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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, January 3, 2022, Through Monday, January 9, 2022**WEDNESDAY**1/5/22¹**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in to oversee entries for Saturday and Fridays scratches. The Racing Office carded nine (9) races for Saturday for a total of sixty-eight (68) entries.

1/5/22²**STEWARDS' MEETING**

On Wednesday morning the CHRB held a Stewards' meeting Via Microsoft Teams to discuss any rules or issues the Stewards might have. Chairing the meeting was Chief Steward Darrel McHargue and participating was Chairman Greg Ferraro, Commissioner Dennis Alfieri, Commissioner Brenda Davis, CHRB Staff and Executive Director Scott Chaney.

THURSDAY1/6/22¹**PSARRAS HEARING (complaint #21SA0090)**

Trainer ANDREAS PSARRAS came in to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB after his horse "House of Targaryen" was found to contain the medication "Methocarbamol" in a post-race sample who ran in the sixth race (5th place) on October 10th, 2021, at Santa Anita Park. The CHRB cited the following rules in the complaint, CHRB rules 1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances), 1843.4 (a) (Multiple Medication Violations MMV), 1844 (d)(5) (Authorized Medication) and 1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Steven Manilla. Mr. Psarras stated he wasn't sure how the overage could have occurred. After entering the complaint into the record and hearing all the testimony, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
1/7/22¹

PSARRAS RULING

The following ruling was issued fining Trainer ANDREAS PSARRAS after considering all the facts regarding yesterday's medication hearing.

LATS Ruling #10

Trainer ANDREAS PSARRAS, who started the horse HOUSE OF TARGARYEN, who finished 5th in the 6th race at Santa Anita Park on October 10, 2021, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 01/07/23) pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of rule #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), and rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substance – Methocarbamol 4.7 NG/ML [Class 4]).

1/7/22²

JOCKEY AND TRAINER MEETING

Jockey CHRISTOPHER EMIGH and Trainer BRITTANY VANDEN BERG were in to discuss our rules as well as any conflict-of-interest concerns we might have since they are married. We also reviewed the rules with both of them and set some conditions as they are married.

1/7/22³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE (1/8th turf)

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the third race to review an incident that occurred when entering the stretch involving the winner #9 KEYSTONE FIELD (F. Prat) and the second-place horse #8 BUILDER (A. Cedillo). After speaking to the jockeys involved and the reviewing the video, in a unanimous opinion made no change to the order of finish. The #9 did drift in causing the #8 to steady slightly, but we felt it did not cost the #8 a better placing.

1/7/22⁴

STEWARDS' REVIEW 6th race

We conducted a Stewards' review to examine the start of the #2 GOTTA BE LUCKY (K. Frey) and the #4 HOT ON THE TRAIL (T. Baze) in which both horses hopped at the start. After reviewing the video and speaking to the starter we determined that both horses caused their own issues. Therefore, no inquiry was conducted.

1/7/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 BEST CHANCE- Claimed by L. Powell, trainer. Refund \$127.50
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$13.83
3 rd Race	#1 EAST RAND- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured. Refund \$866.04
4 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0
5 th Race	No changes. Refund \$69.00
6 th Race	#4 HOT ON THE TRAIL- Claimed by H. Palma, trainer #6 DESTINY'S JOURNEY- Claimed by R. Hanson, trainer. Refund \$258.50
7 th Race	#8 BRISTOL BAYOU- Stewards' scratch- Enter back. Refund \$2,500.66
8 th Race	No changes. Refund \$268.47; Minus Pool \$538.04
9 th Race	#2 DRAMATIZER- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer #4 SWEET SOULMATE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured #10 DEL MAR FLASH- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible #11 SWEET PEARL- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$3125.13

1/7/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,531	\$426,859.50
SCOTWinc	2,442	\$891,588.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,016,820.43
Total	4,973	\$7,335,268.68

SATURDAY

1/8/22¹

DESORMEAUX RULING

Trainer KEITH DESORMEAUX was issued the following ruling when he forgot to register his filly "Miss Everything" at the time of entry as a first time Lasix in yesterday's eighth race. Mr. Desormeaux elected to receive the penalty in order to allow his filly to run on lasix.

LATS Ruling #11

Trainer J. KEITH DESORMEAUX is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of MISS EVERYTHING in the eighth race on January 7, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

1/8/22²

JOCKEYS' FILM REVIEW

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT was in our office to review yesterday's third race (turf) in which he was involved in an inquiry for in an incident entering the stretch. Mr. Prat stated he reacted as quick as possible when his horse shifted in as he entered the stretch. We agreed he reacted, but he was advised to be a little speedier in the future. Therefore, he was issued a warning.

Jockey KYLE FREY came in to review the start of yesterday's fourth race in which his horse came in at the start. Mr. Frey stated that he quickly corrected his horse when his horse stumbled. We agreed his horse stumbled causing him to duck in. Therefore, no penalty was issued, but we cautioned him to grab his horse a little quicker.

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO also appeared to review yesterday's third race where he possibly violated the riding crop rule when he used his crop three times in succession without giving his horse a chance to respond. Mr. Cedillo agreed he violated the rule and accepted the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #12

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession during a race – first offense in the last sixty (60) days) during the third race at Santa Anita Park on January 7, 2022.

Jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ was summoned to our office to review the post parade of yesterday's first race in which he tapped his horse with the riding crop on the nose. Mr. Velazquez stated he was having a difficult time with his horse in the post parade and wanted to school him from bolting. We explained to him it's not permitted, and the following ruling was issued. Mr. Velazquez apologized for his actions and said it would never happen again.

LATS Ruling #13

Jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – during post parade – first offense in the last sixty days) while warming up for the first race on January 7, 2022 –at Santa Anita Park.

1/8/22³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (5th race)

We posted the inquiry to review the start of the fifth race involving the #1 NEVER HAVE I EVER (IRE)(C. Emigh 5th), #2 VIA EGNATIA (V. Espinoza 8th) and #3 FOREMAN (B. Blanc 10th). After speaking to all the riders involved and reviewing the video, we made no change to the order of finish. We unanimously agreed that #1 did break out, but it did not cost the #2 and #3 a better placing.

1/8/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 UNFAITHFUL WAYS- Claimed by R. Baltas, trainer. Refund \$235.92
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$99.16
3 rd Race	#1 BACCHANALIA- Claimed by R. Hess, Jr., trainer #3 DUTCH PAINTING (GB)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Batten, unsound Refund \$1,786.32
4 th Race	#4 STAR SAILOR- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$0
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0

7th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

1/8/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,533	\$991,678.31
SCOTWinc	3,618	\$1,370,884.36
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,205,268.95
Total	10,151	\$11,567,831.62

SUNDAY
 1/9/22¹

BAZE RULING

Jockey TYLER BAZE was issued the following ruling after agreeing that he violated the riding crop rule in yesterday's second race. This was Mr. Baze's third offense in the last sixty days.

LATS Ruling #14

Jockey TYLER BAZE is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – third offense within the past sixty days) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2022.

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ appeared in our office to review yesterday's eighth race where he possibly violated the riding crop rule #1688. Mr. Gutierrez agreed he violated the rule and accepted the following ruling. This was his second offense in the last sixty days.

LATS Ruling #15

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – second offense within the past sixty days) during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2022.

Jockey CHRISTOPHER EMIGH came in to review the start of yesterday's fifth race (5 ½ furlong turf) in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry. Mr. Emigh stated that his horse floated out due to the transition from dirt to turf. We agreed, but we cautioned him to be a little quicker when reacting. He was issued a warning.

1/9/22²

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went without any major issues to report. It was a good day of racing.

1/9/22³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race #1 DEFENSE WINS- Claimed by R. Lucas, trainer
 #3 SMILEFORME- Claimed by L. Ruiz, trainer
 #4 CHARGE CASH- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer. Refund \$0
 3rd Race #4 ICY FLAVOR- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, trainer. Refund \$34,306.74
 4th Race #1 NEXT REVOLT- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer
 #6 SAYIN GRACE- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer. Refund \$0
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$34.50
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$45.20
 7th Race #5 BEAUTIFUL GIFT- Stewards' scratch- Stake. Refund \$2,692.72
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

1/9/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,702	\$861,841.86
SCOTWinc	2,932	\$1,101,359.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,669,532.59
Total	7,634	\$8,632,734.20

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 1/3/22 TO 1/9/22

Horses on Vet List 6
Horses off Vet List 5
Shock Wave Therapy 2
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/7	Sat 1/8	Sun 1/9	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	0	2	9
Claims	4	3	5	12	27
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	2
Refunds	8	3	4	15	51
Rulings	1	3	2	6	15
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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