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Report for Monday, October 17, 2022, Through Sunday, October 23, 2022.**TUESDAY**10/18/22¹**DAY 3 OF THE BALTAS HEARING (20SA0235)**

This morning we heard testimony on day three of the RICHARD BALTAS case (ref: 9/14/22 and 10/11/22¹). The hearing was extensive, we heard almost nine (9) hours of testimony. Witnesses who participated in today's hearing were, Trainer RICHARD BALTAS, Stable Employee BALTAZAR MARROQUIN, Santa Anita Video Manager COREY MARTINEZ and Attorney DARREL VIENNA. The hearing will continue through tomorrow for the final day.

WEDNESDAY10/19/22¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Safety Steward David Nuesch was in the office covering entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches as Steward Kim Sawyer was occupied participating in the Baltas hearing. The Racing Office carded nine (9) races.

10/19/22²**DAY 4 OF THE BALTAS HEARING (20SA0235)**

The final day of testimony included the following witnesses, Stable employee BALTAZAR MARROQUIN, Vendor West Coast Feed DEVIN OWEN, Assistant Trainer MARTIN VALENZUELA III, and DEBBIE BALTAS (wife). Closing statements will be provided in a written brief, which are required to be submitted in a couple of weeks. Decision to follow.

THURSDAY10/20/22¹**DAY 3 OF THE BERNARD HEARING (Case #22SR0017)**

The hearing failed to move forward today as the respondent had some unforeseen circumstances regarding the case. This was the third day of testimony referenced on August 17,

2022, and September 8, 2022, minutes. The hearing was rescheduled for December 1, 2022, at Del Mar Racetrack.

FRIDAY
10/21/22¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA was in our office to review Sunday's seventh race in which he shifted out when entering the stretch causing the two outside horses off their path. Mr. Herrera said that his horse ran up on a slower rival which caused him to angle out quickly. The majority voted for a warning; Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension.

10/21/22²

HIWU MEETING

We met with the folks from Horse Racing Integrity Welfare Unit (HIWU) to go over any issues the stewards might have regarding their rules and policies. Also, the meeting was for HIWU to review our testing protocols and determine best testing practices. Present in the meeting CHRB Assistant Executive Director Cynthia Alameda, Chief Steward Darrel McHargue, Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeff Blea and members of HIWU. The meeting answered a lot of their questions regarding California testing protocols.

10/21/22³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT

After the running of the fourth race, we posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run involving the #4 HEAVEN'S MUSIC (E. Garcia) and #6 MIGHTY MATT (T. Pereira). After reviewing the race, we concluded that the #6 horse stumbled and fell in the stretch, unseating his rider, causing #4 to angle out and unseat his rider. We made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion the stewards could not place any blame on any other participants. Therefore, the original placing stood. Both jockeys were transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital to be evaluated.

10/21/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No change; Refund \$0
2nd Race No change; Refund \$0
3rd Race #1 Linger- **VOIDED** claim returns to R. Hanson, unsound. Refund \$0
4th Race No change; Refund \$0
5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
6th Race #1 Opry- **VOIDED** claim returns to J. Bonde, unsound
#3 Kitten's Spa - R. Curatolo replaces A. Morgan, personal
#5 Comradery (IRE)- A. Aguilar replaces T. Pereira, injured. Refund \$123.92.
7th Race #5 Reckoning Day- Claimed by J. Metz, trainer
#6 El Diablo Rojo- Claimed by M. Pineda, trainer
#8 Storminside- LATE Veterinarian scratch Dr. Stead, unsound.
Refund \$27,814.84
8th Race #2 Zookeeper- Stewards scratch- Enter back
#3 Captain Sparrow- Veterinarian scratch Dr. Stead, sick
#9 Seaboard- E. Payaras replaces T. Pereira, injured. Refund \$1,696.45

10/21/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,445	\$453,126.26
SCOTWinc	2,368	\$996,992.41
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,595,736.82
Total	4,813	\$6,045,855.49

SATURDAY
10/22/22¹

RULINGS REINSTATED

The following ruling was issued after we received notice from HISA that Jockeys DIEGO HERRERA (LATC #17) and RYAN CURATOLO (LATC #18) withdrew their appeals. Therefore, the following rulings were issued.

LATC Ruling #17

Having received notice from The Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Authority (HISA) that the appeal of Ruling LAFL #18 issued on July 4, 2022, has been withdrawn and being informed that HISA has dismissed the Appellant's appeal with prejudice, pursuant to HISA Rule 8350(i). The original ruling is reinstated. Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is suspended for one (1) racing day (October 28, 2022), fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* and assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on April 22, 2023. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

LATC Ruling #18

Having received notice from The Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Authority (HISA) that the appeal of Ruling LAFL #23 issued on July 10, 2022, has been withdrawn and being informed that HISA has dismissed the Appellant's appeal with prejudice, pursuant to HISA Rule 8350(i). The original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RYAN CURATOLO is suspended for one (1) racing day (October 28, 2022), fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* and assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on April 22, 2023. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/22/22²

Paddock Judge Replacement

Former Jockey BRICE BLANC and currently Racing Official filled in as the Paddock Judge and our Paddock Judge JESUS CALVILLO JR was out for the day.

10/22/22³

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went without any significant issues other than the changes and declarations listed below.

10/22/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$68.50.
2nd Race #3 Mongolian Panther- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer. Refund \$26.00
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$116.00
4th Race #5 Armaveer- D. Herrera replaces T. Pereira, injured
#7 Pittsburgh- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$1,075.99
5th Race #5 Mac Daddy Too- Claimed by R. Diodoro, trainer
#8 Give Me the Lute- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer
#9 Encroachment- R. Ramirez replaces E. Garcia, injured. Refund \$0
6th Race No changes; Refund \$47.50
7th Race #7 Balenciaga Betty- A. Cedillo replaces T. Pereira, injured. Refund \$263.65
8th Race #3 Nice Guy Clay- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,140.02
9th Race #8 My Ransom- V. Espinoza replaces T. Pereira, injured. Refund \$0

10/22/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,053	\$931,642.55
SCOTWinc	4,100	\$1,722,133.22
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,203,299.49
Total	12,153	\$7,857,075.26

SUNDAY

10/23/22¹

QUIET MORNING

The morning was quiet with no jockeys scheduled to come in or hearings on our calendar. We stayed busy with the typical morning issues.

10/23/22²

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went with no major issues to report. Late declarations and changes are listed below.

10/23/22³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$116.00
 2nd Race #3 Easy Four Years- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$864.98
 3rd Race #1 Moody Jim (IRE)- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer
 #3 Crew Dragon- Claimed by D. Azcarate, trainer
 #5 Luvluv- Claimed by A. Kitchingman, trainer. Refund \$0
 4th Race No changes; Refund \$7.50
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$37.50
 6th Race #3 Western Cape- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Fitzgerald, injured. Refund \$729.90
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$394.50
 8th Race #1 Fabulous Forum- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Fitzgerald, unsound
 #2 Talkative Gal- Claimed by M. Pineda, trainer
 #3 Shvere Arbeter- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer
 #11 Blame It On Rose- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,845.32
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

10/23/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,142	\$846,223.76
SCOTWinc	3,117	\$1,201,124.97
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,145,222.12
Total	9,259	\$8,192,570.85

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/21	Sat 10/22	Sun 10/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	4	21
Claims	4	3	5	12	45
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	2
Refunds	3	7	7	17	84
Rulings	2	2	0	4	20
Voided Claims	2	0	0	2	7

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/17/22 TO 10/23/22

Horses on Vet List 11
 Horses off Vet List 14
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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