

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 20, through Sunday, February 25, 2024.

WEDNESDAY2/21/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday (10 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (9 races).

THURSDAY2/22/24¹**REPLACEMENT STEWARD**

Steward David Nuesch filled Steward duties for Luis Jauregui who is not available until Sunday due to personal reasons. Steward Nuesch was also available to make decisions pertaining to Sunday entries (10 races) and Saturday's declarations and approve program changes.

2/22/24²**PAEZ HEARING CASE 24SA0020**

In attendance for the hearing before the BOS were, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg and respondent Isidro Paez, and Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer was available by telephone. CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama compiled the complaint and reads as follows:

A laboratory analysis of a sample drawn from WHISHTHEYALLCOULDBE on December 29, 2023, was determined to be positive for a prohibited substance. Trainer Sergio Morfin (#319395, Exp. 5/2024) identified Isidro Paez as a groom that was assigned to the horse that day. Isidro Paez voluntarily provided a urine sample on January 27, 2024, and the Quest Express Cup resulted positive for both methamphetamine and amphetamine. A primary and split sample was submitted to Quest and the primary sample resulted positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine. Isidro Paez stated he snorted methamphetamine while attending a New Year's party on January 1, 2024.

The record was opened, testimony was given, the complaint was entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

2/22/24³

MCANALLY /MCANALLY /VERENZUELA HEARING CASE 24SA0017

CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon filed the complaint and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg was present to document the proceedings. All three respondents Ron McAnally, Deborah McAnally, Jose Verenzuela, listed on the complaint declined to appear.

The complaint reads as follows:

On January 25, 2024, CHRB Investigators were notified that Jockey Jose Verenzuela (304643-5/2025) who rode "THE GIANTS CANDY" in the second race at Santa Anita on December 30, 2023, and placed second, was observed using his riding crop five times over the limit (Class 2 violation). The horse is owned by Deborah McAnally DBA Deborah McAnally Trust (602851-12/2025) and trained by Ron McAnally (071630-07/2026). In accordance with HISA Rule #2282(b), the horse "THE GIANTS CANDY" will be disqualified, and all purse money forfeited. 02-23-24.

The facts of the case were described and submitted into the record. The complaint was entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Ruling to follow.

2/22/24⁴

QUINONEZ HEARING CASE 23DM0039

In attendance for the hearing before the BOS were, representing the CHRB Investigator Ryan Russell, court reporter Michelle Derieg and respondent trainer Rolando Quinonez.

The complaint reads as follows:

On August 18, 2023, the horse "Vagabond Prayer" was galloping on the main track at the Del Mar Racetrack when the horse sustained a right front leg injury near the 3/8 pole. The horse was 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. Records check revealed "Vagabond Prayer" had not conducted a workout or raced in the past 90 days and no "Training Soundness Exam" had been completed. While investigating the "Training Soundness Exam" violation, it was discovered that several of trainer Quinonez's horses, including "Vagabond Prayer" were missing the required pre-workout veterinary exams. A full audit of pre-work veterinary examinations was conducted for the horses in trainer Quinonez care between January 1, 2022, and August 20, 2023, which resulted in 28 violations of CHRB Rule 1878 - Workouts.

After testimony, questions asked and answered, exhibits were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

2/23/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Sunday, February 18, 2024, Kazushi Kimura (6th race) and Drayden Van Dyke (1st race) were both directed to meet with the Stewards today. This issue involved overuse of the crop. They both called the BOS on Sunday and admitted they violated the rule. Their rulings are listed below.

LATS RULING #30

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 DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode ENGLISH DANGER in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 18, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (March 1, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for three (3) strikes over the limit.

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

LATS RULING #31

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

KAZUSHI KIMURA, who rode ESCAPE ROUTE in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 18, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (March 1, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

2/23/24²

INQUIRY /DISQUILIFACTION /NINTH RACE 1 mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident inside the 1/8 pole. Involved were #5 Dick Best (K. Frey 1st), #6 Rodrigoknows (T. Pereira 4th) and #9 Barely Funtional (M. Gutierrez 2nd). After conversation with the Patrol Judge and all jockeys involved, in a majority opinion (Baker dissent), #5 tightened a hole on the fence that #9 was entering into, causing it (#9) to hesitate for a few strides, and was beat a small nose. #5 was disqualified from first and placed second behind #9. The contact between #5 and #6 was minor and did not affect the final placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH (5)-9-11-6-1-12-4-2-7-8-10
 OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 9-(5)-11-6-1-12-4-2-7-8-10

2/23/24³

VOIDED CLAIM

Official veterinarian Nolton Pattio performed a physical examination of #12 Wine and Whisky (9th race) and placed the horse on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of Simon Hobson.

2/23/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$254.00
 2nd race #4 Ferociously (Tr. E. Moger, Jr) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler. Refund \$139.40
 3rd race #2 Topper Wager (Tr. M. Polanco) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #3 Arrogates Spirit (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund \$832.80
 4th race #1 Madison Rae (Tr. P. Miller) Stewards-trainer's choice
 Refund \$1,020.29
 5th race #3 Etheric (Tr. J. Thomas) Stewards-trainer's choice
 Refund \$1,183.89
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$233.60
 8th race #8 Wishtheyallcouldbe (S. Morfin) claimed by Tr. H. Palma
 Refund \$269.00
 9th race #3 Red Cross Knight (Tr. J.Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 #12 Wine and Whisky (Tr. S. Hobson) claimed by Tr. M. Puype - **VOID**
 Refund \$4,958.14

2/23/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,386	\$403,610.99
SCOTWINC	2,506	\$902,377.89
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$5,100,984.62
TOTAL	4,892	\$6,406,973.50

SATURDAY

2/24/24¹

MILLER RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer Peter Miller chose to not run his trainee. He was told the penalty could increase if he becomes a repeat offender.

LATS RULING #32

Trainer PETER MILLER, who was scheduled to start MADISON RAE in the fourth race on February 23, 2024, 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).

2/24/24²

THOMAS RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer Jonathan Thomas requested his horse be declared from the fifth race yesterday as he had entered his trainee into the wrong race.

LATS RULING #33

Trainer JONATHAN THOMAS, who was scheduled to start ETHERIC in the fifth race on February 23, 2024, 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).

2/24/24³

MCANALLY RULING ref-02-22-24³

The following ruling was issued after the facts of the case were memorialized in the hearing.

LATS RULING #34

Pursuant to a formal hearing held on February 22, 2024, it is hereby ordered that THE GIANTS CANDY, who finished second in the second race at Santa Anita Park on December 30, 2023, be disqualified and deemed unplaced pursuant to HISA Rule 2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties [Class 2 Violation]) for violation of HISA Rule 2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

It is further ordered that the purse money awarded to Owner DEBORAH MCANALLY TRUST, FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,600.00) and Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA, TWO HUNDRED and FORTY DOLLARS (\$240.00) be distributed in accordance with the revised order of finish by the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park.

Revised order of finish is as follows:

1 st Grand Tiger	4 th Bluegrass Ryder
2 nd Mongolian Gold	5 th Venom
3 rd King Zog	

All records are ordered 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.

2/24/24⁴

PAEZ RULING ref-02-22-24²

The following ruling was issued after the BOS deliberated, the facts of the complaint and the testimony of Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer.

LATS RULING #35

Groom ISIDRO R. PAEZ is suspended NINETY (90) days retroactive (January 28, 2024, thru April 26, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of Amphetamine and Methamphetamine) on January 27, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

Furthermore, ISIDRO R. PAEZ 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.

2/24/24⁵

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Kyle Frey met with the Stewards to review the ninth race yesterday that involved in an inquiry and disqualification of his mount (ref 02-23-24²). In a unanimous opinion jockey Frey made an effort to correct when the horse stepped in. Warning.

2/24/24⁶

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #6 Mr. Dreamcycle (4th race), the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of Steve Miyadi.

2/24/24⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$16.00
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$6.00
 3rd race #6 Lovme Likeafool (Tr. E. Alvarez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$428.00
 4th race #6 Mr. Dreamcycle (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. V. Garcia **VOID**
 5th race #1 Cathkin Peak (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$67.00
 8th race #1 None Above the Law. Refund \$121.00
 9th race #3 Player B (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards-entered back. Refund \$2,120.06
 10th race #2 Johnny Drama (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
 #4 Tiger's Arrow (Tr. G. Vallejo)
 #7 American Cat (Tr. M. Valenzuela, Jr.) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
 Refund \$433.78

2/24/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,352	\$1,362,039.38
SCOTWINC	3,993	\$1,627,129.09
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$7,361,178.81
TOTAL	11,345	\$10,350,347.28

SUNDAY

2/25/24¹

QUINONEZ RULING ref-02-22-24⁴)

After consideration of all the facts heard in Thursday's hearing, the Stewards dismissed CHRB rule 1846.2 attached to the complaint, as the horse was in training prior to the rule going into effect. The Stewards imposed the following ruling for violation of CHRB rule 1878.

LATS RULING #36

Trainer ROLANDO QUINONEZ, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (Workouts - No seventy-two [72] hour pre-workout Veterinarian examinations [Non-compliance for 28 out of 238 workouts]) between January 1, 2022, through August 20, 2023.

2/25/24²

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /TENTH RACE 1 mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the first turn. Involved were, #4 Clements Ride (H. I. Berrios 2nd) #6 Travelin' Show (K. Kimura 6th) and #7 Takes Three (A. Ayuso 1st). After conversation with the Patrol Judge and the jockeys involved, in a majority opinion (Jauregui dissent), soon after the start #7 angled inward forcing #6 into #4 who appeared to clip heels, stumble, and lose stride, also, the jockey on #6 was unbalanced. #4 re rallied and was beaten a half-length for the win. #7 was disqualified from first and placed second behind #4. The final placing of #6 was not affected.

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

2/25/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #2 Comradery (IRE) (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. A. Farias
 #4 Moody Jim (IRE) (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
 Refund \$3,167.65
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$46.00
 3rd race #1 Cribbage Broad (Tr. A. Saavedra) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 #7 Player B (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$144,138.95

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$11.00
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$32.00
 7th race #3 Irish Heatwave (Tr. M. Puype) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
 #8 Sawasdee (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase. Refund \$1,834.70
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$63.00
 9th race #11 Warrens Candy Girl (Tr. C. Lewis) Stewards-stake. Refund \$1,491.20
 10th race No Changes; Refund \$0

2/25/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,159	\$923,650.79
SCOTWINC	3,085	\$1,158,470.19
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$7,519,873.92
TOTAL	8,244	\$9,601,994.90

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/23	Sat 2/24	Sun 2/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	2	6	58
Claims	3	4	2	9	49
Disqualification	1	0	1	2	8
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	14
Refunds	8	7	8	23	187
Rulings	2	4	1	7	40
Voided Claims	1	1	0	2	15

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/18/24 TO 2/25/24

Horses on Vet List 12
 Horses off Vet List 19
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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