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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 stewards at Santa Anita Park issued a ruling disqualifying Scat Thief and redistributing the purse for the seventh race at Del Mar on August 3, 2008, after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from Scat Thief exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The violation was confirmed by Truesdail Laboratories. Procaine is a local anesthetic and is found in procaine penicillin G, a commonly administered antibiotic. For this reason, procaine is a Class 3 violation rather than a Class 2 violation, as are most other anesthetics. Scat Thief finished third in the Del Mar race. The case against trainer Mike Mitchell is pending.

Pursuant to a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Jamie Gomez, the stewards at Los Alamitos fined the trainer \$2,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that a sample taken from Fire Free, a horse in his care, contained fluphenazine. The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed the split sample. Fluphenazine is a human anti-psychotic drug used as a long-acting tranquilizer in horses. This is a Class 2 violation. The stewards previously disqualified Fire Free and ordered a redistribution of the purse for the 10th race at Los Alamitos on August 12, 2006, in which Fire Free finished first.

The California Horse Racing Board entered into a stipulated agreement with trainer Doug O'Neill, who agreed to pay a fine of \$7,500 and to serve a 30-day suspension, which shall be stayed pending a one-year probation, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843, 1843.1, 1843.6, and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Chicks Rule, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/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. The stewards at Santa Anita previously issued a ruling disqualifying Chicks Rule and redistributing the purse. The 30-day suspension is stayed provided O'Neill has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations for one year.

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