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WEEKLY UPDATE: JAN. 31 – FEB. 13, 2011

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 Philip Oviedo, the stewards at Golden Gate Fields suspended Oviedo for 30 days and fined him \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample from Heisman U, a horse in his care, contained o-desmethylpyrilamine and norpseudoephedrine. O-Desmethylpyrilamine is a metabolite of prylamine. Norpseudoephedrine is a metabolite of pseudoephedrine. These drugs are commonly found in combination in over-the-counter cough remedies for horses. Oviedo declined a split-sample analysis. This is a Class 3 violation. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed 25 days of the suspension, provided Oviedo commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. He served the remaining five days of his suspension February 5-9. Heisman U finished second in the sixth race at Golden Gate on August 28, 2010. The stewards disqualified Heisman U from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Elmer January for 30 days and fined him \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from Thunder One, a horse in his care, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided January commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. He began serving the remaining 15 days of the suspension on February 6. Thunder One finished second in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on December 5, 2010. The stewards subsequently disqualified Thunder One from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Carlos De Jesus Gonzalez for 30 days and fined him \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (4) (g), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample from Red Hot Times, a horse in his care, contained albuterol in excess of the authorized decision level. Albuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Gonzalez declined a split-sample analysis. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 10 days of the suspension provided Gonzalez commits no further

Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. He began serving the remaining 20 days of his suspension on February 14. Red Hot Times finished first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on January 2, 2011. The stewards subsequently disqualified Red Hot Times from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Dean Pederson, the stewards at Golden Gate Fields fined the trainer \$1,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample from I Swear, a horse in his care, contained 4 hydroxypropranolol, a metabolite of propranolol. Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Laboratory confirmed the presence of propranolol in the split sample. Propranolol is a non-selective beta blocker mainly used in the treatment of hypertension in humans but is rarely used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. I Swear finished first in the sixth race at Santa Rosa on August 6. The stewards disqualified I Swear from that race and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

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