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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, June 12, 2023, Through Sunday, June 18, 2023.****WEDNESDAY**6/14/23<sup>1</sup>**PROGRAM CHANGES AND ENTRIES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in on Wednesday to oversee entries for Saturday and program changes for Friday. The race office carded twelve (12) races for Saturday.

**THURSDAY**6/15/23<sup>1</sup>**KRULJAC HEARING (case #23SA0078)**

Trainer IAN KRULJAC was in our office this morning to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violations #1843(a) & (d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(Prohibited Drug Substances), #1887(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), and #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations [MMV]) when his horse "Clouseau" who ran in the seventh race on April 8, 2023, at Santa Anita Park was found to contain Methocarbamol in a post-race test. Mr. Kruljac stated that his employee possibly could have mixed up the feed tubs. The barn typically mixes the medication with the feed. He stated it was his responsibility and he and his barn have made some changes to their protocol. Decision to follow.

6/15/23<sup>2</sup>**MULLINS HEARING (case #23SA0073)**

Trainer JEFF MULLINS was in to address the complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violations of #1840, #1843(d), 1843.1(d), 1843.4(b), 1843.4(a), 1844(d)(5), 1866 and 1887(a) when his horse "Numero Dix" in a workout for removal from the vet list was found to contain "methocarbamol" in a post workout test. Mr. Mullins believes his employee could have mixed up the treatment in which it was intended for another horse. This was Mr. Mullins second offense in the last 365 days. Decision to follow.

6/15/23<sup>3</sup>

**CERIN HEARING (23SA0077)**

Trainer VLADMIR CERIN was in to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation of HISA rule #2272 (Shock Wave Therapy) when he worked his horse "POPPY'S HALO" (2 furlongs) on January 9, 2023, at Santa Anita Park. "POPPY'S HALO" worked within 30 days of treatment of ESWT (shock wave), he worked on the 28<sup>th</sup> day. Mr. Cerin stated that he was conducting a two-minute clip gallop and did not realize that a two-minute clips were considered a workout. Mr. Cerin also stated on the way to the track he instructed the exercise rider to work him two furlongs, which was not his intention when they left the barn. After hearing all the facts and entering all the exhibits, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
6/16/23<sup>1</sup>

**KRULJAC RULING**

Trainer IAN KRULJAC was issued the following ruling regarding yesterday's medication hearing. This was Mr. Kruljac's second offense in the last year.

**LATS Ruling #78**

Trainer IAN KRULJAC, who started the horse CLOUSEAU, that finished third in the seventh race on April 8, 2023, at Santa Anita Park is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) – Expires 6/16/24) 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)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Methocarbamol [Class 4]).

This is IAN KRULJAC'S second offense in 365 days. Mr. KRULJAC has accumulated one (1) MMV point.

6/16/23<sup>2</sup>

**MULLINS RULING**

Trainer JEFF MULLINS was also issued a ruling regarding his medication hearing. This was Mr. Mullins second offense in the last 365 days.

**LATS RULING #79**

Trainer JEFF MULLINS, who worked the horse NUMERO DIX for removal from the Veterinarian's List on April 5, 2023, at Santa Anita Park, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4(a) (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) - Expires June 16, 2024) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866(h)(i) (Veterinarian's List), #1844(d)(5) (Authorized Medication), #1843(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Methocarbamol [Class 4]). This is JEFF MULLINS second offense in 365 days. Mr. MULLINS has accumulated two and a half (2 ½) MMV points.

6/16/23<sup>3</sup>

**ROMERO CITATION**

Exercise Rider ANTONIO ROMERO was in the office when he was cited by the Santa Anita Outriders for galloping too close to the inside rail on June 8, 2023.

**LATS Ruling #80**

Exercise Rider ANTONIO ROMERO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping too close to the rail) at Santa Anita Park on June 8, 2023.

6/16/23<sup>4</sup>

**CERIN RULING**

The following ruling was issued after reviewing all the facts from Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN'S hearing this past Thursday regarding the violation of HISA rule #2272.

**LATS RULING #81**

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN, who treated the horse POPPY'S HALO with ESWT on 12/13/2022, at Santa Anita Park, which is within 30 days prior to a workout is suspended SEVEN (7) days and fined TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)\* for violation of HISA Rule 2272 (3) (Shockwave Therapy). The suspension shall be from June 23, 2023, through June 29, 2023.

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of VLADIMIR CERIN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) and HISA Rule 8200 (b)(2) through (12) (Schedule of Sanctions For Violations) VLADIMIR CERIN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction

6/16/23<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW (10<sup>th</sup> turf)**

We conducted a Stewards review after the tenth race to look at the actions of the #2 TRUSTY RUSTY (A. Fresu), who switched leads at the three-eighths, causing him to shift in making contact with the inside rail. After review of the incident, we felt the #2 caused his own action and no inquiry was conducted.

6/16/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$19.30  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$245.75  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Affable- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick  
 #3 Brazenly- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,301.41  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Unjokable- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured. Refund \$2,070.26  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Warrior's Moon- Stewards' scratch- enter back  
 #6 True Patriot- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$2,442.79  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$82.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Slam Diego- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer  
 #2 Cornelia Fort- Claimed by I. Kruljac, trainer  
 #5 Rosy Edge- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick  
 #6 Annaghlasa (IRE)- Claimed by V. Belvoir, trainer  
 #7 Peppermint Flirt- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured  
 #9 Miss Kaline- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$1,019.90  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Liberal Lady- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick  
 #8 She's Resilient- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$963.70  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Trusty Rusty- Claimed by P. D'Amato, trainer  
 #4 Tom and Jazzy-Claimed by L. Ruiz, trainer  
 #12 Circleofchampions- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refunds \$702.54

6/16/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,208	\$502,227.56
SCOTWinc	2,347	\$893,604.39
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,103,489.51
Total	5,555	\$7,499,321.96

**SATURDAY**

6/17/23<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in to review yesterday's eighth race (1 mile turf) in which he shifted in going into the first turn, making contact with the inside horse. We felt that the incident was not worthy of a suspension but a valuable review with Mr. Aguilar. He agreed he should of have done better and promised to do so. Warning.

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

**RACE DELAYED**

The third race was delayed (11 minutes) when the jockey of #2 MOTET (K. Frey) was injured in the gate when his horse reared up unseating him. Prior to running the third race the track paramedics had to take Mr. Frey to the transfer location.

6/17/23<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION (4<sup>TH</sup> RACE TURF)**

We posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review the stretch run involving the #2 "Warriors Moon" (A. Aguilar 4<sup>th</sup>) and the #1 "Aloha Kitten" (R. Vasquez 5<sup>th</sup>). After reviewing the

race and speaking to the jockeys involved, we disqualified the #2 and placed him behind the #1 for interference. In a unanimous opinion #2 crossed over into the path of the #1 costing him a better placing.

Unofficial order 4-5-3-(2)-1-6  
 Official order 4-5-3-1-(2)-6

6/17/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Motet- Stewards' scratch- Injured rider. Refund \$78,116.67  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Freedom Lass- J. Hernandez replaces K.Frey, injured. Refund \$306.24  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Book Smart- R. Vasquez replaces K. Frey, injured. Refund \$2,864.90  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Bella Volpe- J. Valdivia replaces K. Frey, injured  
 #3 Viewers Discretion- Veterinarian scratch-Dr. Pattio-injured. Refund \$1,152.78.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Harry Houdini- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$924.21  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$70.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$238.50  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Leyas Candy- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$1,747.10  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Keychain Girl- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #5 Anybody Choice- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refunds \$1,101.36  
 12<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Gimme Me Baby- J. Valdivia replaces K Refund \$0

6/17/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,138	\$1,089,264.76
SCOTWinc	3,824	\$1,575,191.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,825,650.00
Total	10,962	\$12,490,106.16

**SUNDAY**

6/18/23<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in to review yesterday's fourth race in which he was disqualified from fourth to fifth place for interference. Mr. Aguilar said that he did not know that there was a horse to his inside. The video shows that Mr. Aguilar drifted out, than while over correcting, he floated in too much. This was his second suspension in the last sixty days; therefore, he was issued a four (4) day suspension. Steward Jauregui voted for a five (5) day suspension.

**LATS RULING #82**

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode WARRIOR'S MOON in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2023, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (June 25, July 1, 2, and 3, 2023) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding), second offense in last sixty days.

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

6/18/23<sup>2</sup>

**SAID HEARING (23SA0077)**

The following financial complaint against Owner JAVIER SAID has been withdrawn after receiving notice that the debt of \$250.00 dollars was paid in full to KC Horse Transport, Inc.

6/18/23<sup>3</sup>

**CLOSING-DAY RACING**

The twelve-race card on closing day went without any major issues to report, other than the changes listed below.

6/18/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Shanghai Sunrise- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer. Refund \$35.50  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$50.50  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1,145.40  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$34.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$49.50  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Good Juju- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #12 Departure- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,885.46  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$238.00  
 12<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Bring Him Home- D. Herrera replaces H. Berrios, injured  
 #13 Yellow Brick- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #14 Chay's tornado- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,429.74

6/18/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	18,633	\$1,479,058.66
SCOTWinc	3,321	\$1,280,257.45
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$14,091,123.92
Total	21,954	\$16,850,440.03

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/12/23 TO 6/18/23**

Horses on Vet List 18  
 Horses off Vet List 10  
 Shock Wave Therapy 2  
 Fatalities 1  
 Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 6/16</b>	<b>Sat 6/17</b>	<b>Sun 6/18</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	1	0	1	6
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	3	7	135
<b>Claims</b>	5	0	1	6	226
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	1	0	1	7
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	0	1	20
<b>Refunds</b>	9	9	8	26	496
<b>Rulings</b>	3	1	1	5	82
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	31

Respectfully submitted,

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 Luis Jauregui, Steward

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 Rich Williams, Steward

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 David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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