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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION**

Hollywood Park

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr. Governor  
Honorable David Israel, Chairman  
Honorable Chuck Winner, Vice-Chairman  
Honorable Steve Beneto, Member  
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
Honorable Bo Derek, Member  
Honorable George Krikorian, Member  
Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, Member  
Jacqueline Wagner, Acting Executive Director

For the period: Thursday, November 7, 2013, through, Sunday, December 22, 2013.

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**WEEK 5-Sunday, December 1, 2013-Saturday, December 7, 2013**

**SUNDAY**  
12/01/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #5 Easy Topper (Stewards--entered back) refund of \$618.00

5<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Zip Cat (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$2,395.50

6<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Dice Flavor (Stakes) refund of \$2,335.54

12/01/13<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Salvador Iniguez was in the office this morning to review the fifth race from November 28, during which he used his whip three times on a horse which was in last place and stopping badly. After seeing the video,

Mr. Iniguez acknowledged his mistake said that it would not happen again. A warning was issued.

12/01/13<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed an incident in the stretch involving first and second place finishers, #5 Battled (R. Bejarano) and #8 Secretsatmidnight (M. Garcia). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Battled from first to second position. Video review showed that the original winner drifted out steadily through the stretch – approximately eight paths, and made contact with the second place horse just prior to the finish. The incident, in the Stewards opinion, cost Mr. Garcia and his mount the win as the margin at the wire was a "head".

12/01/13<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On-Track	3,896	1,081,974.20
Satellites	6,646	2,471,516.10
ADW	n/a	1,986,003.60
Out of state	n/a	5,156,841.20
Total	10,542	10,696,335.10

**THURSDAY**

12/05/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #3 Wedding Note (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$419.00

7<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Rock And Glory (Main Track Only) refund of \$886.05

8<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Tiz The Season (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,590.88

12/05/13<sup>2</sup>

**RULING HRTH #022**

Jockey **RAFAEL BEJARANO**, who rode "Battled" in the seventh race at Hollywood Park on December 1, 2013, is suspended for **THREE (3) RACING DAYS (December 8, 12, and December 13, 2013)** for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to

second position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699(Riding Rules-careless riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(Designated Races).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Bejarano viewed the seventh race from 12-1-13, as his mount was disqualified for interference during the stretch run.(Ref. 12-1-13<sup>3</sup>) The rider was candid, stating that he did not make an acceptable effort to control his mount.

12/05/13<sup>3</sup>

#### **BUG RIDER REPLACED**

Apprentice jockey Drayden VanDyke, who has one win to his credit in his abbreviated career, was replaced by Aaron Gryder in the second race as VanDyke was named to ride a two-year-old filly for trainer Tom Proctor. A long standing policy approved by the Jockeys' Guild dictates that apprentice jockeys must have ridden at least five winners in order to be eligible to ride two-year-olds or first time starters of any age.

12/05/13<sup>4</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On-Track	2,168	414,416.80
Satellites	3,998	1,1254,801.20
ADW	n/a	647,487.30
Out of state	n/a	2,340,385.14
Total	6,166	4,657,090.44

**FRIDAY**  
12/06/13<sup>1</sup>

#### **A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #4 Zippingaroundtown (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$456.19

12/06/13<sup>2</sup>

#### **MEDICATION VIOLATION HEARING**

Trainer Doug O'Neill was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.5(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race). The alleged violation took place at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 24, 2013, as Safety Steward Luis Jauregui, while in the performance of his duties, observed Benjamin

Perez, a foreman in the O'Neill barn, give an amino acid substance to a horse scheduled to race that afternoon. The horse was subsequently scratched. In addition to the aforementioned rule violation, an ancillary rule noted in the complaint was #1629(Penalty for Late Declaration). In addition to Mr. O'Neill, present were the Board of Stewards and Investigator Phil Miyazaki. Michelle Deireg recorded the proceedings. Mr. O'Neill stipulated to the violation, stating that his employee mistakenly gave "Cinco De Mario" the horse in to race that day, a dose of BC2A, an amino acid preparation he commonly uses in his barn. The horse "Handsome Mike, scheduled to race the following day, was supposed to receive the administration according to Mr. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill accepted full responsibility for the violation and said that he and his staff have revamped their procedures and have corrected the problem. The CHRB did not have a position regarding a penalty. A decision will be rendered shortly.

12/06/13<sup>3</sup>

#### ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race as the Stewards reviewed the cause of an accident near the ¼ pole involving #2 Rocky Barboa, with Alex Bisono aboard, and #5 Bob Consultation, ridden by Fernando Perez. After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the spill the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that #2 Rocky Barboa broke down and fell while contending for the lead. #5 Bob Consultation, racing directly behind the ill fated horse, could not avoid the downed competitor and fell over that one, sending jockey Perez to the track. Preliminary reports indicated that Perez suffered a fractured collar bone, while Bisono was taken to first aid, where he was examined by the track physician and cleared to ride. Rocky Barboa was euthanized in the equine ambulance while Bob Consultation was placed on the Veterinarian's List as unsound.

12/06/13<sup>4</sup>

#### INQUIRY INTO START/NO CHANGE

The inquiry was posted following the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed the start of the race, particularly that of #4 Rushomatic. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to declare Rushomatic a "starter". Video showed the horse going straight in the air as the field was dispatched, unseating the rider, Felipe Martinez.

12/06/13<sup>5</sup>

#### CLAIMS VOIDED

Three claims were voided during the afternoon racing program. #5 Bob Consultation and #7 Hazardous were voided following the first race due to physical issues while #1 Willyconker, the winner of the fourth race was voided as the horse was unsound during its time in the Receiving Barn.

12/06/13<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On-Track	1,830	437,524.70
Satellites	4,397	1,465,231.00
ADW	n/a	853,434.60
Out of state	n/a	3,023,581.34
Total	6,227	5,779,771.64

**SATURDAY**

12/07/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #1 Blues And Silvers (Off Turf) refund of \$4,749.29

5<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Wrightwood (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,141.31

7<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Rebelution (Off Turf)

#2 Kathleen Rose (Off Turf)

#7 Akiss Forarose (Off Turf)

#8 Krazyppapaya (Off Turf) refund of \$15,592.60

8<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Customer Base (Stakes) refund of \$950.60

9<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Change Your Luck (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$559.49

12/07/13<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY EXCUSED**

Fernando Perez, who went down in a spill yesterday, was confirmed to have fractured a collar bone and will be sidelined for an undetermined length of time. Replacement riders were named.

12/07/13<sup>3</sup>

**TYLER BAZE HEARING**

Suspended jockey Tyler Baze was in the office this morning, along with members of his support team, seeking to have his license re-instated. He appeared at Santa Anita this past October attempting to be restored to good standing, but was turned down as he had not complied with the terms of a ruling issued in July which mandated that he be evaluated by Winners Foundation.

In addition to the Board of Stewards, present were Bob Fletcher, Executive Director of the Winners Foundation; Craig O'Bryan, who is Tyler's agent; Mark Kisner, from Hired Power, a firm which deals with addiction problems. Investigator Phil Miyazaki represented the Board. Also in attendance were Steve Anderson, correspondent for the Daily Racing Form, Darrel Haire, Western Regional manager of the Jockeys' Guild, and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui.

Mr. Baze testified that he is ready and willing to do whatever is asked of him, as he needs to get his career back on track. He was candid, admitting that he did have a slip up as he consumed three drinks on November 20<sup>th</sup>. He testified he has had no alcohol since that time. He said that he is currently living at Garfield Place, a residential recovery home located in Monrovia and will do so for as long as it takes to continue his sobriety. He has signed a two year contract with Winners Foundation, part of which requires him to attend five meetings per week, two of which must be at the Winners Foundation facility. Mr. Baze supplied a meeting attendance card, which denoted meetings above the required minimum number.

Mr. Fletcher testified that he evaluated Mr. Baze a couple of days after the October ruling was issued and found him to have a different outlook on his recovery than before. He said that Mr. Baze is on an extremely "short leash", to the point that the rider had to buy a new cellular phone and can only have contact numbers in it which have been approved by Fletcher and the director of the sober living home.

Mr. Kisner testified that he and his company will be part of an independent monitoring system keeping track of Mr. Baze and that the rider will have an elaborate breathalyzer on his person so that he can be tested at a moment's notice. Should there be a problem, Mr. Fletcher will be immediately notified and he in turn will notify the Stewards should a problem occur on a day of racing.

Finally, Mr. Haire testified that in his dealings with Mr. Baze, he has observed a different, positive attitude and he feels Tyler is ready to return. We have taken the matter under submission and will render a decision in the next few days.

12/07/13<sup>4</sup> All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

12/07/13<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On-Track	3,942	889,995.80
Satellites	6,484	2,565,372.20
ADW	n/a	1,288,512.30
Out of state	n/a	4,848,572.04
Total	10,426	9,592,452.33

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

### **VETERINARIAN REPORT** ~ 11/25/13-12/01/13

Horses on Vet List     15  
 Horses off Vet List    13  
 Shock Wave Therapy   18  
 Deceased                3  
 Medication              0  
 Claims Voided         1

### **SUMMARY**

	Sun 12/01	Thur 12/05	Fri 12/06	Sat 12/07			Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	2	0			3	12
Disqualifications	1	0	0	0			1	3
Rulings	0	1	0	0			1	22
Refunds	3	3	1	5			12	97
Accidents	0	0	3	0			3	3
Claims	9	8	4	1			22	75
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1			2	27
Claims Voided	0	0	3	0			3	10

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Ward*

Tom Ward, Steward

*Kim Sawyer*

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*C. Chaney*

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

*Luis Jauregui*

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward