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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Arcadia, California**

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**Report for the Week of Monday, January 29 through Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**1/31/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday (10 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (8 races).

**THURSDAY**2/1/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Jauregui was available to make decisions pertaining to Sunday entries (8 races) and Saturday's declarations.

2/1/24<sup>2</sup>**O'NEILL HEARING CASE 23SR0036**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug O'Neill for possible violation of CHRB rule 1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). Participants in the formal hearing before the BOS were, CHRB General Counsel Robert Brodnik, Attorney Darrell Vienna representing the respondent trainer Doug O'Neill, who was only available by Microsoft Teams audio. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg, in person, documented the proceedings. The complaint read as follows;

*On August 5, 2023, the three (3) year old filly "Loyal to a Fault" was galloping on the main track at San Luis Rey Downs when the horse abruptly fell near the 6 furlong pole. The horse was transported off the track by the emergency van and humanely euthanized a short time later. CHRB Rule 1846.2 requires any horse who has not conducted a workout or race in the past 90 days to have a "Training Soundness Exam" completed prior to the start of training. A records check revealed "Loyal to a Fault" had not conducted a workout or raced in the past 90 days and no "Training Soundness Exam" had been completed.*

Grant Baker chaired the hearing; testimony was given and CHRB and Respondent 's documents were entered into evidence. Decision to follow.

2/1/24<sup>3</sup>

### **HEADLEY HEARING CASE 23SA0189**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Gustav Headley for possible violation of CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility). Participants in the recorded hearing before the BOS were, representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama, owner Kurt Rexius and trainer Gustav Headley.

The complaint read as follows;

*Owner Kurt Rexius (#309278, Exp. 05/2024) and Trainer Gustav Headley claimed LOVELY COLLEEN in race 3 at Los Alamitos on July 8, 2022, for \$12,500.00. The ownership of the horse was split 75% for Kurt Rexius and 25% for Gustav Headley. The horse was found to be injured a day after the claim and did not resume training until May 3, 2023, at San Luis Training Center. The horse had nine timed workouts; the last workout was July 3, 2023. Trainer Gustav Headley entered the horse to race July 7, 2023, but the regulatory veterinarian determined it to be lame and in need of an MRI scan. On July 7, 2023, Owner Rexius then offered \$1,000.00 to buy his 25% share of the horse, but Trainer Headley declined. Owner Rexius then offered Trainer Headley \$2,000.00 for his 25% share, but Trainer Headley wanted to include outstanding bills in addition to the \$2,000.00. Owner Rexius had the horse transferred into the care of Trainer Steve Knapp and had the MRI conducted. The MRI did not indicate a tendon tear and Trainer Knapp recommended the horse recuperate at a farm. The horse has subsequently returned to Santa Anita and is currently under the care of Trainer Knapp. According to Owner Rexius, the horse accumulated veterinary care, transportation and training fees which amounted to \$3,006.02 owed to him by Trainer Headley. The outstanding amount has been part of the ongoing dispute between the co-owners until this day.*

Again, Steward Baker chaired the hearing. After much testimony trying to have the participants agree on a specific amount owed to either, trainer Headley accepted a negotiated offer of \$2,750, sold his 25% ownership to Mr. Rexius to satisfy the complaint and was paid in cash by owner Rexius in the Stewards' office. The complaint was signed off.

2/1/24<sup>4</sup>

### **NEWFIELD FARM HEARING CASE 24SA0010**

The CHRB filed a complaint against owners, Paul Newhart, and Nadine Anderson (dba Newfield Farm) for possible violation of CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) for trainer Ricky Agarie. Participants in the recorded hearing before the BOS were, representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama, owners Newhart, Anderson, and trainer Agarie.

The complaint read as follows;

*Trainer Ricky Agarie (CHRB #249907, Exp. 11/2025) provided thoroughbred services to various horses owned by DBA Newfield Farm (Paul Newhart #304360, Exp. 11/2025 and Nadine Anderson #079882, Exp. 11/2024) during 2022 and 2023 amounting to \$52,167.00. Newfield farm has paid invoices to Trainer Agarie in the amount of \$22,534.00. Newfield farm has failed to pay \$24,067.00 in outstanding invoices owed to Trainer Agarie for training services since January 2023 and continuing until present day. The outstanding balance is the sum after a \$10,000.00 (50%) discount for the co-ownership of their horse, FIFTY STARS.*

Steward Baker chaired the hearing that involved much negotiating to have the participants resolve their dispute as to who owed who. Financial Agreements were signed, bill of sales were signed, and all seemed to be satisfied with the results.

**FRIDAY**  
2/2/24<sup>1</sup>

### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Frankie Dettori and Diego Herrera both joined the Stewards to represent Joel Rosario for his ride in the second race on last Sunday pertaining to an incident at the 3/8 marker. In a majority opinion he was issued a warning. Steward Baker voted for a suspension penalty.

2/2/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #8 Thompson (Tr. T. Yakteen) Stewards-off turf Refund \$2,774.86  
 2nd race #2 Nauvoo (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall  
 #3 Big Buzz (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
 #4 Settecento (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. M. Rheinford Refund \$453.42  
 3rd race WIN ONLY  
 #1 Tiergarten (Tr. S. Knapp) Stewards-off turf  
 #2 Chasing Serendipity (Tr. V. Cerin) Stewards-off turf  
 #3 Sareeha (IRE) (Tr. A. Mathis) Stewards-off turf  
 #5 A Crown for Kitten (Tr. T. Yakteen) Stewards-off turf Refund \$2,536.76  
 4th race #2 Good At Being Bad (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
 Refund \$1,426.42  
 5th race #1 Top Gun Tommy (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall  
 #6 Desmond Does (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$1,504.46  
 6th race #4 Uptown Preacher (Tr. C. Gaines) Stewards-off turf  
 #7 Blondzilla (Tr. M. Valenzuela, III) Stewards-off turf Refund \$1,602.98  
 7th race 1 Kristi's Tiger (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
 Refund \$1,169.05  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

2/2/24<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,063	\$409,458.74
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,489	\$409,458.74
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$4,340,371.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,552	\$5,729,515.63

**SATURDAY**

2/3/24<sup>1</sup>

**QUIET MORNING**

The am hours were routine, discussions and decisions were made pertaining to previous complaints heard.

2/3/24<sup>2</sup>

**1/ST Racing Tour**

Today's ten race card will have national coverage by CNBC of the 4<sup>th</sup> race "Megaherts Stakes" (Grade III) and 5<sup>th</sup> race "Robert B. Lewis Stakes" (Grade III). Also carded, 8<sup>th</sup> race "Thunder Road Stakes" (Grade III) and the 9<sup>th</sup> race "Santa Monica Stakes" (Grade II).

2/3/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$  
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$  
 3rd race #4 Chickasaw (Tr. T.R. Bell II) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
 #6 Derecho Dandy (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$  
 5th race #5 Coach Prime (Tr. B. Baffert) Stewards-stake  
 #7 Stronghold (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards-stake  
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$  
 7th race #4 Tokamak (Tr. E.G. Harty) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 8th race #2 Prince Abama (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards-stake

9th race #4 Rose Maddox (Tr. S. Miyadi) Stewards-stake  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #4 Calsson (Tr. M. Ortiz, Sr.) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery  
 #7 Truly Quality (J. Thomas) M. Smith replaced L. Dettori (2<sup>nd</sup> call)  
 #14 (AE) Vantastic (Tr. P. Eurton) drew in

2/3/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	8,083	\$1,281,775.85
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	4,103	\$1,731,994.36
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$8,656,108.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	12,186	\$11,669,878.70

**SUNDAY**

2/4/24<sup>1</sup>

**CARD CANCELLATION**

The eight-race program scheduled today was cancelled Friday afternoon due to the rain forecasted in upcoming weather reports. Racing Secretary Jason Egan reported, Stake races along with under card races on Sunday's program will be rescheduled.

2/4/24<sup>2</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Kim Sawyer was available to resolve any issues pertaining to entries for Friday, February 9.

2/4/24<sup>3</sup>

**O'NEILL DECISION (ref 02-01-24<sup>2</sup>)**

Stewards Baker, Jauregui, and Sawyer deliberated the facts presented in the hearing; in a unanimous decision the complaint (case 23SR0036) was dismissed.

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/2</b>	<b>Sat 2/3</b>	<b>Sun 2/4</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	No Racing	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	1	No Racing	2	37
<b>Claims</b>	4	0	No Racing	4	20
<b>Disqualification</b>	0	0	No Racing	0	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	No Racing	0	8
<b>Refunds</b>	7	10	No Racing	17	127
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	No Racing	0	20
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	No Racing	0	10

**VETERINARIAN REPORT      -      WEEK OF 1/29/24 TO 2/4/24**

Horses on Vet List	7	Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	0	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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 Luis Jauregui, Steward

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 Grant Baker, Steward

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