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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

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Week 3 – Thursday, May 19, 2016 – Sunday, May 22, 2016

THURSDAY
5/19/16[1]

FILM REVIEW

Jockey TYLER BAZE came to the office to discuss his ride in the first race last Saturday and to discuss why he missed attending film review on Sunday. We examined his whip use in the aforementioned race and concluded that he struck the horse more than three times without giving him a chance to respond. While Mr. Baze didn't think his actions were abusive, he acknowledged that they did represent a violation of the rule. As for not viewing films with us on Saturday, Mr. Baze explained that he simply forgot. We issued the following rulings:

LATS #134

Jockey TYLER BAZE is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00) 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 – second offense in the last sixty days; last offense March 31, 2016), during the first race at Santa Anita Race Track on May 14, 2016.

LATS #135

Jockey TYLER BAZE is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) failure to attend film review on May 15, 2016.

Jockey JOE TALAMO acknowledged his whipping error by telephone and accepted the following ruling:

LATS #136

Jockey JOSEPH TALAMO 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 the last sixty days; last offense May 6, 2016), during the fourth race at Santa Anita Race Track on May 15, 2016.

5/19/16[2] **ATKINSON HEARING**

Safety Steward/Exercise Rider PAUL ATKINSON was in the office this morning as directed by the morning outrider, who claimed that Mr. Atkinson pulled up in front of the starting gate during the first 10 minutes after the break. Mr. Atkinson acknowledged his error. Decision to follow.

5/19/16[3] **APPEAL HEARINGS**

Most of our morning was occupied by jockey appeal hearings. Jockeys EDWIN MALDONADO (standing up before the wire) and BRANDON BOULANGER (running into a broken down, fallen horse) both appealed our rulings.

5/19/16[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#5 FORTHE LOVOF PATTY – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund: $1,442.03
2nd Race	No changes; Refund: $20.00
3rd Race	No changes; Refund: $85.00
4th Race	#4 SPICY BLONDE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund: $805.17 Minus Pools: $621.50
5th Race	#11 STREET MOXIE – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund: $768.22
6th Race	#2 VERONICA BAY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #8 AMBERELLA – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #6 KELLIANNE CAN CAN – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer Refund: $649.44
7th Race	No changes; Refund: $33.00 Minus Pools: $7,001.55
8th Race	#11 HE COULD – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #12 CHEAP O CHARLIE -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible #13 SQUASH -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund: $1,038.12

5/19/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,122	609,459.40
SCOTWinc	3,761	1,116,110.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,558,405.78
Total	6,883	5,283,975.88

FRIDAY

5/20/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey CASSIDY CLERISSE came to the office to review her ride in the third race yesterday. During the run down the backside, she reached up to pull down a pair of goggles, her horse stepped out, and a rival clipped heels. In a majority vote (Steward BAKER believed a suspension was appropriate), she was issued a warning for the incident.

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race on May 8 during which we believed that he failed to ride his mount to the finish. He disagreed and stated that he was just standing up in the irons a little more than usual. He also received a warning earlier in the year. It was our belief that the two strides during which he eased up on his mount cost fourth position and we therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS #139

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode DREAMY MARTINI in the fourth race on May 8, 2016 at Santa Anita Race Track is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer, and Jockey – stood up before finish).

5/20/16[2] **ATKINSON RULING**

The following ruling was issued after considering the facts of yesterday's meeting:

LATS #137

Exercise rider E. PAUL ATKINSON is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – backtracking violation) on May 19, 2016 at Santa Anita Race Track.

5/20/16[3] **NUNEZ RULING**

The following ruling was issued when trainer JESUS NUNEZ failed to saddle his horse yesterday for the second time:

LATS #138

Trainer JESUS NUNEZ, who was scheduled to saddle #1 OUR NEW FLASH in the fifth race on May 15, 2016, at Santa Anita Race Track, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer – Failure to Supervise Saddling).

5/20/16 **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	6 ROYAL SEEKER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund: $432.40
2nd Race	No Changes; Refund: $157.00
3rd Race	#6 BUYMEABOND – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund: $1,602.28
4th Race	No Changes; Refund: $17.00
5th Race	No Changes; Refund: $46.00
6th Race	#2 GENERAL ANN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #3 MELANISTIC – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund: $1,091.60
7th Race	No Changes; No Refund
8th Race	No Changes; No Refund

5/20/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,230	694,872.40
SCOTWinc	5,285	1,559,721.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,431,079.57
Total	8,515	6,685,673.37

SATURDAY

5/21/16[1] **PREAKNESS STAKES**

All matters were routine this morning during abbreviated office hours due to early first post time on Preakness Day.

5/21/16[2] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	No Changes; Refund: $870.52
2nd Race	#2 SWISS SILVER – Claimed – H. Palma, trainer Refund: $268.60
3rd Race	#3 CLASSICO – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #5 NAVY HYMN – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer Refund: $2,978.68 Minus Pools: $7,275.97
4th Race	No Changes; Refund: $172.00
5th Race	#6 DESERT MADAM – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer Refund: $216.00
6th Race	#6 RADIO SILENT – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead Refund: $1,767.82

7th Race	#9 CARDIAC – Claimed – S. Ruiz, trainer Refund: $2.00
8th Race	#13 GIRL DOWNSTAIRS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund: $488.54
9th Race	#10 SAN ONOFRE – broke down, euthanized (see attached report) Refund: $503.46
10th Race	#3 VELVET MESQUITE – Stewards' scratch, entering back Refund: $4,869.32
11th Race	No Changes; Refund: $9,070.30

5/21/16[3] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	19,123	3,250,816.10
SCOTWinc	14,829	4,796,696.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,066,866.38
Total	33,952	16,114,379.28

SUNDAY

5/22/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey GIUSEPPE ERCEGOVIC came to the office to review his crop use during the sixth race yesterday. He struck his horse once, than gave a brief break, before striking him three more times in succession. While Steward CHANEY did not find that the break was sufficient to give the horse chance to respond, the majority disagreed and issued a warning rather than the standard fine.

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday during which he pulls his horse in and makes some contact with the horse to his inside just before the finish. We believed that he was attempting to get a little closer to his rival to make his horse more competitive but Mr. Bejarano said that he felt his horse was drifting out. Either way, we believed a warning was appropriate because the contact was very minor.

Jockey RAMON VASQUEZ sent a representative this morning to discuss his crop use during the ninth race yesterday. Video revealed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his horse a chance to respond. We therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS #140

Jockey RAMON VASQUEZ 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 ninth race at Santa Anita Race Track on May 21, 2016.

5/22/16[2] **HEAP RULING**

We issued the following ruling when trainer BLAKE HEAP submitted a scratch card for his horse in the Mizdirection Stakes yesterday. There was some confusion on the trainer's part regarding scratch rules for overnight stakes as opposed to non-overnight stakes. We decided to approve the scratch but issued the following ruling:

LATS #141

Trainer BLAKE HEAP is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ($400.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – did not want to run) in the tenth race on May 21, 2016, at Santa Anita Park.

5/22/16[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#2 ATASCADERAN – Rider change – A. Lezcano for F. Martinez (injured) #3 DAY IN THE SUN – Claimed – M. Puype, trainer

2nd Race	#3 WATCH ME NOW – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer #3 WATCH ME NOW – Rider change – A. Lezcano for K. Desormeaux (no show) Refund: $166.00
3rd Race	No Changes; Refund: $503.00
4th Race	#1 BIJOUX – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #4 INDIVIDUAL DESIGN – Claimed – R. Gomez, trainer #5 GUESSED RIGHT – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer Refund: $2,641.88
5th Race	#3 SUPERB OWL – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund: $917.97
6th Race	#1 SUPERIOR – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund: $1,186.88
7th Race	#5 AGUSTINA DE ARAGON – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer Refund: $35.00
8th Race	#11 ZEEKID – Rider change – J. Talamo for F. Martinez #9 ALEXITA – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer #10 STELLATA – broke down (see attached report) Refund: $51.50
9th Race	#1 CRITTENDEN – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund: $1,049.62
10th Race	#3 MOONIE – Rider change – M. Gutierrez for A. Quinonez (double jock fee) #10 BLAKE'S MAGIC – Rider change – J. Talamo for K. Desormeaux #8 BEHEST – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer

5/22/16[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,247	1,677,179.60
SCOTWinc	5,675	1,883,128.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,011,108.98
Total	14,922	9,571,417.18

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 5/16/16 – 5/22/16

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	18
Deceased	2

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 5/19/16	Fri 5/20/16	Sat 5/21/16	Sun 5/22/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	3	1	7	16
Claims	1	2	4	7	14	49
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	5
Refunds	8	6	11	8	33	85
Rulings	3	3	0	2	8	22
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	2

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

Attachments
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