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Santa Anita Park

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Week 10 – Thursday, March 3, 2016 – Sunday, March 6, 2016

WEDNESDAY
3/2/16

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, March 5, 2016. Nine races filled for Saturday. There are three races scheduled for the turf course. Ninety-four (94) horses are scheduled to start.

Scratches and changes for Thursday, March 3, 2016, were taken this morning in the racing office. There was one (1) jockey change and one (1) scratch submitted. Both changes were activated after the 10:00 A.M. deadline.

THURSDAY
3/3/16[1]

ABEL LEAL/SPORTECH COMPLAINT (CASE #15LT007 & CASE #SAC-0003)

A formal hearing was held today in order to address an Order of Remand issued by the California Horse Racing Board. Last October, Santa Anita Autumn meet Stewards issued ruling #27 which fined the tote company Sportech $1,000.00. The purpose of today's hearing was to produce a Record and Transcript of Hearing as addressed in an Order of Remand issued by the CHRB on January 27, 2016.

Present at today's hearing, along with the Stewards, were Sportech Field Service Manager LANCE KU and Sportech System Operator ABEL LEAL, CHRB Investigator JIM HAMILTON, Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI and MICHELLE DERIEG (Weinstein Court Reporters) along with the Stewards. Today's complaint reads as follows:

> "ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2015 SPORTECH EMPLOYEE ABEL LEAL INADVERTENTLY REMOVED THE #5 HORSE "LOVE ON THE ROAD" FROM THE WAGERING POOL IN THE 5TH RACE AT DEL MAR RACETRACK. THE HORSE "LOVE ON THE ROAD" WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAGERING POOL FROM 9:28:56 TO 9:34:07. EQUIBASE

EMPLOYEES WERE NOT MADE AWARE OF THE ERROR UNTIL NOON. THE HORSE "LOVE ON THE ROAD" WAS OUT OF THE WAGERING POOL FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 ½ HOURS. THIS HORSE RACED FOR PURSE MONEY ONLY UNDER RULE 1974 C."

Testimony was taken from both tote company employees present today. A formal record has now been created. There are Santa Anita Stewards' minute entries on 10/03/15[3] and 10/17/15[3] regarding this matter. Decision to follow.

3/3/16[2] **JOSEPH LIDGETT COMPLAINT (CASE #16SA038)**

Owner JOESPH LIDGETT failed to appear for a hearing here at the Santa Anita Park Stewards' office on Sunday, February 28. Today the Stewards issued the following ruling:

LATS #068

Owner JOSEPH LIDGETT, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $17,991.81 to trainer CARL O'CALLAGHAN), 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 LIDGETT are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), JOSEPH LIDGETT is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/3/16[3] **MICK RUIS, JR. RULING (CASE#08SA0072 & 08HP0027)**

Trainer (license expired) MICK RUIS, Jr., came into the CHRB licensing office recently inquiring about renewing his trainer's license. CHRB enforcement told Mr. Ruis that he would need to satisfy two old financial responsibility issues from several years ago (2008). Now that Mr. Ruis has paid these two separate entities in full and is back in good standing, CHRB Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will administer a trainer's test to Ruis whose CHRB trainer's license has been inactive for eight (8) years. The Stewards issued the ruling below:

LATS #069

Trainer "MICK" RUIS, Jr., having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $843.95 to BOB HUBBARD HORSE TRANSPORTATION, INC.), is eligible for relicensing. Ruling LATS #110, issued at Santa Anita on May 15, 2008, is set aside. The debt to SOUTHERN EQUINE FOUNDATION, INC. ($545.00) was also paid in full.

3/3/16[4] **TYLER BAZE COMPLAINT (CASE #16SA043)**

CHRB Veterinarian TIM GRANDE observed a welt on the right flank of SENSITIVELY following the running of the fourth race, which she won, on February 13, 2016. Jockey TYLER BAZE attended today's informal hearing to address the alleged violation of CHRB rule #1688 (B)(3) (Use of Riding Crop). Our records indicate that Jockey Baze has not violated the portion of rule #1688 that addresses 'breaks in the skin' for several years now. The pictures that were included in CHRB Investigator JIM HAMILTON's thirteen (13) page complaint packet made it fairly obvious to Jockey Baze and this Board of Stewards that there was a rule violation in this matter. The Stewards reiterated the importance of not using the riding crop on the flanks of a horse during the running of a race. The following penalty was issued:

LATS #070

Jockey TYLER BAZE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – caused a break in the skin) during the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on February 13, 2016.

3/3/16[5] **MARTIN GARCIA RULING**

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA waived his right to a film review this morning. Jockey Garcia rode #4 IANCOL who finished first in the eighth race on Sunday, February 28. He acknowledged using his riding crop more than three (3) times in succession without giving his horse a chance to respond thereby violating CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). The Stewards issued the following ruling:

LATS #071

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA 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 December 10, 2015), during the eighth race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on February 28, 2016.

3/3/16[6] **EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this race after #1 FAMILY FOREVER (David C. Lopez) ducked in very sharply unseating her rider at the start of this one (1) mile main track event. After film review the Stewards announced that there would be no change in the order of finish. Apprentice David Lopez was examined in the race track's first aid office and declared to be in good condition. #1 FAMILY FOREVER was captured by one of the track outriders and appeared to be in good shape. CHRB Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will provide an accident report that will be attached to these minutes.

3/3/16[7] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#5 PICO CHICK (Tr. Danny Velasquez) claimed by R. Baltas
2nd Race	#3 BIG DISCOVERY (Tr. Tim Yakteen) claimed by A. Marquez
3rd Race	#4 MAJESTIC FANTASY (Tr. P. Gallagher) veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande Refund $653.04
4th Race	#3 PAZMEIFYOUCAN – Claim –**VOIDED** - returns to S. Miyadi, trainer
7th Race	#5 BACCELO (BRZ) (Tr. Peter Miller) claimed by J. Sadler #8 AWESOME RETURN (T. Mike Puype) claimed by T. West
8th Race	#2 BRANJAMMAS TRIO – Stewards' late scratch (reared and flipped on race track) Refund $88,342.68

3/3/16[8] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,059	623,801.10
SCOTWinc	4,367	1,303,814.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,412,861.41
Total	7,426	6,340,477.01

FRIDAY

3/4/16[1] **BUG BOY/GIRL CLASS**

CHRB Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI held his weekly class for apprentice jockeys this morning in the Santa Anita film room. Replays of last week's races were reviewed by the six (6) young riders that were present today. A video of a horse that 'turned over' in the post parade yesterday (March 3 - 8th Race - #2 BRANJAMMAS TRIO - Mario Gutierrez) was reviewed by all of the apprentice riders.

3/4/16[2] **JAPANESE RACING ASSOCIATION**

ATSUSHI KOYA is the General Manager of the New York office of the Japan Racing Association (JRA). Two of Mr. Koya's major duties are recruitment for the JRA Jockey Challenge, which is held in September, and promoting the Japan Cup and Champion's Stakes which are held in October of each year. Mr. Koya was a visitor in our office this morning and judges' stand this afternoon.

3/4/16[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 HOBBITS HERO (Tr. Richard Baltas) – Claimed by P. Miller
#3 GLOBAL MAGICIAN – Claim –**VOIDED** - returns to P. Miller
#8 COMES THE DREAM (Tr. D. Jacobson) claimed by A. Kitchingman

2nd Race #4 UPTOWN RHYTHM – claim –**VOIDED** - returns to C. Gaines

3rd Race #2 RYDERROO – scratch - Tr. J. Fanning - unsound - Tim Grande DVM
Refund $986.46

4th Race #2 DOLLEMMA - Tr. E. Navarro - no rider – Stewards
Refund $2,172.54

8th Race #5 SKOOKUM SPIRIT - Tr. S. Miyadi – Injured - Dana Stead DVM
#9 Lucky Prospector - Tr. B. Heap - owner/trainer miscommunication – Stewards
Refund Total $936.57

03/4/16[4] **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

3/4/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,061	663,351.20
SCOTWinc	4,433	1,484,665.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,575,358.48
Total	7,494	6,723,375.28

SATURDAY
3/5/16[1] **THERESA CROOKHAM COMPLAINT (CASE # 16SA0045)**
JON FRANKEL COMPAINT (CASE# 16SA0046)

Owner ROBERT K. MITCHELL (DBA Bonnie Acres Ranch) waited patiently outside of our office for 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. scheduled hearings yesterday, March 4, 2016, both regarding CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). These two cases involve horse boarding bills at Mr. Mitchell's ranch in Hemet, CA. Both of these individuals failed to appear for yesterday's scheduled hearings and details of the monetary amounts allegedly past due appear in the following rulings:

LATS #072

Owner THERESA CROOKHAM, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – $1,482.00 to ROBERT K. MITCHELL dba BONNIE ACRES RANCH), 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 THERESA CROOKHAM are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), THERESA CROOKHAM is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

LATS #073

Owner JON FRANKEL, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $1,020.00 to ROBERT K. MITCHELL dba BONNIE ACRES RANCH), 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 JON FRANKEL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), JON FRANKEL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/5/16[2] **STEWARD CHANGE**

Steward SCOTT CHANEY is off this weekend (March 5 & 6) due to personal reasons. Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will move up to the judges' stand. Safety Steward RON CHURCH (Refer Cal-Expo Minutes 12/20/15[3]) will fill in for Mr. Jauregui.

3/5/16[3] **BRANDON BOULANGER**

Apprentice Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER got on an airplane yesterday and flew out to Santa Anita from New York City. Boulanger has recently been exercising horses for Trainer JAMES BOND in New York. Prior to that he had ridden races at Tampa Bay Downs in Florida. On October 3, 2014 Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Association Stewards suspended Boulanger for fifteen (15) days (Ruling #179) and ordered him to abide by recommendations of the Winners' Foundation. ROBERT FLETCHER (Winners' Foundation) told the Stewards yesterday that Boulanger has not been in compliance with the Winners' Foundation recommendations.

Present at today's meeting were Apprentice Boulanger, his agent KEN HUTH and CHRB Investigator JIM HAMILTON. Boulanger agreed to submit to a urine test following today's informal meeting. Boulanger was told he will not be allowed to be named on horses at this time. He may exercise horses only. A meeting with Bob Fletcher (Winners' Foundation) and all parties present today will be held next Thursday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. More to follow.

3/5/16[4] **SLIGHT DELAY - 2nd RACE**

There was an approximate two (2) minute delay prior to this afternoon's second race. As the field entered the race track for the post parade Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO (#8 LONDON LEGACY - Tr. P. Miller) discovered he had an issue with his saddle (broken buckle on stirrup) as it needed to be replaced. Following a quick trip back to the saddling barn (paddock) #8 LONDON LEGACY went on to a facile victory at post-time odds of six to five (6/5).

3/5/16[5] **SANTA YSABEL STAKES (GRD III) – MINUS POOLS**

Today's 50th running of the Santa Ysabel Stakes (Purse $100,000) was won by the extremely talented filly SONGBIRD (Mike Smith/Jerry Hollendorfer) who is now undefeated in six (6) lifetime starts.

SONGBIRD, who was sent off at odds of 1/9, had $823,407 bet to show on her, out of a total of $886,551 wagered in today's eighth race show pool. This led to a minus show pool of $158,462. Santa Anita Mutuel Manager RANDY HARTZELL informed the Stewards there was also a negative place pool in this same race totaling $4,900.

3/5/16[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

2nd Race	#1 TRUE TEN - Scratch - Tr. Robertino Diodoro – injured Tim Grande, DVM Refund $287.45 #8 LONDON LEGACY – Claimed - B. Spawr, Trainer #9 BROTHER SOLDIER – Claimed - M. Machowsky, Trainer
4th Race	#13 TINDERELLA (GB) Scratch - Tr. Jeff Mullins, Also Eligible - Stewards
5th Race	#3 STREET FANCY - Scratch - Tr. Phillip D'Amato , Stake-Stewards Refund $1,547.25
8th Race	#7 SOLID WAGER - Scratch - Tr. Peter Miller - sick-Dana Stead, DVM Refund $1,047.54 #9 SOUPER KNIGHT – Claimed - J. Sadler, Trainer

3/5/16[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,007	1,889,350.00
SCOTWinc	7,178	2,472,009.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,834,053.27
Total	16,185	13,195,412.27

SUNDAY

3/6/16[1] **EDWIN MALDONADO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO appeared in the Stewards' office as ordered to review his ride aboard #4 ZIM N THE MAILMAN who finished second in this 1 1/16th mile nightcap (9th Race) yesterday, Saturday, March 5 at Santa Anita. The Stewards observed Jockey Maldonado using his riding crop in an unconventional manner in this race's final sixteenth of a mile. Maldonado flicked his riding crop and grazed the ears of his mount two (2) or three (3) times in what he said was an effort this keep his horse's head down. The Stewards told Maldonado that any contact with a riding crop to a horse's head area is a violation of the rules and will result in the following ruling:

LATS #074

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – misuse of whip in the race) while riding ZIM N THE MAILMAN in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on March 5, 2016.

3/6/16[2] **NEW JOCKEY AGENT**

PATTY STERLING visited the Stewards' office today in order to get approval for a jockey agent license. Ms. Sterling is a former trainer and has most recently served as a clocker on the Southern California circuit for over a decade. Her new employer is Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA.

3/6/16[3] **OFF TRACK**

Heavy rains early this morning in Arcadia led to 'off track' conditions. Before the 12:30 first post the track condition was 'Good'. Prior to today's third race the main track was upgraded to 'Fast'.

3/6/16[4] **GOOD RACING**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and /or jockey objections.

3/6/16[5] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

2nd Race OFF TURF
#2 LOVENSEEK - Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer - off turf - Stewards
#3 FOOLED AGAIN - Tr. Vann Belvoir - off turf - Stewards
#5 JOHNS JOURNEY - Tr. Paul Aguirre - off turf - Stewards
#8 RANGI (GB) – Tr. Richard Baltas – off turf - Stewards
Refund Total $2,961.97
#13 ROYAL F J - F. Prat for M. Pedroza – second call on also eligible

3rd Race #3 PERFECT SET - Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer – Track condition - Stewards
#6 ROMAN TIZZY - Tr. Vladimir Cerin – Sick – Dana Stead, DVM
Refund Total $2,170.96

9th Race #1 MIMIS BIG BOY - Tr. Kenneth Black – Sick – Tim Grande, DVM
#2 CHEAP O CHARLIE - Tr. Paul Aguirre – Injured – Tim Grande, DVM
Refund Total $2,174.49
#5 LUCKY DAYS AHEAD - should read - 'regular gelding'

3/6/16[6]

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,192	1,441,544.10
SCOTWinc	6,071	2,085,587.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,440,582.94
Total	13,263	9,967,714.14

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/29/16 - 3/6/16

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	19
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

	Thurs 3/3/16	Fri 3/4/16	Sat 3/5/16	Sun 3/6/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	9
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	2	3	52
Claims	4	2	3	0	9	269
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	1	1	0	0	2	25
Refunds	2	4	3	8	17	256
Rulings	4	0	2	1	7	74
Voided Claims	1	2	0	0	3	16

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

Attachments
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