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

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for the Week of Monday, May 20, through Monday, May 27, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**5/22/24<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 (9 races).

**THURSDAY**5/23/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

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

5/23/24<sup>2</sup>**QUARTERLY STEWARDS' COMMITTEE MEETING**

In attendance for the meeting, via Microsoft Teams were, Chairman Dr. Greg Ferraro, Commissioners Brenda Washington Davis, Dennis V. Alfieri, Executive Director Scott Chaney, Chief Steward Darrel McHargue, CHRB Medical Equine Director Dr. Jeff Blea, CHRB General Counsel Robert Brodnik and Deputy Executive Director Cynthia Alameda. All CHRB contracted Stewards in California were available for the gathering. Topics listed on the agenda were thoroughly discussed, opinions were shared, and direction was given.

5/23/24<sup>3</sup>**RINEHART HEARING CASE 23SA0163**

The complaint reads as follows for the alleged offense of CHRB rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers):

*On October 14, 2023, Santa Anita Park Security reported that Groom John Rinehart (#092399 – Exp. 5/31/2024) had been involved in a verbal argument with Santa Anita Park Security Officer's in one of the employee parking lots. When asked to leave the property by security officers, Rinehart became irate and made threatening gestures toward security with his hands.*

Present for the hearing before the BOS representing the CHRB was Supervising Investigator Mike Barker. CHRB Investigator Jeanne Garrido originally compiled the complaint but is no longer employed as a CHRB Investigator. With the help of the Minnesota Investigators located at Canterbury Park, a Microsoft Teams link was available for respondent John Rinehart to participate in the scheduled hearing. Steward Baker chaired the hearing, testimony was given, documents were submitted and entered into evidence. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
5/24/24<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Armando Ayuso met with the BOS to review his ride in the seventh race on Sunday. In a three-horse spread with Ayuso in the middle, his horse stepped in when he cocked his crop, and this applied pressure to the horse to his inside. He did make an effort to correct. Warning.

Antonio Fresu met with the Stewards to review the second race Sunday (ref-05-23-24<sup>2</sup>) that involved the disqualification of his mount. An outward drift did impede a fast-closing horse to his outside but did not warrant a penalty. He left the office with a warning.

Hector I. Berrios appeared before the BOS to review the disqualification of his mount in the ninth race on Sunday (ref 05-19-24<sup>4</sup>). His horse, full of run, drifted out into the path of a horse with questionable clearance, soon after, his horse shied outward from a horse that drifted out in front of him, this effected a fast-closing horse to his outside. The majority issued a warning, Steward Baker voted for a penalty for the first drift of his mount.

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

**INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /FIRST RACE-6 ½ turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were # 4 Quintecents (K. Frey 3<sup>rd</sup>) and #6 Crazy Cavalier (U. Rispoli 1<sup>st</sup>). After a review of all angles, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys in a unanimous decision #6 was disqualified from first and placed third behind #4. #6 was angled out into the path of #4 causing the latter to check hard to stay off of its heels, costing him the opportunity of a better placing.

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

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

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

**SUPER HIGH FIVE REFUND /FIFTH RACE**

After the fifth race Director of Pari-Mutuels Don Sanborn notified the Stewards that the Super High 5 bet was erroneously listed on the program for the six-horse field. Santa Anita only has the Super High 5 wager available for seven horses or more in the field. Santa Anita verified the applicable Pentafecta-Super High-5 rule; ARCI (004-105(X)(4)). There is not a CHRB rule that gives direction for a Super High 5 wager. The Super High 5 pool for the fifth race was refunded in the amount of \$6,538.97. Letter of explanation was submitted.

5/24/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#8 Tomorrow Never Comes (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler Refund \$253.30
2nd race	#2 Vulin (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Bonde #4 Violet Storm (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$711.88
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
5th race	#5 Highlands (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. M. Rheinford. Refund \$6,539.97
6th race	#6 Hardmoneymuchachos (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. P. Miller #8 Syntactic (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. H.Palma Refund \$17.00
7th race	#1 Asian Matriarch (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Deluhery #8 Leopardess (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$75,069.84

8th race No Changes; Refund \$44.00  
 9th race #6 Antibes (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed by Tr. K. Bainum  
 #7 Legitify (IRE) (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp Refund \$1,016.66

5/24/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,410	\$401,859.72
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,220	\$781,876.72
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$6,277,462.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,630	\$7,461,197.47

**SATURDAY**

5/25/24<sup>1</sup>

**SANTA ANITA CITATIONS**

Exercise rider Jacinto Munoz was cited for CHRB rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), for failure to follow the instructions of an Outrider during a.m. training. Present before the BOS along with Mr. Munoz were Safety Stewards David Nuesch and Brice Blanc. Mr. Munoz testified, and the Outrider was available to testify by telephone. Decision to follow.

The second citation to come before the BOS involved jockey Abdul Alsagoor for the use of his crop during am training. Mr. Alsagoor reviewed the video of his actions and agreed he was guilty. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

5/25/24<sup>2</sup>

**DISQUALIFICATION RULINGS**

The following rulings were issued upon notice from HIWU (emails) that these horses needed to be disqualified.

**LATS RULING #86**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, KANT BEAT THE ROCK is disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 2 at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2023, (Case #EAD2023-31). The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner LORENZO RUIZ, Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS and Trainer LORENZO RUIZ be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before June 24, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1<sup>st</sup> SUNRISE JOURNEY 2<sup>nd</sup> ESTABLISHED 3<sup>rd</sup> BIG SWEDE 4<sup>th</sup> MAJESTIC WIND

All records are ordered changed 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.

**LATS RULING #87**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, FACTS MATTER is disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 8 at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 23, 2023, Case #EAD2023-16. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner LORENZO RUIZ, Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR and Trainer LORENZO RUIZ be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before June 24, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:



Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 - Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner ALBERT GONZAZ (dba BELICO RACING, LLC), LIZBETH MEDINA and MILTON PINEDA, Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO and Trainer MILTON PINEDA be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before June 24, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1<sup>st</sup> UPWARD MOBILITY                      2<sup>nd</sup> IN VRONSKY STYLE                      3<sup>rd</sup> HANDSOME GARY  
4<sup>th</sup> SCARY FAST SMILE    5<sup>th</sup> MY RANSOM                      6<sup>th</sup> MIDNIGHT LIGHTNING

All records are ordered changed 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.

5/25/24<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Juan Hernandez met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the eighth race yesterday. After a review of the video, it was hard to verify he was one over the allowable limit, warning.

Umberto Rispoli with his Agent Matt Nakatani also met with the Stewards to review his ride in the first race yesterday (ref 05-24-24<sup>2</sup>) that involved a disqualification of his mount. After a review of the race and much discussion of the incident he received a three-day suspension for careless riding as he angled his horse out without being clear causing a jockey to check hard to stay off of his heels. His reason for doing so could not be validated on the video review.

**RULING #92**

UMBERTO RISPOLI, who rode CRAZY CAVALIER in the first race at Santa Anita Park on May 24, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 1, 2, and 7, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in a disqualification from first to third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

5/25/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race            No Changes; Refund \$558.77  
2nd race            #6 Datsyuk (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande. Refund \$625.14  
3rd race            NO SHOW WAGERING  
                         #3 Big City Lights (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards-stake. Refund \$3,092.97  
4th race            No Changes; Refund \$434.00  
5th race            #3 Ace Ace Baby (Tr. P. Aguirre) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
                         #5 Willow Cove (Tr. M. Puype) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande  
                         #7 It's Not the Law (Tr. S. Campo) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr.  
                         Deluhery. Refund \$76,187.95  
6th race            #2 Jessebear (Tr. A. Ordonez) Stewards-stake. Refund \$1,423.37  
7th race            #1 Irish Wahine (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.  
                         #2 Tizzy Twister (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
                         Refund \$1,090.94  
8th race            No Changes; Refund \$53.00  
9th race            Changes; Refund \$25.00  
10<sup>th</sup> race            No Changes; Refund \$768.70

5/25/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	8,004	\$1,011,076.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,680	\$1,523,876.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$8,922,850.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,684	\$11,457,802.92



7th race No Changes; Refund \$1,628.10  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$1,515.79  
 9th race NO SHOW WAGERING  
 #4 Blu Dream Machine (Tr. R. Baltas) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
 Refund \$721.00  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #3 Air Force Red (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-stake. Refund \$2,424.00

5/26/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	15,166	\$941,535.18
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,003	\$1,103,026.98
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$8,338,474.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	18,169	\$10,383,036.36

**MONDAY**

5/27/24<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Tiago Pereira and Antonio Fresu both met with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday. Safety was discussed, especially riding 2-year-olds going 4 ½, folding into the turn seems to be a subject of concern.

Armando Aguilar met later with the Stewards to review his ride also in the fifth race as he was involved in the same discussed incident as Fresu and Pereira. The same concerns were communicated.

Kyle Frey joined the Stewards as directed to review the tenth race yesterday. The area of concern was the transition in the 6 ½ down the hill turf. He drifted inward into the path of a horse behind him with marginal clearance. Warning.

5/27/24<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRYS /NO CHANGE /FIRST RACE-6 ½ turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two different incidents. The first involved #5 VibeZ who missed the start. After a review of the video, it was verified the horse reared on its own at the same time the Starter dispatched the field. The horse was declared a starter. The second incident in the stretch involved #3 Caboodle (F. Prat 7<sup>th</sup>) and #10 Dashingly (K. Frey 4<sup>th</sup>). #10 drifted inward into the path of #3 causing that one to steady. The offense did not warrant a disqualification and the race was made official.

5/27/24<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY /JOCKEY OBJECTION /NO CHANGE /SIXTH RACE-5 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was lit to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were #2 L'Enfant Dit (A. Fresu 1<sup>st</sup>) and #5 Thales (T. Pereira 2<sup>nd</sup>). Jockey Pereira aboard #2 also lodged a claim of foul against #5. After a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both riders the original order of finish was made official. In a unanimous decision the contact between the two horses was shared.

5/27/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 2nd race #2 Atomic Drop (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt  
 #3 Slew's Joy (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin  
 #5 C'Mon Man (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund \$92.06  
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$457.56  
 4th race #7 Ultimate Gamble (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Benson  
 Refund \$3,253.01  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #6 Dadstar (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) D. Herrera replaced F. Dettori  
 #7 Crypto Craze (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin

7th race No Changes; Refund \$34.00  
 8th race #9 Thunder Ball (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$1,104.44  
 9th race 8 Yerwanthere (IRE) (Tr. P. Gallagher) Stewards-stake. Refund \$787.01  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #2 Ashcroft (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Stewards-stake. Refund \$1,418.31  
 11<sup>th</sup> race No Changes; Refund \$0

5/27/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	13,122	\$1,348,618.49
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,097	\$1,283,140.12
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$13,598,928.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,219	\$16,230,687.43

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 5/26</b>	<b>Sat 5/25</b>	<b>Sun 5/26</b>	<b>Mon 5/27</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	10	3	0	15	136
<b>Claims</b>	8	1	1	4	14	141
<b>Disqualification</b>	1	0	0	0	1	14
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	2	3	31
<b>Refunds</b>	7	10	7	7	31	391
<b>Rulings</b>	0	7	4	1	12	97
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	32

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/20/24 TO 5/26/24**

Horses on Vet List 16  
 Horses off Vet List 13  
 Shock Wave Therapy 1  
 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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