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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.**

**Santa Anita Park**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
Honorable Keith Brackpool, Chairman  
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Honorable John C. Harris, Member  
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**For the period: Wednesday, March 3, 2010, through Sunday, March 7, 2010.**

**WEDNESDAY**

03/03/10<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #4 Right to Work (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,577.88

4<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Enchanted Circle (Vet-sick) refund of \$875.20

5<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Shesgoinghollywood (Vet-injured) refund of \$318.40

6<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Boulder Creek (entered back) refund of \$630.92

03/03/10<sup>2</sup>

**NEW APPRENTICE**

Sixteen-year-old Tyler Kaplan was in the office this morning seeking approval of his application for an apprentice jockey's license. The young man graduated from Chris McCarron's North American Riding Academy (jockey school) some months back, has been galloping since then, and all reports indicate that he is ready to take the next step. Tyler will be represented by agent Tom Knust, and will tack 109lbs. He makes his debut tomorrow.

03/03/10<sup>3</sup>

**OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN COMPLAINT**

Veterinarian Herb Warren was in the office today in response to a complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Jill Bailey alleging that the doctor failed to submit his confidential reports in a timely manner on two occasions. Dr. Warren said that while he tries to comply with Dr.

Bailey's mandates, on the dates in question he simply was tardy. Since Dr. Warren's last sanction for a medication violation was nearly seventeen years ago, it was felt that a warning was in order.

03/03/10<sup>4</sup>

**JOCKEY OBJECTION-NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the seventh race as Victor Espinoza (2<sup>nd</sup>, #7 Exquisite) lodged a claim of foul against Joel Rosario (1<sup>st</sup>, #9 You Lift Me Up) for interference entering the stretch. Espinoza felt that Rosario's mount drifted out at the elbow, placing him on heels and forcing him to check. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placing intact. While Espinoza did steady momentarily, it was the Stewards' opinion that his finish position was not compromised by the actions of the winner.

03/03/10<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,631	935,311.00
Inter-track	5,533	1,655,805.10
Out of state	n/a	3,195,409.32
Total	9,164	5,786,525.42

**THURSDAY**

03/04/10<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Daniella Roth (entered back) refund of \$493.37

7<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Seriously (Vet-sick) refund of \$336.00

8<sup>th</sup> race - #11 Sibersky (AE)  
#12 Flying Suances (AE)  
#13 Verbicaro (AE)  
#14 Laura Beasley (AE) refund of \$766.22

03/04/10<sup>2</sup>

**WEEKEND WEATHER CONCERNS**

Director of Racing Michael Harlow, Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle, and Director of Pari-Mutuels Randy Hartzell were in the office seeking the Stewards' approval to card the Sham Stakes, scheduled to be run this coming Saturday, back on Sunday. Their reasoning was that Saturday weather could produce enough rain that the card might have to be scrapped and the race, being for three-year-olds and graded, may have implications on Kentucky Derby eligibility. The plan is to card the race as the final race (tenth) on the card and have it as a "stand alone" race, meaning that it would not be part of any multiple race wagers. Should the Saturday card be run, obviously the Sunday race would be cancelled.

03/04/10<sup>3</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing into a complaint filed against trainer Bob Baffert by Board investigators was held this morning. The allegation was that the post race sample collected from the Baffert-trained "Mother Ruth", the fifth place finisher in the third race at Santa Anita Park on January 7,

2010, showed the presence of 2,425ng/ml of Flunixin, over forty times the legal limit. Mr. Baffert was not in attendance, having come in yesterday to discuss the case. He had no explanation for the findings, stating that given the amount of Flunixin in the sample there had to have been a major error, either on the part of his help or his veterinarians. The trainer agreed to any sanction imposed by the Stewards.

The last medication penalty imposed on Mr. Baffert was for a Phenylbutazone overage back in April of 2002. Since that time he has started 9,116 horses without a violation. The Stewards took that into account as a mitigating factor when issuing the following penalty:

**LATS #061**

Trainer **ROBERT “BOB” BAFFERT**, who started the horse “Mother Ruth”, the fifth place finisher in the third race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 7, 2010, is fined **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (c) (2) (Authorized Medication – Flunixin in excess of permitted level – 1st offense).

03/04/10<sup>4</sup>

**LATS RULING #062**

Trainer **KEITH CRAIGMYLE**, is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horse “Frankelstein” in the sixth race on January 27, 2010.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Craigmyle participated in a telephonic hearing regarding a complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Jill Bailey to the effect that Craigmyle’s horse “Frankelstein” was late to the Receiving Barn for the sixth race on January 27, 2010. The trainer had no excuse, stating that he was on the front side when the violation occurred and did not get a valid excuse from the groom.

03/04/10<sup>5</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Garrett Gomez was excused from his mounts this afternoon due to illness.

03/04/10<sup>6</sup>

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

03/04/10<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,075	1,068,778.90
Inter-track	6,212	1,835,652.90
Out of state	n/a	3,760,479.78
Total	10,287	6,664,911.58

**FRIDAY**  
03/05/10<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #4 Flashy Traveler (Vet-sick) refund of \$3,287.29

5<sup>th</sup> race - #13 Stephen's Got Hope (entered back) refund of \$1,314.64

8<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Blackman Bay (Vet-sick) refund of \$4,914.19

03/05/10<sup>2</sup>

**MILTON HARRIS HEARING**

In what some may feel was a waste of man hours, resources and money, a formal hearing was held into a complaint filed against groom Milton Harris for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489(f) and #1874(Disorderly Conduct). The complaint alleged that Harris failed to pay for an order of one of nature's perfect foods – chili cheese fries – at the stable cafeteria on January 8, 2010. Total value of the theft was \$3.75. Harris subsequently paid for his order after being informed several days later that a video surveillance camera showed him walking past the cashier without paying for his food.

Present were the Stewards, investigator Phil Miyazaki, who presented the case for the Board, and Supervising Investigator Bill Westermann, who showed the video. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Owner/café manager Richard Harris testified that he was informed by another customer that Harris did not pay for his order. He reviewed video, which confirmed the manager's statement. Cashiers/servers Christina Newton and Angelina Canchola verified what the video showed. The cafeteria chef, Carlos Suarez, testified that Harris did place an order for chili cheese fries but had no knowledge of whether the order was paid for by Harris. The video of the caper was viewed by the Stewards, along with Harris. After looking at the video, Harris admitted that it appeared he, in fact, did not pay for the order. There was another incident not involving a failure to pay on January 24, 2010, when Harris again ordered chili cheese fries. This time he swore when addressing cashier Christina Newton. He was removed from the grounds on that date and has been working at Hollywood Park since that date.

The Stewards will ruminate the testimony before reaching a decision.

03/05/10<sup>3</sup>

**VETERINARIAN WARNED**

Dr. Leslie McLaughlin received a warning following a hearing into a complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Jill Bailey into the doctor's failure to list an anabolic steroid on a separate confidential veterinary report. Stanozolol had been listed along with other medications given the horse May Do, trained by Robert Troeger, but Dr. McLaughlin failed to list the drug separately. She apologized for her error and said that she now lists anabolic steroids in long hand on a confidential report.

03/05/10<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER WARNED**

Trainer Rafael Martinez received a warning into his failure to have his horse I Wanna Getaway on the grounds at the proper time, The horse

was due by 9:25 A.M, but did not arrive until shortly after 10:00. Mr. Martinez said the horse left Hollywood Park at 8:30 and he thought that gave the van enough time to make the trip.

03/05/10<sup>5</sup>

**APPRENTICE VIDEO REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey Tyler Kaplan, who made his riding debut a winning one on Thursday, was in the office to discuss his ride. Tyler showed his lack of experience as he put himself and his mount in a precarious position along the rail on more than one occasion. Once in the clear, he rode well, getting up to win by a half length.

03/05/10<sup>6</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the second race to review an incident in the closing yards involving the second and fourth place finishers, #7 Suziqcutie (D. Sorenson) and #2 Suances de Espana (J. Rosario) Observation showed Rosario taking up sharply when Sorenson's mount closed strongly in the final 1/16<sup>th</sup>.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change in the placings. The 7/8<sup>th</sup> camera angle showed what the pan did not – that Rosario's mount had drifted out on its own, onto the heels of the winner, #6 Enchanting Moment, who had maintained a straight course late in the race.

03/05/10<sup>7</sup>

**ACCIDENT-STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review the circumstances which resulted in jockey Joel Rosario, aboard #1 Belongs to Gotham, being unseated from his mount in deep stretch. After listening to reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the spill the Stewards made the race "official". The incident was caused when Rosario's left foot slipped out of the inside iron, causing him to lose his balance and fall. He was taken to first aid by the paramedics and examined by the track physician. Preliminary reports indicate that he was not seriously injured. He was removed from his remaining mounts after complaining of a sore tail bone. Replacement riders were named.

03/05/10<sup>8</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #6 Smoke Cat was off in the right foreleg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead. The resulting refund amounted to \$187,496.52

03/05/10<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,316	1,309,535.00
Inter-track	6,706	2,019,888.90
Out of state	n/a	5,272,922.05
Total	13,022	8,602,345.95

**SATURDAY**03/06/10<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**2<sup>nd</sup> race - #2 Euro Gal (Vet-injured) refund of \$3,837.2203/06/10<sup>2</sup>**LATS RULING #063**

Trainer **DOUG O'NEILL**, is fined **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer-late submission of scratch card) on March 5, 2010 at Santa Anita Race Track.

This ruling was issued after the trainer accepted responsibility for failing to file a scratch card for his horse at the proper time.

03/06/10<sup>3</sup>**LATS RULING #064**

Stable Foreman **MILTON HARRIS, JR.** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-abusive language and behavior).

The foregoing ruling was issued to finalize the case against Mr. Harris. (Ref. 3-5-10<sup>2</sup>)

03/06/10<sup>4</sup>**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool occurred in the eighth as #5 Blind Luck, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 1/2, closed strongly to finish third. The amount needed to balance the books amounted to \$70,948.26

03/06/10<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	23,829	3,274,569.60
Inter-track	10,867	3,736,407.70
Out of state	n/a	8,973,910.41
Total	34,696	15,984,887.71

**SUNDAY**03/07/10<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**2<sup>nd</sup> race - #3 Acquire the Fire (Vet-injured)

#7 Orientation Hall (Vet-sick) refund of \$5,213.06

4<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Mr. Rod (off turf)

#3 Lt. Hopeful (off turf)

#7 Mr. Bossy Pants (Vet-injured) refund of \$3,216.58

7<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Mr. Gruff (off turf) refund of \$1,459.849<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Turfsup (Track condition) refund of \$445.40

- 03/07/10<sup>2</sup> **FINANCIAL AGREEMENT REACHED**  
 A financial complaint filed by owner John Pinner against Bloodstock Dennis Boultinghouse for a horse sale gone sour culminated with the two coming to an arrangement. A financial agreement of \$500.00 per month was signed in front of the Stewards.
- 03/07/10<sup>3</sup> **VETERINARIAN WARNED**  
 Dr. Amy Nevens was in the office today in response to a complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Jill Bailey in that she failed to the anabolic steroid Winstrol on a separate confidential report. Dr. Nevens was apologetic, stating that she would be more careful in the future.
- 03/07/10<sup>4</sup> **MINUS POOL**  
 A minus pool of \$50,981.10 was created in the first race as #1 Good Measure, odds-on at 2/5, proved a facile winner.
- 03/07/10<sup>5</sup> **STARTING GATE DEBACLE**  
 The start of the sixth race was delayed by eleven minutes due to two separate incidents. The original took place when #8 Empress Way, trained by Eoin Harty, flipped in the gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. Unfortunately, when Empress Way was thrashing in the gate she kicked and injured Harty's other entrant, #7 Kayce Ace. Dr. Stead also recommended a scratch for that horse. Once the dust had settled and the horses were being re-loaded, #9 Misinjennuous decided that she did not want to cooperate and was scratched on the advice of Starter Jay Slender. The total amount of the refund came to \$406,386.83

03/07/10<sup>6</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,579	1,750,421.20
Inter-track	8,940	2,487,754.40
Out of state	n/a	4,711,395.78
Total	16,519	8,949,571.38

## W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

**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** - WEEK of 03/01/10 – 03/07/10

Horses on Vet List 13  
 Horses off Vet List 6  
 Shock Wave Therapy 20  
 Deceased 2  
 Medication 17

## SUMMARY

	Wed. 03/03	Thurs. 03/04	Fri. 03/05	Sat. 03/06	Sun. 03/07		Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	2	0	0		3	17
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	1
Rulings	0	2	0	2	0		4	64
Refunds	4	3	4	1	5		17	231
Accidents	0	0	1	0	0		1	6
Claims	2	1	1	3	2		9	91
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	0		3	44

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward