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Santa Anita Park

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Week 13 – Thursday, March 24, 2016 – Sunday, March 27, 2016

WEDNESDAY
3/23/16

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, March 26, 2016. Nine races filled for Saturday. There are three races scheduled for the turf course. Ninety-four (94) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY
3/24/16[1]

RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO appeared in the Stewards' office this morning in order to review video replays of the fourth race from Sunday, March 20. This race was a six and one-half furlong turf event on the Hillside Turf Course. Jockey Bejarano was accompanied today by DARREL HAIRE from the Jockeys' Guild.

Today's film review shows #9 YELLOW BONNET (Rafael Bejarano) in seventh position about twenty (20) yards after the turf/dirt/turf transition portion of this turf course. Straightening out for the stretch drive, #9 YELLOW BONNET shifts out and takes the path of her stable mate #10 DYNAMIC MIZZES (Flavien Prat) forcing jockey Prat to steady sharply in order to avoid her rival's heels. Jockey Bejarano felt the actions of tenth place finisher #8 GUST (Stewart Elliott), who was well in front of him at the time, were somewhat responsible for his own actions. Respectfully this argument did not carry any weight in the eyes of the Stewards. The Stewards felt Jockey Bejarano was careless by not looking to his outside before being insufficiently clear of his rival/stable mate. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling. Jockey Bejarano made it quite clear he did not agree with the Stewards' decision.

LATS #093

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO, who rode YELLOW BONNET in the fourth race at Santa Anita Race Track on March 20, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (April 3, 7, and 8, 2016) for altering course 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.

Rafael Bejarano was previously suspended for three (3) racing days by Santa Anita Stewards on February 11, 2016 (LATS #047). He received a stay of that ruling pending a full hearing before the California Horse Racing Board. That stay was ordered on February 18, 2016 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

3/24/16[2] **TRACK ANNOUNCER NAMED**

MICHAEL WRONA was named the full-time track announcer today at Santa Anita. Wrona replaces TREVOR DENMAN who called the races for the past 31 years. During the first 51 days of this meet, Wrona shared announcing duties with FRANK MIRAHMADI. There were two other race callers that worked separate weekends here this meet. They were CRAIG EVANS, an Australian who works in Singapore, and DAVID FITZGERALD from England. Wrona will work the rest of the meet which concludes on April 10.

3/24/16[3] **SMOOTH CARD**

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

3/24/16[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1ST Race	#2 WALKING ON WATER – Claimed - Jonathan Wong, Trainer
2nd Race	#6 LAROCCO – Claimed - Kristin Mulhall, Trainer
4th Race	#3 NO MINIMUMS - (Tr. Steve Miyadi) Veterinarian Scratch – Dr. Tim Grande
	#5 MAI TAI - (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Veterinarian Scratch - Dr. Dana Stead - Refund Total: $896.80
5th Race	#5 SOCIALIZED – Claimed - John Brocklebank, Trainer
8th Race	#2 SEATTLE BOOM (Tr. Craig Dollase) Veterinarian Scratch - Dr. Stead Refund: $250.90

3/24/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,255	649,607.60
SCOTWinc	3,868	1,120,545.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,515,706.07
Total	7,123	6,285,858.77

FRIDAY

3/25/16[1] **DAVID FERNADEZ RULING (CASE #15SA204 – REF: 6/27/15[3])**

On June 27, 2015 Owner DAVID FERNANDEZ and Trainer JEFF MULLINS entered into a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' (CHRB-51). The agreement was for past due training fees of $15,079. The fees have been paid down to $11,579. The Stewards had spoken recently to Mr. Fernandez attempting to hold off issuing the following ruling but in our unanimous opinion he had been given ample time to fulfill an agreement in which he was two months behind. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #094

Owner DAVID FERNANDEZ is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – failure to abide by the terms of an agreement with JEFF MULLINS - $11,579.00).

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

3/25/16[2] **FIRST RACE – DEAD HEAT**

Today's first race, which was a one mile turf event, was a very exciting race. In this six-horse race, #5 SWISS SKIMMER (Frank Alvarado) and #6 SHYSHEISNOT (Edwin Maldonado) finished on even terms for the win. Third place finisher #1 DISSENSION (Rafael Bejarano) was beaten a very slim nose margin in what was nearly a triple dead heat for the win. Both winners returned $5.00 for a $2 win wager.

3/25/16[3] **FOURTH RACE - INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing the start of this 1 1/16th main track event. At issue in this race were the actions of post-time favorite #2 ZICONIC (Mike Smith) who dwelt at the start. This three-year-old ridgling finally broke after the rest of the field was seven or eight lengths away from the starting gate. The starting gate worked properly in this case as the blame for the very poor start was placed solely on #2 ZICONIC. There was no change made in the order of finish in this race. ZICONIC is the foal of the champion race mare ZENYATTA. He finished fifth in this six-horse field, going off as the even money favorite.

3/25/16[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#5 SWISS SKIMMER - Claimed - Jonathan Wong, trainer
4th Race	#5 YA ANTABTTSY - Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dana Stead, DVM Refund: $510.00
6th Race	#10 SPEED SAVER - Claimed - Frank Luccarelli, trainer
7th Race	#6 AIN'T MISBEHAVIN - Claimed - Jack Carava, trainer #8 FOOLHARDY – Claimed - Jeff Bonde, trainer
8th Race	#6 I'LL WRAP IT UP – Claimed - Steve Miyadi, trainer

3/25/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,057	722,112.20
SCOTWinc	4,203	1,253,438.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,502,644.17
Total	8,260	7,478,194.97

SATURDAY

3/26/16[1] **ERIC GUILLOT COMPLAINT (Case# 16SA0048)**

A formal hearing was held today for trainer ERIC GUILLOT who allegedly violated CHRB Rules 1843(a)(d), 1843.1(b), 1844 (f)(13) and 1887 (a). Along with the Stewards and trainer Guillot, present today were CHRB Investigator PHIL MIYAZAKI and MICHELLE DERIEG (Weinstein Court Reporters). Investigator Miyazaki prepared and presented a 35 page complaint packet which was introduced as an exhibit and moved into evidence for this hearing.

The Guillot-trained UBETTERECONIZESON finished eighth in the ninth race on February 15, 2016 at Santa Anita. A post-race test sample was found to contain the Class 4 substance 'Triamcinolone Acetonide' (Vetalog). Trainer Guillot told the Stewards he was 'out of state' at the time of the above-referenced race and thought his private veterinarian group at Los Alamitos misjudged the withdrawal times of the drug. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' issued the following ruling:

LATS #095

> Trainer ERIC GUILLOT, who started the horse UBETTERECONIZESON in the ninth race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 15, 2016, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Triamcinolone Acetonide - in excess of permitted level [224 pg/ml] – Class 4).

3/26/16[2] **JOE TALAMO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOE TALAMO appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride in yesterday's second race. Jockey Talamo was aboard #3 RAISE A SECRET , who finished second in this six-furlong main track event yesterday, March 25. The majority of the Stewards felt jockey Talamo used his riding crop more than three (3) times in succession during the stretch drive of this race. Steward SAWYER felt this horse was given a chance to respond as outlined in CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). More to follow.

3/26/16[3] **MARTIN GARCIA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #3 MAGICAL MYSTERY, who finished second in this mile and one-sixteenth main track event yesterday, March 25. Video replays of the stretch drive of this race made it clear that jockey Garcia used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. Jockey Garcia agreed with this film analysis. More to follow.

3/26/16[4] **BRANDON BOULANGER FILM REVIEW**

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #8 BIRD E HOUSE who finished fifth in the eleventh race on Saturday, March 19, which was a 1 1/8 mile turf event. Jockey Boulanger, who won a race at Los Alamitos last night, struck his horse five (5) consecutive times in the stretch drive of this race. The Stewards had reviewed CHRB Rule 1688 (Use of Riding Crop) with Boulanger earlier this month as he has recently returned to California after spending time in Florida and New York. More to follow.

3/26/16[5] **SAFETY STEWARD**

Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI is off today for personal reasons. PAUL ATKINSON will fill in.

3/26/16[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#5 NIGHT BADGER – Claimed - Hector Palma, Trainer
2nd Race	#3 SOLDIER - (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) Veterinarian Scratch – Tim Grande, DVM Refund: $586.40
4th Race	#5 FRIED PICKLES - (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) - Tim Grande, DVM Refund: $1,014.40 Minus Pool: $381.38
5th Race	#2 NANCY FROM NAIROBI (GB) - (Tr. John Sadler) Stewards' Scratch Stake Refund: $1,257.90
6th	#9 BLUE CHAT - (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Stewards' Scratch - Lost rider/loose Post Parade. Refund: $222,365.71
7th Race	#1 Q' VIVA – Claimed - Ron Ellis, Trainer
8th Race	#4 SIR CAL - (Tr. Rafael Becerra) Veterinarian Scratch -Tim Grande, DVM - Injured Refund: $539.50 Jockey Change: #13 INSPIRED WATERS - A. Quinonez for D. Van Dyke Also Eligible
9th Race	#8 BATTI MAN (GB) Claim from Kristin Mulhall to David Jacobson **VOIDED** – Unsound - Tim Grande DVM
10th Race	#4 JUSTONEMORETHING – Claimed - Gary Stute, Trainer #5 TRIPSKI – Claimed - Peter Miller, Trainer

3/26/16[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,083	1,915,537.40
SCOTWinc	7,499	2,792,085.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,136,614.64
Total	16,582	12,844,237.04

SUNDAY

3/27/16[1] **JOESPH TALAMO RULING (REF: 3/25/16[2])**

LATS #096

Jockey JOSEPH TALAMO 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), during the second race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 25, 2016.

The ruling above was issued today following an informal hearing held in the Stewards' office yesterday (March 26) at Santa Anita.

3/27/16[2] **BRANDON BOULANGER RULING (REF: 3/25/16[4])**

The ruling below was issued today following a film review that was held in the Stewards' office yesterday (March 26) at Santa Anita.

LATS#097

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER 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), during the eleventh race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 19, 2016.

3/27/16[3] **MARTIN GARCIA RULINGS (REF: 3/26/16[3])**

Ruling #098 is the result of an informal hearing that was held yesterday (March 25) at Santa Anita. This was for a violation of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). This ruling is the result of Jockey GARCIA's third violation of this rule in the last 30 days. The Stewards also wanted to discuss the reason he was late to the paddock/walking ring for yesterday's sixth race. Garcia was assigned the mount on #2 NANPOWER for trainer NEIL DRYSDALE. #2 NANPOWER entered the race track/post parade last out following #8 TRINITYS TURN (Iggy Puglisi). Jockey Garcia told the Stewards that he was in the jockey's room on his cell phone talking to an owner of his upcoming mount and could not get off the phone after the bell had rung in the jockey's room calling for the riders to depart for the paddock/walking ring. Steward SAWYER personally witnessed the tardiness, as a Steward is generally in this restricted area for most races. In a unanimous vote, the Stewards issued the following two (2) rulings:

LATS #098

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00) 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 – third offense in last 60 days, last offense March 17, 2016), during the fourth race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 25, 2016.

LATS #099

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting late to paddock) for the sixth race on March 26, 2016 at Santa Anita Winter Meet.

3/27/16[4] **EDWIN MALDONADO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #1 HENNYTHELOVEPENNY who finished third in the third race yesterday (March 26) at Santa Anita. Jockey Maldonado was involved in a heated stretch duel in this race; going to a hand-ride while doing so. However, while in tight quarters, his riding crop was flicking up between his mount's ears. He was warned today that actual crop contact with the head area of a horse is a violation of our rules.

3/27/16[5] **RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO appeared in the Stewards' office in order to discuss three (3) separate matters.

1. The Stewards mentioned to Jockey Bejarano that yesterday (March 26) the paddock judge had inquired why the tack (saddle) for #6 REVENUE VIRGINIUS was late to arrive prior to saddling for yesterday's third race. Jockey room officials reported that Bejarano was slow to weigh out prior to yesterday's third race. They also reported there had been a pattern of slowness as of late. The majority of Stewards voted for a warning (Baker dissent - penalty) for Jockey Bejarano's tardiness.

2. In the aforementioned third race yesterday, Jockey Bejarano was aboard second place finisher #6 REVENUE VIRGINIUS who lugged in and made contact with #1 HENNYTHELOVEPENNY (Edwin Maldonado) three times in deep stretch. Bejarano felt the actions of third place finisher HENNYTHELOVEPENNY contributed to the incident. The Stewards placed the brunt of the blame on #6 REVENUE VIRGINIUS himself but felt Bejarano could have helped alleviate contact by pulling on his right rein. Warning issued.

3. Jockey Bejarano was aboard #6 REVENUE VIRGINIUS who finished second in yesterday's third race. Film review shows Bejarano use his riding crop four (4) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. The following ruling was issued in a unanimous decision:

LATS #100

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO 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 last 60 days, last offense January 1, 2016), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 26, 2016.

3/27/16[6] **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's ten race card went well as it was free of Stewards' Inquiries and/or jockey objections.

3/27/16[7] **DECLARATION, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

2nd Race	#7 TIZ NO BLUFF - Veterinarian Scratch – Injured - Dana Stead, DVM Refund: $1,072.40
3rd Race	#3 ELECTRIFYING – Claimed - R.B. Hess Jr., trainer #4 FRAC CANDY – Claimed - Bill Spawr, trainer
4th Race	#4 BELLE ET BETE (IRE) - Veterinarian Scratch – Injured – Tim Grande, DVM Refund: $2,798.90

3/27/16[8] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	12,238	1,333,518.90
SCOTWinc	4,917	1,422,991.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,186,697.30
Total	17,155	7,943,207.40

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/21/16 – 3/27/16

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	22
Deceased	2
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 3/24/16	Fri 3/2516	Sat 3/26/16	Sun 3/27/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	12
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	2	3	8	68
Claims	3	5	4	3	15	219
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	1	33
Refunds	3	1	5	4	13	329
Rulings	1	1	1	5	8	100
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	19

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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