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SANTA ANITA PARK**

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WEEK 15 – THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019.

TUESDAY
04/02/19¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

The racing office was accepting program changes for Thursday, April 4. All changes were sent to the program printer at 10:00 a.m. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty.

WEDNESDAY
04/03/19¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, April 6. Eleven (11) races were drawn and ninety-seven (97) stakes races will be held on Saturday highlighted by the Grade 1 \$1,000,000 Santa Anita Derby which will be the eighth race on the card. The other stake races on the day's card are:

1. 2nd Race – Evening Jewel Stakes – Cal Bred \$200,000 Guaranteed
2. 3rd Race – Santa Anita Oaks – Grade 1 \$400,000 Guaranteed
3. 5th Race – Royal Heroine Stakes – Grade 2 \$200,000 Guaranteed
4. 6th Race – Echo Eddie Stakes – Grade 3 \$150,000 Guaranteed
5. 9th Race – Providencia Stakes – Grade 3 \$150,000 Guaranteed
6. 10th Race – Santa Anita Handicap – Grade 1 \$600,000 Guaranteed

Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty to day overseeing entries, changes and scratches.

THURSDAY
04/04/19¹

ARCI CONFERENCE VISITORS

A large group of visitors, led by ROAP (Racing Officials Accreditation Program) Coordinator Cathy O'Meara stopped by the Stewards' office for a scheduled visit this morning. The group was

comprised of racing chemists, lab technicians, executive directors and other members of the North American racing community. The Stewards gave a snapshot of their duties and answered questions from the over twenty (20) people in attendance. This group is in town for the annual ARCI (American Racing Commissioner's International) that is being held at the nearby Embassy Suites in Arcadia, Thursday through Saturday.

04/04/19²

CHIEF STEWARD VISIT

Chief Steward Darrel McHargue stopped by our Judges' stand during this afternoon's card.

04/04/19³

GEOVANNI FRANCO RULING

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO rode second place finisher #1 POSTERIZE in the seventh race on March 31, 2019. In the final one hundred (100) yards of a six (6) furlong race Jockey Franco used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times without giving his mount a chance to respond. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' issued the following ruling:

LATS RULING #067

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO, 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 31, 2019.

04/04/19⁴

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards' posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to investigate the start of this six (6) furlong race. #8 INDI LUCK (Israel Ocampo) did not 'move an inch' when Starter Jay Slender dispatched the field. This longshot (Odds 35/1), also dwelt in his last start at Los Alamitos on December 6, 2019. Following film review the Stewards ruled that this horse caused his own problems and it was determined to be an 'official starter' therefore there was 'no change' made by the Stewards. Following this race Starter Slender told us this horse would be placed on his Starters List and the Stewards have barred him from entering in California.

04/04/19⁵

PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race Declarations Surface Change 6 ½ Furlongs (Turf) to 6 ½ (Main Track)
#1 UNUSUALLY HANDSOME (Tr. T. Yakteen) – Off Turf
#7 ELUSIVE FLAME (Tr. J. Mullins) – Off Turf
#8 PLAY MONEY (Tr. J. Mullins) – Off Turf
#12 FLICFLAC (Tr. H. Zucker) Off Turf. Refund Total \$1,923.74

1st Race Jockey Changes #10 FIRST IN SNOW T. Pereira for A. Delgadillo (2nd Call)
#14 JUGGLES M. Garcia for M. Gutierrez (2nd Call)

3rd Race Declaration #7 PALALEO (Tr. J. Bonde) Unsound – Will Farmer DVM
Refund \$1,870.05.

3rd Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5

4th Race Declarations #3 HACKBERRY (Tr. D. Blacker) sick – Dana Stead, DVM
#5 CARRIBBEAN (AUS) sick – Will Farmer DVM
Refund Total \$1,270.60. Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5

5th Race #7 CINNAMON TWIST (Tr. J. Periban) claimed, M. Valenzuela III

6th Race Declaration #2 CONTAGION (Tr. D. O'Neill) sick – Will Farmer DVM
Refund \$1,537.72

7th Race Declaration #2 PERFECT TALE (Tr. M. Rheinford) injured – Dana Stead DVM
Refund \$1,102.95

8th Race Distance Change Abt. 6 ½ Furlong Turf to One (1) Mile Turf

8th Race Declarations #2 WANDERING PATROL (Tr. B.D.A. Cecil) distance change – Stewards
#3 SQUARE PEGGY (Tr. B. Koriner) distance change – Stewards
Refund Total \$1,275.50

04/04/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,415	\$407,982.32
SCOTWinc	3,341	\$981,048.71
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,332,565.47
Total	5,756	\$5,721,596.50

FRIDAY

04/05/19¹

JEFF SIEGEL/DEREK LAWSON MEETING

Owner JEFF SIEGEL appeared in the Stewards' office this morning inquiring, in an informal setting, the actions of JOCKEY Agent Derek Lawson. Mr. Siegel told the Stewards that Agent Lawson gave him a 'call' with Jockey Flavien Prat. At the draw for this race on Thursday April 4, Agent Lawson took off (removed his jockey) from the Siegel co-owned #10 BRAVE HELIOS who is racing in the first race on Sunday, April 7.

Agent Lawson also appeared in our office today and admitted he switched to ride the Hector Palma trained #9 FEELING STRONG at the draw at the last minute leaving Owner Siegel without a jockey after having previously received a commitment from Agent Lawson. Decision to follow.

04/05/19²

NBC CREW MEETING

Members of the NBC Sports Department along with Santa Anita Vice-President, Business Coordinator & Director of Broadcasting Amy Zimmerman appeared in our office for a meeting. Coordination of tomorrow's (April 6) national broadcast of the Santa Anita Derby was discussed. Ms. Zimmerman handed the Stewards' a chart that lists timing of the following procedures.

1. Riders Up
2. Leaving Walking Ring
3. Entering the Track
4. Post Time
5. Load Time
6. Off Time

Over the years this team of professionals has done a lot of fine work that makes the timing and implementation of these events coordinated in a very professional manner.

04/05/19³

BILL SPAWR DECISION (REF: 03/24/19⁸) CASE #19SA0064

LATS RULING #068

Trainer BILL SPAWR, who started the horse MATRICULATE, the first place finisher in the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 1, 2019, is fined TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substance – Naproxen – Class 4).

Trainer BILL SPAWR was contacted on the telephone and informed of the penalty listed above. This is trainer Spawr's eighth (8) medication related rulings in the last four (4) years. A formal hearing regarding this matter (CASE #19SA1164) was held in our office on March 24, 2019.

04/05/19⁴

MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ RULING

LATS RULING #069

Groom MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, having appeared to answer case number 18LT0023, is restored to good standing. LATC Ruling #033, which was issued at Santa Anita Park on October 20, 2018, is set aside.

Groom MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ appeared in our office today seeking reinstatement of his license. Mr. Rodriguez was suspended (Ref: 10/20/18¹) in LATC Ruling #033. He was living in a trailer at Del Mar last summer while not being on a trainer's work list. The ruling above reinstates the license privileges of Mr. Rodriguez.

04/05/19⁵

MICHAEL MCCARTHY RULING

LATS RULING #070

Trainer MICHAEL MCCARTHY, 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 adhere to Santa Anita Park training protocols) on April 3, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

Santa Anita morning Outrider Enrique Alferex issued a Violation Notice to trainer MICHAEL MCCARTHY for taking a two year old out for training before the allotted assigned time. Trainer McCarthy appeared in our office and accepted the penalty listed above.

04/05/19⁶

ROBERTO RAMOS RULING

LATS RULING #071

Pony Rider ROBERTO RAMOS, 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 adhere to Santa Anita Park training protocols) on April 4, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

Morning Outrider CINDY ELLET issued a Santa Anita Violation Notice to Exercise Rider Miguel Rodriguez, who entered the training track too early on the morning of April 4, 2019. ROBERTO RAMOS was in our office today for the informal hearing. Ms. Ellet told us via telephone that Mr. Rodriguez directly ignored her orders to not enter the training track. The penalty above was then issued.

04/05/19⁷

JUDGES' STAND VISITORS

Former UC Davis (Maddy Laboratories) chemist Dr. Scott Stanley visited the Stewards', on the roof today. Dr. Stanley now holds a similar position in the State of Kentucky. Dr. Stanley is in town (Arcadia) to attend the annual ARCI meetings. CHR Executive Director Rick Baedeker and Chief Steward Darrel McHargue also paid a visit.

04/05/19⁸

SMOOTH CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquires and/or jockey objections.

04/05/19⁹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race Declaration	#5 ETCHING (Tr. B.D.A. Cecil) sick – Will Farmer DVM. Refund \$1,527.77
2 nd Race	#2 CONCUR (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed T.R. Bell, trainer
3 rd Race Surface Change	About 6 ½ Furlongs Turf to 6 ½ Furlongs #3 SPANISH CHANNEL (Tr. J. Mendoza) Off Turf- Stewards #5 SIDEPOCKET Charger (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf – Stewards #10 STYLIN OCEAN (Tr. J. Cassidy) Off Turf – Stewards
4 th Race	#5 DYF (Tr. L. Powell) claimed by F. Luccarelli, trainer
5 th Race Declaration	#2 JOURNAL ENTRY (Tr. C. Gaines) injured – Dana Stead, DVM Refund \$253.70

6th Race #5 ROAD TEST (Tr. J. Carava) claimed by D. Keen
 7th Race Declaration #4 BUMP BAILEY (Tr. P. Miller) sick – Will Farmer DVM
 Refund \$1,378.02. No Show Wagering
 8th Race #10 MANY TREATS (Tr. N. Koch) sick–Dana Stead DVM. Refund \$414.10
 #2 MO BOB (IRE) claimed - A. Mathis, trainer
 #6 EAST RAND (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by J. Sierra, trainer

04/05/19¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,353	\$540,261.11
SCOTWinc	3,876	\$1,231,576.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,113,275.35
Total	7,229	\$5,885,112.83

SATURDAY

04/06/19¹

RACING SECRETARY MEETING

Santa Anita Vice-President Racing/Racing Secretary STEVE LYM stopped by the Stewards' office to discuss a proposal by the Jockeys Guild for jockeys here at Santa Anita to not use a riding crop on the day of Friday, April 12, 2019. Finalization of this proposal is still being discussed and entries for this day are tomorrow Sunday, April 7.

04/06/19²

LARGE SHOW POOL

In today's fifth race \$326,065 was the total show wagering pool. Of that amount \$277,002 was wagered on the prohibitive favorite #1 VASILIKA (Flavien Prat) who captured this running of the Royal Heroine Stakes (Grade II) for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

04/06/19³

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this race in order to take time and review an incident on the far turn (3/8ths pole) of this one (1) mile turf race. While racing in mid-pack approaching the turn fourth place finisher #9 OCEAN FURY (Kent Desormeaux) and eleventh place finisher #3 POLAR (Drayden Van Dyke) were racing in close quarters. It appeared to the majority that #9 OCEAN FURY stepped in and made contact with #3 POLAR forcing that rival to steady sharply and lose ground. The Stewards' received a Patrol Judge report and viewed all replay angles of the incident. In a majority opinion (Steward Jauregui dissent) #9 OCEAN FURY was disqualified and place eleventh. Jockey Kent Desormeaux was ordered to Film Review with the Stewards.

Original Order of Finish 5-11-8-9-4-7-10-2-6-12-3-14

Official Order of Finish 5-11-8-4-7-10-2-6-12-3-9-14

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DEREK LAWSON RULING (REF: 04/05/19¹)

LATS RULING #072

Jockey Agent DEREK LAWSON is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner) on April 4, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

Jockey Agent DEREK LAWSON was informed of the penalty above following an informal hearing heard in our office yesterday. Agent Lawson agreed that he did not honor a 'call' given to Owner Jeff Siegel with Jockey Flavien Prat. Mr. Lawson is familiar with the consequences of this manner of conducting business.

04/06/19⁵

GREAT RACING

On an eleven (11) race card featuring the \$1,000,000 Santa Anita Derby (Grade I) and the \$600,000 Santa Anita Handicap (Grade 1) a crowd of 30, 713 passed through the turn stiles to view today's eleven (11) race card. All sources handle for the day was \$22,899,855.13.

04/06/19⁶

STEWARD VISITS

Former California Steward Anne Alley paid a visit to the Stewards' stand today. Ms. Alley, a California native, has served as a Steward for the Texas Racing Commission for several years.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd Race Declaration #3 STIRRED (Tr. M. McCarthy) unsound – Will Farmer DVM Refund \$1,750.50; Minus Pool \$7,053.38. No Show Wagering

4th Race Declaration #1 STAY GOLDEN (Tr. L. Bradvica) did not want to run - Stewards #4 COIL TO STRIKE (Tr. M. Chew) did not want to run – Stewards #12 TRIBAL ROAR (Tr. G. Vallejo) not eligible – Stewards Refund Total \$857.90

7th Race Declaration #1 LIL SYDNEY (Tr. M. Glatt) did not want to run – Stewards

7th Race Jockey Change #14 DEEP THINKER (IRE) E. Roman for J. Talamo (2nd Call)

11th Race #6 JUNGLE WARFARE (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) sick – Will Farmer DVM Refund \$1,431.30

04/06/19⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	30,713	\$2,689,145.72
SCOTWinc	7,633	\$2,921,022.91
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$16,870,735.89
Total	38,346	\$22,480,904.52

SUNDAY

04/07/19¹

RIDING CROP MEETING (REF: 04/06/19¹)

The Stewards held a meeting in our office to discuss plans by the Jockeys' Guild for their members not to use riding crops for the entire card this Friday, April 12. Along with the Stewards present at this meeting were Mindy Coleman (Counsel - Jockeys' Guild), Darrell Haire (Regional Manager – Jockeys' Guild), Steve Lym (Vice-President Racing/Racing Secretary – Santa Anita), Ron Church (CHRB- Safety Steward) and Darrel McHargue (CHRB – Chief Steward). The Jockeys' Guild sent a letter (signed by Terry Meyocks, John Velasquez & Mike Smith) to Santa Anita, the CHRB, CTT (California Thoroughbred Trainers) and TOC (Thoroughbred Owners of California). This letter was dated April 5, 2019. This letter asks all organizations to notify their members and the betting public that jockeys will not be carrying a riding crop on Friday, April 12. Entries for April 12 are this morning in the racing office. Following this meeting the Stewards asked the racing department to contact the 'connections' of all persons connected to horses' being entered and there will be a change of equipment (races without a crop) to all horses competing this Friday.

04/07/19²

KENT DESORMEAUX FILM REVIEW (REF: 04/06/19³)

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday, Saturday, April 6. Jockey Desormeaux brought a friend Marcello Caceres with him to the film review. A review of this one (1) mile turf event shows Mr. Desormeaux aboard original fourth place finisher #9 OCEAN FURY. Approaching the far turn (3/8ths marker) #9 OCEANS FURY 'steps in' and fouls original eleventh place finisher #3

POLAR (Drayden Van Dyke) which resulted in a disqualification of his mount from fourth to eleventh. The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of the incident. The Stewards felt that it was partially the actions of Jockey Desormeaux's horse (changing leads) and not entirely his own, that led to the subsequent interference. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued a warning following this film review.

04/07/19³

PETER MILLER RULING

Trainer PETER MILLER requested to register MISS FLAWLESS (FR) for authorized bleeder medication after the overnight was out for Wednesday, April 3. This is this filly's first start in North America. She competed in the Providencia Stakes (Grade 3) on Saturday, April 3, here at Santa Anita Park. The following ruling was issued in a unanimous decision.

LATS RULING #073

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of MISS FLAWLESS (FR) in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 6, 2019).

04/07/19⁴

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO appeared in our office today to review his ride in the first race yesterday, April 6, in a race that was contested at 1 1/8 miles on the infield turf course. Jockey Franco was aboard #7 FOOL'S PARADISE, who finished fifth in this event. After approximately one hundred (100) yards, film review shows #7 FOOL'S PARADISE angled in and put significant pressure on sixth place finisher #5 BIRDIE GOLO (Brice Blanc) forcing that rival to bump fourth place finisher #4 PULPIT RIDER (Aaron Gryder). Jockey Gryder was forced to 'check' his mount sharply. Jockey Franco showed the ability to 'correct' his mounts errant path, however it was well after this filly initiated the aforementioned interference. Following the film review the Stewards deliberated and in a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #074

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO, who rode FOOL'S PARADISE in the first race at Santa Anita Park on April 6, 2019, is suspended for Three (3) racing days (April 14, 19, and 20, 2019), for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

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

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SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	CONQUEST COBRA (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, Trainer M. Glatt
4 th Race Declarations	#2 PRIMA VALENTINO (Tr. E. Harty) injured – W. Farmer DVM #6 PETER'S KITTEN (Tr. J. Sadler) sick – Will Farmer DVM Refund Total \$5,084.47
5 th Race Declaration	#1 TREASURE HUNTER (Tr. H. Palma) sick Dana Stead DVM Refund \$1,820.56
5 th Race Jockey Change	#8 ADENS DREAM – M. Pedroza for V. Espinoza
6 th Race Jockey Change	#2 CALDEN VAK – H. Figueroa for A. Quinonez (sick) #3 FRIGHT NIGHT(Tr. G. Papparodromou) unsound on track. Dana Stead DVM

6th Race Declaration #13 DIECI (Tr. D. Hofmans) sick – W. Farmer DVM.
 Refund Total \$64,394.83
 9th Race #4 ZORICH – should read first time Lasix

04/07/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,062	\$1,039,094.53
SCOTWinc	5,198	\$1,787,258.06
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,987,334.86
Total	11,260	\$9,813,687.45

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: 4/1/19 - 4/7/19

Horses on Vet List 24 Horses off Vet List 6
 Shock Wave Therapy 8 Fatalities 1

SUMMARY

	Thurs 4/4	Fri 4/5	Sat 4/6	Sun 4/7	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	2	1	7	55
Claims	1	5	0	1	7	151
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	1	0	1	0	2	25
Refunds	12	6	6	5	29	354
Rulings	1	4	1	2	8	74
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	30

Respectfully submitted,

 Grant W. Baker, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Ron Church, Safety Steward

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