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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, May 6, through Sunday, May 10, 2026.

WEDNESDAY5/06/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward is on entry duty this week and will also be writing minutes.

5/06/26²**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

The Racing Office crew is at work this morning, accepting entries for this Saturday's racing program.

THURSDAY5/07/26¹**SATURDAY CARD / SUNDAY ENTRIES**

The nine-race program for Saturday filled fairly well, as the card was finalized by 3:00 P.M. Entries for the Mother's Day racing program are under way this morning. The Los Alamitos panel met this morning, with four "hard watch" horses listed for extra scrutiny. There was also one horse scratched as it did not meet workout requirements.

5/07/26²**HEARING DAY**

A hearing scheduled for this morning was postponed as both complainant and respondent were unavailable. The complaint will be heard on May 21, 2026.

Robyn Gordon and Adan Farias were in the office to attempt a re-negotiation of a financial agreement between them. During the discussion it was mentioned that Mr. Farias might be in a position to have funds available should Ms. Gordon be agreeable to a reduction in the total amount owed.

Stay tuned for further developments.

5/07/26³**NEW APPRENTICE JOCKEY**

Cristofer Ochoa, who is scheduled to start his career this Sunday, was licensed this morning after securing the necessary paperwork. The twenty-five-year-old has worked as an exercise rider for several years, has worked numerous horses from the gate under the watchful eye of Starter Gary Brinson, and is familiar with the horse he is named to ride.

FRIDAY5/08/26¹**SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

The card for Mother's Day filled well, as nine races were drawn by 2:30 P.M. Highlighting the racing program will be the Grade II Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity at 300 yards. Trainer Jose Flores has seven of the finalists, so the saddling situation will be akin to an assembly line. The panel convened this morning, resulting in one horse being scratched due to physical issues and four horses placed on the "hard watch" list.

SATURDAY5/09/26¹**KINDERGARTEN ENTRY ISSUE**

The Stewards met with trainer Jose Flores this afternoon to appraise him of an issue with three of his horses in tomorrow night's Kindergarten Futurity. Veterinary record from Mr. Flores' attending veterinarian, Dr. Carlos Cervantes, indicated that the horses Cyber Eyes, Contentious and Bridgewater received interarticular injections in their knees following the Kindergarten trials. Cyber Eyes and Bridgewater received their injections on April 24th, while Contentious had the procedure the following day. All horses had x-rays taken on April 29th. This was in direct conflict with a "house rule" ratified by the Board which required an x-ray prior to a horse receiving the injection. We informed Mr. Flores that we would take no action until tomorrow afternoon to allow him time to retain counsel if he so desired.

5/09/26²**RULING #34****Ruling #34**

Trainer RODOLFO VIRAMONTES is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Mr. Viramontes. While there was some degree of guilt on the trainer's part, it did not give rise to a monetary penalty. We therefore opted for an Official Warning.

5/09/26³**QUIET NIGHT**

All matters taking place during the racing program were routine and not worthy of inclusion in these minutes.

5/09/26⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 Big Brother Ron (Tr. M. Stortz) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$236.15
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race No Changes
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race #5 Lose Ur Cotton (Tr. A. Aquino) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$295.30

5/09/26⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	761	\$88,687.60
SCOTWINC	938	\$229,626.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$849,977.53
TOTAL	1,699	\$1,168,291.43

SUNDAY5/10/26¹**KINDERGARTEN ENTRY ISSUE-CHAPTER TWO**

The Stewards met with Jose Flores, his counsel, Bruce Guttman, Esq., and attending veterinarian Dr. Carlos Cervantes to finalize issues surrounding three of Mr. Flores' horses entered in tonight's Kindergarten Futurity. Mr. Guttman produced documentation regarding a horse which had received treatment in the same manner as the Flores horses but was allowed to participate. He indicated that the Stewards "looked the other way" in the matter due to the connections involved. This was the first we knew of that situation.

Dr. Cervantes testified that the injections were given strictly as maintenance. He was not aware of the "house rule".

Counselor Guttman argued that there was no intent to disregard the rule and that the violation did not impact the health of the horses. He asked that we let the horses run and deal with the issues later. His request was denied as there was an issue which he could not overcome – the violations themselves.

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RULING #35

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Jockey CESAR FRANCO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding A J Flawless in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 3, 2026.

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CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of the horse Only Reputation from the second race by trainer Sergio Morfin was voided as Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the right foreleg when it returned to the test barn. The horse was returned to the original trainer, Ryan Hanson.

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STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the sixth race to review the slow start of #3 One Sweet Duck, the odds-on favorite at 3/5. Following a review and a discussion with Starter Gary Brinson, the Stewards, by majority vote – Steward Nuesch dissenting – determined that One Sweet Duck caused its own problem by whipping its head to the right just as the stall doors opened. Mr. Nuesch felt that the assistant starter played a part in the horse's delayed departure from the gate.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #5 Treximo (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$895.89
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race #1 Cyber Eyes (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards – Refund: \$745.25
- #2 Teller Looks MRL (Tr. J. Gomez) Stewards – Refund: \$314.35
- #3 Contentious (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards – Refund: \$864.50
- #8 Bridgewater (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards – Refund: \$786.89

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	803	\$89,044.80
SCOTWINC	876	\$203,509.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,247,016.50
TOTAL	1,679	\$1,539,570.50

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/08	Sat 5/09	Sun 5/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	1	1	27
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	D	0	1	1	19
Refunds	A	2	5	7	131
Rulings	Y	1	1	2	35
Voided Claims		0	1	1	11

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

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