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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

SANTA ANITA PARK

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Honorable Alex Solis, Member
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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Week 15– Thursday, March 30, 2017 – Sunday, April 2, 2017

WEDNESDAY

3/29/17¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries and declarations for this week of the Santa Anita Winter Meet.

THURSDAY

3/30/17¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey COREY NAKATANI came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race on Sunday. Specifically we wanted to review his actions leaving the gate. His horse drifts in and although he does get somewhat tipped by the horse to his inside, he makes minimal effort to correct his path. Warning.

Jockey RITO ALMANZA came to the office to review his ride in the last race Sunday after which his horse was disqualified. Really there was no valid excuse for the ride. In the stretch, his horse was on the left lead, showing a tendency to drift in, when Mr. Almanza switched crops and struck his horse left handed. In total, he drifted in at least three paths and interfered with another horse. He accepted the following ruling:

LATS Ruling #109

Jockey RITO ALMANZA, who rode PASSED BY PAUL in the ninth race at Santa Anita Race Track on March 26, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 9, 14 and 15, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference in the stretch, 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 Rule – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

3/30/17²**CARDENAS RULINGS**

After considering the disorderly conduct allegations against exercise rider JESSE CARDENAS, we dismissed the two cases (17SA0005, 17SA0006).

3/30/17³**MILLER COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

KC Horse Transport withdrew its complaint (case number 17SA0062) against trainer Quentin Miller when the alleged vaning debt was paid in full.

3/30/17⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No changes; Refund \$546.00
 2nd Race #12 STARLITE STYLE – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 #13 SARAH SUNSHINE -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 #14 ANGEL TEARS -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$2,556.95
 3rd Race #1 ALLABOUTACTION – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Lamparter
 #6 DISTINCTIV PASSION – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer
 Refund \$268.55
 4th Race #3 BEBA – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #1 SCATHING – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer
 Refund \$433.10
 5th Race 2 IMAGE OF JOPLIN – Claimed – M. Ruis, trainer
 10 BUYMEABOND – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
 Refund \$253.20
 6th Race 4 ZACHIAN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Lamparter
 \$1,574.15
 7th Race #2 MOONLIGHT DRIVE (ITY) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
 Refund \$1,799.25
 8th Race #6 MAGICAL LUCY – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
 Refund \$22.40

3/30/17⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,745	\$612,725.80
SCOTWinc	3,616	\$1,013,940.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,014,451.45
Total	7,361	\$5,641,117.95

FRIDAY3/31/17¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday. Video showed that his horse drifted out under left handed cropping as he approached the wire. Unfortunately, his mount made several points of contact with the horse to his outside before Mr. Verenzuela finally pulled him off. To his credit he was candid that he made a mistake and accepted the following ruling:

LATS Ruling #111

Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA, who rode STARSHIP SAMURAI in the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on March 30, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 6, 7 and 8, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing

interference in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND failed to attend film review yesterday as directed and we therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS Ruling #110

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on March 30, 2017).

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR failed to attend film review Thursday as directed and was therefore issued the following ruling (his tenth ruling of the current meeting).

LATS Ruling #112

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on March 31, 2017).

3/31/17²

BOLLER RULING

After considering the evidence presented in the Boller hearing last week (case number 17SA047) we issued the ruling that follows. Mr. Boller was accused of threatening his assistant trainer/employer and of smoking marijuana. The accuser failed to appear and therefore substantially weakened the CHRB's case. Mr. Boller, though, was frank with us and therefore was issued a penalty that was substantially more lenient than if the CHRB could have proven all of the allegations. Steward Chaney voted for a stronger penalty.

LATS Ruling #108

Hotwalker COREY BOLLER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – possession of knives).

COREY BOLLER is placed on probation for as long as he holds a California Horse Racing Board license and must abide by the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. He shall also enter into a contract with the Winners Foundation and abide by their terms. Failure to comply will be grounds for actions against his license privileges.

3/31/17³

OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the seventh race, we posted the objection sign when jockey Joe Talamo (third place finisher #7 Girl Downstairs) claimed foul against the winner #6 Plastered (G. Stevens) for interference at the 3/8th's pole. Video revealed that while Mr. Talamo's mount did suffer interference, the interferer was not #6, but rather #2 Swissarella or #3 Allsquare or both. Since #7 finished in front of both of those rivals, no change was appropriate.

3/31/17⁴

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the seventh race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine a incident between fifth place finisher #8 Calli Way (R. Bejarano) and sixth place finisher #7 Grecian Fire (C. Nakatani) during the stretch run. Video showed that #8 angled out from behind horses and forced #7 wide and off of his path. In our opinion this action cost #7 the ¾ of length he was beaten for fifth and therefore we unanimously voted to disqualify fifth place finisher #8 and place him sixth.

Original Order of Finish: 2-1-6-3-(8)-7-4-5

Corrected Order of Finish: 2-1-6-3-7-(8)-4-5

3/31/17⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No changes; Refund \$699.00; Minus Pool \$20,930.97
 2nd Race #1 SO GOLDEN – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
 #7 WELL CAUGHT (IRE) – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer
 Refund \$1,322.45; Minus Pool \$16,409.10
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$1.00
 4th Race No changes; Refund \$20.00
 5th Race #4 ULTIMATE LUCK – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #1 BOLITA BOYZ – Claimed – K. Mulhall, trainer
 Refund \$104.30
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$457.50
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$397.00
 8th Race #5 QUIET NO MORE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Lamparter
 Refund \$2,944.80

3/31/17⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,026	\$651,337.80
SCOTWinc	3,990	\$1,426,119.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,888,445.68
Total	8,016	\$6,965,902.48

SATURDAY4/1/17¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys Gary Stevens, Santiago Gonzalez, and Corey Nakatani came to the office to represent Apprentice Jockey RUBEN FUENTES and his ride in the sixth race yesterday. They explained that although his horse was the proximate cause of the chain reaction, he was reacting to jockey FLAVIEN PRAT who was on the rail and yelled as if he was in immediate danger. The veteran riders viewed this move as “crying wolf,” feeling that he had plenty of room. They all agreed that Mr. Fuentes was blameless and was actually protecting what he thought was a rider in trouble. We agreed.

Apprentice Jockey EVIN ROMAN came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. There was no inquiry because the horse with whom he interfered finished in front of him. But video showed that after some initial contact with the eventual winner that was mutual, he kept drifting out, using his crop in the left hand. He felt that he was doing all he could to keep his horse straight. We did not. The change to the riding rule precludes us from issuing the suspension we feel is appropriate and instead requires us to issue a greater penalty (his third in a sixty day period). We therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS Ruling #113

Apprentice Jockey EVIN ROMAN, who rode ESKENFORANDREYA in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 31, 2017 is suspended for SIX (6) racing days (April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding – third offense in the last 60 days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND came to the office to review her ride in the seventh race Sunday. We felt that she could have kept a tighter line coming into the stretch and help prevent some of the interference to the horses to her outside. She agreed. Warning.

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified from fifth and placed sixth for pushing his way out to making running room in the stretch. He forced #7 Grecian Fire (C. Nakatani) out and to interfere with another rival. Interestingly, Mr. Nakatani accompanied Mr. Bejarano and explained that he told him his mount was tired and that he should come out. We were not persuaded by this argument in that (a) riders cannot consent to being interfered with and (b) even though Mr. Bejarano was given permission to come out, there were two horses to his outside when he made the move. We therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS Ruling #114

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO, who rode CALLI WAY in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 31, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 7, 8 and 9, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch, which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to sixth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

4/1/17²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$784.75; Minus Pool \$4,114.09
2 nd Race	#2 HILL CROOME – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #3 PAPA TED – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Lamparter Refund \$1,791.80; Minus Pool \$460.42
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$222.00
4 th Race	#1 ATOMIC RULE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #4 BRANDOTHEBARTENDER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Lamparter Refund \$4,301.95
5 th Race	#3 MUDGE – Late Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead #2 SPICY BLONDE – Claimed – J. Martin, trainer #4 PRINCESS ASHLYN – Claimed – M. McCarthy, trainer #5 PARASAIL – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer. Refund \$24,595.42
6 th Race	#11 Gator Don't Play – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund \$1,370.20
7 th Race	#3 CONQUEST SO TRUE—Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer #4 STURDY ONE – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer #6 VANLOSE Stairway – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer #11 DISSENSION – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer #12 PEARL DE VERSE – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer Refund \$93.40
8 th Race	#2 DALMORE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$2,237.60
9 th Race	#3 TURULU – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$354.80
10 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
11 th Race	#6 BIG GIRLS ARE BETTER – Rider change – M. Chaves for M. Chavez (wrong rider/spelling). Refund \$3.20; Minus Pool \$927.11

4/1/17³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	14,101	\$1,834,637.30
SCOTWinc	7,228	\$2,605,426.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,519,876.77
Total	21,329	\$11,959,940.37

SUNDAY4/2/17¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO came to the office to review his actions in the third race on March 19. The delay was due to the fact that he was in Dubai initially but then forgot to attend film review (for which he was fined). We wanted to show him that while flagging his horse in the stretch, his crop was making a little contact with the horse's right ear. He claimed that it was incidental and accidental, but that he would correct his style. Although we didn't completely buy the accidental part of the explanation, we issued a warning but promised a fine if it happened again.

Jockey JAMIE THERIOT came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday. Shortly after the start, his horse drifted in and the horse to his inside clipped his heels. We conducted a Stewards' Review but did not put up the inquiry sign because the horse with whom he interfered finished in front of him. Mr. Theriot explained that his horse broke exceptionally well and when he tapped him on the right shoulder he shifted in, but that he corrected that action immediately. We agreed that the correction was superlative but questioned the wisdom of tapping a horse on the shoulder that was already drifting in. The majority rewarded the effort by issuing a warning whereas Steward Baker believed that the action was careless and voted for a three day suspension.

4/2/17²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$9.96
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$97.00; Minus Pool \$48,976.26
3 rd Race	2 My Last Shot – pulled up, walked off Refund \$194.00
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$1,515.20
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$37.00
6 th Race	#2 ARTISTIC AB – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Lamparter #1 SUPREME GIANT – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund \$26,017.66
7 th Race	6 FOREST CHATTER – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer #6 FOREST CHATTER – Claim VOIDED – returns to R. Mandella, trainer Refund \$0
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
9 th Race	No changes; Refund \$4.40

4/2/17³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	12,141	\$1,513,883.50
SCOTWinc	6,167	\$2,315,303.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,122,949.90
Total	18,308	\$9,952,137.10

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/27/17 – 4/2/17

Horses on Vet List 21
 Horses off Vet List 16
 Shock Wave Therapy 20
 Fatalities 1

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.

SUMMARY

	Thurs 3/30/17	Fri 3/31/17	Sat 4/1/17	Sun 4/2/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	13
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	3	29
Claims	5	2	1	0	8	173
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	14
Inquiries	0	2	0	0	2	30
Refunds	8	8	10	6	32	376
Rulings	1	4	2	0	7	114
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1	1	30

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward