

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 21, 2020 through Sunday, January 26, 2020

WEDNESDAY1/22/20¹**ENTRY DAY**

The Stewards' office was open today. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty. Racing Secretary Steve Lym and his staff filed nine (9) races for this weekend card.

THURSDAY1/23/20¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty today in the Stewards' office. Eight (8) races were drawn by veteran racing official's Bob Moreno and Charlie McCaul. Steward Jauregui also oversaw scratches for Friday, January 24, 2020. All changes were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

FRIDAY1/24/20¹**UMBERTO RISPOLI FILM REVIEW**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #4 ORIGINAIRE (IRE) who finished second in the fifth race on January 20, 2020. This race was contested at one (1) mile on the infield turf course. Film review of the stretch drive of this race shows #4 ORIGINAIRE (IRE) drive up into a tight opening approaching the 1/16th mile marker. Ninth place finisher #1 NEVER EASY (A. Cedillo) is brushed and forced to steady after #4 ORIGINAIRE steps in front of that rival. Jockey Rispoli placed some of the blame for this incident on sixth place finisher #2 GREGORIAN CHANT (GB), who drifted in slightly.

In a majority decision Jockey Rispoli received a 'warning' for this ride. Steward Baker voted for a 3-day suspension.

The Stewards also wanted to review Rispoli's use of the riding crop in this race. After review the Stewards unanimously determined that this rider did comply with CHRB rule #1688 (Use of the Riding Crop).

1/24/20²

JORGE VELEZ FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey JORGE VELEZ appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #3 CLAUDIA JEAN (IRE), who finished fifth in the third race on Monday, January 20, 2020. #3 CLAUDIA JEAN (IRE) drifts out under left handed cropping in mid-stretch. This action interfered with a fast closing #2 HONOR HOP (Jose Valdiva) who was forced off his straight course before finishing second. Jockey Velez straightened his mount with his reins after the aforementioned interference. In a unanimous decision Apprentice Velez received a warning. For this ride as he also did last week for another ride (REF:1/19/20²).

1/24/20³

EQUIPMENT CHANGE PROBLEM

Paddock Judge Ed Reese notified the Stewards' office that there was going to be six (6) or seven (7) Blinker changes missing for the Santa Anita horses listed in the 'Daily Racing Form' for Saturday, January 25, 2020. Blinker change information will be correct, however in the Santa Anita Official Program. Mr. Reese has been in touch with personnel, at the InCompass software company in Kentucky, that stated the problem was the result of new software that was being installed and that the issue should be just a one-time problem. We will make sure that accurate Blinker change will be given by track announcer Frank Mirahmadi and shown on video screens throughout the wagering network.

1/24/20⁴

LILY AI COMPLAINT (CASE #19DM0074)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue DVM, filed a complaint against Owner Lily Ai for non-payment of veterinarian bills in the amount of \$377.50. Neither Dr. Blue nor Lily Ai appeared in our office today for an informal hearing that was scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. This hearing was originally scheduled for January 2, 2020, but rescheduled due to no racing on January 2. This case was subsequently dismissed.

1/24/20⁵

SMOOTH CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well as there were no inquiries and/or jockey objections.

1/24/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race Wagering	Cancel #1 Super Hi 5
1 st Race Declarations	#3 MISS TOKYO (Tr. R. Baltas) Sick – Dana Stead DVM #5 HAPPY TUNE (Tr. P. Gallagher) Injured – Time Grande DVM Refund Total \$2,004.93; Minus Pool \$546.77
5 th Race Jockey Change	#6 FIRE MILE LANDING - A. Espinosa for A. Delgadillo – sick
6 th Race Declaration	#1 POLAR (Tr. J. Wallace) Unsound – Becky Fitzgerald DVM Refund \$501.16
6 th Race Wagering	Cancel #1 Super Hi 5
6 th Race	#4 TOOTHLESS WONDER (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed - S. Miyadi
7 th Race	#4 MURAD KHAN (Tr. P. Miller) claimed D. O'Neill, trainer
8 th Race Jockey Change	#9 GOLDEN VICTORY - F. Prat for A. Delgadillo - sick

1/24/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,960	\$498,012.09
SCOTWinc	3,546	\$1,104,215.94
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,206,154.82
Total	6,506	\$5,808,382.85

SATURDAY

1/25/20¹

EDUARDO ROJAS-FERNANDEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey EDUARDO ROJAS FERNANDEZ appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #5 ROYAL SONG who finished sixth (last) in yesterday's (January 24) sixth race. Rojas

Fernandez used his riding crop three (3) times while trailing. While two (2) out of three (3) of these strikes could be considered taps, nonetheless, they were not warranted for a mount that is out of contention. This is his first visit to our office that we recall and what was a 'close call' Jockey Rojas Fernandez was issued a warning for this ride.

1/25/20²

NEW FRENCH JOCKEY

Jockey Agent Derek Lawson introduced us to a young reinsman who is currently a jockey in France. THOMAS TRULLIER, who is 19 years old, has ridden over 600 races overseas. He told us through interpreter/ jockey agent Lawson that he will only be here six (6) to eight (8) weeks or however long his visa allows.

1/25/20³

IGGY PUGLISI FILM REVIEW

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's (January 24) seventh race. Jockey Puglisi was aboard #7 HEARTFULOFSTARS who finished eighth in this one (1) mile turf course event. #7 HEARTFULOFSTARS was beaten 3 ¼ lengths for seventh position. The reason for the film review was Puglisi's use of the riding crop. This horse was struck eight (8) or (9) times from the 5/16ths pole to the finish line. The strikes were forceful and Puglisi apologized and told us he has been 'pressing' as of late. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #20

Jockey IGNACIO 'IGGY' PUGLISI, who rode HEARTFULOFSTARS in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on January 24, 2020, is suspended for TWO (2) racing days (February 1 and 2, 2020), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – excessive when the horse has obtained its maximum placing).

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

1/25/20⁴

SECOND RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an accident after the start of the second race, which was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. Roughly thirty (30) yards after the start, fourth place finisher #4 GREY TSUNAMI (Anthony Locke) drifts into the path of #3 SWINGN IT (Jorge Velez) causing this horse to clip heels, bobble and unseat Apprentice Jockey Jorge Velez. #3 SWINGN IT ran loose on the track and was captured by an outrider after the finish line. Apprentice Velez was examined by the track doctor and cleared to ride the rest of the afternoon. For interference after the start #4 GREY TSUNAMI was disqualified and placed unplace. Jockey Anthony Locke was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-5-2-4-3 DNF

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-5-2-3 DNF-4 UNPLACED

1/25/20⁵

PHOTO FINISH PROBLEM

Following the running of the ninth race photo finish operator/ General Manager Plusmic USA Jim Anderson told the Stewards via speaker box that the photo finish camera failed to function for this race. He placed blame on an electrical failure. Fortunately for the Stewards and placing judges the participants in this ten (10) horse field were very 'spread out'. After conferring with the placings judges', all five (5) of us were in agreement as to the order of finish and the placings were made 'Official'. Mr. Anderson is filling in this week for regular photo finish Tammy Boag, who is off for personal reasons. We ordered a letter of explanation from General Manager Anderson requesting a description of what led to this potentially major problem.

1/25/20⁶

HOT JOCKEY

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO booted home four (4) winners today including the Peter Miller trained CAPTAIN SCOTTY (\$9.80) in the \$200,000 Palos Verdes Stakes (Grade 2). At the end of the day Jockey Cedillo is now tied with Joel Rosario in the Santa Anita jockey standings.

1/25/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2nd Race Jockey Change #2 SWEET SASSAFRASS A. Gryder for A. Delgadillo - Sick
 3rd Race #4 FIRE WHEN READY (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) claimed, J. Mullins
 7th Race Declarations #3 HEYWOODS BEACH (Tr. J. Sadler) Injured-Tim Grande DVM
 #4 TIME TO TERSTIFY (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Injured-Dr. Grande
 #6 WAR PATH (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 Refund Total: \$6,096.67
 8th Race Declarations #1 AX MAN (Tr. B. Baffert) Enter Back-Stewards
 #5 ST. JOE. BAY (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards
 Refund Total: \$2,159.29
 8th Race Wagering Change NO SHOW WAGERING
 8th Race Jockey Change #8 HALLOWED GIFT V. Espinoza for R. Fuentes (bloody nose)

1/25/20⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,196	\$1,340,072.62
SCOTWinc	5,831	\$2,188,055.28
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,670,052.35
Total	11,027	\$8,198,180.25

SUNDAY
1/26/20¹

JORGE VELEZ FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey JORGE VELEZ appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #1 KLEEN KARMA, who finished sixth (last) in the sixth race yesterday (January 25). This race was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Apprentice Velez used his riding crop three (3) times while trailing the field. We told Velez that we are ‘ratcheting up’ enforcement of CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) and that suspensions will be issued if warranted. This ride did not rise to that level, however the following fine was issued, in a unanimous decision.

LATS RULING #021

Apprentice Jockey JORGE VELEZ, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(5) (Use of Riding Crop – when the horse was clearly out of the race), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 25, 2020.

1/26/20²

ANTHONY LOCKE FILM REVIEW (REF:1/25/20⁴)

Jockey ANTHONY LOCKE appeared in our office for film review this morning. Jockey Locke was aboard #4 Grey TSUNAMI who finished fourth but was placed ‘unplaced’ in this six (6) furlong main track event. Film review today shows #4 Grey TSUNAMI drifted in front of the #3 stall of the starting gate roughly thirty (30) yards after the start. At this point #3 SWINGN IT ‘catches the heels’ of #4 GREY TSUNAMI forcing #3 SWINGN IT to bobble and lose its rider, Apprentice Jorge Velez.

The panoramic view of this accident makes it clear that #4 GREY TSUNAMI was not sufficiently clear of #3 SWINGN IT after drifting in, thereby causing the aforementioned accident. Mr. Locke acknowledged his careless actions and accepted full responsibility for the incident. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following penalty.

LATS RULING #22

Jockey ANTHONY LOCKE, who rode GREY TSUNAMI in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 26, 2020, is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (February 2,6,7,8,9,14,15,16,17 and 21, 2020), for altering course without sufficient clearance after the start causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to unplaced. 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.

1/26/20³

ASA ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW

Jockey ASA ESPINOZA appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the eighth race on Monday, January 20, 2020. Jockey Espinoza was aboard #8 FORT DODGE, who finished seventh in this race which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Film review this morning shows Jockey Espinoza use his riding crop twenty (20) times from the 3/8ths pole to the finish line. Jockey Espinoza has been issued seven (7) fines for misuse of the riding crop dating back to May 2018. The Stewards issued the following penalty. Steward Baker voted for a three (3) day suspension. When informed of the penalty, Mr. Espinoza immediately pointed out a couple of other riding crop actions or inactions in which our judgment was poor.

LATS RULING #023

Jockey ASSAEL ESPINOZA, who rode FORT DODGE in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 20, 2020, is suspended for TWO (2) racing days (February 2 and 6, 2020), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – excessive when the horse has obtained its maximum placing).

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

1/26/20⁴

VICTOR ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #3 FLAGSTAFF who finished second in yesterday's eighth race (\$200,000 Guaranteed-Palos Verde Stakes-Grade 2). In this six (6) furlong main track event #3 FLAGSTAFF was closing well before being beaten in a photo finish. Film review shows Jockey Espinoza using his riding crop five (5) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. The following ruling was issued, in a unanimous decision.

LATS RULING #24

VICTOR ESPINOZA, 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 eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 25, 2020.

1/26/20⁵

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards' posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident between second place finisher #2 GHOUL (BRZ) (Joel Rosario) and fifth place finisher #6 DOUBLE TOUCH (GB) (Victor Espinoza) for an incident at about the 1/16th mile marker. This race was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the turf course. Race replays show #2 GHOUL (BRZ) drift in under right-handed urging and take the path of #6 DOUBLE TOUCH (GB). This forced Jockey Espinoza to CHECK his horse when blocked and lose momentum. #6 DOUBLE TOUCH (GB) was beaten a ½ length for fourth position. The Stewards received a patrol judge report and spoke with jockey's Rosario and Espinoza. In a majority decision (Steward Jauregui dissent) #2 GHOUL (BRZ) was disqualified and placed fifth. Jockey Joel Rosario was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

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

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

1/26/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #7 HANG A STAR (Tr. I. Kruljac) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
Refund: \$2,360.19

2nd Race Declaration #3 FULL OF LUCK (CHI) (Tr. S. Miyadi) Unsound-Tim Grande DVM
Refund: \$529.60

2nd Race Wagering Change NO SHOW WAGERING

3Rd Race Declaration #3 TALE OF THE TAVERN (Tr. J. Wong) Unsound-Tim Grande DVM
Refund: \$724.43

3rd Race Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5 Wagering

8th Race Declaration #3 GINGER STREET (Tr. P. Oviedo) Unsound-Tim Grande DVM

Refund: \$1,047.43

1/26/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,234	\$926,836.93
SCOTWinc	4,766	\$1,600,045.59
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,874,341.81
Total	9,000	\$6,401,224.33

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 1/20/20 TO 1/26/20

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	9
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/24	Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	2	26
Claims	2	1	0	3	40
Disqualification	0	1	1	2	3
Inquiries	0	1	1	2	5
Refunds	8	5	4	17	82
Rulings	0	1	4	5	24
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	3

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward

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