

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 18, 2020 through Monday, May 25, 2020

WEDNESDAY
5/20/20¹

ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Saturday and program changes for Friday. The office carded nine (9) races for Friday.

THURSDAY
5/21/20¹

ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer came into the office to monitor entries for Sunday and program changes for Saturday.

FRIDAY
5/22/20¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ was in to review the fifth (5th) race (turf) from Sunday's card. Mr. Gutierrez made contact with the inside horse when leaving the starting gate and going into the first turn. We felt he could of have pulled off the inside horse earlier to relieve some of the pressure. The majority felt the incident wasn't worthy of a penalty, but we cautioned him that this type of riding could result in a suspension. Steward Baker voted for a suspension.

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE was in to review Sunday's eighth (8th) race, the Desert Stormer Stakes, in which he was involved in a disqualification. We reviewed two incidents; the first incident was leaving the starting gate in which he caused the outside horse to clip heels, and the second incident was at the top of the stretch, where he made contact with the outside horse. Mr. Van Dyke stated that in the first incident his horse drifted out slightly when crossing the gap. Regarding the second incident, he felt he made a mistake when hitting his horse left-handed while still in the turn. Van Dyke said it caused him to float out and make contact with the outside horse. The majority voted to issue a five-day suspension for both incidents, and Steward

Jauregui voted for three-day suspension for the incident in the stretch only. Therefore, the following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #074

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode FIGHTING MAD in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2020, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (May 29, 30,31 and June 5 and 6, 2020), for two incidents. They were, failure to maintain a straight course after the start, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth place and altering course and causing interference entering the stretch. Both incidents constitute 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.

5/22/20²

AMENDED RULING

The DRAYDEN VAN DYKE ruling was subsequently amended to correct the issue date on the ruling.

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5/22/20³

GOOD RACING

The nine races went as anticipated with no major issues to report.

5/22/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 DENNIS CELERY- Stewards' scratch - Enter back
#8 BROKEN FINGER- Stewards' scratch -1st time Gelding. Refund \$1,682.93
2nd Race #7 HOT ON THE TRAIL- Claimed by G. Stute, trainer. Refund \$43.87
3rd Race #3 SQUARE PEGGY- Claimed by J. Sierra, trainer
#4 SWING THOUGHTS- Claimed by K. Desormeaux, trainer. Refund \$105.38
4th Race #6 SUEZAAANA- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Fitzgerald, injured
Refund \$853.04; Minus Pool \$591.49
5th Race No changes; Refund \$21.00
6th Race #3 JEN GO UNCHAINED- **VOIDED** Claim returns to the barn of R. Becerra
#7 RMANIE'S GREY SUIT- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluery, unsound
#9 SHORT OF EZ- Claimed by R. Trela, trainer. Refund \$735.25
7th Race #8 MUSIC TO MY EARS - Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$156.64
8th Race No changes; Refund \$83.20
9th Race #5 FLYINLAUREL - Late Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, unsound
#10 STARSHIP SKY - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
#11 CASSIE BELLS - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
#12 ROCKIE CAUSEWAY- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible. Refund \$30,838.44

5/22/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$94.80
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,470,175.05
Total	0	\$7,470,269.85

SATURDAY
5/23/20¹

ARAUJO CASE #20SA0033

Veterinarian JOHN ARAUJO was in our office to hear case (#20SA033), where the CHRB filed a complaint alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report). The CHRB alleged that Dr. Araujo failed to list three treatments on December 27, 2018, February 17, 2019 and February 28, 2019 on his confidential reports. The violations were discovered when CHRB Investigators were reviewing medical bills when conducting an investigation. Dr. Araujo stated that he was busy on those days and failed to list them on his confidential report. After hearing all the facts and entering the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

5/23/20²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run of the top five finishers in the fifth (5th) race, the Daytona Stakes. Involved were the #6 WILDMAN JACK (M. Smith) 1st, #1 SPARKY VILLE (G. Franco) 2nd, #2 STUBBINS (U. Rispoli) 3rd, #7 TEXAS WEDGE (F. Prat) 4th, and #5 CISTRON (V. Espinoza) 5th. The video shows that the #2 and #5 steadied at the 1/16th pole. The #2 and #5 were in between the #6, who shifted in slightly, and the #1 who drifted out. After speaking to the riders, patrol judges and reviewing the film, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. In our opinion, the running lanes for the #2 and #5 were closed prior to the incident, therefore no change was made.

5/23/20³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION (turf)

Immediately after the running of the eighth (8th) race, the Charlie Whittingham Stakes, we posted the inquiry sign to review contact, in the stretch, between the second-place horse #7 ROCKEMPEROR (IRE) (I. Ortiz, Jr.), and third-place horse #6 ORIGINAIRE (IRE) (U. Rispoli). After reviewing the film and speaking to the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #7 and place him third behind the #6. In our opinion, the #7 came in and made hard contact with #6 costing him a better placing.

Unofficial Order 5-(7)-6-1-2-4

Official Order 5-6-(7)-1-2-4

5/23/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #13 DUPLICITY- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$5,058.15
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
4th Race #7 TIZ A MASTER- Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer. Refund \$0
5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
6th Race No changes; Refund \$39.00
7th Race #4 BIDDY DUKE- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
#7 LOVELY LILIA- Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer
#9 SAMURAI CHARM- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound
Refund \$116,019.86
8th Race #3 BOLD ENDEAVOR- Stewards' scratch- Stake
Refund \$1,769.48; Minus Pool \$105.05
9th Race #9 DR. HOFFMAN- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer
#14 ROYALLY BIG- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$530.60

5/23/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$65.20
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,236,007.79
Total	0	\$10,236,072.99

SUNDAY
5/24/20¹

GANBAT RULING

Trainer ENEBISH GANBAT was fined for failing to register his horse "Mongolian Wind" in time for Saturday's ninth race at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Ganbat accepted the penalty and the following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #075

Trainer ENEBISH GANBAT, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of MONGOLIAN WIND in the ninth race on May 23, 2020, at Santa Anita Park.

5/24/20²

ARAUJO RULING

The ruling below was issued, fining Veterinarian JOHN ARAUJO for failing to list treatments on his confidential report. This ruling was issued in reference to yesterday's hearing (ref 5/23/20¹):

LATS RULING #076

Veterinarian JOHN ARAUJO, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for three (3) violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report – failure to provide) on December 27, 2018, February 17, 2019 and February 28, 2019, at Santa Anita Park.

5/24/20³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey IRAD ORTIZ, JR. was called in our office to review yesterday's eighth race, in which he was disqualified from second place to third place for an incident in the stretch. Mr. Ortiz stated that his horse switched leads when entering the stretch causing him to shift in slightly. The majority felt that he could of have done a better job maintaining a straight course after employing his riding crop (right-handed). He was issued a three-day suspension, with Steward Sawyer voting for no penalty, as she placed the blame on the horse.

LATS RULING #077

Jockey IRAD ORTIZ, JR., who rode ROCKEMPEROR (IRE) in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on May 23, 2020, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 31, June 5 and 6, 2020), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to third place; 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.

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES was in to review yesterday's fourth race for possibly violating the riding crop rule. The film confirmed he used his crop excessively in the far turn and he accepted full responsibility for his actions; therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #078

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – excessive use), during the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 23, 2020.

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES was in our office to review yesterday's sixth race, in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. The film review revealed Mr. Flores failed to give his horse a chance to respond. He thought that it was alright to hit on the shoulder, however we made it clear that that counts as well. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #079

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – second offense in the last 60 days), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on May 23, 2020.

5/24/20⁴

TRAINING CITATIONS

Exercise Rider ADAM FUENTES was in our office for galloping on the rail on 4/22/20 during training. Mr. Fuentes accepted full responsibility for the mistake, and the following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #080

Exercise Rider ADAN FUENTES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping on the inside rail) at Santa Anita Park on April 22, 2020.

Exercise Rider RAUL ARMENTA was in to address a training citation for galloping too close to the rail. The incident occurred on 5/23/20 on the main track. Mr. Armenta stated his horse will bolt if he doesn't gallop him next to the inside rail. We explained to him that he needed to get permission from the outriders prior to doing so. The following ruling was issued:

LATS RULING #081

Exercise Rider RAUL ARMENTA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping on the rail) at Santa Anita Park on May 23, 2020.

5/24/20⁵

CITATION HEARING

Exercise Rider JESSE RODRIGUEZ was in our office after being cited by the Santa Anita Outriders for using his riding crop excessively during training. Present at the hearing to give their testimony were Outriders Juan Bustamante and Francisco Cardenas, who witnessed the violation. Mr. Rodriguez stated he had to use his riding crop for his safety, the outriders disagreed. Mr. Rodriguez was issued the following ruling:

LATS RULING #082

Exercise Rider JESSE RODRIGUEZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) * for violation of Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – excessive use in the morning) at Santa Anita Park on May 3, 2020.

5/24/20⁶

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the sixth race to review the stretch run between the #3 "TURN THE SWITCH" (E. Maldonado) and #4 "AVALANCHE" (V. Espinoza), who finished in a dead heat for third place. After reviewing film and speaking to the patrol judges and riders involved, we made no change to the order of finish. The majority felt the contact was minor, and that it did not warrant a disqualification. Steward Sawyer voted to disqualify the #3 and place him fourth.

5/24/20⁷

SADDLE SWITCH UP

The eighth race was delayed three minutes due to the valets mixing up the saddles on the #7 THE STREET FIGHTER and the #8 "MOUNTAIN SPIRIT". The jockeys discovered they had the wrong saddles on their horse prior to mounting in the walking ring. We had the jockeys weigh in again and put the saddles on the correct horse. We asked management to get back to us on why this mistake had occurred.

5/24/20⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 RAUL ROSAS- Stewards' scratch- Bad preference date, office error
	#12 KING CHARLIE- Stewards' scratch- Enter back
	#13 LUCKY ROMANO- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
	#14 FORTANDO- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$4,748.92
2 nd Race	#2 RUBY BRADLEY- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$58.50
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$118.00
4 th Race	#11 BRISTOL BAYOU- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$2,675.40
5 th Race	#7 SKY JUMPER- VOIDED claim, returns to the barn of B. Baffert. Refund \$0
6 th Race	#4 AVALANCHE- Claimed by M. McCarthy, trainer. Refund \$0
7 th Race	#3 PRESS BRIEFING – Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$0
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
9 th Race	No changes; Refund \$210.00

5/24/20⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$1,290.50
SCOTWinc	0	0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,675,317.86
Total	0	\$10,676,607.36

MONDAY

5/25/20¹

DOWD (case#20SA0039)

Veterinarian JOSEPH DOWD was in our office to address case #20SA0039 filed by the CHRB, alleging violation of CHRB rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report). CHRB Investigator Mike Barker presented the case telephonically. While reviewing his medical bills in connection with an ongoing investigation, the CHRB discovered that Dr. Dowd did not list a treatment on his confidential report. Dowd stated that he did not list the treatment on his report because his assistant normally writes them up after training. Dowd stated he made an error when he failed to tell his assistant to revise his confidential report, when he came back to the track in the afternoon for an emergency. After hearing all the facts and entering the complaint into the record, the hearing came to an end. We felt with Dr. Dowd's record and the fact that this was an emergency situation, Mr. Dowd deserved a warning.

5/25/20²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$905.95
- 2nd Race #7 LOZIOVIAN- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound. Refund \$1,265.60
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$30.72
- 4th Race #6 ARYA'S DAGGER- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
#8 SAPPHIRE SILK- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$35,549.66
- 5th Race #3 GINGER NUT (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound
Refund \$2246.54
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$60.50
- 7th Race #9 THREE AY EM- Claimed by A. Lerner, trainer. Refund \$111.94
- 8th Race #6 FAVORITE DAUGHTER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
#7 FROSE- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured. Refund \$35,538.73
- 9th Race #7 MAJESTIC EAGLE- Stewards' scratch – Stake. Refund \$3,262.45
- 10th Race #2 CAMINO DE ESTRELLA- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
#4 FIRE WHEN READY- Claimed by R. B. Hess, Jr., trainer
#8 WILSHIRE DUDE- Claimed by K. Mulhall, trainer. Refund \$194.00
- 11th Race #2 OLLIE'S CANDY- Stewards' scratch- Stake. Refunds \$5,236.47

5/25/20³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$1,219.00
SCOTWinc	0	\$0
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$14,915,209.80
Total	0	\$14,916,428.80

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/18/20 TO 5/24/20

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	3
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24	Mon 5/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	2	1	7	78
Claims	5	4	3	5	17	116
Disqualification s	0	1	0	1	2	12
Inquiries	0	2	1	1	4	11
Refunds	9	5	5	11	30	261
Rulings	1	0	8	0	9	81
Voided Claims	1	0	1	0	2	10

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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