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SANTA ANITA PARK**

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WEEK 21 – FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019, THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019.

TUESDAY
05/14/19¹

MICHAEL PENDER HEARING (CASE NO. 19SA0143)

A formal hearing was heard today in the Santa Anita Stewards' office. The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) filed a complaint against Trainer Michael Pender for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare) and Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Allegations in this twenty (20) page complaint state that Trainer Pender knowingly worked the horse NEW KARMA after a veterinarian examination disclosed an injury. This horse was then shipped to Golden Gate Fields where it was entered into a race on April 6, 2019, but subsequently scratched due to its condition. This hearing was originally scheduled for April 30, 2019 but Trainer Pender was granted a continuance in order to obtain legal counsel.

Trainer Pender was represented by Attorney Roger Licht today. Mr. Licht questioned Trainer Pender at this hearing along with Private Veterinarian Herbert Warren and Trainer Genaro Vallejo. Dr. Warren and Trainer Vallejo testified via telephone. Stronach Group President Mike Rodgers attended the hearing as an observer.

The CHRB was represented by their General Counsel Attorney Robert Brodnik. He presented three (3) witnesses at this hearing. They were CHRB Investigator Mike Alford, CHRB Equine Medical Director (EMD) Rick Arthur and Private Veterinarian Heather Wharton, whose work is done primarily in Southern California.

Both attorneys gave opening statements. Documents were identified before they were moved into evidence. The aforementioned witnesses were sworn in, questioned and cross-examined. Lawyers then gave closing statements in this hearing that lasted nearly four (4) hours. Steward Grant Baker chaired the formal hearing. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings. Decision to follow.

WEDNESDAY
05/15/19¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, May 18, 2019. Ten (10) races were drawn. Ninety-five (95) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Luis Jauregui oversaw matters.

THURSDAY
05/16/19¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty to supervise final program changes for Saturday, May 18, 2019, working in tandem with Clerk of Scales Charlie McCaul. Changes for the final racing program proof were activated at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY
05/17/19¹

RYAN HANSON RULING

Trainer RYAN HANSON requested to race BILLY K on Lasix after she was entered. The Stewards allowed the late registration, which was announced to the public. In a unanimous decision the following Ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #099

Trainer RYAN HANSON, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of BILLY K in the third race at Santa Anita Park on May 12, 2019).

05/17/19²

FRANK OLIVARES RULING

Retired Jockey/Trainer FRANK OLIVARES taped a television segment on the racetrack during training recently. Prior to being properly licensed to be in a restricted area, Mr. Olivares had an old financial matter to address. He gave the CHRB enforcement office a check for his former Jockey Agent, Kevin Burns, which was sent to Mr. Burns after the Stewards contacted him via telephone and shared this update which he enjoyed hearing. The following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #100

Jockey FRANK OLIVARES, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$715.00 to Jockey Agent Kevin Burns) is restored to good standing. Ruling CDTH #103 issued at Hollywood Park Race Track on June 16, 2004, is set aside.

05/17/19³

MARTIN CABADA RULING

Safety Steward Paul Atkinson (San Luis Rey Downs) contacted the Santa Anita Stewards today on his day off to follow up on a 'Violation Notice' that was issued by San Luis Rey Downs Security Officer Kevin Moran. The 'Violation Notice' states that Exercise Rider MARTIN CABADA failed to stop riding a horse after 'accident warning lights' were activated on May 4, 2019. Mr. Cabada phoned our Stewards' Office this morning and accepted responsibility for his actions. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #101

Exercise Rider MARTIN CABADA, is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – galloping his horse while siren/warning lights were activated) on May 4, 2019 at San Luis Rey Downs.

05/17/19⁴

RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the seventh race (One mile Turf) on May 12, 2019. This race was the Fran's Valentine Stakes, \$100,000

Guaranteed. Jockey Fuentes was aboard #4 QUEEN BEE TO YOU, who finished second in this race. Jockey Fuentes used his riding crop seven (7) consecutive times in the final one hundred fifty (150) yards of this race. Jockey Fuentes apologized and was candid stating the \$100,000 purse may have changed his riding style in this race with regards to aggressiveness. Jockey Fuentes was fined earlier this month (REF: 5/10/19²) for a rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop violation. In a majority decision (Steward Sawyer dissent - \$500 fine) the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #102

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 – blatant use), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on May 12, 2019.

05/17/19⁵

STATE VETERINARIAN CHANGE

Dr. Will Farmer will fill in this week for Dr. Tim Grande as Official Veterinarian Dr. Grande has other duties with the CHRB this week.

05/17/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #2 SHEER FLATTERY (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
 #3 SPOKANE EAGLE (Tr. D. O’Neill) claimed, E. Truman, trainer
 3rd RaceDeclaration #3 CALS’ GEM (Tr. L. Mendez) Medication – Stewards
 Refund \$1,342.89
 5th Race Declaration #7 TERRIBLE TED (Tr. H. Palma) Injured – Dana Stead DVM
 6th Race Declaration #2 DOWNSIDE UP (Tr. P. Harrington) Injured – Dana Stead DVM
 #4 BEAR CHUM (AUS) (Tr. S. McCarthy) Injured – Dana Stead DVM
 Refund \$722.69
 8th Race Jockey Change #2 FIRST STREET, D. Sanchez for E. Payeras (riding at Los Alamitos)

05/17/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,952	\$640,852.92
SCOTWinc	4,577	\$1,551,321.04
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,615,022.87
Total	8,529	\$6,807,196.83

SATURDAY

05/18/19¹

STEWARD CHANGE

Steward Grant Baker is off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward Ron Church will fill-in. Paul Atkinson is on duty as Safety Steward today.

05/18/19²

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW (REF: 5/17/19¹)

Jockey Giovanni Franco appeared in the Stewards’ office to review his ride in the first race yesterday May 17. Jockey Franco was aboard third place finisher #4 SUNRISER was involved in a bumping incident with first place finisher #1 BREASY BEE (Kent Desormeaux). The Stewards conducted a Stewards’ inquiry into this race in which there was not change. Film review shows Jockey Franco angle in and make contact around the 1/16th pole. Jockey Franco was issued a ‘warning’ for this ride in a unanimous decision.

05/18/19³

DAN BLACKER RULING

Trainer Dan Blacker registered his horse ‘SIR EDDIE’ on Lasix after he was entered for the fifth race today. He was allowed the late registration on with following penalty being issued.

LATS RULING #103

Trainer DAN BLACKER, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of SIR EDDIE in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2019).

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SMOOTH CARD

Today’s ten (10) race card went well as it was free of Stewards’ inquiries and/or jockey objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 FAST AS CASS (Tr. G. Stute) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
- 2nd Race Declaration #5 PROBABLE (Tr. M. Chew) sick, Will Farmer, DVM
- 3rd Race #4 SWIRLING (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed P. Aguirre, trainer – **VOIDED** - Unsound
- 4th Race Declaration #2 QUEEN OF THE TRACK (Tr. Jeff Bonde) sick, Dana Stead DVM
- 5th Race #8 TRUE VALIDITY (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed, V. Belvoir, trainer
- 5th Race #13 LIFELINE (Tr. Clifford Sise) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
- 5th Race Declaration #6 BELLERIN (Tr. C. Gaines) Full Field – Stewards
- 7th Race Declaration #7 QUERELLE (Tr. J. Cassidy) sick, Dana Stead, DVM
- 9th Race #14 NEXT GEN (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
- 9th Race #2 FORTNITE DANCE Ownership should read Nadine Anderson

05/18/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	18,731	\$2,150,567.22
SCOTWinc	11,733	\$4,057,476.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,223,485.38
Total	30,464	\$14,431,529.40

SUNDAY

05/19/19¹

MORNING DUTIES

The Stewards conducted their routine duties this morning in their office. A total of twenty one (21) horses were scratched by the Stewards off of today’s official program.

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TRACK RATINGS

Saturday (May 18) evening rains led to a track rating of ‘good’ for today’s first two (2) races. The main track was upgraded to ‘fast’ for Race #3.

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OFFICIAL CHANGE

Horse Identifier Jennifer Paige is off today for the personal reasons. Assistant Horse Identifier Tamara LaCroix will take over the assignment today.

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NO STEWARD INVOLEMENT

Today’s nine (9) race card was free of Steward’s inquiries and/or jockey objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race OFF TURF
- 1st Race Declarations #1 BELLIZE (Tr. J. Sadler) off Turf – Stewards

#2 LA SHIRIMP (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf – Stewards
 #3 NOBLE GODDESS (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf – Stewards
 #4 FABIOLLA (GB) (Tr. J. Carava) Off Turf – Stewards
 #9 CLAUDELLE (Tr. J. Sadler) Off Turf – Stewards
 Refund Total \$5,786.42; Minus Pool \$119.63

3rd Race Declarations #7 DK's CROWN (Tr. L. Mendez) Medication – Stewards
 #8 MARGO WITH A T (Tr. C. Stutts) Track condition – Stewards
 Refund Total \$904.12; Minus Pool \$1,522.17

4th Race No Show Wagering

4th Race Declarations #3 FLAMMETTA (Tr. R. Baltas) Off Turf – Stewards
 #6 LOVE AND PEACE (FR) (Tr. N. Drysdale) Off Turf – Stewards
 Refund Total \$1,057.80

5th Race Declaration #1 HARPER'S GALLOP (Tr. J. Carava) Track condition – Stewards
 Refund \$1,228.10
 #4 SECOND AVENUE (Tr. J. Cassidy) claimed, P. Aguirre, trainer

5th Race Jockey Change #6 MISS YA MOTHER, E. Payeras for A. Quinonez (sick)

7th Race No Show Wagering. Off Turf

7th Race Declarations #2 PRINCE OF ARABIA (Tr. J. Cassidy) Off Turf – Stewards
 #4 ACCOUNTABILITY (Tr. R. Becerra) Off Turf – Stewards
 #7 FULL OF LUCK (CHI) (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Off Turf – Stewards
 #8 KENJISSTORM (Tr. P. D'Amato) Off Turf – Stewards.
 Refund Total \$104,135.97
 #6 MOVE OVER (GB) (Tr. H. Palma) claimed, S. Knapp trainer,
 Stewards. **VOIDED** - Unsound

8th Race Win Wagering Only

8th Race Declarations #1 SELCOURT (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake – Stewards
 #3 SMILING TIGRESS (Tr. D. Bernstein) Stake – Stewards
 Refund Total \$2,175.30

9th Race Off Turf

9th Race Declarations #2 BLUEBERRY PRINCESS (Tr. H. Palma) Off Turf – Stewards
 #6 TRAPPENZA (Tr. M. Pender) Management – Stewards
 #8 TIG TOG (IRE) (Tr. P. Gallagher) Off Turf – Stewards
 #10 TRUSTINI (Tr. M. Puype) Off Turf – Stewards
 Refund Total \$5,080.08
 #9 SWEET CONNIE GIRL (Tr. A. Meah) claimed, P. Aguirre, trainer
 #11 WHOA NESSIE (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, R. B Hess, Jr., trainer

05/19/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,847	\$857,396.61
SCOTWinc	4,830	\$1,575,784.91
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,695,968.91
Total	11,677	\$7,129,150.43

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: 5/13/19 - 5/19/19

Horses on Vet List	8	Horses off Vet List	5
Shock Wave Therapy	18	Fatalities	1

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/17	Sat 5/18	Sun 5/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	1	5	79
Claims	3	4	2	9	200
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	33
Refunds	4	4	21	29	464
Rulings	4	1	0	5	103
Voided Claims	0	1	1	2	35

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward

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