



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

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SANTA ANITA PARK**

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**WEEK 11 – THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018, THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018.**

**WEDNESDAY**

3/7/18<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY DUTY**

Kim Sawyer was present for entries for Saturday, 03-10-18. The eleven race card “Big Cap Day” was drawn at 1:00 pm.

**THURSDAY**

3/8/18<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

RAJIV MARAGH met with the BOS to review his lack of effort to correct his horse out of the gate in the seventh race yesterday. He was warned that more is expected and required leaving the starting gate, he stated he understood.

RAFAEL BEJARANO met with the BOS as directed to review his crop use in the fifth race on Sunday. After a review of the blu-ray all agreed he violated the crop rule as described in the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #093**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on March 4, 2018.

3/8/18<sup>2</sup>

**POWELL FORMAL HEARING CASE 18SA0003**

A complaint was filed by the CHRHB against trainer LEONARD POWELL for violation of CHRHB rules 1843 (a)(b) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1844(c) (Authorized Medication), 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and 1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances). Present before the BOS were Leonard Powell, representing the CHRHB Investigator Jim Hamilton and transcribing the proceedings, court reporter Michelle Derieg.

On December 16, 2017 the horse "WISHFUL" finished second in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Track, was post race tested and the sample analyzed by U.C. Davis Laboratory was found to contain the class four medications phenylbutazone (0.64 ug/ml) and flunixin (7.4 ng/ml).

Mr. Powell testified he administered the paste form of flunixin and he theorized a dental procedure on the horse may have delayed the absorption of the paste which created the double NSAID. Decision to follow.

3/8/18<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY JOCKEY OBJECTION NO CHANGE THIRD RACE 1 1/16 dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch run, as well as a jockey objection by Saul Arias who rode #3 TEQUILA BLANCO against #1 SECOND GEAR (F. Ceballos 1st) for possible interference at the 5 1/2 marker and in the stretch. After a review of the available angles and conversation with the Patrol Judges and both jockeys involved, in a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official. The video could not verify any incident at the 5 1/2 marker. In the stretch, there was minor contact between the two rivals but it did not warrant a disqualification.

3/8/18<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY NO CHANGE FIFTH RACE 1 mile turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 1/4 pole and 1/8 pole. Involved in the first incident were #2 FIZZY FRIDAY (F. Prat 6th) and #11 CITIZEN KITTY (J. Talamo 10th) who were inside of #10 DO THE DANCE (K. Frey 4th) and #7 BEAUTIFUL BECCA (M. Gutierrez 8th). In this four horse spread #2 second out, leaned in causing #11 to his inside to take up sharply. The two horses on the outside may have contributed to the incident but the video angle could not prove who was culpable. In the stretch #2 FIZZY FRIDAY and #10 DO THE DANCE both contributed to the contact made. Neither incident required a disqualification.

3/8/18<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION SEVENTH RACE 1 1/16 dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident into the first turn involving #2 ROLLS ROYCE DEAL (J. Ochoa 6th) and #7 POPULAR KID (K. Desormeaux 3rd). Soon after the start #7 angled in and took the path of #2 who was on the fence, causing that one to take up sharply for several strides. After a review of the pertinent angles, and conversation with the Patrol Judges and both jockeys, in a majority decision #7 was disqualified from third position and placed sixth behind #2. Steward Chaney voted for no change in the order of finish.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-3-(7)-6-4-2-3-1

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-3-6-4-2-(7)-3-1

3/8/18<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#5 BIG BAD GARY (Tr. R. Gomez) Steward-possible double phenylbutazone #8 IMPRESSION (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. W.E. Morey Refund \$2,753.39; Minus Pool \$131.20
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$25.00
3rd race	#4 WESTERN WARRIOR (Tr. B. Heap) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead Refund \$173.06
4th race	No Change; Refund \$12.00
5th race	#5 SAHARA (Tr. G. Sherlock) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead. Refund \$684.34

6th race No Change; Refund \$19.48  
 7th race #7 POPULAR KID (Tr. K. Desormeaux) claimed by Tr. G. Vallejo  
 Refund \$55.00  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$941.15

3/8/18<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,833	\$512,792.61
SCOTWinc	3,626	\$1,088,348.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,008,996.19
Total	6,459	\$6,610,137.44

**FRIDAY**  
 3/9/18<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

FLAVIEN PRAT met with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday after which he was involved in an inquiry (ref 03-08-18<sup>4</sup>). In a four horse spread, in tight, second off the fence, him leaned in and caused the horse to his inside to take up sharply. It appeared his ride was aggressive but due to contributing factors from other horses it was not considered careless. Warning.

MARIO GUTIERREZ was in to view the fifth race as he was on the outside of the four horse spread. He was cautioned to not ride as tight for safety reasons, he agreed. In the eighth race stretch he was cautioned when on a tiring horse to try and retreat straight back, he acknowledged.

COREY NAKATANI was in to review the start of the 6th and 7th race on Thursday. His jockey objection in the 6th was discussed as was his lack of effort to control his mount out of the gate in the seventh. Warning.

Apprentice FRANKLIN CEBALLOS, who was involved in a jockey objection in the third race yesterday (ref 03-08-18<sup>3</sup>), met with the Stewards to review the incident. Coming off the turn he drifted out, made contact with a horse to his outside. The other horse involved contributed to the incident. Warning.

KYLE FREY involved in an inquiry in the fifth race yesterday (ref 03-08-18<sup>4</sup>) joined the BOS to discuss his ride. He drifted inward in the stretch, made contact with a horse to his inside. The majority felt the inside horse also contributed to the incident. Steward Chaney voted for a three day suspension. Warning.

Apprentice CÉSAR FRANCO also met with the BOS to review his ride in the eighth race (turf-1 mile) yesterday. In a reverse stair step formation Mr. Franco crossed over into the first turn causing two horses to steady. The majority believed this action was careless riding as issued in the ruling below. Steward Sawyer felt his effort to straightened was worthy of a warning.

**LATS RULING #095**

Apprentice Jockey CESAR FRANCO, who rode CHRISTY JACKSON in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 8, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 16, 17 and 18, 2018) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference going into the first turn. 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.

3/9/18<sup>2</sup>

**MUNIZ HEARING CASE 17DM0062**

The CHRB filed a complaint against exercise rider/valet ISSAC MUNIZ for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present for the informal hearing before the BOS were, CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton and Respondent Issac Muniz. The issue was an alleged altercation in a shared sleeping room assigned to trainer Mike McCarthy at Del Mar Race Track on August 13, 2017. The Sheriffs’ department was summoned and in their report Mr. Muniz was held culpable for the incident. Decision to follow.

3/9/18<sup>3</sup>

**GARCIA FORMAL HEARING CASE 18SA0009**

A complaint was filed by the CHRB against trainer ANTONIO GARCIA for violation of CHRB rules 1843 (a)(b) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1844(c) (Authorized Medication), 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and 1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances).

Present for the formal hearing before the BOS were Antonio Garcia, representing the CHRB Supervising Investigator Phillip Miyazaki and court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

On December 27, 2018 trainer Garcia worked the horse “SUNNY SWEET” to be removed from the Veterinarian’s List. The post work blood sample tested contained the class four, category “C” penalty substance phenylbutazone at a level of 3.04 ug/ml (the authorized limit is 2.0 ug/ml).

Mr. Garcia’s explanation for the overage was that the horse received one pill of the class four medication three days prior to the workout and his practicing veterinarian gave an IV injection 26 hours before the workout. Decision to follow.

3/9/18<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#4 IMAGE OF JOPLIN (Tr. M. Pender). Refund \$1,779.24; \$2,580.76
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
3rd race	#4 TOUGH IT OUT (Tr. P. D’Amato) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin #6 MERCER ISLAND (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. W.E. Morey. Refund \$24.00
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$416.32
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$1,212.93
6th race	#3 TANGLED UP IN JU (Tr. M. Machowsky) Stewards-full field #7 C. C. ZIPP (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande #10 SALLEY SIMPSON (Tr. P. Harrington) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase. Refund \$5,213.84
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$142.66
8th race	#5 STREAK OF LUCK (Tr. M. Chew) Steward-full field #7 LADY ESPIONAGE (Tr. M. Dollase) Steward-full field. Refund \$1,306.19
9th race	#9 FABRICATION (Tr. K. Mulhall) Steward-full field. Refund \$978.09

3/9/18<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,638	\$777,436.03
SCOTWinc	4,129	\$1,452,064.73
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,889,769.54
Total	7,767	\$8,119,270.30

**SATURDAY**

3/10/18<sup>1</sup>

**MUNIZ RULING ref 03-09-18<sup>2</sup>**

After informing MR. MUNIZ of the penalty the following ruling was issued:

**LATS RULING #097**

Exercise rider ISSAC MUNIZ is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting in barn area). Mr. Muniz is further required to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

3/10/18<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

STEWART ELLIOT met with the Stewards to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday. Mr. Elliot, turning for home in the 6 ½ furlong event on the dirt with one horse behind him, shifted out pushing a horse to his outside into another horse knocking the latter off stride. A third horse in last position had to check sharply. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was published issuing a three day suspension for careless riding.

**LATS RULING #098**

Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT, who rode TINY TINA in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 9, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 17, 18 and 22, 2018) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference near the quarter pole. 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.

3/10/18<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION SIXTH RACE 1 1/16 dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two incidents involving #1 BOLT D’ ORO (J. Castellano 2nd) and #4 MCKENZIE (M. Smith 1st). There was also a jockey objection lodged by Javier Castellano. The first occurred near the 1/4 pole which involved contact between the two horses. The second incident happened approaching the finish line. After a review of all angles and conversation with both jockeys involved in a unanimous decision #4 was disqualified from first and placed second behind #1.

In the Stewards’ opinion, regarding the first incident, the video angles at that point of the race proved inconclusive as to who initiated the first bump. It was apparent in the second that , #4 drifted out pushing #1 out two paths which cost him the opportunity of a better placing (head).

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH (4)-1-8-7-3-2  
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-(4)-8-7-3-2

3/10/18<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	OFF TURF #1 BIG BUZZ (Tr. T. Yakteen) Steward-off turf #10 DESERT STONE (IRE) (Tr. R. Baltus) Steward-off turf #11 RUMPUS CAT (Tr. B. Baffert) Steward-off turf. Refund \$146,872.65
2nd race	#3 PASSIONATE REWARD (Tr. R. Mandella) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande Refund \$1,682.68
3rd race	#9 INCREDIBLE LUCK (Tr. D. Hendricks) ambulance removed post race Refund \$517.50
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$85.50; Minus Pool \$5,895.28
5th race	No Change; Refund \$120.00
6th race	#6 CALEXMANT (Tr. V. Cerin) Steward-stake. Refund \$2,803.48; Minus Pool \$9.10
7th race	#3 ALLABOUTACTION (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. R. Baltas. Refund \$238.44
8th race	#4 CALIFORNIAGOLDRUSH (Tr. N. Drysdale) Steward-full field. Refund \$2,828.95

9th race #11 BITTE (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande  
 #12 LIBERTY JACK (Tr. W.E. Morey) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
 Refund \$27,382.68

10th race #5 HOPPERTUNITY Steward-stake. Refund \$56,639.60

11th race OFF TURF  
 #2 PARTY DANCER (Tr. S. Callaghan) Steward-off turf  
 #3 PACIFIC STRIKE (Tr. P. Eurton) Steward-off turf  
 #7 AHA (Tr. A. Barba) Steward-off turf  
 #8 HEAVEN ESCAPE (Tr. P.H. Lobo) Steward-off turf  
 #11 FLUFFEHEAD (Tr. R.Falcone) Steward-off turf. Refund \$43,551.11

3/10/18<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	17,377	\$2,096,770.21
SCOTWinc	7,173	\$2,727,785.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,916,865.91
Total	24,550	\$16,741,421.25

**SUNDAY**

3/11/18<sup>1</sup>

**BRADVICA RULING**

The following ruling was distributed after verification from Official Veterinarian Tim Grande that Mr. Bradvica registered his horse on the Bleeder Medication List a day late with the Receiving Barn.

**LATS RULING #099**

Trainer LOUIS BRADVICA is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of STAY GOLDEN in the second race at Santa Anita Park on March 10, 2018).

3/11/18<sup>2</sup>

**POWELL RULING ref 03-08-18<sup>2</sup>**

After the BOS penalty decision following the medication hearing the following ruling listed below was issued. MR. POWELL was eligible for and received the minimum recommended penalty for this violation.

**LATS RULING #100**

Trainer LEONARD POWELL who started the horse WISHFUL, which finished second in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Track on December 16, 2017 is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1844(c) (Authorized Medication – phenylbutazone [0.64 ug/ml] and flunixin [7.4 ng/ml]).

3/11/18<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

ALONSO QUINONEZ met with the BOS to review the use of his crop in the second race on Friday. After confirmation that he violated the crop rule the following ruling was issued.

**LATS RULING 101**

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last sixty days), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on March 9, 2018.

MIKE SMITH met with the BOS to review the disqualification of his mount in the sixth race yesterday (ref 03-10-18<sup>3</sup>). After a lengthy discussion and the sharing of different opinions, in a unanimous decision by the BOS, Mr. Smith's outward drift under a left handed crop was determined to be careless riding, the following ruling was published.

**LATS RULING #102**

Jockey MIKE SMITH, who rode MCKINZIE in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 10, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 18, 22 and 23, 2018) for failure 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.

RUBEN FUENTES joined the Stewards to view the seventh race yesterday. It was verified that he did violate the crop rule as listed in the ruling below. After a review of the ninth race yesterday Mr. Fuentes was warned to stay down through the finish line. He stood up a stride early and possibly cost his horse a better placing. He was excused without penalty due to the fact the video available could not substantiate this accusation.

**LATS RULING #103**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 10, 2018.

3/11/18<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY NON STARTER FIRST RACE 1 mile dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved was #4 MARRIED BY KNOW (K. Frey) who was very tardy when the gate opened. After a review of the video and conversation with Starter Jay Slender, #4 was declared a non starter. It was apparent the assistant starter was slow to release the horse after the doors on the gate opened causing an unfair start for the horse. In a unanimous decision the horse was declared a non starter and all money wagered was refunded.

3/11/18<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY NO CHANGE SECOND RACE 6 1/2 dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved was #2 MAGNIFICENT Q T (V. Espinoza DNF) who stumbled badly leaving the starting gate. After a review of the start and conversation with the Patrol Judges and Starter Slender, it was a unanimous decision that the horse caused its own problems and was declared a starter.

3/11/18<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	OFF TURF #3 IRISH LASSIE (Tr. G. Piccioni) Steward-off turf #8 I ADORE YOU (Tr. A. Saavedra) Steward-off turf #10 NOTHING BUT HEAT (Tr. P. Eurton) Steward-off turf. Refund \$42,939.15
2nd race	#2 MAGNIFICENT Q T (V. Espinoza) DNF #5 SUMMER DOWN NOW (Tr. T.R. Bell II) Steward-off turf. Refund \$199.00
3rd race	#2 CLOSING TIME (Tr. J. Mullins) #4 KINGS RIVER KING (Tr. K. Black) Steward-off track #5 BOLD PAPA (Tr. R. Baltus) Steward-off track #10 SIX POINT RACK (Tr. M. Puype) Steward-off track. Refund \$1041.30
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$146.00
5th race	#1 CURLY’S ROCKET (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead #2 ALL OUT BLITZ (Tr. S. Callaghan) Steward-off track #6 PLATINUM (Tr. R. Baltus) Steward-off track. Refund \$1,379.36; Minus Pool \$48,083.47
6th race	#5 PEACH COVE (NZ) (Tr. D. Jacobson) Steward-off turf #8 SCATTERING (Tr. P. D’Amato) Steward-off track #9 WONDERFUL LIE (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson

7th race #11 KENNEDIE SKY (Tr. R.DeLeon) Steward-off track. Refund \$1,179.06  
 #5 KOCHES (Tr. J. Wong) Steward-off track  
 #10 DRUMMER (GER) (Tr. N. Drysdale) Steward-off track. Refund \$1,141.82

8th race OFF TURF  
 #2 ANATOLIAN Heat (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-stake  
 #3 JIMMY BOUNCER (Tr. M. Pender) Steward-stake  
 #8 FLY TO MARS (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-stake  
 #9 CHIEF HOSA (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Steward-stake. Refund \$3,004.80

9th race #2 OUTA HERE (Tr. J. Metz) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande. Refund \$4,711.77

3/11/18<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,966	\$1,261,868.15
SCOTWinc	4,914	\$1,679,666.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,195,093.89
Total	10,880	\$9,136,628.56

**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.

**SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/5/18 - 3/11 /18**

Horses on Vet List	12	Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	10	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 3/8/18	Fri 3/9/18	Sat 3/10/18	Sun 3/11/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	2	4	51
Claims	2	3	2	4	11	152
Disqualifications	1	0	1	0	2	6
Inquiries	3	0	1	2	6	28
Refunds	8	8	11	9	36	263
Rulings	1	2	3	5	11	103
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	20

Respectfully submitted,

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Grant W. Baker, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Steward

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