

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**  
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Monday, February 3, 2020 through Sunday, February 9, 2020**

**WEDNESDAY**2/5/20<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office to oversee entries on Wednesday. The racing office carded nine races for Saturday. We only had one jockey change for Friday's program changes.

**THURSDAY**2/6/20<sup>1</sup>**CANCELLED RACES**

Santa Anita management cancelled Thursday's races after they elected to utilize one of their "Flex Days" due to lack of horse inventory.

2/6/20<sup>2</sup>**ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Kim Sawyer came in to monitor entries for Sunday. The office scheduled a nine-race card for Sunday, and there were no program changes for Saturday's races.

**FRIDAY**2/7/20<sup>1</sup>**CASE DISMISSED**

Financial case #20SA0063 was dismissed when Owner RYAN RITT paid the Hospital bills in the amount of \$1,106.03 to Southern California Equine Foundation.

2/7/20<sup>2</sup>**CARDENAS (Case #20SA0022)**

A ruling will be issued tomorrow after Owner JAVIER CARDENAS failed to show up for his scheduled hearing. Trainer William Morey filed a financial case against Mr. Cardenas for unpaid training bills. Representing Mr. Morey was his bookkeeper Marc Doche.

2/7/20<sup>3</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ and his Agent Matt Nakatani was in to review Sunday's fourth race, in which he could have violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the video several times, the majority felt that Mr. Gutierrez did not violate the rule. He was, however, asked to make a bigger distinction between flagging and cropping. Steward Baker voted for a penalty.

2/7/20<sup>4</sup>

**J.R. PEGRAM RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey Agent JAMES PEGRAM JR. paid \$4,000 to Jeff Meyers for the purchase of a horse. Mr. Pegram was suspended per ruling DMTD #017 on August 18, 2018 at Del Mar Race Track, for failing to show up for the scheduled hearing (ref 8/18/18<sup>1</sup>). Mr. Meyer filed a complaint with the CHRB after he did not receive the horse nor was the money returned to him.

**LATS RULING #032**

Jockey Agent JAMES RUSSELL (J.R.) PEGRAM JR., having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$4,000.00 to Jeff Meyers) ruling DMTD #017, issued at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 11, 2018, is set aside.

2/7/20<sup>5</sup>

**WINGARD (CASE #19SA0176)**

Groom JAMES WINGARD came in to accompany Winners' Foundation's Darrin Scharer to hear the case #19SA0176 filed by the CHRB for rule violations #1489(a)(8), #1900. Mr. Wingard failed to show up for his scheduled hearing on June 15, 2019, and was suspended. Wingard tested "positive" on May 12, 2019 for marijuana, when Investigator Phil Miyazaki had him submit a urine sample. Mr. Wingard has entered a structured living home and is currently living there while he seeks employment. We ordered Wingard to sign a testing agreement and submit a urine sample. The following ruling was issued to reinstate him, and we placed some conditions to his license.

**LATS RULING #033**

Groom JAMES WINGARD, having appeared to answer case number 19SA0176, is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #120, which was issued at Santa Anita Park on June 16, 2019, is set aside. Furthermore, JAMES WINGARD is ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, enter into a contract with the Winners' Foundation and abide the terms set forth in that contract.

2/7/20<sup>6</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's seven-race card ran without any major incidents to report.

2/7/20<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #9 SIERRA MELODY- Stewards' scratch- Enters back
- #10 MR. CLUTCH- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
- #11 HAMMERING LEMON- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$2,300.82.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 BRAZILLIAN SUMMER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, sick
- #5 NORSKI- Claim VOIDED returns to the barn of H. Palma (NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$1,151.93; Minus Pool \$1,517.19
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$162.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 DESERT SMOKE- Claimed by E. Truman, trainer. Refund \$252.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 PHAST PHAROAH- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound
- Refund \$3,310.51
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #No changes; Refund \$0

2/7/20<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,572	\$438,442.39
SCOTWinc	3,706	\$1,166,662.66
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,395,779.85
Total	6,278	\$5,000,884.90

**SATURDAY**

2/8/20<sup>1</sup>

**MANGEMENT MEETING**

Santa Anita Race Track management asked for a meeting to discuss the protocol for the Inclement Weather Policy, since rain is predicted for Sunday. Present in the hearing were Acting Executive Director of CA Racing Operations Aiden Butler, Vice President of Racing & Racing Secretary Steve Lym, Santa Anita Track Consultant Dennis Moore, Track

Superintendent Andy LaRocco, and participating telephonically were Chief Steward Darrel McHargue and Jockey's Guild Darrell Haire. The focus was to understand the permitted track conditions to run on, with the new policies when there is inclement weather.

2/8/20<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ESWAN FLORES was summoned to our office to review yesterday's second race in which he shifted in, applying pressure to the inside horses going into the first turn. We reviewed the video several times and wanted to review it with him. The incident wasn't penalty worthy but was worthy of a review with the jockey.

2/8/20<sup>3</sup>

**CARDENAS RULING**

The following ruling was issued to suspend Owner JAVIER CARDENAS for failing to appear for yesterday's scheduled hearing (ref: 2/7/20<sup>2</sup>).

**LATS RULING #034**

Owner JAVIER CARDENAS, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on February 7, 2020 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$3,955.00 to William J. Morey) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on February 15, 2020.

During the term of Suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JAVIER CARDENAS are suspended and Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

2/8/20<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The nine-race card went without any major issues to report. The day had two stake races in the Grade 2 Las Virgenes Stakes and the Grade 3 Thunder Road Stakes.

2/8/20<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$301.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 DEL MAR DRAMA - Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured  
 Refund \$1,582.19; Minus Pool \$113.43  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 TODOS SANTOS - Claimed by J. Metz, trainer  
 #2 EDNA- Claimed by A. Marquez, trainer. Refund \$0  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$86.00; Minus Pool \$12,888.53  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$180.50  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 MUGARITZ- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound. Refund \$4,454.89  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No change; Refund \$0

2/8/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,584	\$1,403,354.38
SCOTWinc	5,738	\$2,165,250.23
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,975,854.78
Total	13,322	\$9,544,459.39

**SUNDAY**

2/9/20<sup>1</sup>

**ROSARIO RULING**

The following ruling was issued when Jockey JOEL ROSARIO rode designated races in Tampa Bay Downs. Mr. Rosario is permitted to ride designated races, but he will be required to serve a "like" day.

**LATS RULING #035**

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (February 15, 2020) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g) (Designated Races – participated in designated races out of state on February 8, 2020).

2/9/20<sup>2</sup>

**SMOOTH RACING**

The eight races for Sunday's card went without any major issues. The card was headlined with the Grade 2 San Vicente Stakes.

2/9/20<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 DRIFT AWAY- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer  
 #6 SQUARE PEGGY- Claimed by V. Cerin, Trainer. Refund \$0

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 WINNING ELEMENT- Claimed by R. Hansen, Trainer. Refund \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$31.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$75.00; Minus Pool \$11,740.50

8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 EGYPTIAN GODDESS- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick  
 Refund \$1,142.10

2/9/20<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,411	\$1,090,320.29
SCOTWinc	4,736	\$1,617,060.97
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,605,525.90
Total	10,147	\$7,312,907.16

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/3/20 TO 2/9/20**

Horses on Vet List 9  
 Horses off Vet List 14  
 Shock Wave Therapy 6  
 Fatalities 1  
 Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/7</b>	<b>Sat 2/8</b>	<b>Sun 2/9</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	2	1	4	35
<b>Claims</b>	1	2	3	6	50
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Refunds</b>	5	5	3	13	112
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	1	4	35
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	0	0	1	4

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Ron Church, Safety Steward