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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, February 6, 2023, Through Sunday, February 12, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

2/8/23¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee Friday scratches and Saturday entries.

THURSDAY

2/9/23¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Jauregui oversaw entries for Sunday and program scratches for Saturday.

2/9/23²

HEARINGS

A hearing was held for California Horse Racing Board complaint #22dm0043, a positive test for Phenylbutazone, filed against LORENZO RUIZ.

Present at the hearing were respondent Lorenzo Ruiz, Supervising Investigator Mike Barker, Investigator Jeanne Garrido, and the Board of Stewards, Kim Sawyer, Luis Jauregui, and Rich Williams. Also present was Senior Litigation Counsel for HIWU Alison Farrell, who was observing hearing procedures for medication violations.

Lorenzo Ruiz stated that his Veterinarian, Dr. Ashley Troncatty, took care of all of his medication administration, and had no idea how the positive could have occurred.

The Stewards will issue a ruling as needed.

A hearing was scheduled for California Horse Racing Board complaint #22DM0054 filed for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874- Disorderly Conduct. CATALINO HERNANDEZ failed to appear. A ruling will be issued by the Stewards.

A hearing was scheduled for California Horse Racing Board complaint filed against Groom FAUSTO CRUZ for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874- Disorderly Conduct.

Fausto Cruz testified that he had been drinking but did not feel he had a drinking problem. The evidence showed that Mr. Cruz was intoxicated. The stewards will issue a ruling that most likely will involve some type of cooperation with Winners Foundation.

FRIDAY
2/10/23¹

OFFICIAL REPLACEMENT

Racing Official HEATHER CORREA was out for personal reasons, and with some shuffling of positions all vacancies were covered.

2/10/23²

ALTERNATE STEWARD

Steward Luis Jauregui was out today with family obligations and Steward Tom Ward was present.

2/10/23³

A GUEST FROM HIWU

Senior Litigation Counsel for HIWU Alison Farrell was in attendance for the day's races to observe the day-to-day operations at the track and shadow a horse from the pre-race examination, through the race, and the journey to the test barn and the testing procedure. She will also be viewing a race or races from the starting gate and following races with the track vet.

2/10/23⁴

JOCKEYS IN TO ADDRESS INFRACTIONS

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in to address his use of the crop in the 3rd race on Sunday 2/5/2023.

Having reviewed the film of the race, Armando Aguilar admitted to using the crop one time over the limit. Mr. Aguilar was informed that this violation was his third and that another violation would give him a point total triggering a further suspension until the expungement time for previous violations were reached. The Stewards will issue a ruling as needed.

2/10/23⁵

RULINGS

The following ruling was issued after Jockey ARMANDO AGULAR was in to review the third race from Sunday 02/05/2023.

LATS Ruling # 22 ARMANDO AGUILAR

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), Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode OUTRIGHT in the third race at Santa Anita Park on February 5, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (February 17, 2023) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on August 10, 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 November 6, 2022. Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR 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.

The following ruling was issued after Groom FAUSTO CRUZ was before the Board of Stewards to address complaint #22DM0055.

LATS Ruling #23 FAUSTO CRUZ

Groom FAUSTO CRUZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of an alcoholic beverage while performing his duties) at Del Mar Race Track on December 2, 2022.

Furthermore, FAUSTO CRUZ must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board.

The following ruling was issued after Groom CATALINO HERNANDEZ failed to appear to answer complaint #22DM0054.

LATS Ruling #24 CATALINO HERNANDEZ

Groom CATALINO HERNANDEZ having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before February 9, 2023, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of CATALINO HERNANDEZ 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 following ruling was issued after a hearing was held before the Board of Stewards to answer complaint #22DM0043.

LATS Ruling # 25 LORENZO RUIZ

Trainer LORENZO RUIZ, who started the horse MANITOWISH, who finished third in the second race on September 10, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4(a) (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 02/10/24) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

2/10/23⁶

VOIDED CLAIM

A claim was entered in the 5th race for #8 TERRIER (trainer Tim Yakteen) by trainer Jeff Mullins. After examination by, and upon the recommendation of California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio, the claim was voided by the Stewards.

2/10/23⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race #1 No Changes; Refunds \$0
Race #2 No Changes; Refunds \$0
Race #3 No Changes; Refunds \$0
Race #4 No Changes; Refunds \$0
Race #5 No Changes; Refunds \$233.48
Race #6 #1 Fireman Dan was claimed by Jerry Wallace.
#2 Kant Bet The Rock was claimed by Lorenzo Ruiz.
#5 Crypto Munny was claimed by Ian Kruljac. Refunds \$315.39
Race #7 #1 Maglev (IRE) was scratched (vet-Injured) Refunds \$2,948.32
Race #8 #7 Sheza Girly Girl was claimed by George Papaprodromou.
Race #9 #5 Clayton Delaney was claimed by Jeff Metz.
#7 Give Me The Lute was claimed by Andy Mathis.

2/10/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,710	\$463,327.61
SCOTWinc	2,665	\$1,042,104.32
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,201,939.57
Total	5,375	\$6,707,371.50

SATURDAY

2/11/23¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in to review the start of the third race on Friday 02/10/2023 where his mount broke out then was pressured in by the horse on his outside. Jockey Armando Aguilar was slow to correct his horse after the pressure was relieved. The Stewards in a majority vote, gave a warning with Steward Sawyer voted for a suspension.

Apprentice Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR was in for failing to attend the mandatory apprentice jockey films. Abdul Alsagoor stated that he contacted Brice Blanc about his attendance at 9:10AM on the morning of the class. Abdul Alsagoor was informed that this was not acceptable and that the time for the classes were set and attendance was mandatory. In deliberation the Stewards acknowledged that in the past with a previous person conducting the classes, that apprentices could reschedule. In light of this reason a warning was given but was told from here forward the meetings were at a set time.

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA was in to review his ride in the third race on Friday 02/10/2023 for his actions leaving the gate and again his action while riding in the stretch. The incident leaving the gate did not reach the level of careless riding, but a better effort could have been made to correct his mount. The incident in the stretch, the Stewards felt that he did not maintain a straight course and if the other horse involved had not finished ahead of his horse, a disqualification would have been in order. In a unanimous decision the Stewards will issue a ruling for a suspension for 3 riding days. Ruling to follow.

2/11/23²

RACING INCIDENTS

During the 9th race #6 DECORATED MY LIFE (IRE) stumbled while crossing the transition on the 61/2 furlong turf course, unseating Jockey Joe Bravo.

2/11/23³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
2 nd Race	#1 Big Bell claimed by Reed Saldana
3 rd Race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
4 th Race	No Changes; Refunds \$181.00
5 th Race	#1 Papa Tiger claimed by Adam Kitchingman #6 Relaxed Artist (IRE) claimed by George Papaprodromou. Refunds \$278.38
6 th Race	#6 Sauls Call scratched (vet-sick) #7 Mighty Matt claimed by Steve Knapp #9 Midnight Special claimed by Dean Pederson. Refunds \$2,322.20
7 th Race	No Changes; Refunds \$18.00
8 th Race	No Changes; Refunds \$98.16
9 th Race	#11 Happy Gal scratched (Stewards-stakes scratch). Refunds \$1,116.10
10 th Race	#6 Nineteeneightyfour scratched (vet sick) Refunds \$1,356.00

2/11/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,369	\$1,036,174.34
SCOTWinc	3,988	\$1,673,780.81
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,061,219.70
Total	9,257	\$11,771,174.85

SUNDAY

2/12/23¹

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card on Super Bowl Sunday was completed without a hitch. Any changes are listed below.

2/12/23²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Jockey Flavien Pratt was not present for the first race due to flight delays and was replaced by Lanfranco Dettori.
 2nd Race No Changes; Refunds \$66.00
 3rd Race #6 Violet was claimed by Jeff Mullins. Refunds \$242.00
 4th Race #3 Horn Of Plenty was claimed by Jonathan Wong
 #4 Grit And Curiosity was scratched (vet-sick)
 #5 Established was claimed by Mark Glatt
 #6 Tizlightning as scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$1,844.77
 5th Race Jockey John Velazquez was sick and was replaced by Lanfranco Dittori.
 #6 Bric A Brac was scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$685.60
 6th Race Jockey John Velazquez was replaced by Kazushi Kimura. Refunds \$39.40
 7th Race #4 Sapadilla was scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$303.80
 8th Race Jockey Joe Bravo was replaced by Lanfranco Dittori

2/12/23³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,470	\$590,076.08
SCOTWinc	2,496	\$969,038.38
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,198,241.76
Total	4,966	\$7,757,356.22

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/6/23 TO 2/12/23

Horses on Vet List 13
 Horses off Vet List 12
 Shock Wave Therapy 0
 Fatalities 3
 Medication 0

	Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	3	0	1	4	38
Claims	6	5	3	14	80
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	2
Refunds	3	7	6	16	155
Rulings	4	1	0	5	27
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	8

Respectfully submitted,

 Rich Williams, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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