

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.
Arcadia, California**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

- Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chairman
- Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
- Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
- Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member
- Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member
- Honorable Thomas C. Hudnut, Member
- Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member
- C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director
- Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
- Marc Shaw, Chief, Enforcement Division
- Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, through Sunday, October 15, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

10/11/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday (eleven races) and resolve other issues that may arise.

THURSDAY

10/12/23¹

DARK DAY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was again present to oversee entries for Sunday (eleven races) and approve scratches and program changes for Saturday.

FRIDAY

10/13/23¹

SCRATCH STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was available to approve program changes for Sunday’s card.

10/13/23²

BLACKER HEARING CASE 23SA0121

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Dan Blacker for possible violation of CHRB rule 1878 (Workouts). The BOS were notified by Mr. Blacker’s newly retained attorney who requested a continuance to review the complaint. A new date will be assigned to the case.

10/13/23³

GOTAY /COLON /ROMERO HEARINGS CASE’S 23DM0015, 23DM0019, 23DM0020

The CHRB filed complaints against exercise rider Ramon Romero, exercise rider Jeison Gotay and hotwalker Yalimar Colon for violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

These three hearings were scheduled to be adjudicated at the same time as all three respondents were involved in an altercation that occurred on August 11, 2023, in the barn area at Del Mar Race Track.

Exercise Rider Ramon Romero was available by Microsoft Teams in Florida, only with audio. Hotwalker Yalimar Colon and exercise rider Jeison Gotay appeared at the Investigator's office at San Luis Rey Training Center as directed to be available by Microsoft Teams. Neither CHRB Investigator assigned to the training center were present to implement Microsoft Teams for the scheduled hearing from that location. The BOS considered dismissing the complaints filed as there was no representation by the CHRB other than Investigator Jeanne Garrido assisting at Santa Anita. Due to the nature of these complaints and the challenge to attain all three respondents simultaneously, the hearing went forward as previously stated. Testimony was given by all of the respondents; documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

10/13/23⁴

ESPINOZA CITATION

Exercise rider Juan Espinoza met with the Stewards to discuss the issue of hitting his horse in the head with his reins. There was an available video that showed the incident. After much discussion as to why this action occurred, the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

SATURDAY

10/14/23¹

KORINER RULING

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Koriner's trainee started in the race discussed in the ruling.

LATC RULING #16

Trainer BRIAN KORINER, who started the horse DON'TTHINKJUSTDOIT in the first race on October 9, 2023, at Santa Anita Park is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration)

10/14/23²

ESPINOZA RULING ref-10-13-23⁴

The following ruling was issued after the BOS agreed on an appropriate penalty.

LATC RULING #17

Exercise Rider JUAN ESPINOZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – hit horse in head with reins) on October 12, 2023, at Santa Anita Park.

10/14/23³

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION / FIFTH RACE ¾ turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 3/8 marker. Involved were #2 Respect the Crown (H. I. Berrios 4th), #3 Ellie Moore (IRE) (D. Herrera 7th) and #7 Impec (IRE) (J. G. Torrealba 3rd). After a review of the pertinent angles, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with the jockeys involved, in a unanimous opinion #7 stepped inward into the path of #2 causing that one to check hard to stay off of heels, #3 behind #2 had to also check hard for the same reason. This action cost both impeded horses a better placing. Therefore, #7 was disqualified from third and placed seventh behind #3.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-1-(7)-2-9-4-3-5-8

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-1-2-9-4-3-(7)-5-8

10/14/23⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #6 Breakfast Ride (Tr. P. Miller) in the tenth race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List.

Also, after an examination of #2 Majestic Eagle (Tr. S. Knapp) by Dr. Pattio (11th race) the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided both claims and the horses returned to the original trainers.

10/14/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #5 Blonde Bombshell (Tr. D. Winick) K. Frey replaced J. Matias
Refund \$1,783.13

2nd race #6 Flynn's Chance (Tr. R. Mandella) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannan
Refund \$1,410.13

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5th race No Changes; Refund \$0

6th race #2 Gabbysongholiday (Tr. J. Mullins) Stewards-gelding.
Refund \$3,304.59

7th race No Changes; Refund \$65.00

8th race #3 A New Peace (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre
Refund \$60.50

9th race #5 Aurelian Man (Tr. A. Marquez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$1,646.62

10th race #6 Breakfast Ride (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. Sadler VOID
Refund \$6.00

11th race #2 Majestic Eagle (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio VOID
#6 Birth of Cool (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase
#8 Tiz Plus (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. M. Puype
#9 Perfectionistic (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$228.60

10/14/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,843	\$871,270.73
SCOTWinc	3,572	\$1,534,341.86
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,846,369.51
Total	10,415	\$10,251,982.10

SUNDAY

10/15/23¹

HIWU DISQUALIFICATION RULINGS #18-#23

The following rulings were distributed after direction from HIWU to formulate the information in the complaint filed.

LATC Ruling #18

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, SCARY FAST SMILE was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 2 at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 6, 2023, Case #ECM2023-119. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner WILLIAM L. HECK (\$0), Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR (\$185) and Trainer CESAR DEALBA (\$0) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st JALEN JOURNEY 2nd HIGH PRESS 3rd HANDR'DREAM 4th DESOTO'S WAR
5th MIKE OPERATOR 6th AFTERNOON HEAT 7th SECRET TOUCH 8th DR.TROUTMAN
9th DEBT MONGER 10th RALLY CAT 11th MAJESTIC WIND

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATC Ruling #19

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, CATBERNAY was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 2 at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 1, 2023, Case #EAD2023-28. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba Belico Racing) and LIZBETH MEDINA (\$12,000), Jockey FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS (\$1,200) and Trainer MILTON PINEDA (\$1,200) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st PAUL VINCENTS POEM 2nd GATOR SHINING 3rd CITY OF CHAMPIONS 4th FAST PER SE

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATC Ruling #20

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, BELLA RENELLA was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 4 at Santa Anita Park on June 18, 2023, Case #EAD2023-12. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 - Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba BELICO RACING, LLC), LIZBETH MEDINA and MILTON PINEDA (\$18,720), Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO (\$1,872) and Trainer MILTON PINEDA (\$1,872) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st SHANGHAI SUNRISE 2nd KISS MY KAT 3rd WRONG TURN CUPID
4th WHY BEHAVE 5th BACK ON THE STREET 6th FLAT OUT JOY

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATC Ruling #21

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, KEEP YOUR COIL was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 1 at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2023, Case #EAD2023-29. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 - Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba BELICO RACING, LLC) and LIZBETH MEDINA (\$18,000), Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO (\$1,800) and Trainer MILTON PINEDA (\$1,800) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st HENNY'S CRAZY TRAIN 2nd ANNIE'S SONG(IRE) 3rd VEGAN

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATC Ruling #22

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, CHOLLIMA was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 3 at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 23, 2023, Case #EAD2023-15. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 - Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba BELICO RACING, LLC) and LIZBETH MEDINA (\$9,600), Jockey ABEL CEDILLO (\$960) and Trainer MILTON PINEDA (\$960) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st TALKATIVE GAL 2nd ISLAND LIFE 3rd FLAG SALUTE 4th AUNT OPAL

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATC Ruling #23

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, WEGONAHAVAGOODTIME was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 6 at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, Case #EAD2023-30. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba Belico Racing), LIZBETH MEDINA AND MILTON PINEDA (\$13,800), Jockey RAMON VAZQUEZ (\$1,380) and Trainer MILTON PINEDA (\$1,380) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before November 15, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st WHISKY MY GOD(ARG) 2nd PERFECT D 3rd RUN SNAPPY
4th EDINBURGH EXPRESS 5th MCWHERTER

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

10/15/23²

GOTAY /COLON /ROMERO RULINGS ref 10-13-23³

The following rulings were issued after a decision was formulated post hearing. Steward Baker voted for a suspension penalty for respondent Ramon Romero.

LATC RULING #24

Exercise Rider JEISON GOTAY is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting) on August 11, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, JEISON GOTAY 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.

LATC RULING #25

Hotwalker YALIMAR COLON is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting) on August 11, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, YALIMAR COLON 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.

LATC RULING #26

Exercise Rider RAMON ROMERO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting) and Rule #1889 (Entry To Area Assigned To Trainer) on August 11, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, RAMON ROMERO 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.

10/15/23³

CITATION ISSUED

Jockey Mario Gutierrez met with the BOS to discuss a citation issued for not pulling his horse up during a workout while the warning lights and siren were activated. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATC RULING #27

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working a horse while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on October 14, 2023.

10/15/23⁴

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice J. G. Torrealba appeared to review the fifth race yesterday wherein his mount was disqualified for interference (ref 10-14-23³). After a review of several video angles, it was apparent Mr. Torrealba's horse stepped inward on its own and he reacted quickly to correct. Unanimous, warning.

Juan Hernandez and Ramon Vazquez were involved in an incident in the second race yesterday near the 3/8 marker. Mr. Vazquez while folding into the turn ran up on the inside of Mr. Hernandez who at the same drifted inward, at this juncture jockey Vazquez took up. Both riders appeared in person, the Stewards believed both were culpable for the incident, warning.

Apprentice Armando Aguilar was summoned to the Stewards' office to explain why he missed the mandatory apprentice jockey film review class and why he was nineteen minutes late reporting to the jockey quarters to ride the second race. He stated he was running late from working horses at San Luis Rey Training Center and he admitted he failed to attempt to notify the Stewards or film analyst Brice Blanc of his situation. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATC RULING #28

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – late to Jockey's Room and failing to attend mandatory Apprentice Jockey film review) on October 14, 2023, at Santa Anita Park.

10/15/23⁵

SMOOTH SAILING

The eleven race program was performed without notable incident.

10/15/23⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#7 Redline (Tr. E. Truman) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase. Refund \$0
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$42.50
3rd race	#7 Duel Threat (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) DNF. Refund \$98.50
4th race	#4 Top Gun Tommy (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt #7 Blameless (Tr. S. Morfin) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund \$583.73
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$230.50
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$443.76
8th race	#1 Fast Investment (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery #6 Stylish Dress (Tr. D. Blacker) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #7 Vulin (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Stewards-didn't want to run; ruling to follow

9th race #8 Yaleo (Tr. A. Garcia) DNF. Refund \$2,470.56
 No Changes Refund \$0
 10th race #3 Flight Way (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr.
 Stead. Refund \$33,922.79
 11th race No Changes; Refund \$0

10/15/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,074	\$857,708.53
SCOTWinc	2,845	\$1,061,654.66
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,613,061.11
Total	8,919	\$9,532,424.30

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/9/23 TO 10/15/23

Horses on Vet List 20
 Horses off Vet List 3
 Shock Wave Therapy 0
 Fatalities 2
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Sat 10/14	Sun 10/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	4	6	19
Claims	3	2	5	19
Disqualifications	1	0	1	2
Inquiries	1	0	1	7
Refunds	8	7	15	57
Rulings	2	11	13	28
Voided Claims	2	0	2	4

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward