

## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for Monday, February 13, 2023, Through Monday, February 20, 2023.****WEDNESDAY**2/15/23<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Rich Williams was available to supervise entries for Saturday (9 races) and approve program changes for Friday (7 races).

**THURSDAY**2/16/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY STEWARD**

Again, Steward Williams will handle all entry (Sunday) and scratch (Saturday) duties.

2/16/23<sup>2</sup>**MORA HEARING CASE 22SR0052**

Trainer LEANDRO MORA met with the Stewards pertaining to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of CHRB rule 1866 (b)(1) (Veterinarian's List). Present for the recorded hearing, representing the CHRB, Investigator Steven Manila via Microsoft Teams and Mr. Mora was present in the Santa Anita Stewards' office. The complaint reads as follows.

*The horse "Exactly Wendy" was entered to race on November 25, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track. A veterinarian scratch request was submitted to the Official Veterinarian and the horse was placed on the CHRB Veterinarian's List as "sick" on November 25, 2022. The following day on November 26, 2022, Exactly Wendy performed a 5-furlong workout at San Luis Rey Downs. There is no record of the trainer obtaining permission from the Official Veterinarian to work the horse within 72-hour stand down time.*

Mr. Mora testified his assistant trainer at San Luis Rey Training Center, Kimberly Marrs made a human error by working the horse the day after it was declared from a race at Santa Anita Park

for being sick. He accepted full responsibility as he was at that time the trainer of record. Decision to follow.

2/16/23<sup>3</sup>

**MULLINS, HARTUNIAN & SMITH RECORDED HEARING CASE 22DM0051**

The complaint filed reads as follows.

*The official urine sample #DM19942 taken on August 25, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller, PhD of U. C. Davis Laboratories to contain Clenbuterol. The sample was obtained from the horse "Inch" who ran in race number six on August 25, 2022, and finished first. The trainer of record is JEFF MULLINS. A requested split sample confirmed the finding of Clenbuterol. The violation is a class 3 drug with a penalty category B. The owner of "Inch" is GARY HARTUNIAN, dba Rockingham Ranch. The jockey was MIKE SMITH. Per CHRB rule 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding) the horse shall be disqualified, and any purse money earned be forfeited.*

All CHRB licensees listed on the complaint chose to not be present for the recorded hearing. Investigator Anne Dillon represented the CHRB and introduced the facts of the case. The complaint was entered into the record as evidence and the hearing was closed. Ruling to follow.

2/16/23<sup>4</sup>

**ALVARADO HEARING CASE 22SA0004**

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom VIELKA ALVARADO for violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The complaint reads as follows.

*On January 8, 2023, CHRB Investigators saw what appeared to be cannabis in a tack room at Santa Anita Park. The registered occupant of the room was Vielka Alvarado, who was present at the time. Alvarado admitted that the substance was hers and admitted to smoking it inside her room for medical reasons.*

In attendance before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon and respondent Vielka Alvarado. Steward Jauregui chaired the hearing and helped with translation. Upon hearing all the facts, it was evident Ms. Alvarado was already penalized by Santa Anita Security. Therefore, this BOS issued her an Official warning.

**FRIDAY**

2/17/23<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARDS REPLACEMENTS**

Ron Church will replace Kim Sawyer this week as she is absent for personal reasons. David Nuesch will replace Luis Jauregui today also for personal reasons.

2/17/23<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey LANFRANCO DETTORI met with the Stewards for a review of his ride on #4 Sapadilla in the seventh race on Friday February 12, 2023. The video shows his mount drifted in shortly after the start and although the veteran rider attempts to correct his mount he over corrected and makes slight contact with an outside rival, Mr. Dettori agreed with the Stewards but stated that he was not aware of the outside horse until the contact was made. Mr. Dettori was issued a warning.

2/17/23<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #27 (Case #22DM0051)**

Acting on a report from the University of California, Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample DM19942, obtained from the horse INCH, the first-place finisher in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 25, 2022, contained Clenbuterol (Class 3). It is ordered that INCH be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to owner ROCKINGHAM RANCH (dba Gary Hartunian) (\$27,000.00), jockey MIKE SMITH (\$2,521.00) and trainer JEFF MULLINS (\$2,700.00) be

returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track by March 19, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1<sup>st</sup> DANIEL'S MAGIC      2<sup>nd</sup> STOTLAND      3<sup>rd</sup> MY HARBORS DREAM      4<sup>th</sup> FINALLY HERE  
5<sup>th</sup> EDINBURGH EXPRESS      6<sup>th</sup> IT'S MY HOUSE      7<sup>th</sup> FORT BRIDGER      8<sup>th</sup> MCWHERTER

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1856 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

The foregoing ruling was issued following the hearing held on Thursday February 16, 2023.

2/17/23<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – 3<sup>rd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Doug O'Neill for #3 GALLOVIE (GB) (Tr. Ronald Ellis) after the Official Veterinarian, Nolton Pattio, informed them that GALLOVIE (GB) was unsound and was placed on the vets list. GALLOVIE (GB) was returned to the Ronald Ellis barn.

2/17/23<sup>5</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – 6<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Mark Glatt for #3 SAVILE ROW (Tr. Tim Yakteen) after the Official Veterinarian, Nolton Pattio VMD informed them that SAVILE ROW was unsound and was placed on the vets list. SAVILE ROW was returned to the Tim Yakteen barn.

2/17/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race      #7 Speaking Spanglish (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Injured – Dr. Pattio  
                  #10 One Mo Eddie (Tr. S. Callaghan) – A.E. – Stewards Refunds \$4,287.39  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race      #2 Sweet Heidelberg (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Claimed by Tr. L. Ruiz  
                  #4 Trona Way (Tr. I. Kruljac) – Claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre  
                  #6 Lasting Love (Tr. S. Callaghan) – Sick – Dr. Stead Refunds \$2,074.16  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race      No Changes; Refunds \$152.22  
4<sup>th</sup> Race      #1 Reef City (Tr. J. Bonde) – Gate Scratch Unsound – Dr. Stead  
                  #4 Do It For Dave (Tr. Q. Howey) – Sick – Dr. Stead  
                  #7 Tiz Tok (Tr. D. O'Neill) – Claimed by Tr. J. Sadler  
                  #9 Doradus (Tr. Robert B. Hess Jr.) – Injured – Dr. Stead Refunds \$42,079.11  
5<sup>th</sup> Race      #5 Resilient (Tr. B. Koriner) – Unsound – Dr. Deluhery Refunds \$83.74  
6<sup>th</sup> Race      #4 Joker Boy (Tr. L. Ruiz) – Claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill  
                  #5 Conch Daddy (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Claimed by Tr. R. DeLeon  
                  Refunds \$51.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race      #10 Vortex (Tr. K. Desormeaux) – A.E. – Stewards Refunds \$343.25

2/17/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,420	\$387,819.69
SCOTWinc	2,590	\$962,850.24
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,562,990.53
Total	5,010	\$6,913,660.46

**SATURDAY**

2/18/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR met with the Stewards for a review of the fifth race from Sunday, February 12, 2023. To review his use of the riding crop aboard #5 IRISH ROSE. Mr. Aguilar testified that he did not believe he exceed the six-strike rule and that a few of the alleged strikes he was flagging his mount. After reviewing the video with Mr. Aguilar, in a unanimous decision, we felt the video was inconclusive to find the jockey in violation of the crop rule. Therefore, a stern warning was issued.

2/18/23<sup>2</sup>

**LATS RULING #28**

Trainer LEANDRO MORA who worked the horse EXACTLY WENDY at San Luis Rey Training Center on Saturday, November 26, 2022, is fined the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866 (b)(1)&(2) (Veterinarian List – may not work a horse for 72 hours after being placed on list – sick).

The foregoing ruling was issued subsequent to the hearing held on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Mr. Mora was informed of the ruling and accepted full responsibility and the penalty imposed.

2/18/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$12.00  
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$26.50  
 4th race #2 Delta Wind (Tr. J. Sadler) – Injured – Dr. Pattio Refund \$581.06  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #6 Irondale (Tr. K. Headley) – Claimed by Tr. L. Ruiz  
 #8 Wagonahavagoodtime (Tr. J. Sadler) – Claimed by Tr. D. O’Neill  
 Refund \$56.00  
 7th race #1 Fayette Fox (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Claimed by Tr. V. Cerin Refund \$381.50  
 8th race #4 Shared Future (Tr. S. Knapp) – Injured – Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,558.43  
 9th race #3 Founder’s Day (Tr. R. Hess Jr.) – Entered Back – Stewards  
 #5 Eddie’s New Dream (Tr. B.D.A. Cecil) – Stake – Stewards  
 #9 Aqua Seafoam Shame (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Entered Back - Stewards  
 Refund \$5,662.34

2/18/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,026	\$992,632.70
SCOTWinc	4,086	\$1,791,768.92
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,434,259.10
Total	10,112	\$9,218,660.72

**SUNDAY**

2/19/23<sup>1</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> RACE – INQUIRY-OBJECTION-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the eighth race to review an incident near the 1/8 marker involving #4 FAST AND SHINY (Juan Hernandez) first, #7 GOOD AS GONE (Ricardo Gonzalez) second, and #2 BLESSED TOUCH (Roman Vazquez) third. Mr. Vazquez also lodged a claim of foul regarding the incident.

After interviewing the riders involved, the patrol judges and reviewing the video, the Stewards by majority decision (Steward Church dissenting) made no change in the order of finish.

The video shows #4 FAST AND SHINY on the inside and #7 GOOD AS GONE on the outside with #2 BLESSED TOUCH trailing between approaching the 1/8 pole when #4 FAST AND SHINY drifts out and #7 GOOD AS GONE drifts in causing #2 BLESSED TOUCH to take up, however the majority opined the incident did not prevent #2 BLESSED TOUCH an opportunity of a better placing.

2/19/23<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #6 Roubaix (Tr. P. Capestro) – Entered in wrong race – Stewards  
 #8 Barton Strong (Tr. C. Gaines) – Sick – Dr. Pattio Refund \$3,807.41  
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 3rd race #5 Derby Prospect (Tr. R. Gomez) – Flipped in saddling paddock – Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$5,587.57  
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #3 Papale (Tr. R. Hanson) – Claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall

7th race #6 Nolo Contesto (Tr. D. Azcarate) - Claimed by Tr. J. Wong Refund \$140.50  
 #7 Ted (Tr. H. Palma) – Panel Scratch – Stewards  
 #8 Saffa’s Day (Tr. M. Glatt) – Claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle  
 #9 Redline (Tr. A. Kitchingman) – Claimed by Tr. S. Knapp Refund \$666.20

8th race #5 Getthemoney (Tr. B. Koriner) – Injured – Dr. Pattio  
 #6 Hialeah Hottie (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$3,477.90

9th race #12 Smokemonthecliff (Tr. J. Metz) – A.E. – Stewards  
 #13 Elusive Class (Tr. R. Agarie) – A.E. - Stewards Refund \$1,251.00

2/19/23<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,252	\$976,340.96
SCOTWinc	3,307	\$1,312,104.49
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,946,590.17
Total	14,559	\$10,235,035.62

**MONDAY**

2/20/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

The Stewards met separately with jockeys JUAN HERNANDEZ and RICARDO GONZALEZ for a review of the eighth race from Sunday, February 19, 2023. When their mounts were the subject of an inquiry. Both riders acknowledged their mounts drifted during the stretch run, but felt they were clear of the trailing rival, the Stewards agreed with the rider’s explanations. Neither rider was penalized as their efforts to minimize the damage was satisfactory.

2/20/23<sup>2</sup>

**7th RACE INQUIRY- NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the seventh race for a review of an incident approaching the ½ mile marker involving #5 STRIKINGLY (Hector Berrios) first, #11 AVA’S STORM (Abel Cedillo) second and #9 MAP TO MY HEART (Ramon Vazquez) who finished seventh.

After talking to the riders involved, the patrol judges and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows interference occurred when #9 MAP TO MY HEART was hard to handle and drifted in after the start putting #5 REAL FIRE in tight quarters causing the rider to check his mount, following that incident approaching the ½ mile marker #11 AVA’S STORM drifted in impeding #9 MAP TO MY HEART forcing the latter, to steady however in a unanimous decision the Stewards felt the interference did not prevent anyone from a better placing.

2/20/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$11.50  
 3<sup>rd</sup> race #1 Naismith (Tr. R. Mandella) – Claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.  
 #4 What a Dude (Tr. P. D’Amato) – Claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou  
 #5 Flint Stroll (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou Refund \$90.00

4<sup>th</sup> race #2 Finneus (Tr. P. Miller) – Stake scratch – Stewards Refund \$747.14

5<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0

6<sup>th</sup> race #1 Sunrise Journey (Tr. S. Knapp) – Claimed by Tr. L. Barocio  
 #6 Big Talker (Tr. M. Pineda) – (DNF) Refund \$0

7<sup>th</sup> race No Change; Refund \$0

8<sup>th</sup> race No Change; Refund \$263.78

9<sup>th</sup> race #5 Secrets Told (Tr. P. D’Amato) – Claimed by Tr. J. Sadler Refund \$223.00

10<sup>th</sup> race #1 Double Fantasy (Tr. R. Quinonez) – Insurance – Stewards  
 #5 Blushing (FR) (Tr. C. Lewis) – Full Field – Stewards  
 #8 La V. (Tr. G. Stute) – Claimed by Tr. J. Wong  
 #11 Never Sway (Tr. M. Pineda) – Claimed by Tr. L. Campuzano  
 Refund \$2,117.62

2/20/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,946	\$951,537.26
SCOTWinc	2,745	\$1,075,191.94
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,852,448.14
Total	8,691	\$8,879,177.34

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/13/23 TO 2/19/23**

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/17</b>	<b>Sat 2/18</b>	<b>Sun 2/19</b>	<b>Mon 2/20</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	3	2	9	47
<b>Claims</b>	5	3	4	6	18	98
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	1	2	4
<b>Refunds</b>	6	7	6	6	25	180
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	0	0	2	28
<b>Voided Claims</b>	2	0	0	0	2	10

Respectfully submitted,

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Ron Church, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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