

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.
Arcadia, California**

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Report for the Week of Monday, April 29, through Sunday, May 5, 2024.

WEDNESDAY5/1/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (8 races).

THURSDAY5/2/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Jauregui was available to make decisions pertaining to Sunday entries (10 races) and Saturday's declarations.

5/2/24²**GUTIERREZ RECORDED HEARING CASE 24SA0022**

The complaint read as follows:

Groom Alan Garcia contacted Santa Anita Security and reported he felt threatened by a verbal statement made by Andres Gutierrez. Security found Gutierrez, who told them he consumed cocaine and was afraid people were trying to attack him, so he needed to see a doctor. Gutierrez was evaluated by medics and transported by ambulance to USC Arcadia for observation. Security told the CHRB Gutierrez is not allowed back into the stable area until he speaks with Investigators. Gutierrez has been unreachable since the incident.

Present for the hearing chaired by Steward Grant Baker were, representing the CHRB, Investigator Anne Dillon and respondent Andres Gutierrez, also via telephone Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer. Testimony was given, documents were entered into the record and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

5/2/24³**HERNANDEZ HEARING CASE 24SA0038**

The complaint read as follows:

Jose Hernandez appeared to be impaired when he led his horse inside the Receiving Barn before the 9th race. His trainer Marcelo Polanco sent him back to his room to rest. Hernandez

voluntarily submitted a urine sample when requested by the CHRB the next day, which was positive for THC (marijuana). He admitted to consuming alcohol the day before. Approximately 0.9 grams of marijuana was found in his room, which he admitted belonged to him. Two days later Polanco fired him for threatening another groom.

Investigator Dillon was available to represent the CHRB, Mr. Hernandez failed to appear for the hearing and a ruling will be distributed tomorrow.

5/2/24⁴

MUNOZ / IBANEZ (PARQUE PATRICIOS RACING STABLE) HEARING CASE 24SA0032

The complaint read as follows:

Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation shipped CRESCENDO MOLTO from Santa Anita Park to Del Mar on July 16, 2023, while under the care of trainer Dan Blacker. The horse ran on April 21, 2023, and on August 26, 2023, and the racing program listed Parque Patricios Racing Stables as the owner. Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation Inc. sent the invoice to 100% owner Parque Patricios Racing Stables in the amount of \$342.00 on July 20, 2023, and has remained outstanding until today. The Parque Patricios Racing Stables organization is owned by Maria C Munoz (CHRB #401743, Exp. 1/2026) and Alberto R. Ibanez (CHRB #313546, Exp. 12/2025).

Present for the hearing were, representing Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation Inc., Alan Severinsen and representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. Mr. Ibanez had been in contact with Investigator Yokoyama and stated the bill would be paid by credit card. An attempt was made, and the credit card was declined. Mr. Ibanez who was located in Argentina was contacted by telephone and Steward Jauregui translated the message that, all owners involved would be suspended tomorrow if a payment was not received today. More to follow.

FRIDAY

5/3/24¹

COMPLAINT FINALIZED ref 05-02-24⁴

The Munoz/ Ibanez financial complaint was signed off when Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation Inc. confirmed a payment in the full amount of \$342.00 was received.

5/3/24²

HERNANDEZ RULING ref 05-02-24³

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Hernandez failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

LATS RULING #75

Groom JOSE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before May 2, 2024, 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 #1890(a) (Possession of Contraband) and rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

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

5/3/24³

INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION/ EIGHTH RACE-3/4 turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred near the 5/16 marker. Involved were #2 Shoot for the Sky (R. Gonzalez 8th), #4 Play My Speed (T. Baze 7th) and #7 Miz Clubcali (D. Herrera 2nd). In a tight three horse spread, #2 on the rail, #4 second out and #7 outside, #7 pressed #4 into #2 causing both horses to take up and lose stride. After a review of all available angles, conversation with the Patrol Judge and all jockeys involved in a majority opinion, #7 was disqualified from second and placed last behind #2. Steward Jauregui voted to make no change.

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

5/3/24⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$1147.85
 2nd race #6 Bit's Tiger Magic (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$1,842.21
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 4th race #3 Don't Swear Dave (Tr. S. Knapp)
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$8,777.06
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5/3/24⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	2,806	\$586,973.76
SCOTWINC	4,651	\$1,599,195.21
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$3,778,407.81
TOTAL	7,457	\$5,964,576.77

SATURDAY5/4/24¹**GOMEZ RULING ref 04-25-24³**

After much deliberation the following ruling was issued. The Stewards determined the occurrence did not involve an official workout nor an injury. The incident took place during a regular training schedule (jogging).

LATS Ruling #77

Trainer RUBEN GOMEZ, who trained DERBY PROSPECT on January 1, 2024, at Santa Anita Park is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination) and #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – no ninety-day examination).

5/4/24²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Diego Herrera met with the Stewards to review the eighth race (ref 05-03-24³) from yesterday that involved the disqualification of his horse. In a three-horse spread, Herrera's horse on the outside leaned in enough to create contact. The majority believed the horse on the rail at the same time changed to its right lead and this contributed to the outcome. Steward Baker voted for a suspension penalty.

Adrian Escobedo joined the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the fifth race yesterday. While using the crop in the downward position on the horses shoulder his hand began to rise from the horses' neck. There had been a meeting with the jockeys on Sunday April 21 (ref 04-21-24⁴) describing stricter enforcement of the rule. Mr. Escobedo did not ride at Santa Anita that weekend and was unaware of the new enforcement tactics. In a majority opinion he received a warning, Steward Baker voted for a penalty.

5/4/24³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #7 Rastaman Vibe (Tr. P. Eurton) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$1,678.97
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd race #2 Hawker (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. E. Ganbat
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 6th race #2 Woodbine Way (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. L. Campuzano
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$3.00
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

9th race #5 Mysterious Husband (Tr. M. Glatt) Stewards-re-entered
Refund \$412.08
10th race #6 The Big Cheessola (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle
Race 11th #2 Myfavoritedaughter (Tr. V. Cerin) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr.
Deluhery. Refund \$86,605.29

5/4/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	17,577	\$2,583,536.76
SCOTWINC	12,605	\$5,181,794.32
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$8,383,334.96
TOTAL	30,182	\$16,148,666.04

SUNDAY

5/5/24¹

GUTIERREZ RULING ref 05-02-24 (?)

The following ruling was issued after different BOS opinions were discussed and almost agreed upon. Steward Jauregui believed a ninety-day suspension was the appropriate penalty.

LATS RULING #78

Foreman/Exercise Rider/Owner/Valet ANDRES GUTIERREZ is fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and suspended SIXTY (60) days (May 6, 2024, to July 4, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication/Threatening Behavior) for an incident at Santa Anita Park on January 28, 2024.

Furthermore, ANDRES GUTIERREZ 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. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by ANDRES GUTIERREZ.

5/5/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Geovanni Franco was directed to meet with the BOS to review his ride or lack of effort in the tenth race yesterday. It was hard to prove Mr. Franco's actions cost the horse a better placing, he left with a majority warning and was directed to finish his rides in the future, Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension penalty.

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. The incident in question occurred near the 5/16 area in the 5 ½ dirt event. Mr. Aguilar while passing two rivals on his inside appeared to drift inward causing a horse to check. After a thorough review and conversation, Mr. Aguilar received a warning. Steward Sawyer voted for suspension days.

5/5/24³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /TENTH RACE -1-mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that transpired mid-stretch. Involved were #3 Blue Dog (A. Agular 9th), #4 Old Pal (M. Smith 1st) and #6 Reckless Spirit (A. Fresu 8th). After a review of all available angles, conversation with the Patrol Judge and all jockeys involved in a unanimous decision there was no change in the original placings. The #4 horse making a big run on the inside of the #3 and #6, drifted out while marginally clear which affected those two horses, but not the original order of finish.

5/5/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race #4 Slew's Joy (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
#5 Established (Tr. D. Azcarate) claimed by Tr. S. Calvario
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race No Changes; Refund \$142.96

7th race No Changes; Refund \$370.99
 8th race #2 Bag's Gold (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$1,848.20
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 10th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5/5/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,301	\$856,189.17
SCOTWINC	3,225	\$1,262,340.54
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$9,226,546.43
TOTAL	8,526	\$11,345,076.14

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/3	Sat 5/4	Sun 5/5	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	6	2	1	9	112
Claims	3	3	2	8	111
Disqualification	1	0	0	1	12
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	26
Refunds	3	4	3	10	326
Rulings	2	1	1	4	78
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	30

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 4/29/24 TO 5/5/24

Horses on Vet List 11
 Horses off Vet List 13
 Shock Wave Therapy 3
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 Grant Baker, Steward

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