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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday, April 22, through Sunday, April 28, 2024.

WEDNESDAY4/24/24¹**ENTRIES**

Steward KIM SAWYER was in to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and scratches for Friday (4/26/24).

THURSDAY4/25/24¹**ELDER HEARING CASE 24SA0051**

Owner JOHN ELDER, who participated via telephone and is 25% owner of LIGHTS ASTERN (Foaled in 2020), who has been trained by Leonard Powell since June 2022. Owner John Elder was sent invoices and account statements from trainer Leonard Powell for training fees since inception. Mr. Elder received a monthly invoice and statements via email with an outstanding balance of \$7,369.25, for training services since March 2023 and continuing until present day. At the end of 2022 there was an outstanding balance of \$3,526.00. John Elder made payments from June to December 2023 in the amount of \$3,756.00; however, incurred \$7,599.25 in additional invoices March 31, 2024, through October 31, 2023, with a total outstanding balance owed to Leonard Powell for the amount of \$7,369.25. After hearing some of the testimony we ordered Mr. Elder to make a personal appearance in our office, therefore the hearing was continued until May 16th. More to come.

4/25/24²**KAISER HEARING CASE 24SA0050**

Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation shipped LIAM'S JOURNEY from LAX Airport to Santa Anita Park on October 23, 2023, and from Santa Anita Park to Ontario Airport on November 6, 2023, while under the care of trainer Mike Maker. The horse ran on October 4, 2023, and on December 9, 2023, and the racing program listed Robyn Kaiser as the owner. Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation sent the invoice to 100% owner Robyn Kaiser in the amount of \$980 on March 4, 2024, and has remained outstanding until today. After a discussion with Robyn Kaiser a financial agreement was reached with both parties.

4/25/24³

GOMEZ HEARING CASE 24SA0004

Trainer RUBEN GOMEZ was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of rules #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination [90-day rule]) and #1846.3(Veterinarian and Training Records for Horses requiring Training Soundness Examination). Mr. Gomez’s horse “Derby Prospect” collapsed and died while training at Santa Anita on January 1, 2024. Present in the hearing was Mr. Gomez, CHRB Investigator Ann Dillon and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. The horse had recently returned from a layup longer than 90-days without undergoing the required primary and secondary regulatory veterinary examinations before resuming training. After hearing all the facts and entering the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
4/26/24¹

QUIET MORNING

The morning was quiet other with no scheduled hearings or riders summoned to appear. We spent the morning handling the typical Steward’s issues.

4/26/24²

GOOD RACING

The nine (9) race card went with no major issues other than the changes and declarations listed below.

4/26/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$101.00
- 2nd Race #2 Vegas Burner- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
- #5 Mr Leisure- Claimed by T. Yakteen, trainer Refund \$169.30
- 3rd Race #3 Cribbage Board- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
- #4 Grazed- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
- #7 Please Focus- Claimed by G. Lopez, trainer Refund \$629.97
- 4th Race #5 Betty Pack- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$471.57
- 5th Race #7 Uncle Rig- Claimed by R. Baltas, trainer
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$179.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$204.00
- 9th Race #11 Mongolian Max- Steward’s scratch, Also eligible
- #12 Bound to Succeed- Steward’s scratch, Also eligible
- #13 When Heroes Fly- Steward’s scratch, Also eligible Refund \$1,764.80

4/26/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,481	\$395,298.29
SCOTWINC	2,652	\$993,547.09
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$5,928,052.85
TOTAL	5,133	\$7,316,898.23

SATURDAY
4/27/24¹

STEWARD SWITCH

Steward Luis Jauregui was out sick today, so Safety Steward Dave Nuesch filled his position in the stand.

4/27/24²

AYUSO RULING

Jockey Armando Ayuso was summoned to come into our office yesterday, to review his ride in the 10th race last Sunday, where he appeared to shift lanes without proper clearance. He neglected to appear yesterday to review the race and had jockey Tyler Baze represent him today. In addition, his agent Rene Amescua also attended the film review. The Stewards

warned his agent that Mr. Ayuso is treading a fine line and will be receiving days if he's called in for something similar in the future. Mr. Ayuso did receive a penalty for not attending the film review yesterday, which is outlined in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #73

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on April 26, 2024).

4/27/24³

ALSAGOOR RULING

As a result of violating the HISA crop rule in yesterday's fourth race, jockey Abdul Alsagoor was issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #74

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 ABDUL ALSAGOOR, who rode MS MOAB in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on April 26, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (May 4, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) 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.

4/27/24⁴

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

After the eleventh race field crossed the finish, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in mid-stretch where #10 Runyon Canyon (L. Dettori) shifted inward, causing interference to his inside, most notably to #1 Willa T (D. Herrera), who finished in a dead-heat with Runyon Canyon. After reviewing the race from multiple angles and speaking to the jockeys involved, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Willa T was cost the opportunity a better placing, so they disqualified Runyon Canyon from dead-heat third position to fourth position.

Original order of finish: 4-3-**1&10**-2-8-5-9-6

Official order of finish: 4-3-1-**10**-2-8-5-9-6

4/27/24⁵

VOIDED CLAIM – SIXTH RACE

As a result of failing the post-race examination by the official vet, the claim submitted by trainer Martin Valenzuela III for Top Gun Tommy was voided by the Stewards. Top Gun Tommy was placed on the Veterinarian's list and returned to the George Papaprodromou stable.

4/27/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0
2 nd Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0
3 rd Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0
4 th Race	No Changes; Refund: \$21.46
5 th Race	No Changes; Refund: \$57.46
6 th Race	#1 Johnny Drama (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio #2 Lansdowne (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp #5 Top Gun Tommy (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claim - VOIDED Refund: \$992.71
7 th Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0
8 th Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0
9 th Race	No Changes; Refund: \$48.00
10 th Race	#5 It's My House (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp #11 Midnight Mammoth (Tr. C. Dollase) Stewards - Also Eligible #12 Brazenly (Tr. D. Azcarate) Stewards - Also Eligible Refund: \$344.90
11 th Race	#7 Criticism (Tr. P. D'Amato) Vet - injured - Dr. Deluhery Refund: \$850.90

4/27/24⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	7,943	\$1078900.29
SCOTWINC	3,804	\$1590076.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$8274836.12
TOTAL	11,747	\$10943813.35

SUNDAY4/28/24¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey LANFRANCO "FRANKIE" DETTORI was in to review yesterday's eleventh race which involved a Stewards' inquiry. We reviewed the stretch run in which he shifted in making contact with the inside horse. After reviewing the race numerous times, we issued Mr. Dettori a warning. The majority felt the incident was not worthy of a penalty, Steward Baker voted for a suspension.

4/28/24²**GOOD RACING**

The nine-race card went very smooth, no major issues to consider. The changes are listed below.

4/28/24³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #4 Sweet Layla Rae- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick
 2nd Race #1 Violet Storm- T Pereira replaces A. Aguilar, incomplete physical
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$
 4th Race #2 Dramatizer- Claimed by G. Lopez, trainer
 #6 Vulin- Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$
 8th Race #6 Tizzy Twister- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer
 9th Race #3 Pace Lane- Steward's scratch- Owner didn't want to run
 #7 Queen Girvin- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
 #14 Tahini- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible

4/28/24⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	5,272	\$860,482.86
SCOTWINC	3,186	\$1,179,900.11
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$6,572,355.88
TOTAL	8,458	\$8,612,738.85

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/26	Sat 4/27	Sun 4/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	3	2	2	7	103
Claims	4	2	3	9	103
Disqualification	0	1	0	1	11
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	25
Refunds	7	6	4	17	316
Rulings	0	2	0	2	74
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	30

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 4/22/24 TO 4/28/24

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

BOS:LJ:dw