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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Cypress, California  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 7, through Sunday January 11, 2026.**

**WEDNESDAY**1/07/26<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Saturday, January 10, 2026, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**THURSDAY**1/08/26<sup>1</sup>**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT (Case #25LA0204)**

The financial complaint filed against owner Christian Kroul by Equine Sports Medicine alleging an overdue debt for veterinarian services rendered, was withdrawn, after the Stewards were informed by Ms. Yesi Tenas, representing Equine Medicine, that a mutual agreement to settle the debt had been reached.

1/08/26<sup>2</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to supervise entries for Sunday, January 11, 2026, and changes to Saturday's program.

1/08/26<sup>3</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program. Following the review there were three recommended panel scratches and two entries making the hard watch list.

1/08/26<sup>4</sup>**RULING #5****Ruling #5**

Pursuant to a Stipulated Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, Jockey JOSE NICASIO is suspended for the term of his license (October 31, 2028) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (d)(Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – Participation in, or presence at, any non-recognized race meeting where racing occurred).

Furthermore, JOSE NICASIO agrees not to apply for any license issued by the California Horse Racing Board from this date forward.

Following the receipt of the signed settlement agreement and mutual release negotiated between Mr. Nicasio, his attorney, Mr. Bustamante, and the California Horse Racing Board, the Board of Stewards issued the above ruling.

**FRIDAY**  
1/09/26<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Sunday's program. Following the review there were three entries designated as hard watches.

1/09/26<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise scratches and changes to Sunday's program.

1/09/26<sup>3</sup>

**FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Brice Blanc, Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM and Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea attended the fatality review for the two-year-old Quarter Horse "Wynners Favorite" trained by Jose Flores, who was also present.

**SATURDAY**  
1/10/26<sup>1</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Jesus Mendoza for #3 Cioppina Pasadina (Tr. Charles Treece) after being notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, who reported the four-year-old filly was unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the vets list. Cioppina Pasadina was returned to the barn of Charles Treece.

1/10/26<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted an inquiry for a review of the start of the fifth race. Video shows #2 Dynasty Apollitical (Jockey Armando Viramontes) turned her head to the right and reared as the gate doors opened unseating jockey Viramontes. The Stewards decided in a majority decision (Steward Nuesch dissenting) that the three-year-old filly caused her own problem and was declared a starter. Jockey Viramontes and Dynasty Apollitical were reported to be uninjured.

1/10/26<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the seventh race for a review of an incident at the start involving #5 Nymphish (Jockey Gabriel Lara) DNF and #4 Cyber Star (Jockey Henry Lopez) who finished second. After a thorough review the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official. Video shows #5 Nymphish broke in sharply leaving the starting gate and bumped #4 Cyber Star appearing to clip heels, stumble and unseat Lara. Both horse and rider were reported to be uninjured.

1/10/26<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

Following the running of the eighth race the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine the start of the fifth-place horse #5 Politically Potent (Jockey Henry Lopez) and last place finisher #4 Maximos Toy (Jockey Erasmo Gasca). Video revealed #5 broke inward and made contact with #4. However, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish despite the contact, as we felt the incident did not prevent #4 the opportunity a of better placing.

1/10/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Patty's Luck (Jockey Eduard Rojas) – Replaced by Armando Aguilar

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Alan's Conquest (Tr. S. Paldanius) – Claimed by Tr. Jesus Uranga
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Big City Miss (A. Aquino) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$211.60
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #8 I Gotta Reason (Tr. S. Morfin) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$70.90

1/10/26<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	624	\$84,834.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	986	\$233,418.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$715,031.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,610	\$1,033,284.62

**SUNDAY**

1/11/26<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #6**

Ruling #6

Trainer PABLO DEJESUS, having failed to fulfill a financial agreement with Finish Line Insurance, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards were notified by Finish Line Self Insurance Group that Mr. DeJesus has failed to honor his commitment to the payments negotiated in the agreement signed by both parties.

1/11/26<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #7**

Ruling #7

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules or Regulations), Exercise Rider LIDIO BARRIENTOS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for failure to follow the orders of the morning outrider – Gallop while emergency lights and sirens were on.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Barrientos, and Jockey Room Custodian Moises Nieto, who interpreted for Mr. Barrientos, met with the Stewards and morning Outrider Michelle McGrath, who was available by telephone.

Ms. McGrath stated that Mr. Barrientos failed to heed her order to pull up his mount as the emergency lights were flashing for a loose horse on the track. Mr. Barrientos did not dispute the facts and accepted the penalty imposed.

1/11/26<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED - 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Hector Magallanes for #9 Golf Drama (Tr. A. Aquino) after being notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, who reported the six-year-old gelding bled and was placed on the vets list. Golf Drama was returned to the barn of Angela Aquino.

1/11/26<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the ninth race to determine what caused jockey Martin Arriaga to be unseated from his mount at the start. Video shows #5 Ecstatik broke in the air leaving the starting gate unseating Arriaga. No other horses were involved, and the race was made official.

1/11/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 My Bucket List (Jockey C. Herrera) Replaced by Cesar Ortega
- #3 Running Tiger (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$227.40
- #4 Lampy (Tr. A. Williams) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$134.40

- #5 Not Gonna Last (Tr. S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$7,680.76
- #7 Street Talker (Tr. A. Aquino) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$238.20
- #9 Golf Drama (Jockey Eduard Rojas) Replaced by Damian Cruz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Our Agenda (Jockey Adrian Escobedo) – Replaced by Leonel Camacho-Flores
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Arkadelphia (Jockey Adrian Escobedo) – Replaced by Armando Aguilar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Gentleman Rancher (Jockey Adrian Escobedo) – Replaced by Armando Aguilar
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Scoop Of Chocolate (Jockey Adrian Esobedo) – Replaced by Pedro Flores
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Cultural (Jockey Adrian Esobedo) – Replaced by Armando Aguilar
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Jessica Cruz (Tr. E. Andrade) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$509.34
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

1/11/26<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	600	\$82,508.40
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	919	\$236,700.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,203,958.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,519	\$1,523,167.16

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 1/09</b>	<b>Sat 1/10</b>	<b>Sun 1/11</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	0	1	2
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	3	1	4	4
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	5	7	11
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	0	2	2	6
<b>Voided Claims</b>		1	1	2	2

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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