

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 Monday, May 11, 2020 through Sunday, May 17, 2020

TUESDAY
5/12/20¹

ENTRY DAY

Grant Baker was on duty to supervise entries for Friday. The card was drawn at 1:15 pm and produced a nine-race card with ninety-four entries.

WEDNESDAY
5/13/20¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCH DAY

Grant Baker was on duty to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday; contain any other issues of importance. The card was drawn at 1:00 pm and provided a ten-race program with one hundred and five entries.

THURSDAY
5/14/20¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCH DAY

Grant Baker was on duty to approve entries for Sunday and scratches for Saturday. The card was drawn at 1:25 pm and generated a ten-race card with ninety-eight entries.

FRIDAY
5/15/20¹

PROTOCOL MEETING

A meeting was held in the Stewards' office to review the most recent protocol issued by Santa Anita management for afternoon racing. In attendance were, Acting Executive Director, CA Racing Operations Aiden Butler, Senior VP & Assistant GM Nate Newby, VP Racing, Racing Secretary Steve Lym, Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, Director of Racing Chris Merz, Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire and by telephone, CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue. Their proposed procedures were discussed, and opinions were shared.

5/15/20²

JOCKEY REMOVAL

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO was removed from his mounts today after notification he had only taken one of the two required tests for Covid-19. He will be removed from his Saturday mounts as well. There is a 48 hour turn around to receive the results of the test he took today.

5/15/20³

INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION FOURTH RACE 3/4 dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the finish line. Involved were #1 STICK UP (H. Figueroa) and #2 PAMMI DEAREST (J. Velez). #2 on the rail driving up into the inside of #1 clipped heels as #1 drifted into its path causing the horse to stumble and unseat jockey VELEZ. In a unanimous decision #1 was disqualified and placed unplaced behind #2.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-6-5-9-7-1-10-4-3-2(DNF)

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-6-5-9-7-10-4-3-2(DNF)-1

5/15/20⁴

INQUIRY NO CHANGE NINTH RACE 5 1/2-dirt

The inquiry sign was posted after #9 VALUATION (U. Rispoli) refused to break from the starting gate as the field was dispatched by Starter Jay Slender. After a review it was determined there were no other factors involved in the incident and the original order of finish was made official. This horse will be placed on the Starter's List.

5/15/20⁵

EMPTY STALL

When the field for the fifth race (one-mile turf) arrived at the gate Starter Jay Slender informed the Stewards that the magnets on the number three stall were not working. Starter Slender stated it would be too far out to move the whole field outside of that particular stall. The race was performed with an empty stall (#3) at the start, no issues. The situation was announced by track announcer Frank Mirahmadi.

5/15/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st race	#10 THANKS MR. EIDSON (Tr. J. Bonde) R. Fuentes replaced G. Franco Refund \$752.10
2nd race	#6 SWEET HONOR (Tr. I. Kruljac) U. Rispoli replaced G. Franco Refund \$925.34
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$136.80
4th race	#3 CHRISTMAS PICKLES (Tr. M. McCarthy) F. Prat replaced G. Franco Refund \$8.00
5th race	#9 QUINNIE (Tr. C. Gaines) U. Rispoli replaced G. Franco Refund \$52.30
6th race	#1 ORIGINAL INTENT (Tr. D. Greenman) B. Blanc replaced G. Franco #4 TREASURE HUNTER (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase #9 ADENS DREAM (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. A. Kitchingman Refund \$16.00
7th race	#6 LA SABALERA (Tr. J. Sierra) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$269.00
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$5.00
9 th race	#10 TWIRLING DERBY (Tr. R. Gomez) E. Flores replaced G. Franco Refund \$68.50

5/15/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	112.00
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,206,964.47
Total	0	\$11,207,076.47

SATURDAY
5/16/20¹

DESMOREAUX RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer KEITH DESORMEAUX acknowledged his error when he entered his horse in the wrong race.

LATS RULING #063

Trainer KEITH DESORMEAUX, who was scheduled to start ZIMBA WARRIOR in the third race on May 15, 2020, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – entered in wrong race).

5/16/20²

LERNER RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer ANDREW LERNER excepted responsibility for not registering his horse on lasix prior to entry.

LATS #064

Trainer KEITH DESORMEAUX, who was scheduled to start ZIMBA WARRIOR in the third race on May 15, 2020, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – entered in wrong race).

5/16/20³

GARNER RULING

The following ruling was issued after an informal hearing by telephone. Exercise rider CATHLEEN GARNER stated she felt she did all she could do to control her horse during a workout after the siren and lights were turned on due to an incident at the 3/8's pole. After speaking with the outriders all agreed she did not attempt to pull up when by policy it is required.

LATS RULING #065

Exercise Rider CATHLEEN GARNER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on April 15, 2020.

5/16/20⁴

LEAHEY RULING

The following ruling was issued after an informal hearing by telephone. Exercise Rider HANNAH LEAHEY stated her horse was too tough to pull up. Again, per witnesses she did not make an effort to do so.

LATS RULING #066

Exercise Rider HANNAH LEAHEY is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on April 15, 2020.

5/16/20⁵

GUTIERREZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after an informal hearing by telephone. Exercise Rider TONY GUTIERREZ stated he made a mistake and excepted responsibility.

LATS RULING #067

Exercise Rider ANTONIO, L. GUTIERREZ, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on May 2, 2020.

5/16/20⁶

JOCKEY REVIEW

Jockey Guild Representative Darrel Haire appeared with jockeys Jorge Velez and Heriberto Figueroa, who were involved in a disqualification in the fourth race yesterday. Mr. Velez was warned it is not healthy to drive a horse who is bearing out and hesitant into a one path opening. He, Velez also made the same move at the 5/16 marker where he had to checked sharply. This being said Mr. Figueroa did drift into the path of the Velez horse causing it to clip heels. He received the following penalty as listed in the ruling below. Steward Baker voted for a five-day suspension.

LATS RULING #068

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA, who rode STICK UP in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 15, 2020, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 23, 24 and 25, 2020), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from sixth to unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699(c)(e) (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.

5/16/20⁷

MEDICATION DECISIONS

Upon the recommendation by the CHRB the following penalties were issued. This BOS agreed that contamination was the cause for these positives and warnings were the appropriate penalty.

Trainer MATHEW CHEW (case 19DM0037) who started the horse SAPPHIRE KID in the seventh race at Del Mar on November 15, 2019 and finished sixth, tested positive for Scopolamine a class 4 category C drug. A split sample analysis was declined. Trainer Chew stated he felt the positive came from contamination. His last class 4 medication violation was on May 25, 2018. Warning.

Trainer LEONARD POWELL (case 19DM0046) who started the horse VEGAS STRONG BABY in the first race at Santa Anita on October 27, 2019 and finished second, tested positive for Scopolamine a class 4 category C drug. A split sample was not requested. His practicing veterinarian, Dr. Finley felt it was most likely in the straw. His last class 4 medication violation was on December 16, 2018.

Trainer JACK CARAVA (case 19DM0243) who started the horse MISS LADY ANN in the fourth race at Santa Anita on October 12, 2019 and finished second, tested positive for Scopolamine a class 4 category C penalty drug. A split sample was not requested. Trainer Carava believed there was contamination in the feed and or straw. His last class 4 medication violation was on January 30, 2016. Warning.

Trainer JOHN SADLER (case 20SA0106) who started the horse TIG TOG in the first race at Santa Anita on February 17, 2020 and finished first, tested positive for Scopolamine a class 4 category C penalty drug. A split sample was requested and the laboratory (Texas A&M) chosen by the respondent confirmed the original finding. Trainer Sadler believed the positive was due to contamination. His last class 4 medication violation was on 12-01-1997.

5/16/20⁸

JOCKEY OBJECTION NO CHANGE NINTH RACE 1 mile-turf

Following the running of the race jockey ABEL CEDILLO aboard #2 EASTERN OCEAN (2nd) lodged a claim of foul against #1 HEYWOODS BEACH (U. Rispoli 1st) for a possible foul in mid-stretch. After a review of the race, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both riders the original order of finish was made official. In a unanimous decision the BOS ruled there was always room for #2 on the inside rail and no foul occurred.

5/16/20⁹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#11 GIT ON YOUR PULPIT (Tr. K. Walsh) E. Flores replaced G. Franco #13 J C'S HENRIETTA (Tr. E. Alvarez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande Refund \$1,017.18
2nd race	#5 DONUT GIRL (Tr. M. Chew) claimed by Tr. B. Cunningham Refund \$373.00
3rd race	#4 NAVETTA (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead #7 M FAST (Tr. N. Drysdale) D. VanDyke replaced J. Velez (1 st call) #10 VEGAS PALM (Tr. G. Mandella) H. Figueroa replaced G. Franco #12 FIEREE FOR SUI (Tr. B. Baffert) Steward-Tr. did not want to run Refund \$4,446.24

4th race No Changes; Refund \$66.00
 5th race #4 GO FOR A RIDE (Tr. R. Hanson) A. Gryder replaced G. Franco
 Refund \$116.50
 6th race #4 SUMMER FIRE (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Steward-stake
 #6 PROJECT LEADER (Tr. M. Stortz) E. Roman replaced G. Franco
 Refund \$2,056.80
 7th race #1 DON'T BLAME JUDY (Tr. E. Kruljac) A. Cedillo replaced G. Franco
 Refund \$26.50
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$75.50
 9th race #8 CAPITAL CALL (Tr. N. Drysdale) M. Smith replaced G. Franco
 Refund \$721.70
 10th race #1 HOOP DREAM (Tr. D. Bernstein) R. Fuentes replaced G. Franco
 Refund \$50.30

5/16/20¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	1949.20
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$14,340,678.00
Total	0	\$14,342,627.20

SUNDAY
 5/17/20¹

BAFFERT RULING

The following ruling was issued after MR. BAFFERT decided he did not want to participate in the listed race.

LATS RULING #069

Trainer BOB BAFFERT who was scheduled to start FIERCE FOR SUL in the third race on May 16, 2020, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – didn't want to run).

5/17/20²

OLHA KRUSHEVSKA RULING

The following ruling was issued after testimony from the witnesses (outriders) that MS. OLHA KRUSHEVSKA worked a horse for Keith Desormeaux on a Tuesday when workers are not allowed, and clockers are not available.

LATS RULING #070

Exercise Rider OLHA KRUSHEVSKA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working when prohibited) at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2020.

5/17/20³

CHAVEZ RULING 071

The following ruling was issued after testimony from the witnesses (outriders) that MR. WILLIAM CHAVEZ worked a horse for Keith Desormeaux on a Tuesday when workers are not allowed, and clockers are not available.

LATS RULING #071

Exercise Rider WILLIAM CHAVEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working when prohibited) at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2020.

5/17/20⁴

RIEFENBERG 073

The following ruling was issued after a hearing by telephone. MS. ERIN RIEFENBERG ignored the warning siren when working a horse for trainer Ray Bell III, while a horse was pulled up at the 7/8 marker and standing in the middle of the track.

LATS RULING #073

Exercise Rider ERIN RIEFENBERG is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on April 23, 2020.

5/17/20⁵

DELGADILLO RECORDED HEARING CASE. #19DM0037

The CHRB filed a complaint against jockey JOSE DELGADILLO for CHRB rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Before the BOS was Mr. Delgadillo and the hearing was recorded with a recorder provided by the CHRB. Darin Scharer (Winners Foundation) was available by telephone.

On August 8, 2019 at Del Mar Racetrack Security reported Mr. Delgadillo had admittedly taken Methamphetamine. Immediately after, Mr. Delgadillo attended a six-month in-house rehabilitation program in Tijuana Mexico. On his return he met with Darin Scharer (Winners Foundation), signed a contract and has complied with their stipulations since. Mr. Scherer stated, in his professional opinion Mr. Delgadillo was ready to return to the industry. The following ruling was issued after Mr. Delgadillo tested negative and had signed a CHRB testing agreement with Investigator Mike Barker.

LATS RULING #072

Jockey JOSE LUIS DELGADILLO is suspended for thirty (30) days (retroactive) from February 13, 2020 to March 13, 2020, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Methamphetamine) on August 14, 2019 at Del Mar Racetrack.

Furthermore, MR. DELGADILLO 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.

5/17/20⁶

JOCKEY REPLACEMENT (ref- 05-15-20 (2))

As Covid-19 results had not returned prior to today's races from GEOVANNI FRANCO'S Friday's swab, he was removed from his mounts today. Also, apprentice MAURO DONOE was removed from his mount in the fourth race as he was not aware of the mandatory swab procedure conducted every Wednesday morning to be able to ride at Santa Anita.

5/17/20⁷

FOURTH RACE DELAY

There was approximately a ten-minute post time delay due to a saddle replacement when there was a late jockey change.

5/17/20⁸

INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION EIGHTH RACE 3/4 -dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two different incidents. The first involved, #1 FIGHTING MAD (Tr. B. Baffert 3rd) and #3 MOTHER MOTHER (Tr. B. Baffert 4th). Soon after the start #1 drifted out into the path of #3 causing it to clip heels. The second incident involved #1 FIGHTING MAD (Tr. B. Baffert 3rd) and #6 ARTISTIC DIVA (Tr. J. Sadler 5th). Coming off the turn #1 drifted making contact with #6 to its outside as #6 stepped inward slightly. In a unanimous decision, the first incident did affect the placing of #3 MOTHER MOTHER, the second incident did not affect the final placing of #6 ARTISTIC DIVA, therefore #1 FIGHTING MAD was disqualified and placed fourth behind #3.

5/17/20⁹

STEWARDS' REVIEW

Following the running of the race the Stewards posted a Stewards' Review on the graphics to evaluate confusion at the quarter pole. Involved were #5 ESTABLISH JUSTICE (A. Espinoza 10th) who ran up on heels, had to check and backed up into #11 PASITO (U. Rispoli 11th) who had to change its course to avoid heels. The BOS felt there was no need for an inquiry and the race was made official.

5/17/20¹⁰

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #2 THRIVING (GB) (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande
 #8 LOFTY (Tr. M. McCarthy) U. Rispoli replaced G. Franco Refund \$4,334.95
 2nd race #4 JUDY WITH GRACE (Tr. R. Ellis) D. Vandyke replaced G. Franco
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$322.26
 4th race #4 LOVELY FINISH (Tr. J. Herrick) A. Gryder replaced M. Donoe CW 126
 Refund \$423.07
 5th race #1 POUR ON THE COLE (Tr. M. McCarthy) D. VanDyke replaced G. Franco
 #6 FRAVEL (Tr. R. Mandella) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
 Refund \$3,918.43
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$6.00
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$41.92
 8th race #4 AMUSE (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards-stake Refund \$916.24
 9th race #10 SUTRO (Tr. M. McCarthy) M. Smith replaced G. Franco Refund \$612.70
 10th race No Changes; Refund \$1,798.65

5/17/20¹¹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$40.00
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	n/a	\$12,331,689.50
Total	0	\$12,331,729.50

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/1/20 TO 5/17/20

Horses on Vet List 15
 Horses off Vet List 17
 Shock Wave Therapy 23
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/15	Sat 5/16	Sun 5/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	3	7	71
Claims	2	1	0	3	99
Disqualifications	1	0	1	2	10
Inquiries	2	1	1	4	17
Refunds	9	10	9	28	231
Rulings	0	6	5	11	72
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	8

Respectfully submitted,

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