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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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Week 5 – Thursday, January 28, 2016 – Sunday, January 31, 2016

THURSDAY

1/28/16¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE met with the Stewards to review the fourth race in which his mount might have been the cause of an incident near the 5/16 marker in the mile event. During the review of the best angles available it was a unanimous opinion that Mr. Van Dyke appeared to drift out while not clear of a horse to his outside, but the video angles provided were inconclusive; therefore, a suspension was not issued. He was strongly cautioned to be more aware in the future; he agreed.

Apprentice BRUNO PANICUCCI met with the Stewards to review the first race for a possible crop violation. After a review of the stretch run, it was confirmed that Mr. Panicucci used the crop four consecutive times and the following ruling was issued:

LATS #031

Apprentice Jockey BRUNO PANICUCCI is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in the last sixty days; last offense November 5, 2015) during the first race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 24, 2016.

Mr. Panicucci also reviewed the second race Sunday in which his mount was disqualified (ref 1-24-16⁸). Late in the stretch, Mr. Panicucci allowed his mount to drift inward causing two horses to his inside to steady and take up. He stated he was unaware of his drift which came under the use of a right-handed crop. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #032

Apprentice Jockey BRUNO PANICUCCI, who rode ICONA in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 24, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 7, 11, and 12, 2016), for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to fourth position. 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.

1/28/16²

GOOD RACING

The afternoon eight race card was performed without notable incident, any changes made are listed below.

1/28/16³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$19.39
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$65.00
 3rd race #5 ALOHA KE AKUA (Tr. B. Spawr) claimed by Tr. J. Sierra
 #6 TEASING MOMENT (Tr. J. Cortez) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Grande
 Refund \$777.76
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$1,744.85
 5th race #1 NO PROBLEM (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Grande
 #2 WRIGHTWOOD (Tr. M. Harrington) Veterinarian -injured -Dr. Grande
 #4 MOTOWN MEN (Tr. T. West) Veterinarian - unsound - Dr. Grande
 #6 A COLT FOLLOWING (Tr. B. Spawr) claimed by Tr. Peter Miller
 Refund \$2,271.02
 6th race #1 PRAY HARD (Tr. T. Yakteen) Steward - entered back
 #2 OIL (Tr. A. Sherman) Veterinarian - injured - Dr. Stead
 Refund \$1,067.12
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$1,030.99
 8th race #3 MISS BLISS (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. J. Wallace
 #8 SAILOR'S CRY (Tr. G. Stute) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Grande
 Refund \$870.62

1/28/16⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,854	604,184.80
SCOTWinc	3,845	1,133,907.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,071,943.22
Total	6,699	5,810,035.12

FRIDAY

1/29/16¹

CARAVA HEARING - CASES #15SA0294 #16SA0005

Two separate complaints were filed against trainer JACK CARAVA for violation of CHRB rules #1843 (a)(b) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844(c)(1) (Authorized Medication), and #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse).

The first violation (case #15SA0294) involved his starter MISS STAR MAKER who finished second in the third race at Santa Anita Race Track on October 1, 2015. The Phenylbutazone overage was at a level of 2.93 ug/ml. Mr. Carava explained the filly received one tablet (1 gram) three to four days prior to entry day, and again a pre-race administration by practicing veterinarian approximately twenty-four hours prior to the race. He felt the overage was a one-time occurrence due to the filly's small body frame.

The second violation (case 16SA0005) involved the entrant JAZZED who raced in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Track on December 11, 2015 and tested with a Phenylbutazone overage at a level of 2.61 ug/ml. After this violation Mr. Carava compared the medication distribution of both horses and saw a resemblance in the administration routine. At this juncture he shared the information with his practicing veterinarian, Dr. BYRD, and they agreed to communicate prior to all administered Phenylbutazone for race day in the future. Mr. Carava was aware of the first positive prior to the second violation. Decisions to follow.

1/29/16²**INQUIRY - FIRST RACE - NO CHANGE (1 1/8 mile-dirt)**

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review a possible infraction late in the stretch run approaching the 1/16 marker involving #3 MUCHOS BESOS (A. Delgadillo, 1st) and #4 CARLSBAD MOUNTAIN (E. Maldonado, 2nd). After a review of the video and conversation with the Patrol Judges and both jockeys involved, it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. #3 MUCHOS BESOS did slightly drift out into #4 CARLSBAD MOUNTAIN, but in the opinion of the BOS it did not affect the final placing.

1/29/16³**INQUIRY - SECOND RACE - NO CHANGE (1 mile-dirt)**

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred near the 5/16 pole. Involved were #2 SPIRIT WORLD (T. Baze, 2nd) and #6 DR. SIRTORI (D. Lopez, 1st). After a review of the video and conversation with the Patrol Judges and both jockeys involved, it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. Although the jockey of #2 SPIRIT WORLD steadied briefly, the films were inconclusive as to the margin of clearance available on the rail. Additionally, the win margin was 3 1/2 lengths and the BOS believed #2 SPIRIT WORLD was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

1/29/16⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race #2 YOU KNOW I KNOW (Tr. D. Jacobson) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Stead
#4 CARLSBAD MOUNTAIN (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr.R.Diodoro
#5 NOBLE KENT (Tr. F. Lucarelli) claimed by Tr. J. Wong
Refund \$628.00

2nd race #4 TOMMY WEAVER (Tr. N. Acuna) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Stead
Refund \$374.29 Minus Pool \$667.69

3rd race #4 POYTHRESS (Tr. D. Hendricks) Veterinarian - injured - Dr. Stead
Refund \$219.60

4th race #8 UNUSUAL STORM (Tr. D. Greenman) claimed by Tr. M. Machowsky
Refund \$6.00

5th race No Changes; Refund \$430.76

6th race No Changes; No refund

7th race #1 Q' VIVA (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
Refund \$27.70

8th race #2 I'M NOT BULLISH (Tr. D. Jacobson) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
No refund

1/29/16⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,906	639,695.50
SCOTWinc	4,210	1,278,234.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,621,019.94
Total	7,116	6,538,950.34

SATURDAY1/30/16¹**CARAVA DECISION (Ref: 1/29/16¹)**

After deliberating the facts of both cases, the BOS issued a warning for case #15SA0294 and a penalty in the form of a fine for case #16SA0005 which was memorialized in the ruling below:

LATS #033

Trainer JACK CARAVA, who started the horse JAZZED in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Track on December 11, 2015, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), and #1844(c)(1) (Authorized Medication – Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level 2.61 ug/ml – second offense in 365 days).

1/30/16²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

AGAPITO DELGADILLO met with the Stewards to review an Inquiry that occurred in the first race yesterday (Ref 1/29/16²). The videos confirmed Mr. Delgadillo's mount bore out slightly in late stretch. He was able to control his horse until he tried to switch his crop from left to right, and when he dropped the crop his horse stepped out. This BOS felt a warning was appropriate.

Apprentice DAVID LOPEZ joined the BOS to review his ride in the second race (Ref 1/29/16³) which involved an Inquiry that occurred near the 5/16 marker. He asked KENT DESORMEAUX to join him as his representative. After a review and a good discussion, Mr. Lopez was dismissed with a warning. Again due to lack of better video angles in this area of the race, a penalty was not issued, but he was warned to be more aware.

1/30/16³**JRA MEETING**

Representatives from the Japanese Racing Associating met with the Stewards in the A.M. and the P.M. yesterday. Many questions were asked and answered pertaining to California rules of racing. Much was also learned about Japanese rules and policies implemented there.

1/30/16⁴**CAL CUP RACING**

The ten race Cal-Cup card was performed without notable incidents, any changes made are listed below.

1/30/16⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$163.52	
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$80.00	
3rd race	#4 LUCKY CHERRY (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Grande Refund \$875.54	
4th race	No Changes; No refund	
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$22.00	Minus Pool \$993.19
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$50.00	
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$113.80	
8th race	#6 ONE MORE ROLL (Tr. B. Spawr) Veterinarian - injured - Dr. Grande #9 PRAY HARD (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. J. Hollendorfer Refund \$906.36	
9th race	No Changes; Refund \$2.00	
10th race	No Changes; No refund	

1/30/16⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,133	2,032,884.70
SCOTWinc	7,208	2,626,862.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	9,040,433.76
Total	18,341	13,700,181.16

SUNDAY1/31/16¹**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

ALEX SOLIS met with the Stewards as directed to discuss the use of his crop in the sixth race yesterday. After a review, all agreed he did allow his mount two strides to respond after the first of four strikes, but the strides were marginal. Mr. Solis stated he would adjust in the future, warning.

1/31/16²**GONZALEZ - PEREIRA RULINGS**

The following two rulings were issued after both jockeys rode designated races during their riding suspension:

LATS #034

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ is suspended for ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (February 6, 2016) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g)(h) (Designated Races – rode in more than one designated race in California while under suspension).

LATS #035

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA is suspended for ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (February 6, 2016) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g)(h) (Designated Races – rode in a designated race in another jurisdiction while under suspension).

1/31/16³**BANDA HEARING - CASE #15DM0006**

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom JAVIER BANDA for violation of CHRB rule #1489 (a)(g) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). Mr. Banda failed to appear for the scheduled hearing probably due to incarceration and the following ruling was issued:

LATS #036

Groom JAVIER OJEDA BANDA, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(g)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – charged with seven counts of violation of Penal Code section 288(A) – Oral Copulation with a Minor – Felony), 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 JAVIER OJEDA BANDA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), JAVIER OJEDA BANDA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/31/16⁴**MEAIRS HEARING - CASES #16SA011, #16SA013**

The CHRB filed two financial complaints (#1876-Financial Responsibility) against owner JOHN MEAIRS for trainer JIM CASSIDY (#16SA011- \$29,203.00) and practicing veterinarian MELINDA BLUE (#16SA013-on going agreement - \$3718.00-new charges - \$4,898.62-plus clinic bill - \$2,000.00). Present were Mr. Cassidy, Dr. Blue and Mr. Meairs was available by telephone. Facts of the case are as follows:

1. Trainer Jim Cassidy was hired by owner John Meairs to train the filly MY SWEET AFLEET in 2015.
2. Practicing veterinarian Melinda Blue treated said horse during this time frame.
3. Signed agreement between Dr. Blue and John Meairs in the amount of \$3,718.00, signed 10/08/15, with a monthly payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
4. Cassidy filed a financial complaint for training services, received only one month training bill prior to filing. He has received his 10% of winnings.
5. MY SWEET AFLEET raced and earned approximately \$62,870.00 while racing for said trainer. Meairs received said winnings.
6. John Meairs testified he feels he does not owe Mr. Cassidy or Dr. Blue except for an animal clinic bill (\$2,000.00) paid by Dr. Blue.

All testimony will be taken into consideration, deliberation will follow and all involved will be informed of the Stewards' decision.

1/31/16⁵**EXTRA EMTs**

Due to the inclement weather and possible track conditions not allowing the human ambulance to follow the race, two extra EMTs were hired to be available in first aid. The other EMTs were available on track along with the Paramedics stationed in the quarter and three-quarter chutes.

1/31/16⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race OFF TURF
 #1 McBOOMER (Tr. M. Glatt) Steward - off turf
 #4 JADE WITH ENVY (Tr. R. Baltas) Steward - off turf
 #5 KADESHA (Tr. J. Carava) Steward - off turf
 #7 MIDNIGHT CANDY (Tr. R. Becerra) Steward - off turf
 #8 BELLE ET BETE (IRE) Steward - off-turf
 #12 QUINETTE (Tr. R. Ellis) Steward - off turf
 Refund \$5,309.56

2nd race #6 ARMORED CAR (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 No refund

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$127.00

4th race #4 AMBERELLA (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. A. Marquez
 Refund \$343.00 Minus Pool \$2,057.48

5th race OFF TURF
 #1 STYLISH IN BLACK (Tr. B. Grayson) Steward - off turf
 #4 MOANIN (FR) (Tr. N. Drysdale) Steward - off turf
 #5 MY YEAR IS A DAY (FR) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Steward - off turf
 #8 MISS DOUBLE D'ORO (Tr. N. Drysdale) Steward - off turf
 Refund \$4,270.50

6th race #2 TRULY YOURS (Tr. E. G. Harty) Steward - track condition
 Refund \$605.92

7th race No Changes; Refund \$367.17

8th race OFF TURF
 #7 SIZZLIN' JOE (Tr. J. Carava) Steward - off turf
 #8 SIR CAL (Tr. R. Becerra) Steward - off turf
 #9 COWBOY (Tr. B. Grayson) Steward - off turf
 Refund \$2,154.27

9th race #1 OUTTHINK'EM (Tr. M. Polanco) Steward - track condition
 #8 SIR BARCLAY (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. B. Kozak
 #12 GNARLEY DUDE (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. J. Carava
 Refund \$631.82

1/31/16⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,217	860,427.50
SCOTWinc	5,087	1,623,132.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,422,955.30
Total	8,304	7,906,515.20

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

	Thurs 1/28/16	Fri 1/29/16	Sat 1/30/16	Sun 1/31/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	10	1	13	32
Claims	3	5	1	7	16	107
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	2	0	0	2	13
Refunds	8	6	8	8	30	150
Rulings	2	0	1	3	6	36
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	5

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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