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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California.**

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Report for the week of March 11, 2026, through March 15, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

3/11/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

3/11/26²

LATE DRAW

The racing office worked into the evening hours gathering up forty-three runners to complete an eight-race program for Saturday, which included an equal split of quarter horse and thoroughbred races. With a large part of the stable area now allotted to two-year-olds, and with many of them performing in qualifying workouts recently, they undoubtedly will soon be an integral part of our racing program, possibly as soon as next week.

3/11/26³

CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for California bred maidens, fillies and mares three-year-olds and upward, did not fill and was called off.

THURSDAY

3/12/26¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card, along with overseeing entries for Sunday's races. Additionally, the entry panel met to review and discuss the runners on Saturday's eight-race program. No scratches were submitted.

3/12/26²

HISA / STEWARDS MEETING

The Board of Stewards attended a meeting, via Microsoft Teams, that was hosted by Dr. Jennifer Durenburger, together with the Santa Anita Stewards. The main topic was to create a national standard on how scratches should be designated and reported to the public. Various topics were also discussed during the hour-long meeting.

3/12/26³

THE DRAW

The Racing Office had a bit of an easier time today and was able to fill another eight-race card for Sunday, with five around-the-turn races included.

3/12/26⁴

CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for California bred maidens, three-year-olds and upward, was opened up to all runners and ultimately used as the seventh race on the card.

FRIDAY

3/13/26¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Racing Office staff reassembled this morning and put a race card together for Sunday evening, which was drawn just before noon. With just forty-six horses spread over eight races, three races were carded with just five runners each. As the overnight was created after scratch-time, all late changes will be made on Sunday afternoon. The entry panel will meet later this afternoon (via telephone) to review and discuss all the runners on the eight-race program.

SATURDAY

3/14/26¹

JOCKEY CHANGES

The Santa Anita Stewards called to let us know that apprentice jockey Pablo Castillo was involved in a spill and would not be cleared to ride his two scheduled mounts this evening. Additionally, jockey Cristobal Herrera called saying that he would not be able to make it in time to ride the first race, as he is scheduled to ride in the ninth race at Santa Anita.

3/14/26²

VOIDED CLAIM

The claim submitted for Old Timer was voided by the Stewards after the runner did not pass his post-race examination, that was performed by Dr. Gary Beck. Old Timer was placed on the Vet's list and will remain in the care of trainer Craig Dollase.

3/14/26³

LATE SCRATCH

As the seventh race runners were parading in front of the grandstand, #1 La Solita suddenly reared up and fell over, unseating jockey Damian Diaz Cruz. Though La Solita was instantly caught by outrider Keith Craigmyle, the Stewards withdrew the runner, on the advice of the track veterinarian. The late scratch brought the field size down to just four runners, forcing the Stewards to cancel show wagering.

3/14/26⁴

SMOOTH SAILING

Other than the card being so thin, this evening's eight-race program went quite smoothly.

3/14/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 Aquila Azul (Tr. J. Valdez) Jockey changed to F. Monroy
	#2 Nickdaboss (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr) Jockey changed to P. Flores
	#3 Old Timer (Tr. C. Dollase) Claimed by trainer A. Aquino - VOIDED
4 th Race	#4 Conquest Celsius (Tr. A. Aquino) Jockey changed to E. Payeras
5 th Race	#3 Honeymoon Suite (Tr. R. Lucas) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$170.73
	-No Show Wagering-
7 th Race	#1 La Solita (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Stewards-Loose post parade - Refund: \$1,790.62
	#6 Shawdow Casting (Tr. R. Lucas) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$145.60
	-No Show Wagering-
8 th Race	#1 Jess Maxi N Me (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards-Entered back - Refund: \$164.01
	#5 Leavin The Cartel (Tr. E. Willis) Stewards-Medication - Refund: \$492.02
	#7 Jess Ronnie D (Tr. A. Farias) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$460.67
	-No Show Wagering-

3/14/26⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	763	\$71,684.60
SCOTWINC	1,049	\$265,154.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$651,853.27
TOTAL	1,812	\$988,692.27

SUNDAY3/15/26¹**HERRERA RULING**

Jockey Cristobal Herrera, who rode the final race on Santa Anita's card yesterday, was issued the following ruling because of him not being able to fulfill his riding commitment last night here at Los Alamitos Racecourse.

Ruling # 24

Jockey CRISTOBAL HERRERA is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing a late rider change in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 14, 2026.

3/15/26²**POST-RACE FATALITY**

Following the running of the third race, as #6 Took Charge was jogging back to the unsaddling area, the nine-year-old gelding collapsed. The racing veterinarian was quickly on the scene, but Took Charge died moments later, of a presumed cardiac event. Took Charge will undergo a full necropsy, and a fatality review will also be conducted, per CHRB rules 1846.5 and 1846.6.

3/15/26³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

3rd Race #3 Ex Wife (Tr. J. Nunez) Claimed by trainer J. Nunez
 4th Race #2 Our Agenda (Tr. R. Quinonez) Stewards-Entered back – Refund: \$340.93
 5th Race #1 Autism Puzzle (Tr. G. Vallejo) Claimed by trainer J. Farias
 #4 Hellova Louella (Tr. A. Aquino) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$126.61
 #7 Lampy (Tr. A. Williams) Stewards-Ineligible - Refund: \$341.57

3/15/26⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	595	\$80,038.10
SCOTWINC	931	\$246,047.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,106,161.00
TOTAL	1,526	\$1,432,246.90

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/13	Sat 03/14	Sun 03/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	1	2	17
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	-	0	0	0	12
Refunds	D	6	3	9	74
Rulings	A	0	1	1	24
Voided Claims	Y	1	0	1	7

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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