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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 17-Sunday, April 15, 2012-Sunday, April 22, 2012

SUNDAY
04/15/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOE TALAMO came to the office to view his ride in the fourth race yesterday. It was our opinion that his use of the whip was in contravention of the rules. To wit, we felt that he used his whip excessively when his horse was out of contention for a better placing. He explained that he had ridden the horse before, that he was a bit lazy and felt that he had a chance for third in the four horse field. After the race, we asked the CHRB investigators to examine the horse cooling while out at the barn. The investigators did not find evidence of welts or cuts. Nevertheless, Mr. Talamo was fined in the following ruling:

LATS #073

Jockey **JOSEPH TALAMO** is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips-using whip persistently even though the horse is showing no response) during the running of the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on April 14, 2012.

Jockey JESIERE MEDINA came to the office this morning with representative/translator jockey Edwin Maldonado to review her ride in the ninth race yesterday in which two horses and jockeys fell, and her horse was disqualified. However, given the serious nature of the potential violation, we preferred to engage the use of a court reporter which is required if a penalty longer than a 10 day suspension could be appropriate. Ms. Medina waived her ten day notice and we set the hearing for this Thursday at 11:00 am pending confirmation with the court reporter.

04/15/12²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Queenie Marini – Rider change – M. Gutierrez for E. Flores (injured)
CW 119
- 2nd Race #5 Scalpers Dream – Rider change – I. Puglisi for M. Pedroza (injured)
#2 Blue Samurai – Rider change – M. Garcia for J. Rosario (travel issue)
#3 Laura’s Pleasure – Rider change – J. Valdivia for E. Flores CW 121
- 3rd Race #1 Sur Hamilton – Rider change – J. Talamo for M. Smith (travel issue)
#3 Palio Prince – Rider change – M. Garcia for J. Rosario
#4 First Strike – Rider change – A. Delgadillo for E. Flores CW 121
Refund \$51.00; Minus Pool \$105.38
- 4th Race #5 Ms. Sweet Freedom – Rider change – J. Scott for F. Lenclud (sick)
#6 Call Me Lucy – Rider change – A. Quinonez for E. Flores CW 121
Refund \$85.00
- 5th Race #2 Fast Moka Too – Rider change – D. Flores for J. Rosario
#6 Bursquel – Rider change – A. Quinonez for M. Pedroza
Refund \$1,774.10
- 6th Race #2 Bronze Beauty – Rider change – D. Flores for J. Rosario
#6 Magical Band – Rider change – M. Garcia for E. Flores CW 121
Refund \$303.00
- 7th Race #1 Royal FJ – Rider change – M. Garcia for M. Pedroza
#2 Metropolitan Man – Rider change – K. Krigger for M. Smith
#6 Luckrack – Rider change – R. Bejarano for J. Rosario
Refund \$783.00
- 8th Race #4 Tiz the Tide – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$2,168.00; Minus Pool \$400.21
- 9th Race #1 All de Victors – Rider change – J. Valdivia for E. Flores CW 124
#7 Flying Jib – Rider change -- A. Quinonez for M. Smith
Minus Pool \$879.86

04/15/12³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	11,523	\$1,648,795.00
Inter-track	6,778	\$2,016,261.40
Out of state	n/a	\$2,904,493.73
Total	18,301	\$6,936,111.63

THURSDAY

04/19/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey DAVID FLORES came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race Saturday in which he floated out a bit causing a rival to check briefly. We cautioned him to finesse the move a bit more in the future.

Jockey JESSIE MEDINA came to the office for the formal hearing referenced previously. Present at the hearing were this Board, Ms. Medina, Luis Jaurgeui (who ran the films and helped translate for Ms. Medina) and court reporter Barbara Weintstein. Ms. Medina was sworn in, waived her right to legal counsel and took full responsibility for the incident. Films put the blame on her as she angled her horse toward the inside fence and caused a major wreck in the process. Decision to follow.

04/19/12²

SHOWALTER HEARING

We held an informal hearing this morning into a complaint filed by Angel’s Feed Inc against trainer DAVE SHOWALTER alleging unpaid feed and bedding bills in the amount of \$6,732.79 (case number 12SA126). A signed financial agreement was put in place between the parties.

04/19/12³

APPRENTICE LICENSURE

Apprentice jockey VINNIE BEDNAR came to the office with his agent Ken Goldberg in order to obtain his apprentice license. He has ridden 18 winners in Arizona and is moving his tack to Southern California. We issued him a license and reviewed the rules and our expectations for him.

04/19/12⁴

HERNANDEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued when owner MARIA HERNANDEZ failed to appear in the office to answer a complaint filed by the CHRB (case number 12SA085) pursuant to drug conviction:

LATS #075

Owner **MARIA HERNANDEZ**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(h)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Maria Hernandez are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Ms. Hernandez is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

04/19/12⁵

URBINA RULING

The following ruling was issued when exercise rider TOMAS URBINA failed to appear in the office to answer a complaint filed by the CHRB (case number 12SA117) pursuant to a criminal sex conviction:

LATS #074

Exercise rider **TOMAS URBINA Jr.**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Tomas Urbina Jr. are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Urbina Jr. is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

04/19/12⁶

HOLLYWOOD PARK STABLE AREA VIOLATIONS

LATS Rulings numbers 76-83 involved routine stable area fines issued by Hollywood Park Security pursuant to violation notices:

LATS #076

Groom **LEON MONROY** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1530(Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations-unlicensed visitor).

FINE PAID

LATS #077

Groom **MANUEL GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1928(Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

FINE PAID

LATS #078

Groom **ANIULIANO QUEVEDO** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1928(Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

FINE PAID

LATS #079

Groom **ANGEL ALVAREZ** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1928(Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

FINE PAID

LATS #080

Hotwalker **JOSE L. GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1530(Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations-leaving hot plate on in room).

FINE PAID

LATS #081

Groom **JUAN L. GUZMAN** is fined **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1928(Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

FINE PAID

LATS #082

Groom **SANTIAGO COMACHO** is fined **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1874(Disorderly Conduct-fighting).

FINE PAID

LATS #083

Groom **JOSE ARRIAGA** is fined **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1930(Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to display license).

FINE PAID

04/19/12⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Bertrando Express – Stewards' scratch, horse ID Refund \$1,936.70
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$41.00
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$30.00
4 th Race	#2 Hava Cigar – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck Refund \$952.60
5 th Race	#6 Bulletgirl – Veterinarian scratch, sick -- Dr. Stead Refund \$336.60
6 th Race	#5 Cut Fastball – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund \$38,103.74
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$12.00
8 th Race	#5 I'm Always Hopeful – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck Refund \$473.40

04/19/12⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,060	\$742,374.40
Inter-track	4,854	\$1,315,182.10
Out of state	n/a	\$2,259,130.66
Total	8,914	\$4,531,226.66

FRIDAY04/20/12¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday in which we felt he cut it a little close while dropping into the first turn from an outside post. He agreed with the analysis and also agreed to leave a little more room in the future.

04/20/12²**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the circumstances under which #9 Devoted Magic unseated jockey Joel Rosario shortly after leaving the gate. Films revealed that the horse lost his action in the hind end and no other horses were blameworthy. The result was made official with no changes to the original order. Accident report attached.

04/20/12³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 Thirteen Black – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
#6 Death Star – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$921.90

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$4.00; Minus Pool \$3,292.69

3rd Race #4 Reach a Decision – Claimed – A. Marquez, trainer
Refund \$64.00; Minus Pool \$3,010.39

4th Race #5 Our New Recruit – Veterinarian scratch, sick –Dr. Stead
#4 Itsphun – pulled up post race, vanned off (grabbed quarter)
Refund \$519.90; Minus Pool \$106.14

5th Race #8 Danderek (GB) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
Refund \$840.10

6th Race #3 Cardiff Giant – Veterinarian scratch, unsound –Dr. Grande
#10 Justice Reigns – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead

Stead #5 Clear to Canada – Claimed – M. Silva, trainer
Refund \$32,418.20

7th Race No changes; Minus Pool \$16,918.10

8th Race No changes

04/20/12⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,606	\$972,799.50
Inter-track	4,892	\$1,412,466.00
Out of state	n/a	\$2,346,672.07
Total	10,498	\$4,940,485.77

SATURDAY04/21/12¹**MEDINA RULING**

Pursuant to the Medina hearing described previously, the following ruling was issued:

LATS #084

Jockey **JESIERE MEDINA**, who rode "Whiskey Talks" in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 14, 2012, is suspended for THIRTY (30) RACING DAYS (April 26, 2012, through June 14, 2012) for exhibiting gross carelessness by crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference which

resulted in an accident and the disqualification of her mount to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699(Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

During the term of suspension, Ms. Medina is not accorded the privilege of participating in Designated Races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(b)(Designated Races-suspension in excess of ten (10) days).

04/21/12²

VALENZUELA MEETING

We met with jockey PATRICK VALENZUELA this morning to discuss a few issues before his comeback ride at Hollywood Park next week. His license is currently in good standing but we wanted to discuss the fact that he remains on a conditional license agreement. His weight and nutrition were also discussed. After the meeting he was directed to the CHRB investigative staff for testing.

04/21/12³

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry after the running of the seventh race to look at some bumping between the first two finishers during the stretch run. The winner , #11 Dress Code ridden by Rafael Bejarano, and the second place finisher #9 Let's Do It ridden by Eswan Flores, made mutual contact down the lane. Films showed that the second place finisher was somewhat more culpable and therefore no change was the unanimous decision.

04/21/12⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes
2 nd Race	#1 Special Kid – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer #2 Victor's Magic – Claimed – V. Belvoir, trainer #3 Arcodoro – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer #5 Ultimate Decision – R. Hess, trainer
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	No changes
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	#3 Half Strike – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
7 th Race	#5 Jairzihno (GB) – Claimed – R. Cardenas, trainer #9 Let's Do It - Claimed – R. Hess, trainer #11 Dress Code – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
8 th Race	No changes
9 th Race	No changes
10 th Race	No changes

04/21/12⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	14,172	\$2,298,136.50
Inter-track	7,782	\$2,534,159.70
Out of state	n/a	\$4,384,055.46
Total	21,954	\$9,759,760.06

SUNDAY
04/22/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey DANIEL VERGARA came into the office as directed to review his ride in the sixth race Thursday in which he finished second but wanted to claim foul against a rival that finished behind him. We first explained how claiming foul works, and then pointed out that there was an incident going into the first turn but that the blameworthy horse was not the horse he thought it was. We also cautioned him against aggressive riding used to correct perceived infractions. He got the point.

SUMMARY

	Sun 04/15	Thurs 04/19	Fri 04/20	Sat 04/21	Sun 04/22	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	0	2	32
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Rulings	1	10	0	1	0	12	84
Refunds	6	8	6				298
Accidents	0	0	1	0	0	1	14
Claims	2	0	2	7	2	13	257
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	8	1	10	66

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward