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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 Tuesday, May 28, through Monday, June 2, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**5/29/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer is the Duty Steward this week at Santa Anita. Racing Secretary Jason Eagan and his staff accepted entries for Saturday June 1, 2024. Nine (9) races were drawn by veteran racing officials Robert Moreno and Charles McCaul. Seventy (70) horses are scheduled to start. Post time is 1:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**5/30/24<sup>1</sup>**TITO JIMENEZ HEARING (CASE #24SR0014)**

The CHRB filed a complaint against Groom Tito Jimenez for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The cover page of the fourteen (14) page complaint reads as follows.

*On April 17, 2024, at approximately 0915 hours, San Luis Rey Downs (SLRD) Security Manager Hector Feliciano (CHRB# 405867-07/2024) and Security Officer Laura Cruz (CHRB #328168-09/2026) contacted Groom Tito Jimenez (CHRB #281248-04/2024) while he was working for Trainer Peter Miller near Barn H at SLRD. While speaking with Jimenez, Feliciano stated Jimenez stated he observed several signs indicating Jimenez was potentially under the influence of alcohol. Feliciano stated Jimenez had a strong smell of alcoholic beverage emanating from his person along with bloodshot watery eyes, slurred speech and an unsteady gait.*

Along with Groom Jimenez several people appeared in this informal hearing that was conducted telephonically. CHRB Investigator Steve Manilla was accompanied by newly hired CHRB investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. San Luis Rey Downs Security Manager Hector Feliciano and SLR Security Officer Laura Cruz were also prepared for the hearing.

Shortly after Steward Luis Jauregui opened the hearing Groom Jimenez told the Stewards that he would like to speak to an attorney. The Stewards then stopped the hearing, and this matter will be heard at a future date. More to follow.

5/30/24<sup>2</sup>

**GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU HEARING (CASE #24SR0013)**

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Trainer George Papaprodromou for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination). Trainer Papaprodromou appeared in our office for a tape-recorded hearing today. CHRB Investigators Steve Manilla and Octavio Vergara Jr. appeared at today's hearing. The cover page of the twenty-eight (28) page complaint packet prepared for this case reads as follows.

*The horse 'Automax (IRE)' arrived at San Luis Rey Downs on November 21, 2023, from an approximate layoff of 409 days. CHRB Rule 11846.2 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 'Automax (IRE)' began jogging at the track on November 29, 2023, without a 'Training Soundness Exam' being completed prior to.*

Both Investigator Manilla and Trainer Papaprodromou testified at today's hearing. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
5/31/24<sup>1</sup>

**RONALD ANDERSON RULING**

**LATS RULING #98**

Jockey Agent RONALD ANDERSON is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner) on May 26, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

Jockey Agent Ron Anderson was contacted and informed of the penalty listed above. At scratch time for Monday May 27. Lanfranco Dettori remained on the George Papaprodromou trained #6 Dadstar in the 6<sup>th</sup> race. After scratch time Agent Anderson requested to have Jockey Dettori replaced. The Stewards approved the late jockey switch and Mr. Anderson was penalized for not doing his homework.

5/31/24<sup>2</sup>

**GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU DECISION (REF: 5/30/24 (3))**

**LATS RULING #99**

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU, who trained AUTOMAX (IRE) on November 29, 2023, at San Luis Rey Downs, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – No ninety-day examination).

In a unanimous decision Trainer Geoge Papaprodromou was fined as outlined in the ruling listed above. The Stewards ruled that Trainer Papaprodromou began jogging his trainee Automax (IRE) on November 29, 2023, at San Luis Rey Downs. According to an investigative report completed by CHRB Investigator Steve Manilla, the only regulatory exam conducted on Automax (IRE) was on April 6, 2024, after the horse had already been training.

5/31/24<sup>3</sup>

**FLAVIEN PRAT FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Mike Smith and Jockey Agent Brad Pegram appeared in our office to represent Jockey Flavien Prat at a 'film review' today. Jockey Agent Pegram works for Jockey Smith and Jockey Flavien Prat who was the subject of today's film review. Jockey Prat is not riding here at Santa Anita on a regular basis.

Today's film review was of the \$200,000 Guaranteed Hollywood Gold Cup (Grade 2) which was Race 10 on Monday May 27, 2024. In this 1 ¼ mile main track event Jockey Flavien Prat was aboard #6 Subsador (ARG) who finished fourth in this race.

In the opening furlong of this race #6 Subsador (ARG) drifts down from the middle of the racetrack and forces #1 Reincarnate (Juan Hernandez) to take up and steady when forced into tight quarters along the rail. This horse went on to finish second after being fouled in this incident.

**LATS RULING #100**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT, who rode SUBSANADOR (ARG) in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on May 27, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 7, 8 and 9, 2024) for crossing over without sufficient clearance shortly after leaving the starting gate, causing interference; 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.

5/31/24<sup>4</sup>

**ARMANO AYUSO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the second race on (Memorial Day) Monday, May 27, 2024. This was contested on the main track at six(6) furlongs and had five (5) participants.

Today's film review shows Jockey Ayuso aboard fourth place finisher #4 Worth Looking. Inside the 3/16<sup>th</sup> pole #4 Worth Looking alters course thereby bumping and impeding the eventual winner #5 C' Mon Man (Kent Desormeaux). The Stewards unanimously ruled that this was a careless ride. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS Ruling #101**

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO, who rode WORTH LOOKING in the second race at Santa Anita Park on May 27, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 7, 8 and 9, 2024) for failure to maintain a straight course entering the stretch, causing interference; 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.

5/31/24<sup>5</sup>

**KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #10 Dashingly, who finished fourth in the first race on Monday May 27, 2024. In this 6 ½ furlong #10 Dashingly lugs inward in mid-stretch. Jockey Frey attempts to straighten his mount by using his riding crop with the left hand. The Stewards felt that Jockey Frey should have kept both hands on his riding reins instead. Two (2) horses steadied because of this incident. They were sixth place finisher #2 Uffda (Umberto Rispoli) and seventh place finisher #3 Caboodle (Flavien Prat).

By a narrow margin Jockey Frey did not receive a penalty, for what the Stewards determined was a sub-par ride. Our decision was unanimous.

5/31/24<sup>6</sup>

**HIWU VISITORS**

Los Alamitos Safety Steward Paul Atkinson brought two (2) visitors to the Judges Stand during today's card. James Brown (Arkansas) and Gary Wagg (California) are two new investigators with HIWU (Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit). Safety Steward Atkinson gave these gentlemen a tour of most of the 'Restricted Areas' of Santa Anita Park. We hope they enjoyed their time at this beautiful venue.

5/31/24<sup>7</sup>

**EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATIONS**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the 1/16 mile marker in this one(1) mile turf event #4 Hey Demps (Armando Ayuso) was closing well and racing up into second position. Jockey Ayuso drifted in sharply while employing a right-handed crop. This drift

led to contact with eventual fourth place finisher #5 Quantum Innergy into seventh place finisher #1 Councilwoman Jilly (Tyler Baze) who took up sharply along the rail.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of this incident and spoke to three(3) jockeys involved. In a unanimous decision the Stewards disqualified #4 Hey Demps and placed her seventh. Jockey Ayuso was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original Order of Finish 8-4-3-5-6-1-0=2 DNF

Official Order of Finish 8-3-5-6-1-4-9-2 DNF

5/31/24<sup>8</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #3 Lucky Nea (Tr. G. Lopez) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD  
REFUND: \$2,340.68

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #3 Lambeau (Tr. L. Barocio) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$1,173.72

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Jockey Change #5 Escape Plan T. Periera for Ricardo Ramirez, Jr.—Sick

6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Malibu Coast (Tr. M. Mc Carthy) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 Lady Cruiser (Tr. J. Sadler) would not load in Starting Gate-  
Stewards. REFUND: \$60,022.66

7<sup>th</sup> Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5

5/31/24<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,401	\$343,038.62
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,159	\$734,575.03
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$4,626,748.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,560	\$5,704,362.13

**SATURDAY**

6/1/24<sup>1</sup>

**JUAN HERNANDEZ INFORMAL HEARING**

Santa Anita's XBTv television crew notified Safety Steward David Nuesch of a video of a morning workout that Jockey Juan Hernandez participated in.

Today's review of films shows Jockey Hernandez use his riding crop one time while approaching the finish line of the workout. The one strike was not for safety reasons and in a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #102**

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop - use during a.m. training) on May 25, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

6/1/24<sup>2</sup>

**ARMANO AYUSO FILM REVIEW (REF: 5/31/24<sup>4</sup>)**

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in the Stewards' office today along with Jockey Agent Rene Amescua. Today's film review involved an Inquiry and disqualification that took place in the eighth race on May 31, 2024. Jockey Ayuso was aboard #4 Hey Demps who finished second and was disqualified and placed seventh in this one (1) mile race.

Today's film review shows #4 Hey Demps closing strongly in the middle of the racetrack. As Jockey Ayuso raises his right arm, prior to using his riding crop, his mount drifts in and makes contact with fourth place #5 Quantum Innergy (Hector Berrios) who in turn makes hard contact with seventh place finisher #1 Councilwoman Jilly (Tyler Baze). #4 Hey Demps was disqualified and placed seventh in this incident.

The Stewards unanimously felt Jockey Ayuso's actions in this race were careless and the Stewards issued the following ruling. NOTE: Jockey Ayuso received a 3-day suspension yesterday May 31 (LATS Ruling #101) for a ride here at Santa Anita (Race 2) on May 27, 2024.

**LATS RULING #103**

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO, who rode HEY DEMPS in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on May 31, 2024, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (June 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2024) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference, resulting in a disqualification from second to seventh; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - careless riding- second offense in the last 60 days). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

6/1/24<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

6/1/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Granada Flavor (Tr. D. Azcarate) claimed S. Knapp, trainer  
 #4 Zimba Warrior (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, R.B. Hess, Jr., trainer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Jockey Change #6 Flymetothemoonbaby, A. Escobedo for E. Rojas – Fernandez not medically cleared  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Man Overboard (S. Morfin) claimed Lorenzo Campuzano, trainer  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #7 Shiloh's Mistress – J. Hernandez for U. Rispoli. Travel  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #7 Bangs (Tr. L. Barocio) Enter Back – Stewards  
 Refund: \$438.95

6/1/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	7,762	\$859,830.51
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,563	\$1,507,363.17
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$7,662,029.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,326	\$10,029,222.88

**SUNDAY**

6/2/24<sup>1</sup>

**BIG CELEBRATION DISQUALIFICATION / PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

The Stewards received a sanction letter from HIWU that requires the disqualification of the horse Big Celebration. The ruling below orders a purse redistribution of the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on October 6, 2023.

**LATS RULING #104**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, BIG CELEBRATION was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 7 at Santa Anita Park on October 6, 2023, Case #ECM2023-198/ECM. 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 WILLIAM R. PEEPLES and Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO and Trainer LUIS MENDEZ be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before July 2, 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> PALEO'S PRINCESS	2 <sup>nd</sup> QUEEN OF POMPEII	3 <sup>rd</sup> DON'T JU FORGET
4 <sup>th</sup> MISS O'BRIEN	5 <sup>th</sup> SPOILED ROTTEN	6 <sup>th</sup> YO YO MAMA
7 <sup>th</sup> UNWRITTEN CODE		

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.

6/2/24<sup>2</sup>

**ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride on #1 Artist Point, who finished third in the eighth race on Saturday, June 1. In this six (6) furlong main track event Jockey Aguilar agreed with the Stewards analysis that he used his riding crop seven times during the running of this race. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #105**

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 ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode ARTIST POINT in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on June 1, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (June 9, 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.

6/2/24<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquires and/or Jockey objections.

6/2/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS & CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Ketonina (FR) (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed, R. Ellis, trainer  
 Declaration #3 Matter (Tr. P. Gallagher) Injured – Jay Deluhery, DVM

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #5 Bella Renella (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured – Jay Deluhery, DVM  
 No Show Wagering

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #7 Princess of Time (Tr. M. McCarthy) Injured – Jay Deluhery, DVM  
 Cancel; \$1 Super Hi 5

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 Shoot for the Sky (Tr. C. Gaines) Sick – Jay Deluhery, DVM  
 Refund: \$901.38

6/2/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,798	765,708.83
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,025	1,199,041.06
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	7,864,290.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	9,823	9,829,040.43

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 5/31</b>	<b>Sat 6/1</b>	<b>Sun 6/2</b>	<b>Meet</b>	
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	1	2	6	142
<b>Claims</b>	1	2	1	4	145
<b>Disqualification</b>	1	0	0	1	15
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	1	32
<b>Refunds</b>	3	1	4	8	399
<b>Rulings</b>	4	2	2	8	105
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	32

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/27/24 TO 6/2/24**

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	17
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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