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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 11 – Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Saturday, March 7, 2015

SUNDAY
3/1/15¹

JOCKEY IN

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ was in our office to review yesterday's fourth race (hillside turf course) in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry. Mr. Gutierrez's mount drifted in approaching the 1/8 pole causing the horse just inside him to steady. After reviewing the films several times, it was our opinion that Mr. Gutierrez could have made a better effort correcting his mount from shifting in. Mr. Gutierrez stated his horse was lugging in and he should have made a better effort to correct his horse. He was, therefore, issued a three-day suspension. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #053

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, who rode SMOOVE IT in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on February 28, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March, 7, 8, and 12, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course during the stretch run, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

3/1/15²

RULING RESCINDED

Ruling LATS #051 was rescinded after discovering an error on the citation issued by Santa Anita Stable Security to exercise rider JUAN LANDEROS for violating the track safety rules (back tracking in contradiction of track safety rules). Therefore, the following ruling was issued:

LATS #054

For good cause, Ruling LATS #051, issued at Santa Anita Park on February 28, 2015, fining Exercise rider JUAN LANDEROS Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is hereby rescinded.

3/1/15³**ACCIDENT**

After the running of the 4th race, the horse MYINTENTION collapsed from exhaustion. MYINTENTION was quickly attended to by racing veterinarian Dr. DANA STEAD. After a quick response and great work by Dr. Stead and the outriders, MYINTENTION was able to walk onto the horse ambulance and was taken back to his barn. Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA got up quickly, was checked by the track physician and found to be uninjured. Accident report attached.

3/1/15⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 EDDIE'S FIRST - Claimed by P. Miller, trainer
#5 SIR BARCLAY - Stewards' scratch, entered "dirt only"
Refund \$3,524.48

2nd Race #5 DIVINE VISION - Stewards' scratch, trainer transfer
Refund \$333.10

3rd Race No Changes Refund \$0

4th Race #3 MYINTENTION - Vanned off, heat exhaustion
#7 ANGEL DIANE - Vanned off, injured
Refund \$10.00

5th Race No Changes Refund \$258.16

6th Race #7 TRIBAL PEACE - Claimed by R. Gomez, trainer
#13 CRAZY ABOUT HIM - Claimed by L. Campuzano, trainer
Refund \$747.74

7th Race #11 SCREAMING SKYLAR - Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#12 OUI BEAR - Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#13 PAULINA'S LOVE - Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#14 VENDITA - Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$5,639.53

8th Race #4 LUCKARACK - Claimed by S. Williams, trainer
Refund \$0

9th Race No Changes Refund \$0

3/1/15⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,353	1,521,782.40
SCOTWinc	6,342	2,282,860.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	7,054,218.97
Total	12,695	10,858,861.67

THURSDAY3/5/15¹**AVILA RULING**

We received an order from the California Horse Racing Board regarding trainer ANTONIO "A.C." AVILA (case number 14SA092; SAC 14-0079), directing us to memorialize the terms of its statement of decision in a formal ruling. That ruling was published today:

LATS #058

Pursuant to an Order by the California Horse Racing Board, trainer ANTONIO "A.C." AVILA, trainer of the horse MASOCHISTIC, the fifth place finisher in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on March 15, 2014 is fined TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)* and suspended for SIXTY (60) DAYS (March 15, 2015 through May 13, 2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1887(a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), #1843(a) and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844 (e)(1) and (g) (Authorized Medication - Acepromazine in excess of the permitted level of 25 nanograms per milliliter, 973 ng/ml [Class III]), and #1890 (Possession of Contraband).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ANTONIO "A.C." AVILA are suspended, Mr. AVILA is prohibited from entering horses during the term of suspension, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. AVILA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/5/15²**SADLER/WRIGHT RULINGS**

In Sunday's second race, the horse DIVINE VISION was scratched when we learned that a dispute between the owner and trainer regarding where the horse should run, resulted in the owner changing trainers. Since we do not permit trainer transfers after entry time, we scratched the horse and issued the following rulings:

LATS #056

Owner Ted E. Wright is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for the late declaration of DIVINE VISION from the second race on March 1, 2015.

LATS #057

Trainer JOHN SADLER is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for the late declaration of DIVINE VISION from the second race on March 1, 2015.

3/5/15³**GUTIERREZ RULING**

In advance of his hearing (case number 15SA074), jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ admitted to the violation and was issued the following ruling:

LATS #058

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – caused a welt) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 20, 2015.

3/5/15⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#4 WHAT WE DOING – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande Refund \$275.52
2 nd Race	#4 WATCH IT BUSTER – Claimed – B. Wright, trainer #5 FLAT GONE – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer Refund \$19.00
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$42.00
4 th Race	#1 TIZ NOT A MOBILE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #8 EL MONTEREY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$484.40
5 th Race	#9 SWISS JET – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$581.00
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$5.00; Minus Pool \$3.98
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$2.00
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$49.00

3/5/15⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,941	673,760.90
SCOTWinc	4,364	1,236,459.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,476,336.95
Total	7,305	6,386,557.25

FRIDAY3/6/15¹**VASQUEZ REINSTATEMENT**

Owner RUBEN VASQUEZ was reinstated when he satisfied two alleged financial obligations (case numbers 15SA0047 and 15SA0053):

LATS #059

Owner RUBEN VASQUEZ, having appeared and satisfied the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Agreements, \$1,246.00 with K C HORSE TRANSPORTATION and \$510.00 with Dr. AMY SEIM) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #046 issued on February 26, 2015, is set aside.

3/6/15²**KESHISHIAN RULING**

We issued the following ruling when owner HAROUT KESHISHIAN failed to appear for a financial complaint (case number 15SA075):

LATS #060

Owner HAROUT KESHISHIAN, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$32,342.90 to EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER), 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 HAROUT KESHISHIAN, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. KESHISHIAN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/6/15³**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine two points of contact in the stretch between the fifth place (#3 STOLE A KISS, Iggy Puglisi) and sixth place (#7 VEGAS BOUND, Brandon Boulanger) finishers. Video revealed that initially the #3 STOLE A KISS drifted in and made contact with #7 VEGAS BOUND, and then both horses contributed to the second point of contact. While #3 STOLE A KISS was more blameworthy in the entire incident, nevertheless we unanimously believed that #7 VEGAS BOUND was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Therefore, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we made no change to the original order of finish.

3/6/15⁴**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the seventh race we posted the Inquiry sign to examine the start of #7 SHEER PLEASURE, ridden by MARTIN GARCIA. After a review of the incident, it became clear that #7 SHEER PLEASURE stumbled and caused her own problems. She was therefore declared a starter. Jockey Garcia was transported to First Aid and was examined by the track physician. Accident Report attached.

3/6/15⁵**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the eighth race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the first and third place finishers. Video revealed that the winner #2 ROYAL F J (M. Pedroza) drifted out during the stretch run causing third place finisher #10 DEEP PLAY (S. Gonzalez) to steady. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish. It was our opinion that #10 DEEP PLAY was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

3/6/15⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$154.00
2 nd Race	#2 QUAY FACTOR – Claimed – A. Kitchingman, trainer
	#3 KATERRIFIC – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer

	#4 DIAMANTE MOBILE – Claimed – V. Trujillo, trainer
	#2 QUAY FACTOR – Claim VOIDED – returns to P. Miller, trainer
	Refund \$12.00
3 rd Race	#11 DENOTATION – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
	#12 BIRTHDAY SONG -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
	Refund \$707.40
4 th Race	#8 TRAWEEK – Claimed – K. Mulhall, trainer
	#10 RED N BLACK ATTACK – Claimed – W. Morey, trainer
	Refund \$4.00
5 th Race	#3 MOTOWN MEN – Stewards’ scratch, entered back
	Refund \$158.80
6 th Race	#2 ANYTIME ANYPLACE – vanned off post race, hind end (turf) –
	J. Sadler, trainer
	Refund \$6.00
7 th Race	#1 GRAND YODELER – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer
	Refund \$25.00
8 th Race	#11 ELUSIVE JOURNEY -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
	#12 KINGPIN RYNO -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
	#2 ROYAL F J – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer
	#6 JOMELO – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer
	#8 FIGHTING ON – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr.
	#9 HEAT FLASH – Claimed – J. Mullins, trainer
	#9 HEAT FLASH – Claim VOIDED – returns to B. Abrams, trainer
	Refund \$390.20
9 th Race	#8 BLIND DREAMS – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer

3/6/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,578	854,514.70
SCOTWinc	5,178	1,575,845.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,693,207.37
Total	7,756	8,123,567.07

BIG CAP DAY
SATURDAY
3/7/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA came to the office this morning as directed to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. He was candid in stating that he shouldn’t have used a left-handed whip when his horse was drifting out. We agreed with his assessment and issued the following ruling:

LATS #061

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA, who rode ROYAL F J in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 6, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 13, 14, and 15, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA came to the office as directed to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday during which his mount drifted out in the stretch, causing a rival to take up. He argued that there was a lot of screaming and he wasn’t sure which way to move and also argued that once he realized that he was drifting out, he corrected his horse

immediately. The majority (Steward Ward dissenting) felt that four left-handed strikes as his mount was drifting out was excessive and issued the following penalty:

LATS #062

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode HAULER in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 6, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 13, 14, and 15, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI came to the office as directed to review his ride in the third race yesterday during which his mount drifted in and made contact with a rival as the field entered the stretch. Although the Inquiry resulted in no change (we did not believe the horse was cost a better placing), we felt that Mr. Puglisi allowed his horse to drift in too far before correcting. Although Mr. Puglisi explained that he thought he had enough room to help his mount to switch leads, he accepted the following ruling:

LATS #065

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI, who rode STOLE A KISS in the third race at Santa Anita Park on March 6, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 13, 14, and 15, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

3/7/15²

KITCHINGMAN and RANGEL RULINGS

After consideration of the evidence from the hearing last week involving trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN and his assistant HECTOR RANGEL (case numbers 15SA048 and 15SA049, respectively), we issued the following rulings:

LATS #063

Trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN is fined FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1581 (Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions), #1597 (Association to Maintain Records of Horses on Its Grounds), and #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting).

LATS #064

Assistant Trainer Hector Rangel is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1581 (Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions), #1597 (Association to Maintain Records of Horses on Its Grounds), and #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting).

3/7/15³

LARGE REFUND

A refund of \$412,383.14 was ordered in the eighth race when two horses were scratched after #6 LUTINE BELLE became fractious in the starting gate.

3/7/15⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	#9 SHEER TALENT – Claimed – K. Mulhall, trainer Refund \$635.00
2 nd Race	#8 INNER CITY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #10 TIZAPALOOZA – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande Refund \$2,068.91
3 rd Race	#14 JAYCEE’S HUMOR – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund \$363.45

4 th Race	#7 BLACK BETSY – vanned off post race, right front (dirt) – R. Baltas, trainer. Refund \$17.00
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$71.00
6 th Race	#8 JADE WITH ENVY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #14 SORESCA (IRE) – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund \$1,163.68
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$1,199.00
8 th Race	#10 JADED GLORY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #6 LUTINE BELLE – Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate – Dr. Stead #7 SPIRIT OF XIAN (IRE) -- Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate – Dr. Stead Refund \$412,383.14
9 th Race	#1 CHITU – Stewards’ scratch, stake #8 MIDNIGHT HAWK -- Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund \$8,123.73 Minus Pool \$57.42
10 th Race	No changes; Refund \$21.70
11 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0 Minus Pool \$22,979.76

3/7/15⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	26,134	3,281,452.10
SCOTWinc	9,113	3,474,212.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	14,665,276.42
Total	35,247	21,420,940.62

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/23/15 – 3/1/15

Horses on Vet List	12
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	16
Deceased	0
Medication	1

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 3/1	Thurs 3/5	Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	1	0	2	6
Cal-Bred Races	3	3	1	1	8	50
Claims	4	2	9	1	16	153
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	1	3	0	4	27
Refunds	6	8	8	10	32	203
Rulings	2	4	2	5	13	65
Voided Claims	0	0	2	0	2	20

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety
Steward

Attachments
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