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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 the terms of a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Jeff Bonde, the stewards at Golden Gate Fields suspended Bonde for 30 days and fined him \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory reported the sample collected from a horse in his care, Halo’s Angel, contained trenbolone, a prohibited Class 3 substance. Iowa State University confirmed the presence of trenbolone in the split sample. Trenbolone is an anabolic steroid approved for use in livestock. Trenbolone was one of a number of anabolic steroids reclassified from Class 4 to Class 3 substances effective July 1, 2008. Under the terms of the settlement, the stewards stayed 25 days of the suspension, provided Bonde has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. He will serve the remainder of his suspension May 11-16. Halo’s Angel finished second in the sixth race at the San Mateo County Fair on August 13, 2008. In an earlier ruling, the stewards disqualified Halo’s Angel and ordered a redistribution of the purse for that August 13 race.

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