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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, April 11, 2022, Through Wednesday, April 20, 2022.****WEDNESDAY**4/13/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

David Nuesch has replaced Will Meyers who ventured back to Golden Gate Fields to be in the stand. Also, Safety Steward George Yniguez has replaced David Nuesch. Steward Nuesch was in charge of entries for Saturday April 16, 2022, he also approved changes to Friday's program.

**THURSDAY**4/14/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Again, Steward Nuesch was available to oversee entries for Sunday April 17, 2022, and approve program changes for Saturday.

**FRIDAY**4/15/22<sup>1</sup>**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

RYAN CURATOLO met with the Stewards to review the ninth race on Sunday that involved a disqualification of his mount (04-10-22<sup>5</sup>). After a review of the video of his ride, in a majority opinion, he was assessed a four-day penalty as it was believed he initiated the contact after steering his horse inward. Steward Sawyer voted for a three-day penalty in the belief the contact was not intentional. The penalty is listed in the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #90**

Jockey RYAN CURATOLO, who rode SILENT BEAUTY in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 10, 2022, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (April 30, May 1, 6 and 7, 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 third to fourth 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.

4/15/22<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SECOND RACE -1 mile turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident mid-stretch. Involved were #2 VIRULENTE (FR) (R. Vasquez 1<sup>st</sup>) and #4 PRECIOUS INSIGHT (K. Frey 4<sup>th</sup>). While passing #4, #2 drifted into the path of #4 causing him to check to stay off of heels. After a review of the available video, conversation with the Patrol Judge and both jockeys involved in a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official. The consensus was the horse was not cost a better placing. MR. VASQUEZ will review the race with the Stewards tomorrow

4/15/22<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#1 IT'S SAUL RIGHT (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead  
#2 ONE SMOKIN MOON (Tr. W. Solis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$474.52

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5th race #3 LA PULCINELA (Tr. M. Ortiz) claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre. Refund \$38.79

6th race No Changes; Refund \$151.00

7th race #2 EXACTLY WENDY (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
Refund \$1,268.14

8th race #2 OCTOPUS (Tr. P. Eurton) Steward-not listed as a gelding on the program  
#6 STARSHIP CHEWBACCA (Tr. M. Fales) claimed by Tr. E. Moger, Jr.  
#7 QUICK FINISH (Tr. D. Blacker) claimed by Tr. C. DeAlba  
#9 CHARGE CASH (Tr. S. Morfin) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou  
Refund \$20,614.60

4/15/22<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,915	\$494,367.67
SCOTWinc	2,670	\$1,062,923.02
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,343,507.42
Total	5,585	\$5,900,798.11

**SATURDAY**

4/16/22<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Valet Ozzie Ayala met with the Stewards representing RAMON VAZQUEZ, who was involved in an inquiry in yesterday's second race (ref 04-15-22<sup>2</sup>). The episode involved an inward drift in the stretch of the one-mile turf race. Mr. Vazquez was available by telephone for the hearing. In a majority vote he was issued a warning, Steward Sawyer voted for a suspension.

4/16/22<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW**

Following the running of the seventh race a Stewards' Review was conducted into the start, wherein #1 stumbled causing the jockey to lose both irons and was nearly unseated. After jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ recovered his irons, he rallied to win the race. Upon a review of the available video, it was confirmed that no other factor was involved in the incident and the race was made official.

4/16/22<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Change; Refund \$307.00  
 2nd race #4 ROOKIE MISTAKE (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$950.01; Minus Pool \$117.63  
 3rd race #2 LOOKIN SO LUCKY (Tr. A. Barba) claimed by Tr. R. Saldana  
 4th race #4 HOUNDSTOOTH (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$19.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$50.00  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #1 THE GIANTS CANDY (Tr. R. McNally) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$1,106.60

4/16/22<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,874	\$1,096,002.64
SCOTWinc	4,317	\$1,827,911.44
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,353,410.33
Total	10,191	\$10,277,324.41

**SUNDAY**

4/17/22<sup>1</sup>

**PAYERAS RULING**

The following ruling was issued after EDGAR PAYERAS telephoned the Stewards and agreed he violated the rule.

**LATS RULING #92**

Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS 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 third race at Santa Anita Park on April 16, 2022.

4/17/22<sup>2</sup>

**APPRENTICE FILM REVIEW**

The mandatory apprentice film review moving forward will be held in the Stewards' office. Today there were two participants who spent almost an hour reviewing races and discussing different scenarios that occur during races.

4/17/22<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /NO CHANGE - fifth race-turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 5/8 marker. Involved was #5 ROYALLY COMMAND (E. Payeras) who was injured causing the jockey to choose to dismount. The horse was caught by the outrider and the paramedics attended to the jockey who was later cleared to ride. After a review of all video angles in a unanimous decision no other horses contributed to the incident and the race was made official.

4/17/22<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$1,351.45  
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$278.50; Minus Pool \$625.27  
 3rd race #2 WILL IS CHILL (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 #7 COWBOY CHARLIE (Tr. Q. Howey) Vet-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$5,454.08  
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$26.58  
 6th race #7 BOSSY SOUL (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Wong  
 #9 TAKE A LEAP (Tr. J. Wong) claimed by Tr. R. Trela. Refund \$72.24  
 7th race #9 CLOCKSTRIKESTWELVE (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$1,330.65  
 8th race #8 SCARY FAST SMILE (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.  
 9<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0

4/17/22<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	14,133	\$775,233.18
SCOTWinc	2,558	\$957,578.55
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,278,940.81
Total	16,691	\$9,011,752.54

**WEDNESDAY**

4/20/22<sup>1</sup>

**MOGER, JR. HEARING CASE 22SA0041**

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against trainer Ed Moger, Jr. for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1843 (a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) 1866 (h) (Veterinarian’s List) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Mr. Moger’s trainee Squalotero performed a workout on March 10, 2022, at Santa Anita Park for removal from the Veterinarian’s List, as it had not raced since 2019. The post workout test returned from U.C. Davis Laboratories, resulted in an overage of the drug phenylbutazone. This is a Class 4 drug with a Category C penalty.

Mr. Moger signed a Waiver of Appearance on April 8, 2022, accepting a penalty to be determined by the BOS. The hearing was recorded, and Investigator Steven Manila was present representing the CHRB. Upon the discovery that the CHRB failed to attach CHRB rule 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) on the complaint, the required ½ point penalty was not assigned to the ruling and/or the trainer’s record. Mr. Moger’s penalty is listed in the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #93**

Trainer ED MOGER JR., who worked the horse SQUALOTORO for removal from the Veterinarian's List on March 10, 2022, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887(a) (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(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone - Class 4).

4/20/22<sup>2</sup>

**HESS, JR. HEARING CASE 22SA0029**

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against trainer Robert Hess, Jr. for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), 1588 (a)(14) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race), 1866 (h) (Veterinarian’s List), 1844 (d)(1) (Authorized Medication), 1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Mr. Hess’s trainee Rantanen who performed a workout on February 14, 2022, at Santa Anita Park for removal from the Veterinarian’s List as it had not raced since 2020. Rantanen post workout, tested positive for the drug 5-Hydroxy Dantrolene (metabolite of Dantrolene) per UC Davis Laboratory. This is a Class 4 drug with a Category C penalty.

Mr. Hess met with the BOS along with his assistant Gerardo Morales for the recorded hearing. Representing the CHRB, Investigator Steven Manila read the complaint into the record for CHRB Investigator Jeanne Garrido. Mr. Morales testified he probably treated the horse accidentally as Rantanen had never been treated with Dantrolene. He stated the mare in the next stall was the horse on the medication.

The complaint packet was entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. After finding that the CHRB failed to list CHRB rule 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) on the complaint, the required ½ point penalty was not assigned to the ruling or the trainer’s record. The following ruling states the penalty given.

**LATS RULING #94**

Trainer ROBERT HESS Jr., who worked the horse RANTANEN for removal from the Veterinarian's List on February 14, 2022, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* 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) , Rule 1844(d)(1) (Authorized Medication) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances - 5-Hydroxy Dantrolene [Class 4]).

4/20/22<sup>3</sup>

**HERRERA RULING**

The following was issued after Mr. Herrera telephoned the BOS and accepted the penalty for his third offense of the crop violation.

**LATS RULING #95**

Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – third offense in the past sixty days) during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on April 17, 2022.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 4/11/22 TO 4/17/22**

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 4/15</b>	<b>Sat 4/16</b>	<b>Sun 4/17</b>	<b>Wed 4/20</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	1	N/A	1	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	4	3	4	N/A	11	78
<b>Claims</b>	4	2	3	N/A	9	146
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	N/A	0	10
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	1	N/A	2	20
<b>Refunds</b>	5	5	6	N/A	16	258
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	1	3	6	95
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	N/A	0	22

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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