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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Address: 4961 Katella Avenue
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Dates: Friday, December 9, 2022, through Sunday, December 18, 2022.
Total number of racing days is six, Friday through Sunday.

Races: Nine races a day unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 12:30 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5 and final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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Report for Monday, December 5, 2022, Through Sunday, December 11, 2022

TUESDAY
12/06/22¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office today to oversee entries for Friday's opening day program. The eight-race card included one race restricted to California state bred or sired maidens.

WEDNESDAY
12/7/22¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office once again to oversee entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches. The Racing Office carded nine races, featuring the Grade I Starlet, carrying a purse of \$300,000.

THURSDAY

12/8/22¹

HEARING DAY

The entire Board of Stewards was in the office today to address two complaints and two citations put before them. The Racing Office took entries for Sunday, where they filled nine races, two of which were restricted to California bred or sired runners. Scratch time for Friday consisted of one panel scratch and one rider change.

12/8/22²

SANCHEZ HEARING (case #22SA0200)

The first case on the docket was a financial complaint filed by the von Bluecher practice for veterinary services on two horses trained by AMADOR SANCHEZ. In our office, representing the von Bluecher practice, was Jacqueline Kandalajt and Melissa Jackson. Mr. Sanchez, who was available by phone, agreed to the outstanding charges, but asked that the invoices be separated, as the two horses have different owners. The Stewards gave Mr. Sanchez two weeks (until December 23rd) to have the entire bill paid in full.

12/8/22³

VENTURA CITATION

Groom JUAN VENTURA was cited for riding a pony horse without the proper license, in the shed row of the Quinn Howey stable at San Luis Rey Downs Training Center. Safety Steward George Yniguez and Mr. Juan Ventura were available via Microsoft Teams from the CHRB office at San Luis Rey. Mr. Ventura stated that he was planning to reapply for an exercise rider license in the near future and was a bit overzealous about the possibility of returning to the saddle. He accepted responsibility and apologized for his actions. Ruling to follow...

12/8/22⁴

QUINONEZ CITATION

Trainer ROLANDO QUINONEZ was in our office to address two issues put before us. The first was a citation from San Luis Rey Downs Training Center for being on his cell phone while on horseback. Mr. Quinonez explained that the outrider called him, at the request of his rider, for clarification of breezing instructions. Though Mr. Quinonez was in violation of the rule, after considering his testimony, the Stewards just issued him a warning.

12/8/22⁵

QUINONEZ HEARING (case #22SR0046)

The second QUINONEZ issue the Stewards addressed was a complaint filed by the CHRB where surveillance video found Mr. Quinonez using his riding crop while on his mount in the shed row of his barn. After viewing the video footage and hearing Mr. Quinonez's testimony, the Stewards took a brief break to deliberate the facts of the case. The Stewards ultimately dismissed the case (without prejudice), as they felt the appropriate rules were not applied in this matter.

FRIDAY

12/9/22¹

MORNING DUTIES

It was a quiet morning in the Stewards' office today, as no riders were summoned to appear from closing day at Del Mar. Just one rider change was made on today's card (noted below) and scratch time for Sunday's card consisted of three rider changes.

12/9/22²

VENTURA RULING (ref: 12/08/22³)

Groom JUAN VENTURA was issued the following ruling after his hearing yesterday, regarding the citation from San Luis Rey Downs Training Center.

LWTL Ruling # 1

Groom JUAN A. VENTURA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees – on pony horse in the shed row with expired license) on November 23, 2022, at San Luis Rey Training Center.

12/9/22³

STEWARD SWITCH

Safety Steward George Yniguez moved up to the stand for the final few races on today's card, replacing Steward Luis Jauregui.

12/9/22⁴

STEWARDS' REVIEW / START

Following the running of the eighth race, the Stewards conducted a review of the start, focusing on #7 JAZZY BOO (jockey Abel Cedillo), who broke poorly. After reviewing the start several times, the Stewards ruled that JAZZY BOO was afforded a fair start and simply left the gate slowly. No further action was taken, and Jazzy Boo was considered a starter.

12/9/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0
2 nd Race	#1 IRISH WAHINE (tr. R. Saldana) – Claimed by S. Knapp
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$0
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
8 th Race	#6 HOP ON AND RIDE – Rider changed to R. Ramirez #7 JAZZY BOO (tr. L. Powell) – Claimed by M. Glatt

12/9/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	623	\$181,533.30
SCOTWinc	2,225	\$772,676.16
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,738,238.40
Total	2,848	\$3,692,447.86

SATURDAY

12/10/22¹

SALDANA HEARING

This morning the Stewards conducted a hearing to address a complaint filed by the CHRB for a post-race positive test, resulting in a voided claim, per HISA rule 2262. Trainer Steve Knapp, who claimed the horse BUTKUS, was in attendance and the former trainer of BUTKUS, Reed Saldana, was available by phone. Ruling to follow...

12/10/22²

SPECIAL WAGER

Los Alamitos introduced an additional daily-double wager today, titled the Day/Night Double, coupling the final race on the afternoon card (The G1 Starlet), with the final race on this evening's card (The G1 Champion of Champions).

12/10/22³

STEWARDS' REVIEW / START

Following the running of the first race, the Stewards conducted a review of the start, focusing on #4 EARLY RELEASE (jockey Kyle Frey), who broke slowly and was squeezed. After reviewing the start several times, the Stewards ruled that EARLY RELEASE was afforded a fair start, so no further action was taken.

12/10/22⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the completion of the ninth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in upper stretch. Just as the field turned for home, #6 Pride of the Nile (jockey Juan Hernandez) shifted outward, making contact with #1 Doinithehardway (jockey Ramon Vasquez), who in turn made contact with #3 Falza. After speaking to the riders involved and viewing the incident from multiple angles, the Stewards unanimously agreed that the incident did not affect the outcome of the race, so no change was made to the original order of finish.

12/10/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
 4th Race #4 SUGAR GIRL - Stewards scratch, on the advice to the Track Veterinarian - loose in post parade. Refund \$2,744.99
 5th Race #2 ALEXANDER'S DREAM (Tr. J. Bonde) - Claimed by trainer A. Mathis
 #3 BIG MAMA THORNTON - Stewards scratch - Enter back
 #4 COUNT TOLSTOY - Rider changed to A. Aguilar. Refund \$309.16
 6th Race #4 CHIPPER (Tr. M. Glatt) - Claimed by G. Papaprodromou
 7th Race #2 NAVY MAN - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$5,015.46
 8th Race #3 CHARLOTTE HARBOR - Vet scratch - Dr. Stead, injured
 #5 NAP TIME - Stewards scratch – Panel.
 Show Wagering Cancelled. Refund \$1,170.22
 9th Race #4 FAST AND SHINY - Trainer scratch – Stake. Refund \$1,244.33

12/10/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,352	\$330,944.92
SCOTWinc	3,308	\$1,297,129.23
Out of state +	N/A	\$4,474,442.55
Total	4,660	\$6,102,516.70

SUNDAY

12/11/22¹

MORNING MEETING

Dennis Moore came into the Stewards' office this morning to discuss the condition of the track and maintenance plan for the day. Mr. Moore explained that the track was currently sealed and when the rain subsides (estimated at 11am), they plan to cut the surface. Mr. Moore also stated that he was confident that if the rain let up, he and his team could deliver a safe racing surface.

12/11/22²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS came into our office to review his actions in the first race on Friday. The race replay confirmed that Mr. Orduna-Rojas violated the crop rule, so the following ruling was issued.

LWTL Ruling #02

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS, who rode MR. CLUTCH in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 9, 2022, is suspended for one (1) day (December 17, 2022), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 22, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties - third offense since July 3, 2022. Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS has accrued a total of nine (9) points.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

LAFL #16, 7-3-2022
 LATL #06, 9-22-2022

*Rule #1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

12/11/22³

VOIDED CLAIM (ref: 12/10/22¹)

The Board of Stewards issued the following ruling as a result of yesterday's voided claim hearing.

LWTL Ruling #03

In the matter of the claim submitted for the horse BUTKAS;

Having received first notice of a Prohibited Substance (Phenylbutazone) in the post-race test sample, pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Rule 2262 (c)(5) (Void Claim), the claim submitted for the horse BUTKUS, in the second race on October 28, 2022, at Santa Anita Park is hereby deemed void.

The horse, BUTKUS trained by STEVE KNAPP shall be returned to previous owner REED SALDANA and REED SALDANA shall return the amount of the claim of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) to owner LESLIE BLAKE by December 26, 2022.

Furthermore, Trainer REED SALDANA and Trainer STEVE KNAPP have reached an agreement for the care and training of the horse during the time the horse was in the claimant's barn.

12/11/22⁴

RAIN SUBSIDED

The morning rain clouds moved out, right on schedule, and the racing surface was prepared by running the floats, with the teeth down. The teeth on the floats were picked back up for the first races on the card, then remained down for the rest of the day. The official track rating was Wet-Fast for all nine races on today's card.

12/11/22⁵

CAMERA ISSUE

Prior to the first race, the tv department contacted the Stewards to inform us of issues with the 3/8's "head-on" camera. The technical issues could not immediately be resolved, so the secondary drone was positioned on the backside and used for head-on shots down the backside.

12/11/22⁶

CLEAN DAY OF RACING

Today's nine-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

12/11/22⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
2nd Race #5 NEW EAGLE (Tr. S. Morfin) - Claimed by J. Metz
#6 JUNE GLOOM (Tr. J Uranga) - Claimed by S. Knapp
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
4th Race #5 TURQUOISE BIKINI - Vet scratch - Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$260.26
5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
7th Race #3 HILLSIDE MARTINI (Tr. M. Pineda) - Claimed by S. Knapp
8th Race No Changes; Refund \$0
9th Race #9 BOCHOMBO (Tr. R. Ellis) - Claimed by trainer G. Papaprodromou

12/11/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	902	\$292,519.30
SCOTWinc	2,727	\$1,077,031.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,334,631.79
Total	3,629	\$5,704,182.46

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/5/22 TO 12/11/22

Horses on Vet List	5
Horses off Vet List	5
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/9	Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	2	3	3
Claims	2	3	4	9	9
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	0	5	1	6	6
Rulings	1	0	2	3	3
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

David Nuesch, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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