. Procaine is a local anesthetic and a Class 3 violation. Black Seventeen finished first in the fifth race at Hollywood Park on May 1, 2007. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed 35 days of the suspension, provided Koriner has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations for one year. Koriner will serve the remaining five days of the suspension from April 14 through April 20.

The stewards at Santa Anita issued a ruling disqualifying Lotacat and ordered a redistribution of the purse for the second race at Santa Anita on February 10, 2008, after the Maddy Laboratory reported that a sample taken from Lotacat tested in excess of the authorized decision level for 3-hydroxy(ethyl)-promazine, a metabolite of acepromazine. The violation was confirmed by Iowa State University Racing Chemistry Laboratory. Acepromazine is a commonly used tranquilizer in horses. This is a Class 2 violation. Lotacat finished second in that February 10 race. A hearing date is pending for Dan Hendricks, the trainer of Lotacat.

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