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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 14, 2022, Through Sunday, March 20, 2022.**WEDNESDAY**3/16/22¹**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office to handle any issues relating to entries.

THURSDAY3/17/22¹**FLAVIEN PRAT RULING****LATS RULING #68**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT 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 sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 13, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after MR. PRAT called and plead guilty to using the crop seven times in the stretch.

3/17/22²**BRADVICA VS LAWSON Case 22SA0028**

Jockey Agents GEORGE BRADVICA and DEREK LAWSON were in to discuss why Mr. Lawson has failed to pay Mr. Bradvica \$910.00 as agreed upon. During the hearing it was verified by Bradvica that Lawson had paid \$350.00 leaving a balance of \$560.00. Mr. Lawson said he would pay Mr. Bradvica the balance by this Saturday.

3/17/22³**DOMINGO RAMIREZ HEARING CASE 22SA0011**

A hearing was held today to hear testimony concerning a verbal altercation with Security and Track Staff at Santa Anita Park, resulting in damage to a sink in the men's restroom. The Respondent, Exercise Rider DOMINGO RAMIREZ, was present on his own behalf. The case was presented by CHRB Investigator Jeanne Garrido. The basis for Mr. Ramirez' actions stem

from alcohol abuse according to Mr. Ramirez own testimony. He has been in contact with the Winners Foundation and is willing to go to an inhouse rehabilitation program. Both Winners Foundation counselors Omar Lizarraga and Darin Scharer verified through phone testimony that they were in the process of helping Mr. Ramirez get into a program. Mr. Ramirez also agreed to reimburse Santa Anita \$408.00 for repairs to the restroom. All evidence was placed on the record and testimony was recorded by Michelle Derieg. A ruling will be forthcoming.

FRIDAY
3/18/22¹

RAMIREZ RULING (Ref: 3/17/2022³)

LATS RULING #69

Exercise rider DOMINGO RAMIREZ is suspended pending proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program recommended by the Winners Foundation and acceptable to the Board of Stewards for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - intoxication and boisterous behavior) on January 30, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

Furthermore, Mr. Ramirez is ordered to enter into a contract with Winners Foundation, abide by the terms and sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, for as long as he is licensed in this jurisdiction. Mr. Ramirez is also required to reimburse Santa Anita Park in the amount of \$408.00 for damages.

*During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of DOMINGO RAMIREZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's hearing. MR. RAMIREZ seems to be seeking the right path. We wish him well.

3/18/22²

ANTONIO GARCIA RULING

LATS RULING #71

Trainer ANTONIO GARCIA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1689.1 (Safety Vest Required) at Santa Anita Park on March 14, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after Steward Luis Jauregui (acting as Safety Steward) caught GARCIA mounted on his pony without a safety vest on Monday, March 14, 2022. Mr. Garcia accepted the penalty.

3/18/22³

BALTAS HEARING PART 1 CASE 22SA0005

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS worked the horse "Looking At Sweetie" on January 3, 2022, and official blood sample #NC44402 was taken and tested at U.C. Davis Laboratories. The Sample reportedly contained Methocarbamol (Robaxin). A split sample confirmed the presence of Methocarbamol. Trainer Baltas was at a loss to explain the overage other than a mistake at his barn (i.e. – mix up with feed tubs). Jeanne Garrido presented on behalf of the CHRB, and Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Mr. Baltas was the sole witness. Decision to follow.

3/18/22⁴

BALTAS ET. AL. HEARING PART II CASE 22SA0005

The second part of case 22SA0005 concerned the possible disqualification of "Lookin At Sweetie" who ran in the third race at Santa Anita Park on 1/21/2022 finishing first. Trainer BALTAS appeared and testified, Owners GEORGE and MARTHA SCHWARY and Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERRERA were properly noticed for today's hearing and chose not to appear. Investigator Jeanne Garrido presented the case on behalf of the CHRB. On 1/21/22 LOOKIN AT SWEETIE, trainer Richard Baltas, finished first in the third race at Santa Anita. After the horse won the race, it was brought to the attention of the Stewards at Santa Anita that LOOKIN AT SWEETIE should have been ineligible to race due to a positive medication sample of Methocarbamol from a workout on 1/3/22. The previous time LOOKIN AT SWEETIE had raced was in October of 2020. Any horse that has not raced for more than a calendar year needs an examination by an official veterinarian and to pass a post work official blood test before being allowed to race again.

All relevant testimony was taken, and evidence entered in the record. A decision will be forthcoming.

3/18/22⁵

3RD RACE OBJECTION / INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry Sign was posted along with a Jockeys Objection to review the stretch drive involving #7 FLINT STROLL (Abel Cedillo 1st) and #4 BARNFIELD (Joe Bravo 2nd). Jockey Bravo complained that Jockey Cedillo struck his horse in the head near the 1/16 pole. Video replays verified that Jockey Cedillo did in fact strike #4 in the muzzle area. In a majority decision #7 was disqualified from 1st and placed 2nd for the interference. Steward Sawyer was of the opinion #4 was not cost a placing. The majority felt the #4 lost his momentum and was cost a chance at a better placing. It was unanimous that the strike was accidental and not intentional.

3/18/22⁶

9TH RACE INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

The Inquiry Sign was posted to review the actions of #1 SMUGGLER'S RUN (Flavien Prat 2nd), #2 ECHOSMITH (IRE)(Diego Herrera 6th) and #5 DOITFORANDREW (Umberto Rispoli 4th) as the horses cross the transition in this six furlong turf race. All three horses got momentarily caught up in a tangle causing all three riders to check their mounts. No particular horse could be blamed. It was unanimous to make no change.

3/18/22⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 2 #2 EVERYSTEPOTHEWAY – Tr. Jonathan Wong – sick, Dr. Stead
Refund \$674.91

Race 7 #1 LA V. – Tr. Leonard Powell – enter back, Stewards. Refund \$1,276.22

Race 8 #1 AWSOME CHARGE – Tr. John Sadler – injured, Dr. Bohannon
Refund \$1,897.16

3/18/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,412	\$458,146.51
SCOTWinc	2,490	\$1,014,826.36
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,551,709.42
Total	4,902	\$7,024,682.29

SATURDAY

3/19/22¹

CASE 22SA0005 RULINGS REF: 3/18/22³ & 3/18/22⁴

The following rulings were issued after deliberations over Friday's hearings:

LATS RULING 70

Pursuant to a formal hearing held on March 18, 2022, it is hereby ordered that LOOKIN AT SWEETIE, who finished first in the third race at Santa Anita on January 21, 2022, be disqualified and deemed unplaced in accordance with CHRB rule #1592 (Ineligible Horse to be Disqualified).

It is further ordered that the purse money awarded to Owners GEORGE and MARTHA SCHWARY and earned by Trainer RICHARD BALTAS (\$1,440.00) and Apprentice Jockey Diego Herrera (\$1,280.00) be distributed in accordance with the revised order of finish, by the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park.

Revised order of finish is as follows:

- 1st Cayton Kid
- 2nd Elana My Princess
- 3rd Life in Paradise
- 4th Mongolian Dream
- 5th Cat Lady Blues

All records are ordered to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

- Trainer Lic: 232550 exp 5/22
- Owner Lic: 263004 exp 3/25
- Owner Lic: 304369 exp 12/24
- Jockey Lic: 402798 exp 5/23
- Case: #22SA0005

LATS RULING #72

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS, who worked the horse LOOKIN AT SWEETIE for removal from the Veterinarian's List on January 3, 2022, at Santa Anita Park, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations, expires March 18, 2023) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866(h) (Veterinarian's List), #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Methocarbamol [Class 4] - second offense in the last 365 days).

3/19/22²

LAWSON PAYS CASE 22SA0028 REF; (3/17/22²)

Derek Lawson paid the \$560.00 owed to George Bradvica. Case dismissed.

3/19/22³

JOHN VELAZQUEZ REPLACED

Jockey Agent Ron Anderson named Velazquez on four horses for today at Santa Anta Park and also named on a horse in Fairgrounds, LA. Velazquez opted to ride in Louisiana. Agent Anderson took responsibility. A decision is forthcoming. Jockey Velazquez replaced as follows;

Race 1	Juan Hernandez
Race 4	Mike Smith
Race 7	Juan Hernandez
Race 9	Victor Espinoza

3/19/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 4 Declarations #13 BUSKER ALLIE – Tr. Phillip D’Amato, also eligible, Stewards’
#14 MARGOT’S GIRL – Tr. Craig Lewis – also eligible Stewards’
Total Refund \$1,500.00

Race 5 #3 FORE LEFT – Tr. Brittany Vanden Berg – sick, Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,449.01

Race 9 #4 ENDLESS SUNSET – Tr. Michael McCarthy – sick, Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,280.10

3/19/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,548	\$1,186,396.86
SCOTWinc	3,807	\$1,686,721.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$12,340,556.74
Total	10,355	\$15,213,675.20

SUNDAY

3/20/22¹

PORTER TRANSPORT PAID CASE 22SA0018

DAN PORTER verified that the bill for \$1,200.00 had been satisfied by the Owner of ANATOLIA. The financial charge against Trainer Steve Miyadi is dismissed.

3/20/22²

TRACK VETERINARIAN SWITCH

Track Veterinarian Dana Stead was replaced today by Jay Deluhery, DVM.

3/20/22³

JUAN HERNANDEZ RULING LATS #73

LATS RULING #73

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ 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 first race at Santa Anita Park on March 19, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Hernandez watched the replay and contacted the Stewards to say he was guilty of seven strikes with the crop.

3/20/22⁴

RON ANDERSON RULING (REF: 3/19/22³)

LATS RULING #74

Jockey Agent RON ANDERSON is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner) on March 19, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Anderson named his jockey (John Velazquez) on mounts at two different race tracks. Since Mr. Velazquez ended up riding in Louisiana, replacement riders had to be announced here at Santa Anita.

3/20/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 4 Declaration #2 RED PANTY NIGHT – Tr. Kristin Mulhall – sick, Dr. Pattio
 #4 LA V. – Tr. Leonard Powell – injured in paddock- Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$15,210.19. No Show Wagering – Field reduced to 4 horses

Race 5 Declaration #10 GOJOEWON – Tr. Paula Capestro – also eligible, Stewards’
 Refund \$925.79

Race 6 Declaration #3 CAYTON KID – Tr. Gary Stute – not eligible – became a winner per
 Santa Anita Ruling #70 Dated 3/18/22, Stewards. Refund \$2,936.37

Race #8 Declaration #3 ROCKING REDHEAD – Tr. Richard Baltas – injured, Dr. Deluhery
 #8 VELVET SLIPPERS – Tr. Bob Baffert - sick, Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$6,346.41

3/20/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,171	\$982,263.12
SCOTWinc	3,314	\$1,275,179.68
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,723,160.04
Total	8,485	\$8,980,602.84

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 3/14/22 TO 3/20/22

Horses on Vet List 9
 Horses off Vet List 7
 Shock Wave Therapy 3
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19	Sun 3/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	5	51
Claims	5	1	2	8	101
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	6
Inquiries	2	0	0	2	13
Refunds	3	3	5	11	195
Rulings	4	1	2	7	74
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	18

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

BOS:WM:dw