

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Los Alamitos, California

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GENERAL DATA:

Address: 4961 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, California 90720
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

Dates: Friday, December 8, 2023, through Sunday, December 17, 2023.
Total number of racing days is six.

Races: Nine races a day unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 12:30 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted.
The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5 and final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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Report for Thursday, December 7, 2023, through Sunday, December 10, 2023

TUESDAY

12/5/23¹

OPENING DAY ENTRIES

Steward DAVID NUESCH was in to oversee entries for opening day. The racing office carded eight (8) races for Friday.

WEDNESDAY

12/6/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES AND ENTRIES

Steward DAVID NUESCH was in on Wednesday to oversee entries for Saturday and program changes for Friday. The racing office carded nine (9) races for Saturday.

THURSDAY

12/7/23¹

HARDGROVE CASE(23LT004)

Veterinarian NICOLA HARDGROVE was here to answer a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of rule #1842 (Veterinarian Records) when she failed to submit her pre-work examination prior the October 11, 2023, workout. Dr. Hardgrove stated she examined the horse "Divine Rascal" for a workout, when she evaluated it on October 11, 2023. After hearing all the facts we entered all the exhibits into record. Decision to follow.

12/7/23²

KAGELE COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN

The following complaint has been withdrawn for case #23SA0155, filed by the CHRB, against Owner THOMAS KAGELE for HISA rule #3060 (a) (Claiming Races and Voidable Claims), regarding the expenses of the claim of the horse "Forgiving Spirit", who was claimed on June 11, 2023, from the second race at Santa Anita Park. This case was withdrawn; being the matter was originally heard by a HISA hearing officer and not the California Horse Racing Board. This case should have been appealed through HISA and not the California Horse Racing Board, hence the CHRB withdrew the complaint.

12/7/23³

BAKER HEARING

Veterinarian VINCENT BAKER participated in a hearing after the CHRB filed a complaint for rule violation #1842 (Veterinarian Report) when a pre-race examination was not submitted in Equitaps system for the horse "Midnight Love" in the 8th race at Santa Anita Park. Dr. Baker stated he did examine the horse prior to the race and listed it in his confidential report, and his assistant failed to log it in to the Equitaps system. Decision to follow.

12/7/23⁴

MUNOZ RULING (case #23SA0141)

The following ruling was issued suspending Groom JUAN MUNOZ after he failed to show up for today's scheduled hearing. The CHRB filed a complaint for rule violations #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) when Santa Anita Security observed that he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol at Santa Anita Park on October 4, 2023.

LWTL Ruling #01

Groom JUAN MUNOZ having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before December 7, 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 #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) and CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – appeared to be under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JUAN MUNOZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), the subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

FRIDAY
12/8/23¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey TYLER BAZE was issued the following ruling when he took full responsibility for going 'one over' the riding crop rule in Sunday's fourth race at Del Mar Racetrack. The following ruling was issued after Mr. Baze elected to testify telephonically.

LWTL Ruling #02

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 TYLER BAZE, who rode BRING HIM HOME in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on December 3, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 15, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey TYLER BAZE is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 8, 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 TYLER BAZE 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.

Apprentice Jockey J.G. TORREALBA was in to review his riding crop use in Sunday's sixth race at Del Mar Racetrack. Mr. Torrealba appeared with his agent

Joe Griffin. They both agreed that he went over the limit one time and accepted the following ruling.

LWTL Ruling #03

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 J.G. TORREALBA, who rode BOWTIE BOYS in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on December 3, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 15, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Apprentice Jockey J.G. TORREALBA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 8, 2024, 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. Apprentice Jockey J.G. TORREALBA 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.

HISA Ruling #2023-00399 - 6/10/2023, HISA Ruling 2023-00719 – 8/24//2023

12/8/23²

MUNOZ REINSTATED

The following ruling is reinstating Groom JUAN MUNOZ after he contacted us telephonically when he was notified that he missed his scheduled hearing on Thursday. After receiving notice from Winners Foundation that Mr. Munoz is in good standing with Winners Foundation, and they recommend we reinstate him to allow him to work. Our following ruling spells out all the requirements that Mr. Munoz is required abide by.

LWTL Ruling #04

Groom JUAN MUNOZ, having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is reinstated and LWTL Ruling #01 issued on December 7, 2023, is set aside. Mr. MUNOZ appeared to be under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties at Santa Anita Park on October 4, 2023.

Furthermore JUAN MUNOZ has been evaluated by Winners Foundation and must abide by the terms set forth in their recommendations. Mr. Munoz is also ordered to sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board.

12/8/23³

GOOD RACING

The opening day race card went with no major issues to report, and the claims and changes are listed below.

12/8/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$0
3 rd Race	#3 La Paloma Blanca- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$65.00
4 th Race	#5 Logan to Win- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick Refund \$364.05
5 th Race	#1 Kislovodsk- VOIDED claim, returns to M. Puype #7 King Adrock- VOIDED claim, returns to A. Voucolo
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
7 th Race	#1 Tiz the Tale- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, unsound #6 Road of Love- A. Alsagoor replaces Francisco Orduna-Rojas, sick Refund \$394.31
8 th Race	#5 Sir Flatter- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Lorbiecki, unsound #7 I'm a Lucky Man- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #9 Sai Con (FR)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$1,226.57

12/8/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	703	\$181,359.70
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SCOTWinc	1,989	\$734,136.49
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,774,419.09
Total	2,692	\$3,689,915.28

SATURDAY

12/9/23¹

QUIET MORNING

The morning went well with no major issues to report, just the typical morning issues.

12/9/23²

STEWARDS INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident that the eighth pole involving the second-place horse #4 GREAT FORTY EIGHT (J.G. Torrealba) and the fourth place horse #5 CHATALAS (A. Fresu). After speaking to both jockeys and reviewing the video, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #4 and place him fourth. In our opinion the #4 stepped out making contact with the #5, costing the #5 the opportunity of a better placing.

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

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

12/9/23³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Thirsty Gambler- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
Refund \$1,018.23

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0

4th Race No changes; Refund \$0

5th Race #1 Egomania- Claimed by R. France, trainer

6th Race #4 Issa Court- Claimed by D. Pederson, trainer
#7 Roman Empress- Steward's scratch- Enter back. Refund \$227.80

7th Race No changes; Refund \$0

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0

9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

12/9/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,241	\$333,970.70
SCOTWinc	3,445	\$1,300,092.14
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,808,515.34
Total	4,686	\$6,442,578.18

SUNDAY

12/10/23¹

JOCKEYS IN

We had Jockey LIDIO BARRIENTOS come in to review our current rules since Mr. Barrientos has not ridden since 2017. We wanted him to understand the riding crop rule and make sure he has met all his requirements with HISA.

Apprentice Jockey J.G. TORREALBA was in to review yesterday's ninth race in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry. After reviewing the video several times Mr. Torrealba stated his horse shifted out from the gap and it caused his horse to step out. The majority felt that a suspension was not warranted. Steward Nuesch voted for a suspension.

Jockey JOHN VALENZUELA, JR., was in to review yesterday's first race in which he floated in, towards in the inside, causing the inside to steady slightly. The incident

did not rise to a penalty, but worthy of a review. Mr. Valenzuela agreed to do better in the future.

12/10/23²

JOCKEY'S OBJECTION / NO CHANGE

The second place Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ lodged a claim of foul against the third-place horse #3 ASADA FRIES (J. Rosario) for an incident just past the eighth pole. After reviewing the footage and speaking to the jockeys involved, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion the contact between both horses was mutual and minor, therefore no change was warranted.

12/10/23³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Awareness Autism- Stewards' scratch- Not gate approved
Refund \$391.52

2nd Race #4 Mastermind- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$272.39

3rd Race #2 Kimberly's Devil- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$288.55

4th Race No changes; Refund \$0

5th Race #4 Elector- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
#5 Thirsty John- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
Refund \$1,041.84

6th Race #1 Hammett- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$326.06

7th Race #6 Fast Per Se- Veterinarian scratch Dr. Stead sick. Refund \$806.39

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0

9th Race #5 Fly a Fantasy- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
Refund \$360.45

12/10/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,002	\$253,832.79
SCOTWinc	2,759	\$1,018,449.74
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,621,452.78
Total	3,761	\$4,893,735.31

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/7	Fri 12/8	Sat 12/9	Sun 12/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	No Racing	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	No Racing	2	2	3	7	7
Claims	No Racing	2	3	0	5	5
Disqualification	No Racing	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	No Racing	0	1	1	2	2
Refunds	No Racing	4	2	7	13	13
Rulings	1	3	0	0	4	4
Voided Claims	No Racing	2	0	0	2	2

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/4/23 TO 12/10/23

Horses on Vet List

20

Horses off Vet List

8

Shock Wave Therapy
Medication

0
0

Fatalities

2

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

George Yniguez, Safety Steward

BOS:LJ:dw