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WEEKLY UPDATE: AUGUST 16 – 22, 2010

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

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Miguel Rodriguez, the stewards at Los Alamitos suspended Rodriguez for 30 days and fined him \$500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (c) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Bloke, contained 3-hydroxy lidocaine. 3-hydroxy lidocaine is a major metabolite of lidocaine, a local anesthetic commonly used in horses. Lidocaine also can be found in over-the-counter topical preparations for humans. This is a Class 2 violation and a Category B penalty. Rodriguez will begin serving his 30-day suspension August 30.

In two separate but related rulings, the stewards at Los Alamitos disqualified Bloke from two races. First they disqualified Bloke from his second-place finish in the Maturity Trial – the 7th race at Los Alamitos on May 29, 2010 – due to the medication violation. That disqualification and redistribution of the purse occurred July 23. In the meantime, based on his qualifying time in the Maturity Trial, Bloke ran in the Vessels Maturity, which was the ninth race at Los Alamitos on June 18, in which he finished third. The disqualification from the Maturity Trial meant Bloke was not eligible to have run in the Maturity. Therefore, the stewards disqualified Bloke from the Maturity and ordered the redistribution of that purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug O'Neill alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1581.1 (Entries). According to the complaint, on June 24, 2010, O'Neill entered the horse Strike Your Fancy in the 2nd race at Hollywood Park for June 27, 2010. On June 17, 2010, the horse had been "pin-fired" and received procaine penicillin for three days after the pin-firing procedure. Strike Your Fancy was a late scratch for the June 27 race. The complaint contends O'Neill knowingly entered Strike Your Fancy without intending her to race. Another horse trained by O'Neill, Wickedly Perfect, ended up winning the race. The stewards have scheduled an October 7 hearing on this matter.

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