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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 Monday, March 28, 2022, Through Sunday, April 3, 2022.**WEDNESDAY**3/30/22¹**STEWARD IN**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in to oversee entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches. The Racing Office carded ten (10) races.

THURSDAY3/31/22¹**ENTRY STEWARD**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in to monitor entries for Sunday and approve scratches for Saturday. Racing Office carded nine races.

3/31/22²**LOZANO HEARING case (#22SA0022)**

Groom RAYMOND LOZANO was in this morning to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) when he used profanity towards medical staff causing a disturbance in the CTHF Santa Anita Medical/Dental office on February 15, 2022. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Jeanne Garrido. Mr. Lozano was injured at the barn when a horse stepped on his foot causing him to bleed profusely. While at CTHF Santa Anita Medical Clinic for treatment he got into a verbal argument with staff after they recommended an examination prior to providing a medical referral. Mr. Lozano admitted that he lost his temper because he wanted to use his own doctor. Unfortunately, it wasn't the first time he lost his temper with the clinic. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY4/1/22¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE was in our office with Jockeys Guild Manager Darrell Haire to review Sunday's second race to determine how many times he used his riding crop. After analyzing the video several times, it was difficult to verify if he was flagging his horse or hitting his horse on the shoulder. It would put his crop use at seven (7) times, one over the permitted limit of six (6) times. The video was inconclusive; therefore, he was issued a warning. Steward Sawyer voted for a penalty.

4/1/22²

ANNOUNCER

Announcer Frank Mirahmadi was off today for personal reasons and Announcer Alan Buchdahl took over the duties.

4/1/22³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

After the running of the fourth race, we posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run involving the top three horses the #4 MO CONNELLY (D. Van Dyke 1st), #3 ARDIS (M. Gutierrez 2nd) and the #2 HARDDIANE (J. Hernandez 3rd). After reviewing the video several times and speaking to the jockeys involved, we voted to disqualify the #3 and place him third behind the #2 for interference. In a unanimous opinion the #3 drifted out into the path of the #2 who was in between the #4 and the #3 causing the #2 to steady hard, costing him the opportunity of a better placing.

Unofficial order 4-(3)-2-6-5-1-7

Official order 4-2-(3)-6-5-1-7

4/1/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1PRECEDENT- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer
 #4 AWESOME RHYTHM- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer. Refund \$64.50

2nd Race #1 FURY KAP- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer
 #3 MUAY THAI (IRE)- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer
 #7 GERLACH'S – Claimed by R. B. Hess Jr., trainer. Refund \$30.00

3rd Race #1 IAN GLASS- Claimed by B. Vandenberg, trainer
 #2 ULTIMATE BANGO- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer
 #6 VROYSKY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured. Refund \$549.93

4th Race #4 MO CONNELLY- Claimed by J. Metz, trainer
 #6 STARSHIP DIPLOMACY- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$355.79

5th Race #2 MAXIM MOMENT- Stewards' scratch-office error. Refund \$1,499.56

6th Race #3 KEEP YOUR COIL - Claimed by M. Pineda, trainer
 #4 BACK ON THE STREET- Claimed by M. Rowland, trainer
 #5 SHOUT IT OUT - Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured. Refund \$947.02

7th Race No changes; Refund \$294.81

8th Race No changes; Refund \$273.42

9th Race #5 PRETTY RENA- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound
 #10 MISSING PENNY- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #11 SHELLA'S CHARLIE- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #12 BOISTEROUSLY IRISH- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 Refund \$ 3461.54; Minus Pool \$189.13

4/1/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,889	\$480,540.65
SCOTWinc	2,689	\$1,085,886.63
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,050,184.24
Total	5,578	\$7,616,611.52

SATURDAY

4/2/22¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ was in to review yesterday's fourth race where he was disqualified from second to third place for interference in the stretch. The video illustrates that Mr. Gutierrez did not make a proper effort when his horse drifted out in the stretch causing the outside horse to steady. Mr. Gutierrez stated that his horse drifted out due to marks on the track made by the tractor. We felt the incident occurred after Mr. Gutierrez's horse had already crossed the marks on the track. In a unanimous vote we issued a three-day suspension. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #80

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, who rode ARDIS in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on April 1, 2022, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 9, 10 and 15, 2022) 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 third place. 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.

4/2/22²

BAFFERT RULING (case #22SA0026)

We held a hearing this morning after the CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer BOB BAFFERT pursuant to CHRB rule #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License) to reciprocate the ruling (#21-0009) issued by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission suspending Mr. Baffert for ninety (90) days from April 4, 2022, through and including July 2, 2022. The suspension stems from a positive drug test that occurred in the Kentucky Derby on May 1, 2021, when his horse "Medina Spirit" tested positive in a post-race sample containing the drug "betamethasone" (class C drug). After speaking with Mr. Baffert and his Attorney Craig Robertson (via cellular) they both elected not to participate in the hearing and Mr. Baffert also waived his ten (10) day notice to appear. The complaint was read into the record by CHRB Investigator Mike Barker. The following ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #079

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License) the following ruling is issued in reciprocity after receiving notice of suspension from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, ruling (21-0009) dated February 21, 2022, issuing Trainer/Owner ROBERT A. BAFFERT ninety suspension days. ROBERT A. BAFFERT is suspended for NINETY (90) days (April 4, 2022, through and including July 2, 2022).

4/2/22³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the running of the ninth race to review an incident going into the far turn involving the #9 EQUILOVE (IRE)(V. Espinoza 4th), #3 WOODBINE WAY (A. Cedillo 9th) #8 NU PI LAMBDA (T. Baze) and the #10 KALON(J. Hernandez). After reviewing the video several times and speaking to all the riders involved, we disqualified the #9 and placed him last behind #10 for interference. The video shows the #9 dropped into the turn causing the #3 to check into the paths of the #8 and the #10. This was a unanimous vote.

Unofficial 5-2-4-(9)-8-6-7-3-10

Official 5-2-4-8-6-7-3-10-(9)

4/2/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0
2 nd Race	#3 TEMBO- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer #4 CLAIM OF PASSION- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer #5 MONGOLIAN LEGEND- Claimed by J. Wallace, trainer. Refund \$0
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$23.00; Minus Pool \$1,561.05
4 th Race	#3 BELLA RENELLA- VOIDED claim returns to D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$51.50
5 th Race	#5 OWNING- Stewards' scratch- Enter back #9 RIVER TIBER- R. Gonzalez replaces V. Espinoza, 2nd call #14 AVENUE- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$1,067.00

6th Race #3 WICKED TRICK- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, trainer
Refund \$631.01; Minus Pool \$1453.52
7th Race No changes; Refund \$230.42
8th Race No changes; Refund \$220.40
9th Race #9 EQUILOVE (IRE)- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$3,472.00

4/2/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,030	\$1,139,806.52
SCOTWinc	4,463	\$2,060,195.03
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,272,907.80
Total	11,493	\$10,472,909.35

SUNDAY

4/3/22¹

WONG RULING

The following ruling was issued when Trainer JONATHAN WONG failed to register his filly “My Kentucky Girl” on Lasix at entry time in yesterday’s eighth race. Mr. Wong accepted full responsibility; therefore, the ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #81

Trainer JONATHAN WONG is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of MY KENTUCKY GIRL in the eighth race on April 2, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

4/3/22²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA came in to review yesterday’s ninth race in which he was disqualified from fourth to last place when he stepped in going into the turn causing the inside horse to steady. Mr. Espinoza stated that the inside horse floated out bumping into the hind quarters of his horse, causing him to be tipped in. We agreed the inside horse was getting out and had some blame, but we warned him he dropped in as well. Espinoza was issued a warning and we cautioned him that he shared the blame.

The following ruling was issued when Jockey RYAN CURATOLO accepted responsibility for violating the riding crop rule in yesterday’s third race. This was Mr. Curatolo’s second offense within the last 60 days.

LATS Ruling #82

Jockey RYAN CURATOLO is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – second offense within the past sixty days) during the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 2, 2022.

Apprentice jockey DIEGO HERRERA was issued the following ruling for rule violation #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) when he used his crop over the six (6) times. Mr. Herrera took full responsibility and waived his right to come in for a hearing.

LATS Ruling #83

Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 2, 2022.

4/3/22³

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY / NO CHANGE (6 ½ HILLSIDE TURF)

We posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run of the first race involving the winner #6 BELLA D (J. Valdivia) and the second-place horse #5 YOUTE (J. Hernandez). After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the video, we made no change to the order of finish. In our opinion (unanimous) the #5 drifted in approaching the finish line initiating the contact with the #6, therefore, no change was made to the order of finish.

4/3/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race #5 VELLA- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer. Refund \$0
 3rd Race #6 NEWPARK (IRE)- Claimed by A. Kitchingman, trainer. Refund \$0
 4th Race #5 PINEDALE- J. Pyfer replaces C. Emigh, out of town
VOIDED claim returns to B. Vanderberg. Refund \$7.00
 5th Race #3 BORDER TOWN- Claimed by S. Callaghan, trainer
 #5 ENCROACHMENT- Claimed by R. Alvarado, trainer
 #7 SNIPER KITTEN- J. Valdivia replaces C. Emigh, out of town - Claimed by R. Alvarado, trainer
 #8 HURRICANE CLOUD (GB)- Claimed by R. Baltas, trainer. Refund \$24.00
 6th Race #5 QUANTUM QUEST- Claimed by B. McLean, trainer
 #6 BIG SCOTT DADDY- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer
 #7 GOOD BYE PUTIN- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer
 #9 MEDINA MAN- M. Gutierrez replaces E. Maldonado, travel
 #11 SIR FLATTER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Beck, unsound. Refund \$792.36
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$442.80
 8th Race #2 NOBLE REFLECTION- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
 #6 HOLDEN THE LUTE- Claimed by J. Sadler, trainer. Refund \$1,247.37
 9th Race #7 BENDER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured. Refund \$1,960.38

4/3/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,336	924,256.79
SCOTWinc	3,654	1,569,451.16
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,449,691.31
Total	11,990	10,943,399.26

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/1	Sat 4/2	Sun 4/3	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	4	62
Claims	11	4	9	24	131
Disqualifications	1	1	0	2	8
Inquiries	1	1	1	3	16
Refunds	9	7	5	21	232
Rulings	1	2	3	6	83
Voided Claims	0	1	1	2	21

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

BOS:LJ:dw