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Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, December 8, 2025, through Sunday, December 14, 2025.

TUESDAY

12/09/25¹

ENTRIES

Steward David Nuesch was in to monitor entries for Friday. The racing office carded eight (8) races for Friday.

WEDNESDAY

12/10/25¹

ENTRIES/SCRATCHES

Steward David Nuesch was in to monitor entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday. The racing office carded nine (9) races for Saturday.

THURSDAY

12/11/25¹

RAMOS HEARING (CASE #25SA0143)

Present was trainer JESUS RAMOS and Jockey Francisco Monroy who was in to translate for Mr. Ramos for today's hearing. The CHRB filed a complaint against him for CHRB rule #1581.1 (Entries) when he failed to secure a pre-race soundness examination for his runner "Senor Tequilas" who ran in the fourth race for October 13, 2025. Mr. Ramos stated that his regular attending veterinarian was out of the office and he had a substitute veterinarian come in to do the examination. The confusion was that his regular veterinarian does the pre-treatment examination and the pre-race examination at the same time. This time the substitute did not do both exams. Unfortunately, this should have been caught before the race by the Official Veterinarian's office. Decision to follow.

12/11/25²

HERNANDEZ HEARING (CASE #25SA0144)

Trainer JOSE G. HERNANDEZ JR. was in to answer to a complaint filed by CHRB for rule #1581.1(Entries) for a violation that occurred on October 13, 2025. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. Mr. Hernandez Jr. stated that his regular attending veterinarian was off for the day, and a substitute

veterinarian was on duty. He believes the substitute veterinarian failed to enter the examination into the system. Since then, he has changed veterinarians. The Official Veterinarian's office should have caught the error, prior to running. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
12/12/25¹

MODIFIED LEZCANO RULING

After receiving notice from HISA that the appeal of Jockey ABEL LEZCANO of ruling LWTL #001 reached a resolution, the suspension and the fine has been reduced. The modified ruling is listed below.

LWTL Ruling #06

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey ABEL LEZCANO from ruling LWTL #01 (12-05-2025) has been modified, and by the order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – third offense) Jockey ABEL LEZCANO, who rode OLD PAL in the fifth race (Purse \$200,000) at Del Mar Race Track on November 29, 2025, is suspended for TWO (2) days (December 26 & 27, 2025) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

LAFB #11 06/28/2025
LATC #9 10/03/2025
LWTL #1 12/05/2025

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FILM REVIEW

Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY was in to review Sunday's fifth race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the video several times, the video was inclusive to determine if he violated the crop rule. Therefore, he was not issued a penalty.

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CRUZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey DAMIAN CRUZ and Francisco Monroy (representative) were in to review Sunday's ninth race in which he may have violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the footage several times everyone agreed that Mr. Cruz went two strikes over the legal limit. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LWTL Ruling #07

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – second offense) Jockey DAMIAN CRUZ, who rode CANDOROSA in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 7, 2025, is suspended for TWO (2) days (December 26 and 27, 2025) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

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RACE DELAY

The seventh race was delayed thirteen minutes after the jockey (H. I. Berrios) was injured in the starting gate. Jockey Tyler Baze quickly accepted the mount and the horse and rider galloped over to the gate. Mr. Berrios was later cleared to ride his remaining mount.

12/12/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Prancealot Kelly- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, unsound
#7 Call Me Susie- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$639.69

2nd Race #1 Tizthehartofdixie- Stewards' scratch- enter back
Refund \$109.30

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

4th Race #1 Drum Bunny- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
#2 Typhoon Tommy- Claimed by E. Alvarez, trainer
#4 Spun Not Stirred- Stewards' scratch- ineligible
Refund \$1,097.73

5th Race #1 A Rousing Babe- Claimed by B. McLean, trainer
#12 Miracle Ball- Claimed by J. Gilmour, trainer

6th Race #3 My Kimmie- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
#4 Danzing Zella- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured in gate
#11 Mini Again- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$8,895.09

7th Race #3 Dakota's Shadow- T. Baze replaces H.I. Berrios, injured
#6 Lil Tessa- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
#10 Tammy Baby- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$490.66

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	786	\$77,202.85
SCOTWINC	2,037	\$174,427.98
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$1,955,936.36
TOTAL	2,823	\$2,207,567.19

SATURDAY

12/13/25¹

OFFICIAL WARNINGS (CASE #25SA0143 & CASE #25SA0144)

Trainers JOSE HERNADEZ JR. and JESUS RAMOS both received official warnings in regard to Thursday's hearings. Both trainers use the same practicing veterinarian and when the doctor was not working that day, a substitute veterinarian was called in and the typical protocol was not followed. After these mitigating factors, they both received "Official Warnings."

LWTL Ruling #08

Trainer JESUS RAMOS is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries – Entry Examination required) on October 13, 2025, at Santa Anita Park.

LWTL Ruling #09

Trainer JOSE G. HERNANDEZ JR. is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries - Entry Examination required) on October 13, 2025, at Santa Anita Park.

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GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went very well, with no major issues to report other than the late changes listed below.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Don't Get Me Wrong- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
#7 Tee N Off- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, unsound
Refund \$1,254.07

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

3rd Race #5 Doo Wop Don- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
#8 Please Focus- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
Refund \$1,113.27

4th Race How Lovely (IRE)- claimed by S. Knapp, trainer

5th Race #8 What A Gift- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer

6th Race #2 Que Bella Luna- Claimed by A. Aquino, trainers
Refund \$2,508.10

7th Race #3 Free Nomination- A. Bautista replaces D. Mussad, sick
#7 Going Great Guns- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$686.17

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

9th Race #4 Crypto Ride- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
#7 Seager Man- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
Refund \$1,319.22

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,300	\$204,182.23
SCOTWINC	3,280	\$313,755.27
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$3,0664,114.31
TOTAL	4,580	\$3,582,051.81

SUNDAY

12/14/25¹

QUIET MORNING

The morning was quiet with no scheduled hearings or jockeys ordered to come in. We spent the morning overseeing scratches and changes for today's races.

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CLOSING DAY RACES

Closing day races, the ten (10) race card went very well with no major issues to report. The two week meet went well.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #6 Makenarita- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured (flipped)
Refund \$2,575.22

2nd Race #1 Night Time- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
Refund \$1,113.73

3rd Race #4 She's a Joker- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured
Refund \$513.93

4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

6th Race #3 Emirates Affair- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
 #4 Tequilaandtherapy- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, sick
 #7 Miz Clubcali- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
 Refund \$1,612.87
 7th Race #7 Stage Run- Steward's scratch- gelding
 Refund \$571.76
 8th Race #8 Tizthehartofdixie- A. Escobedo replaces D. Mussad, sick
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 10th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,031	\$138,047.33
SCOTWINC	2,599	\$299,013.39
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$3,235,029.14
TOTAL	3,630	\$3,672,089.86

SUMMARY

	Fri 09/12	Sat 09/13	Sun 09/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	4	4	3	11	20
Claims	3	4	2	9	14
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	3
Refunds	5	5	5	15	22
Rulings	2	2	0	4	9
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/08/25 – 12/14/25

Horses on Vet List 27
 Horses off Vet List 14
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward