



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB**

Santa Anita 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 Richard A. Rosenberg, Member  
Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

**WEEK 11-Sunday, March 3, 2012-Saturday, March 9, 2013**

**SUNDAY**  
03/03/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #2 Pyromancer (Veterinarian-unsound)  
#8 Sweet Spell (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,481.54  
6<sup>th</sup> race - #13 Whimsical Heat (Also eligible)  
#14 Real Heat (Also eligible) see 3-3-13<sup>4</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> race - #11 In Taylor's Honor (Also eligible)  
#13 Duke Street King (Also eligible) refund of \$5,364.01

03/03/13<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LATS #038**

Owner **RICHARD WIDEMAN**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-Kristin Mulhall \$12,203.96) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Richard Wideman are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Wideman is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction. This ruling was issued after Mr. Wideman failed to appear in response to a financial complaint filed against him by his former trainer, Kristin Mulhall.

03/03/13<sup>3</sup>

**BARN WARNING**

The Steve Asmussen barn was contacted this morning and given a warning regarding the horse Sir Bond reporting late to the Receiving Barn prior to the eighth race yesterday afternoon. Mr. Asmussen's assistant, Scott Blasi, accepted responsibility for the error, stating the barn had four horses in back to back races and this led to the mix up.

03/03/13<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #5 Tux unseated the rider, Alberto Delgado, as the field approached the starting gate and ran off down the hillside turf course. The resulting refund amounted to \$35,013.04.

03/03/13<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,481	\$1,667,144.30
Inter-track	7,229	\$2,245,666.60
Out of state	n/a	\$4,306,078.79
Total	15,710	\$8,672,638.39

**THURSDAY**

03/07/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

Heavy, localized morning rain at this venue prompted the cancellation of turf racing this afternoon. As might be expected, scratches were numerous. All scratches are due to a change in racing surface.

3rd race - #1 Tanquerray

#2 Bilbao

#3 Toluca

#7 Thermal Nermal

#8 Floxx

#10 Fadeintoinfinity refund of \$5,433.48

5<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Belonging

#3 Sweetest Sound

#5 Firmly

#8 Trojenna

#9 Readyforhercloseup

#11 Scorpion Pride refund of \$7,024.32

7<sup>th</sup> race - #3 One Firm Cat refund of \$795.68

03/07/13<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LATS #039**

Jockey **MARTIN GARCIA** is fined **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(4&5) (Use of Whips-continuing to use his whip when his mount was clearly out of the race), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 3, 2013.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia viewed the seventh race from Sunday. He acknowledged his mistake, but said that he felt the trainer would have been upset with him if he put the whip away too soon. The majority of Stewards felt that a fine was in order, with Ward dissenting.

03/07/13<sup>3</sup>

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

03/07/13<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,244	\$660,184.30
Inter-track	4,814	\$1,312,586.70
Out of state	n/a	\$1,922,082.08
Total	8,058	\$4,081,402.78

**FRIDAY**

03/08/13<sup>1</sup>

**BEDNAR HEARING**

Overnight rain once again curtailed turf racing this afternoon. All scratches are for a change in racing surface unless otherwise noted.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - #1 Always a Chance
  - #5 Luxuriance
  - #9 Tribal Custom
  - #10 Suances Flower refund of \$2,063.14
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Panettone (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$250.76
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Secret Cove refund of \$1,401.60
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Saddleranch (Veterinarian-injured)
  - #6 Italian Rules(Track condition) refund of \$1,579.93
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Atticus Jack
  - #4 Porfido
  - #7 Warren's Wild Thing refund of \$3,562.37
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Chantal's Girl (Track condition) refund of \$1,640.90

03/08/13<sup>2</sup>

**BEDNAR HEARING**

Jockey Vinnie Bednar was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board. He was accompanied by his attorney and family friend, Stephen Miller. Mr. Bednar had been ordered to submit to a urine test by the Board of Stewards on January 28, 2013, after his appearance and demeanor in the Stewards' office caused concern. He failed to arrive at the California Horse Racing Board office, subsequently left the grounds without alerting anyone in authority and did not fulfill his only mount of the day. He also took off of his mounts at Los Alamitos that night, concocting a story that his brother had been involved in a motorcycle accident earlier in the day.

Mr. Bednar was placed under oath and testified that he had spent the previous evening drinking with friends. The party lasted until the wee hours of the morning and Bednar admitted that he was still under the influence when he came to our office. He said he panicked when ordered to test as he knew he would be positive for alcohol. He also admitted that the story of his brother's accident was false, but he thought it would give credibility to his taking off at Los Alamitos. He denied that illicit drugs of any kind were involved – just copious quantities of alcohol. His attorney said the 21 year old rider realizes that he made a huge mistake and that there will be consequences to his actions and omissions. A decision will be rendered shortly.

03/08/13<sup>3</sup>

**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$6,244.57 was created in the first race as #2 Lord Vronsky, the prohibitive choice at odds of 3-5, finished in the Place position.

03/08/13<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,698	\$637,900.00
Inter-track	5,110	\$1,432,165.60
Out of state	n/a	\$2,487,322.83
Total	7,808	\$4,779,681.13

**SATURDAY**

03/09/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Appealing
- Off turf #3 Diety
  - #7 Belle de Luna
  - #8 Madre Luna
  - #10 Possible - refund of \$3,487.49
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - #14 Angel Charge(Also eligible) refund of \$653.96
- 9<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Swiss Emperor(Track Condition) refund of \$1,388.98

03/09/13<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LATS #040**

Jockey **RAFAEL BEJARANO** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations-late to paddock) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to meet with the Board of Stewards in a timely manner) at Santa Anita Park on March 3 and 7, 2013.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Bejarano finally came to the office to discuss his tardiness to the walking ring for the ninth race this past Sunday and his failure to meet with us yesterday morning. He had no acceptable excuse for either transgression, prompting the ruling to be posted.

03/09/13<sup>3</sup>

**RULING LATS #041**

Jockey **VINNIE BEDNAR** is suspended for **FIVE (5) DAYS (March 13, 2013 to March 17, 2013)** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing-failed to submit to a drug test on January 27, 2013). Mr. Bednar is also required to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and abide by the terms set forth by a contract with the Winners' Foundation.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the case against Mr. Bednar. His attorney was informed of our decision and indicated there will be no appeal.

03/09/13<sup>4</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jose Betia was excused from his mount this afternoon as a physical problem prevented him from riding. A replacement rider was named.

03/09/13<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY INTO STARTER/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted following the fifth race to review the start of the six and one half event. After speaking with Starter Jay Slender and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards declared the horse a "starter". Video review verified the fact that the horse "refused" when Mr. Slender dispatched the field.

03/09/13<sup>6</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review two incidents during the stretch run. The first problem involved the first and second place finishers, #4 Democrat Duck(T. Baze) and #6 Apostle Paul(M. Pedroza). The second incident involved #1 Cool Roger, with Victor Espinoza aboard.

After speaking with all riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of both incidents the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. While Espinoza did steady while between horses nearing the finish, the horses involved finished out of the pari-mutuel payoff positions, negating the need for a disqualification. With respect to the contact between the first two horses, the Stewards were of the opinion that while Mr. Baze was responsible for the incident, the bump did not cost the second place finisher the opportunity for a better placing.

03/09/13<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,071	\$2,030,619.90
Inter-track	8,222	\$2,673,045.70
Out of state	n/a	\$4,868,047.40
Total	18,293	\$10,060,270.50

## 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** - WEEK OF 02/25/13-03/03/13

Horses on Vet List        13  
Horses off Vet List        **7**  
Shock Wave Therapy    22  
Deceased                    4  
Medication                 8

### **SUMMARY**

	Sun 02/24	Thur 02/28	Fri 03/01	Sat 03/02	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	0	3	3	22
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rulings	1	1	0	2	4	41
Refunds	3	3	6	3	15	210
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	10
Claims	8	4	5	5	22	179
Cal-Bred Races	2	0	1	1	4	51

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