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Report for Monday, October 16, 2023, through Sunday, October 22, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

10/18/23¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday October 21, 2023. Steward Kim Sawyer oversaw all matters for the CHRB. Nine (9) races were drawn in the racing office by veteran racing officials Charles McCaul and Robert Moreno. Sixty-three (63) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY

10/19/23¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday October 22, 2023. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty overseeing entries for Sunday and declarations for Saturday October 21.

10/19/23²

DANIEL ARAGON COMPLAINT (CASE: 23DM0021)

Pony Rider Daniel Aragon appeared in our office today to answer charges of alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Stewards Baker, Jauregui, and Sawyer were present to hear this case which was presented by CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon. Exercise Rider David Rodriguez was present as a witness at this hearing. He was accompanied by Attorney Roger Licht (Los Angeles). The cover page of the eighteen (18) page complaint in this case reads as follows.

On August 19, 2023, CHRB Investigators were notified of a physical altercation that occurred in the barn area of Del Mar Fairgrounds between David Rodriguez and Daniel Aragon. During the investigation was found to be a mutual aggressor and in violation of CHRB Rule #1874- Disorderly Conduct.

CHRB Investigator J. C. Garrido prepared an eighteen (18) page complaint package for this hearing. This hearing was originally scheduled to be heard in tandem with

Exercise Rider David Rodriguez, however it was heard separately following a request by his Attorney Roger Licht. Decision to follow.

10/19/23³

DAVID RODRIGUEZ HEARING (CASE: 23DM0040)

An informal hearing was held today for Exercise Rider David Rodriguez. He was accompanied by Attorney Roger Licht. This hearing was originally paired with the Pony Rider Daniel Aragon complaint (REF: 10/19/23²). The cover page of this eighteen (18) page complaint reads as follows.

On August 19, 2023, CHRB Investigators were notified of a physical altercation that occurred in the barn area of Del Mar Fairgrounds between David Rodriguez and Daniel Aragon. During the investigation, David Rodriguez was found to be an aggressor and in violation of CHRB Rule #1874- Disorderly Conduct.

CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon appeared for the CHRB at this hearing. CHRB Investigator J.C. Garrido conducted the investigation into this matter and was not present today. Both Exercise Rider Rodriguez and Pony Rider Aragon were working for Trainer Steve Knapp on the day of their alleged incidents. Well into today's hearing Attorney Roger Licht stated that he should be able to examine the Investigator who conducted the investigation into this matter. Mr. Licht objected to this and requested to have this case dismissed based upon his inability to do so.

After excusing all parties, the Stewards deliberated, reconvened, and dismissed this case. The decision was unanimous.

10/19/23⁴

JOSE DE JESUS FLORES HEARING (CASE: 23DM0033)

Exercise Rider Jose De Jesus Flores appeared in our office for an informal hearing today. Mr. Flores has been charged with violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1489 (a)(8), and Rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband). Darin Scharer (Winners Foundation) participated via telephone and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon was present for today's hearing. CHRB Investigator J.C. Garrido prepared the twenty-eight (28) pages heard in this matter. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

August 26, 2023, CHRB Investigators requested Exercise Rider Jose De Jesus Flores to submit to a breath and urine test after appearing to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs during a meeting with the Del Mar Board of Stewards. Flores provided a breath test which tested positive for blood alcohol content and took a urine test via Quest Cup and tested positive for methamphetamine and THC. In addition, a subsequent search of his living quarters in the barn area resulted in the discovery of two THC vape pens.

We asked Mr. Flores several questions regarding his history while working at the racetrack. He was very cooperative during the hearing. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
10/20/23¹

JOSE DE JESUS FLORES DECISION (REF: 10/19/23⁴)

Exercise Rider Jose De Jesus Flores appeared in the Del Mar Stewards Office August 26, 2023, to respond to a violation notice issued by the Del Mar Security Department. It was determined later that morning that Mr. Flores was under the influence of alcohol and methamphetamine. We informed him today of the following

ruling which addresses violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The decision was unanimous.

LATC RULING #29

Exercise Rider JOSE DE JESUS FLORES is suspended THIRTY (30) days retroactive (August 31, 2023, to September 29, 2023), for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of Alcohol/Methamphetamine) and Rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband-THC vape pens) on August 26, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, JOSE DE JESUS FLORES 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.

10/20/23²

GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU RULING

Trainer George Papaprodromou informed the racing office that he “did not want to run” his trainee, #7 Vulin in the eighth race, on Sunday October 15, 2023. No detailed reason was given. What was once an eleven (11) horse field, ended up being a seven (7) horse field last Sunday. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATC RULING #30

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU, who was scheduled to start VULIN in the eighth race on October 15, 2023, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration - didn't want to run).

10/20/23³

DANIEL ARAGON RULING (REF: 10/19/23²)

The following ruling was issued following an informal hearing in the Santa Anita Stewards office yesterday October 19. This was a majority decision. Steward Sawyer voted for a warning as it was believed he was not the aggressor.

LATC RULING #31

Pony Rider DANIEL ARAGON is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting) on August 19, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, DANIEL ARAGON 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.

10/20/23⁴

KENT DESORMEAUX RULING

Jockey Kent Desormeaux contacted the Stewards and waived his right to an informal hearing regarding his use of the riding crop in the first race October 15, 2023. We determined that Jockey Desormeaux used his riding crop seven (7) times while aboard second place finisher #4 Cane Creek Road. This race was contested at six (6) furlongs on the turf. The decision was unanimous.

LATC RULING #32

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 KENT DESORMEAUX, who rode CANE CREEK ROAD in the first race at Santa Anita Park on October 15, 2023, is suspended for ONE (1) day (October 27, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on April 20, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) – second offense. Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX has accrued a total of six (6) points.

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

10/20/23⁵

FIFTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this one (1) mile turf race. In the upper stretch (1/8 pole) fourth place finisher #2 Viewers Discretion (Diego Herrera) and fifth place finisher #5 Happyasaclam (IRE) (Antonio Fresu) were racing in mid-pack. At the 1/8th pole #2 Viewer's Discretion steps in and bumps #5 Happyasaclam (IRE). #5 Happyasaclam (IRE) was beaten a 'nose' for fourth position.

The Stewards received a Patrol Judge report, spoke to both jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a majority decision (Baker dissent) the Stewards made no change in the order of finish.

10/20/23⁶

NINTH RACE INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of this one (1) mile turf event the Stewards asked the placing judges to post the Inquiry sign. There was also a Jockey objection following the race. Jockey Victor Espinoza (#8 Lookatherglide-8th place) lodged an objection against second place finisher #3 Kitzkaty (Antonio Fresu) for alleged interference in mid-stretch.

The Stewards reviewed the stretch drive of this race. Films show #3 Kitzkaty ,full of run, behind a wall of horses. #3 Kitzkaty then shifts outward directly into the path of #8 Lookatherglide forcing Jockey Victor Espinoza to check his mount very sharply to avoid clipping heels. The Stewards received a Patrol Judge report and spoke to both jockeys involved in the incident. In a unanimous decision, #3 Kitzkaty was disqualified and placed eighth. Jockey Antonio Fresu was ordered to see the Stewards for a film review tomorrow.

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

10/20/23⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

4th Race #5 Barbera (Tr. A. Ordonez) claimed, G. Stute, trainer
 7th Race Declaration #1 Barristan the Bold (GB) (Tr. L. Barocio) Late on track- Dana Stead DVM. REFUND: \$21,823.62
 8th Race #2 Private Gem (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer

10/20/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,216	\$408,726.21
SCOTWinc	2,087	\$798,071.71
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,198,463.74
Total	5,303	\$6,405,261.66

SATURDAY

10/21/23¹

JOSE VERENZUELA RULING

In the third race on October 20 Jockey Jose Verenzuela was aboard #5 Red Diamond, who finished second. The Stewards observed Jockey Verenzuela use his riding crop seven (7) times in this race. Jockey Verenzuela waived his right to a film review (informal hearing) and accepted the penalty memorialized in ruling form below.

LATC RULING #33

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 JOSE VERENZUELA, who rode RED DIAMOND in the third race at Santa Anita Park on October 20, 2023, is suspended for ONE (1) day (October 28, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on April 21, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) – first offense. Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA accrued a total of three (3) points.

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

10/21/23²

ANTONIO FRESU FILM REVIEW (REF:10/20/23⁶)

Jockey Antonio Fresu appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in yesterday's ninth race where his mount #3 Kitzkaty finished second and was disqualified and placed eighth for mid-stretch interference. Today's film review shows #3 Kitzkaty shift out from behind race leaders in the stretch and bump eighth place finisher #8 Lookatherglide (Victor Espinoza). Jockey Espinoza had to steady sharply to avoid clipping heels. Another horse #9 Lady Lithesome (Umberto Rispoli – 1st Place) was also forced off his straight path by the incident.

Jockey Fresu did not accept responsibility for the incident during today's film review. He placed blame on fifth place finisher #6 Beautiful Janet (Kyle Frey) for failing to keep a straight course in the stretch. It was the unanimous opinion of the Stewards that this ride was careless and that a three-day riding suspension was warranted. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATC Ruling #34

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode KITZKATY in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on October 20, 2023, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 28, 29 and November 2, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to eighth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/21/23³

SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

10/21/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

3rd Race 3 Whistler's Style (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed, R. Thomas, trainer
 #5 Pens Street (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
 #6 Classymademoiselle (Tr. G. Papaprodromou), claimed, G. Stute

4th Race #4 Zimba Warrior (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, S. Knapp
 #6 Good Juju (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, P. Eurton, trainer

5th Race Declaration #7 City of Angels (Tr. M. Puype) Entered Back-Stewards

6th Race Declaration #1 Oh Great (IRE) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND: \$610.40

7th Race #6 High King (Tr. T. Yakteen) Flipped on track-Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND: \$44,968.11

10/21/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,525	\$841,731.88
SCOTWinc	3,415	\$1,430,014.95
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,919,320.03
Total	9,940	\$8,191,066.86

SUNDAY

10/22/23¹

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the eighth race on Friday October 20. In this 5 ½ furlong main track event Apprentice Aguilar was aboard #1 Halo Uncle who finished second in a photo finish for the 'win'.

At the finish line #1 Halo Uncle drifted out and forced third place finisher #4 Fact or Fiction (K. Frey) to steady off the heels of first place finisher #2 Private Gem (J. G. Torrealba). The Stewards told Mr. Aguilar that jockeys need to focus at the finish and 'pulling up' after the race, as any kind of carelessness can lead to an unsafe situation. Apprentice Aguilar appeared to be aware of his sub-par effort on this day. The Stewards issued a warning.

10/22/23²

HIWU DISQUALIFICATIONS

After receiving notices from Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) that (3) horses have been disqualified due to medication violations, we memorialized them all in ruling format.

LATC RULING #35

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, FACTS MATTER was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 8 at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 23, 2023, Case #EAD2023-16. 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 LORENZO RUIZ (\$9,600), Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR (\$960) and Trainer LORENZO RUIZ (\$0) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before November 22, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1 st JT'S WATCH	2 nd WHISKY MY GOD(ARG)	3 rd PEDRO PEREZ
4 th DR. TROUTMAN	5 th AROUND THE DIAL	6 th PERFECTO AMOR

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 #36

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, KANT BEAT THE ROCK was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 2 at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, Case #EAD2023-31. 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 LORENZO RUIZ (\$4,400), Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS (\$230) and Trainer LORENZO RUIZ (\$0) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before November 22, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1 st SUNRISE JOURNEY	2 nd ESTABLISHED	3 rd BIG SWEDE	4 th MAJESTIC WIND
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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 #37

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, AMERICAN CAT was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 3 at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 25, 2023, Case #EAD2023-17. 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), LORENZO RUIZ and JAIME VALDEZ (\$15,000), Jockey RAMON VAZQUEZ (\$1,500) and Trainer LORENZO RUIZ (\$1,500) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before November 22, 2023, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st WORTH LOOKING 2nd ABERDEEN’S KNIGHT 3rd MEDINA MAN
4th HOT MEMORIES

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.

10/22/23³

OFFICIAL CHANGE

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio VMD is off today. Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM will fill in as the CHRB Veterinarian.

10/22/23⁴

SECOND RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an accident inside the 1/8th mile marker of this one (1) mile main track event. In this race field #2 Asian Matriarch (J. G. Torrealba) was leading the quartet when he used his riding crop twice (left-handed). This horse drifted out slightly after a first left handed strike. Apprentice Torrealba then employed the riding crop a second time when #2 Asian Matriarch ducked out very sharply and unseated this apprentice jockey. #2 Asian Matriarch was captured by a track Outrider and not injured. Apprentice Torrealba was attended to by human ambulance personnel and walked off the track under his own power. He was cleared to ride later in the afternoon after being examined by the Track Physician.

After a Patrol Judge report and a review of all race replay angles, the Stewards made ‘no change’ in the order of finish.

10/22/23⁵

FOURTH RACE STEWARDS’ REVIEW

The Stewards announced that a Stewards’ Review would be conducted into the start of this 4th race which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. Race replays show fifth (last) pace finisher #5 Jazzy Empress (Armando Ayuso) ‘dancing in gate’ a split second before Starter Jay Slender dispatched the field. The Stewards felt there was no reason for a formal Inquiry as ‘Jazzy Empress’ caused her own problems that led to the slow start.

10/22/23⁶

FIFTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

First place finisher #4 Sorbet was claimed out of today’s fifth race for \$50,000. Following this race CHRB Veterinarian Jocelyn Lorbiecki informed the Stewards this horse was unsound and was placed on the Veterinarians List. The Stewards voided the claim, and this horse was returned to the barn of John Sadler.

10/22/23⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #1 Beer Money (Tr. D. O'Neill) Injured-Laurie Bohanon DVM. REFUND: \$6,548.65

1st Race Jockey Change #8 Drive for Show R.Gonzalez for M. Guttirez-2nd Call

2nd Race Declaration #5 Sugar Fish (Tr. L. Barocio) Unsound-Laurie Bohanon DVM. REFUND: \$849.92

2nd Race #2 Asian Matriarch (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

2nd Race NO SHOW WAGERING

4th Race #6 Jazzy Empress (Tr. E. Alvarez) Unsound- Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM REFUND: \$335.03

5TH Race #2 My Moon (Tr. A. Kitchingman) claimed, R. Dutrow, trainer

7th Race Declarations #1 Lemon Sushi (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Flipped in Gate-Dana Stead DVM

#4 Club Cal (Tr. S. Naranjo) Deceased-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$193,242.63

8th Race Declarations #2 Castle Island (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick- Dana Stead DVM

#3 Admiral Halsey (Tr. L. Barocio) Unsound- Laurie Bohannon DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,586.52

8th Race Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5

10/22/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,036	\$739,887.95
SCOTWinc	2,340	\$944,796.65
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,168,603.86
Total	8,376	\$6,853,288.46

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/20	Sat 10/21	Sun 10/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	3	8	27
Claims	2	5	2	9	28
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	3
Inquiries	2	0	0	2	9
Refunds	1	2	7	10	68
Rulings	4	2	3	9	37
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	5

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/16/23 TO 10/22/23

Horses on Vet List 21
Horses off Vet List 20
Shock Wave Therapy 3
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

BOS:GB:dw