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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 has adopted the proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge Daniel Juarez, who conducted a hearing July 15, 2008, on the status of the California license for jockey Patrick Valenzuela. As ordered by Judge Juarez and adopted by the Board in executive session on September 18: “1. Respondent Patrick Valenzuela’s conditional license is revoked. 2. Respondent Patrick Valenzuela is permanently ineligible to reapply for, or to hold, a license issued by the California Horse Racing Board.”

The stewards at Los Alamitos fined trainer Jose De La Torre \$20,000 and suspended him for 180 days beginning September 25 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (c) (d), 1844 (e) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that blood and urine samples taken from two horses in his care, Classic Colt and A Fortunate Son, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol (Class 3). Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Classic Colt finished second in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on June 14, 2008. A Fortunate Son finished fifth in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on June 28, 2008. The stewards also disqualified both horses and ordered the redistribution of those purses.

The California Horse Racing Board has filed a complaint against trainer Steven Miyadi for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1843.1 (b), 1844 (e) (10), 1887, and 1894 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Anziyan’s Song, a horse in his care, exceeded the regulatory limit for 16-beta-hydroxystanozolol, a metabolite of the anabolic steroid stanozolol. Stanozolol is a synthetic anabolic steroid sold under the brand name Winstrol. Anziyan’s Song finished first in the fifth race at Cal Expo (State Fair meet) on August 29, 2008. The stewards at Golden Gate Fields have scheduled a hearing for October 12. As this alleged violation occurred prior to September 4, it is a Class 4 violation subject to Category D penalties. A Category D penalty is an official warning that goes on the trainer’s permanent official record. As of September 4, stanozolol, nandrolone, boldenone, and testosterone have been moved to Class 3 drugs and to Category B penalties. The presence of these anabolic steroids above regulatory thresholds in post-race samples collected on or after September 4 will result in the automatic disqualification of the horse and redistribution of the purse. Category B penalties call for a minimum 30-day suspension and a fine up to \$10,000.