



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB**

Santa Anita Park

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**WEEK 6-Sunday, January 29, 2012-Saturday, February 04, 2012**

**SUNDAY**

01/29/12<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #5 Anside (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$3,618.69  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #5Qartar's Pearl (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,958.66  
8<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Dontbeshy I'll Buy (enter back) refund of \$647.82  
9<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Argue My Case (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$956.90

01/29/12<sup>2</sup>

**FINANCIAL DISMISSALS**

Financial complaints filed against trainer David Showalter by former employees J. Miguel Guillen and Angela Cifuentes were dismissed when Mr. Showalter produced checks to prove that he paid the two what they were owed. (Ref 1-7-2012<sup>5</sup>).

01/29/12<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the second race to review an incident near the one half mile pole involving #5 Dubai Macau Girl (2<sup>nd</sup>, O. Figueroa), #1 Folk Dancer (3<sup>rd</sup>, K. Krigger), and #3 Cha Da Boom (6<sup>th</sup>, C. Russell). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Dubai Macau Girl from second to sixth position. Video shows the horse drifting in without sufficient clearance approaching the ½ pole, and in the process placed the two horses and riders to his inside in a precarious position forcing the riders to check sharply. The incident, in the Stewards opinion, cost both horses affected the opportunity for a better placing.

01/29/12<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,972	\$1,708,103.70
Inter-track	7,448	\$2,241,168.90
Out of state	n/a	\$4,398,860.38
Total	14,420	\$8,833,069.48

**THURSDAY**

02/02/12<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #4 Fandino (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$359.40  
2<sup>nd</sup> race - #3 Spacecoast(Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$462.90  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Guiseppe G (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$372.80  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #12 Devoted Magic (Also eligible) refund of \$1,103.50

02/02/12<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LATS #033**

Jockey **OMAR FIGUEROA**, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (February 12, 16, and 17, 2012) for crossing over without sufficient clearance entering the far turn, causing interference and the disqualification of his mount "Dubai Macau Girl" in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 29, 2012. 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).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Figueroa had viewed video of the second race from January 29, in which his mount was disqualified for interference on the backstretch. (Ref. 1-29-2012<sup>3</sup>) The rider maintained that he was clear when he crossed over but video proved otherwise.

02/02/12<sup>3</sup>

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

02/02/12<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,243	\$779,420.70
Inter-track	5,281	\$1,481,792.40
Out of state	n/a	\$2,885,311.01
Total	8,524	\$5,412,565.41

**FRIDAY**

02/03/12<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

7<sup>th</sup> race - #11 Laura's Pleasure (Also eligible)  
#12 Picture Perfect (Also eligible) refund of \$1,237.90

02/03/12<sup>2</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race when #2 Flashy Rae became fractious in the starting gate and suffered a minor injury, prompting Racing Veterinarian Stead to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund from the late scratch amounted to \$98,584.44.

02/03/12<sup>3</sup>

**APPRENTICE REACHES MILESTONE**

Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores won the eighth race this afternoon, giving him forty wins for his career. He will now be entitled to a five pound weight allowance until the anniversary of his fifth win, which came on September 11, 2011, at the Los Angeles County Fair.

02/03/12<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,831	\$735,872.60
Inter-track	5,284	\$1,525,397.60
Out of state	n/a	\$3,368,803.51
Total	8,115	\$5,921,058.61

**SATURDAY**

02/04/12<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #5 El Gato Malo (Stakes) refund of \$1,738.70

4<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Indicator (enter back) refund of \$834.50

7<sup>th</sup> race - #14 Ten Devils (Also eligible) refund of \$2,492.90

9<sup>th</sup> race - #11 Striking Spirit (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,185.40

02/04/12<sup>2</sup>

**FINANCIAL SETTLED**

A financial complaint in the amount of approximately \$73,000, filed by trainer Patrick Gallagher against his former client, Madera Thoroughbreds, was resolved this morning as owners Cal and Jill Fischer executed a signed financial agreement.

02/04/12<sup>3</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race as #6 Gopharit injured itself during the loading procedure and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$214,019.55.

02/04/12<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the third race to review an incident in the stretch involving the first and third place finishers, #8 Mr. Commons(M. Smith) and #7 Massone(C. Nakatani). 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 let the original order of finish stand. While Nakatani did steady briefly while in close quarters, it was the Stewards' opinion that his finish position was not affected by the incident.

02/04/12<sup>5</sup>

**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the third race when Mr. Commons, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 2/5, proved much the best. The amount needed to balance the pools was \$50,605.77.

02/04/12<sup>6</sup>

**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race to review the circumstances which resulted in Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores, aboard #14 Mango Tart, being unseated from his mount at mid-stretch. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the original order of finish. Video confirmed that Flores' mount ran up on the heels of #1 Ramona's Ride (E. Maldonado) and stumbled, causing Flores to lose his balance and fall. The rider was not injured and completed his remaining engagements after being examined by the track physician. See attached accident report.

02/04/12<sup>7</sup>

**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed the cause of a spill at mid stretch involving #2 Liaison, ridden by Rafael Bejarano. After speaking with the riders available, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify the original third place finisher, #3 Groovin' Solo, ridden by Victor Espinoza. Review confirmed that Groovin' Solo came in passing the one eighth

pole to take the path of Liaison, causing that horse to clip heels and stumble sharply, unseating Bejarano. Fortunately, the rider suffered no ill effects from the accident and was cleared to ride after the doctor checked him at first aid. See attached accident report.

02/04/12<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	17,169	\$2,916,467.10
Inter-track	8,514	\$2,721,361.30
Out of state	n/a	\$6,572,866.61
Total	25,683	\$12,799,097.61

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 01/23/12 – 01/29/12

Horses on Vet List 17  
 Horses off Vet List 16  
 Shock Wave Therapy 12  
 Deceased 4  
 Medication 5

**SUMMARY**

	Sun 01/29	Thurs 02/02	Fri 02/03	Sat 02/04	Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	0	3	4	9
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	2	3
Rulings	0	1	0	0	1	33
Refunds	4	4	2	5	15	139
Accidents	0	0	0	2	2	7
Claims	4	5	7	2	18	96
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	1	2	27

Respectfully submitted,

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 Tom Ward, Steward

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward