

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, Inc.

Santa Anita Park

#### To the California Horse Racing Board

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Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

#### Week 9 – Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Saturday, February 21, 2015

#### SUNDAY

2/15/15<sup>1</sup>

#### FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON (ref 2/14/15<sup>4</sup>) met with the Stewards along with his valet, ARMANDO SANCHEZ as an interpreter, to review the first race yesterday. After crossing the chute in the six furlong event, his mount (#1 MIA LUCCIA) continually drifted out causing a horse to his outside (#2 AMINA PERFECT) to take up. Mr. Aragon stated his horse wore blinkers for the first time, was getting out and he was trying to correct the drift. The Stewards agreed and he left with a warning.

2/15/15<sup>2</sup>

#### LATS RULINGS #034 and #035

Apprentice jockey BRANDON BOULANGER met with Stewards to review the sixth race yesterday. Coming off the turn in the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile event, in a three-horse spread, Mr. Boulanger on the outside, drifted in causing the horse to his inside to take up sharply. He stated he stayed on his path and the horse on the fence came out; the Stewards disagreed. Mr. Boulanger in the past has been warned on more than one occasion, to not ride so close when he has control of horses to his inside. Mr. Boulanger also failed to attend the mandatory weekly apprentice class. The following two rulings were issued:

#### **LATS #034**

Apprentice jockey BRANDON BOULANGER is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend Safety Steward's apprentice class).

#### **LATS #035**

Apprentice jockey BRANDON BOULANGER, who rode AGUACITA in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 14, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 28, March 1 & 5, 2015) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference. 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.

2/15/15<sup>3</sup>**GOOD RACING**

The nine race program was performed without notable incident except for the changes listed below.

2/15/15<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> race	No Changes	Refund \$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> race	#6 MARLA HOOCH (Tr. R. Diodoro) claimed by Tr. R. Aguirre	Refund \$5.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> race	#5 LOTTA ATTITUDE (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. T. West	Refund \$37.00
4 <sup>th</sup> race	#4 MAXX THE GIANT (Tr. J. Cassidy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande	Refund \$958.40
5 <sup>th</sup> race	No Changes	Refund \$73.00
6 <sup>th</sup> race	#11 MAD MELINDA (Tr. R. Baltus) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande	Refund \$527.10
7 <sup>th</sup> race	#4 JACKSON SUNDOWN (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed by Tr. A. Saavedre #7 RAINBOW NORTH (Tr. J. Carava) claimed by Tr. D. Hendricks #9 APERFECTDAYTOFLY (Tr. D. Warren) claimed by Tr. G. Matos	Refund \$10.00
8 <sup>th</sup> race	#8 NOT ENOUGH EDDIE (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande	Refund \$476.60
9 <sup>th</sup> race	No Changes	Refund \$0

2/15/15

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,264	1,638,279.20
SCOTWinc	6,209	1,978,439.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,387,116.41
Total	13,473	10,003,835.51

**MONDAY**2/16/15<sup>1</sup>**ELLIS CASE 14LT033**

After verification from Veterinarian MELINDA BLUE that she received a check in the full amount owed, this complaint was withdrawn.

2/16/15<sup>2</sup>**MACHOWSKY CASE 15SA0029 ref 01/29/15<sup>2</sup>**

After consideration of all testimony given at the hearing, the Stewards felt Mr. ESCALANTE was not owed any more money from trainer MICHAEL MACHOWSKY. The case was dismissed.

2/16/15<sup>3</sup>**INQUIRY - FIRST RACE 6 1/2 furlongs dirt - NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race. Involved was #1 TRUELEE SCRAPPIN (D. Van Dyke). After a video review and conversation with Starter JAY SLENDER, it was a unanimous decision to declare the horse a starter. Before the gates opened, the horse ducked its head down then hesitated before leaving the gates, causing its own problem.

2/16/15<sup>4</sup>**VOIDED CLAIM**

In the second race, after an inspection by Official Veterinarian TIM GRANDE, VALLEY CAT was placed on the Veterinarian's List and the claim was voided. The horse returned to the stable of JERRY HOLLENDORFER.

2/16/15<sup>5</sup>**INQUIRY - FIFTH RACE 1 1/8 turf - NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review two incidents. The first involved #6 MARINA DEL RAY (F. Prat, 6th), #7 WARREN'S TRICIA R. (R. Bejarano, 7th), #5 WINNINGFASHION (E. Maldonado, 8th) and #8 BERT'S MELODY (B. Blanc, 1st) at the start. After a review of the videos and conversation with the Patrol Judges, it was a unanimous decision to make no change. In the Stewards' opinion the #8 did break inward, bumped #7; #6 was pinched after a slow break due to the jockey falling back on the reins and #5 broke out into #6. It was the Stewards' opinion that those bothered were not cost the opportunity of a better placing.

The second incident reviewed involved #5 WINNINGFASHION (E. Maldonado, 8th), #7 WARREN'S TRICIA R. (R. Bejarano, 7th) and #4 FRANDONTJUDGE (E. Trujillo, 3rd). The #5 horse took up while being passed and possibly shaved by #4 on the outside. This caused the #7 to run up behind #5 and steady. In the Stewards' opinion, this incident didn't affect the final placing, and the race was made official. Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO will meet with the Stewards on Friday.

2/16/15<sup>6</sup>**LONG SHOT - SIXTH RACE**

The winner of this race, #11 TRIUNFO (S. Arias), paid \$107.20. Oddly enough after examining the *Racing Form* to look for a reversal of form, this horse was beaten only three lengths in the same race condition in its last start. The horse was 20-1 on the program.

2/16/15<sup>7</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race #2 HOPE 'N PRAY (Tr. J. Martin) claimed by Tr. S. Williams  
Refund \$0

2<sup>nd</sup> race #4 VALLEY CAT (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. P. Miller - VOID  
Refund \$10.00

3<sup>rd</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$33.00

4<sup>th</sup> race #5 ANTINANCO (Tr. B. Headley) claimed by Tr. S. Williams  
Refund \$969.00

5<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0

6<sup>th</sup> race #1 SMALL TOWN COP (Tr. P. D'Amito) claimed by Tr. V. Belvoir  
#12 END OF TIME (Tr. L. Campuzano) F. Martinez replaced O. Sanchez  
(sick) CW 121  
Refund \$40.70

7<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$27.00

8<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$15.00

9<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$220.60

2/16/15<sup>8</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,396	1,581,153.10
SCOTWinc	5,701	1,869,004.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,242,653.58
Total	16,097	9,692,810.68

**FRIDAY**  
2/20/15<sup>1</sup>

**ESPINOZA RULING - LATS #036**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – second offense) on February 16, 2015.

**TRUJILLO RULING – LATS #037**

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys

and Drivers to Report – second offense) on February 15, 2015.

The above rulings were issued after the two jockeys failed to report to the Jockeys' room in time; they had previously been warned.

2/20/15<sup>2</sup>

### **FILM REVIEWS**

Apprentice jockey BRYAN PENA met with the Stewards to review the fourth race on Monday. In the stretch run Mr. Pena's horse veered inward after a left-handed whip usage, causing a horse to his inside to take up. Mr. Pena stated his horse was lugging in and he did correct. In the Stewards' opinion, he was too slow in making the effort. The following ruling, LATS #038, was issued:

Apprentice jockey BRAYAN PENA, who rode PREORDAINED in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on February 16, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 26, 27, and 28, 2015) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. 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.

2/20/15<sup>3</sup>

### **ARIAS RULING – LATS #039**

Jockey SAUL ARIAS also met with the Stewards to review the sixth race on Monday. Mr. Arias was on the #11 horse leaving the gate and crossed over without sufficient clearance. Mr. Arias stated he tried to correct and the Stewards agreed that he did make an effort, but the direction he sent his horse before the attempt to correct, made it impossible to pull off in time. The following ruling was issued:

Jockey SAUL ARIAS, who rode TRIUNFO in the sixth race at Santa Park on February 16, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 26, 27, and 28, 2015) for crossing over without sufficient clearance leaving the starting gate and causing interference. 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.

2/20/15<sup>4</sup>

### **TRUJILLO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO met with the Stewards also to review his ride in the fifth race (ref 2/16/15<sup>5</sup>). Near the quarter pole, contact was made between two horses which caused one to take up. With the camera angles available, it was a split decision as to whether the inside horse stepped out or Mr. Trujillo on the outside, stepped in, to cause the contact. Steward SAWYER felt a three-day penalty was appropriate. Mr. Trujillo did say he would loosen up his style when on the outside of a spread and left with a warning by the majority.

2/20/15<sup>5</sup>

### **SECOND LOOP**

Forty minutes before post time the Stewards learned that the jockeys might refuse to ride if required to ride their mounts a second loop in the walking ring before exiting to the racetrack. This procedure has been in place for at least a year. Management implemented this practice in order to give racing fans a longer look at the horses in the paddock. The jockeys feel it is a safety issue. After talking to the Jockey Guild Representative DARRELL HAIRE and Santa Anita management, we instructed personnel to go with the jockeys' protocol for today's card and advised management and the guild to resolve their differences by the start of tomorrow's card.

2/20/15<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race #1 SELECTION (Tr. T. Proctor) claimed by Tr. J. Gutierrez  
Refund \$0

2<sup>nd</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0

3<sup>rd</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$14.00

4<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$60.00

5<sup>th</sup> race #2 TIGAH (GB) (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt  
Refund \$1,556.50

6<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$165.00

7<sup>th</sup> race #1 BUYMEABOND (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. R. DeLeon  
#4 AVARE (Tr. D. Pederson) DNF – walked off  
Refund \$2,164.10

8<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$25.50

2/20/15<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,855	805,501.80
SCOTWinc	5,247	1,588,081.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,152,670.11
Total	8,102	7,546,253.01

**SATURDAY**2/21/15<sup>1</sup>**KOWAL dba SUNSETTER RACING - CASE 15SA0044 – RULING LATS #040**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule 1876) was filed for K C Horse Transportation against owner Joseph Douglas Kowal dba Sunsetter Racing in the amount of \$740.00. The following ruling was issued after Mr. Kowal failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

Owner JOSEPH KOWAL, dba SUNSETTER RACING, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$740.00 to KC Horse Transportation), 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 JOSEPH KOWAL, dba SUNSETTER RACING, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. KOWAL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

2/21/15<sup>2</sup>**HOUSER - CASE 15SA0010 and WILLIAMS – CASE 15SA0011**

The following rulings were issued after both respondents involved in the alleged violation, CHRB rule 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) failed to appear for the scheduled hearing:

**LATS#041**

Groom TAYLOR HOUSER, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – unauthorized to be in barn), 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 TAYLOR HOUSER are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), MS. HOUSER is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

**LATS#042**

Hotwalker STEPHEN WILLIAMS, having failed to respond to charges

alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – unauthorized to be in barn), 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 STEPHEN WILLIAMS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. WILLIAMS is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

2/21/15<sup>3</sup>**LOPEZ HEARING - CASE 15SA0045**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876) was filed for K C HORSE TRANSPORTATION against owner NAPOLEON LOPEZ in the amount of \$740.00.

During a telephone conference call with both parties, Ms. SAHADI stated that Mr. MIYADI, trainer for Mr. Lopez paid his portion of the bill. The amount due was reduced to \$555.00. Mr. Lopez agreed to pay by credit card on Monday.

2/21/15<sup>4</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

After confirmation from Racing Veterinarian DANA STEAD that #2 SPRAGUE RIVER in the fourth race would be placed on the Veterinarian's List, the four claims in for the horse were voided. The horse was later euthanized.

2/21/15<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$4.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> race #6 TEMPLER (Tr. P. Capestro) claimed by Tr. K. Desormeaux  
 #9 CONGRATS SEATTLE (Tr. N. Drysdale) claimed by Tr. S. Williams  
 #12 PUBLIC ENEMY (Tr. H. Palma) regular gelding - announced before first race  
 Refund \$52.30 Minus Pool \$500.21  
 3<sup>rd</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 4<sup>th</sup> race #2 SPRAGUE RIVER (Tr. S. Sherman) DNF, claims **VOIDED** (euthanized)  
 Notification report attached. Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6<sup>th</sup> race #2 DISSENSION (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by E. Truman  
 #4 TEBOWING (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed by Tr. K. Malonaro  
 Refund \$0  
 7<sup>th</sup> race #6 MEINERTZHAGENI (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
 Refund \$185.84  
 8<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$203.58  
 9<sup>th</sup> race #3 LUCKY REALITY (Tr. D. Blacker) Veterinarian - sick-Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$5,078.00

2/21/15<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,675	1,726,668.90
SCOTWinc	7,253	2,616,445.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	7,174,693.27
Total	13,928	11,517,808.07

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/9/15 – 2/15/15**

Horses on Vet List 12  
 Horses off Vet List 16  
 Shock Wave Therapy 32  
 Deceased 1  
 Medication 0

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**SUMMARY**

	Sun 2/15	Mon 2/16	Fri 2/20	Sat 2/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	0	3	8	41
Claims	5	3	4	5	17	127
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	2	2	0	0	4	21
Refunds	3	0	0	2	5	160
Rulings	2	0	4	3	9	42
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	2	15

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety  
Steward

Attachments  
BOS:KS:cr

State of California

Training Accident Report

CHRB-201A (New 2/14)

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

## TRAINING ACCIDENT REPORT

The stewards shall investigate and prepare a report regarding all on-track accidents involving exercise riders, or employees in a jog cart or sulky not engaged in a race, that occur during the performance of their duties. The investigation shall commence no later than the next live racing day and shall be completed expeditiously.

**Upon completion of the report, it shall immediately be sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the exercise rider/employee; the racing association; the horse owner; and the trainer responsible for the exercise rider/employee involved in the accident.**

Name of exercise rider/employee & CHRB License No.: JORGE SOTO #111766

Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: SALAH MUDARRIS #108532

Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU #272366

Name of horse & Tattoo No.: SALAH'S DIAMOND - NO TATTOO

Date/time/location of accident: 2/19/15 SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK 9:10 A.M.

## DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to exercise rider/employee, if any. Complete one Training Accident Report for each exercise rider/employee involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

Exercise Rider Jorge Soto was injured when his horse turned over on him. Mr. Soto was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital by Arcadia Fire Department.

Exercise Rider condition: \_\_\_ Okay. No injuries were reported.

Horse condition: Unharmed.

Luis Jauregui  
Prepared by:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2/19/15  
Date report completed:

### Distribution

- Exercise Rider/Employee
- Racing Association
- Owner
- Trainer

**Note: Attach original CHRB-201A form to stewards' minutes.**