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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Angeles County Fair Summer Meet at Los Alamitos

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, June 24, 2024, through Sunday, June 30, 2024.

TUESDAY

6/25/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Grant Baker was present to oversee entries for Saturday, June 29, 2024. Nine races were carded, featured by the \$100,000 Los Alamitos Derby.

WEDNESDAY

6/26/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Once again, Grant Baker was present to oversee entries for Sunday June 30th. He also approved scratches and program changes for Saturday afternoon's card.

THURSDAY

6/27/24¹

RUIZ HEARING (CASE #24SA0057)

Today the Board of Stewards assembled to hear a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer Lorenzo Ruiz, seeking reciprocity of a HIWU/HISA "Period of Ineligibility" placed on the trainer. Deputy Attorney General Robert Peterson represented the CHRB and Darrell Vienna represented Mr. Ruiz. Witnesses called for the CHRB were Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. Witnesses called by Mr. Vienna were trainers Monty Arrossa and Paul Jones, along with racing secretary Jordan Castaneda. Each side had an additional observer and Michelle Derieg was on-hand to record the proceedings. The formal hearing, which lasted over three hours, debated the CHRB's duty in reciprocating and how that would affect Mr. Ruiz's current Outrider license. The CHRB contended that in the role of Outrider, though at a quarter horse track, Mr. Ruiz would still be involved in the training of thoroughbreds. Mr. Vienna argued that by not allowing Mr. Ruiz to continue outriding, we would be doing racing a disservice, as all of his witnesses contended. The Stewards will take some time to review all the documents

provided by each side and will deliberate all the points made during the hearing. Decision to follow...

6/27/24²

WITHDRAWN

After receiving confirmation that the debt owed to the Southern California Equine Foundation was paid in full, the complaint filed against owner Martin S. Schwartz' Stawbow Stables (case #24SA0086) was withdrawn.

FRIDAY

6/28/24¹

JIMENEZ HEARING

The Stewards were in the office today to address three separate complaints filed by the CHRB. First up was case #24SR0014, filed against groom Tito Jimenez, for an alleged violation of rule 1874 – Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Jimenez joined us from the CHRB office at San Luis Rey Downs via Microsoft Teams. Omar Lizarraga from Winners' Foundation was on-hand this morning at Los Alamitos, so he joined the hearing as an observer and served as our translator. After listening to all the facts of the case, the hearing was concluded. A ruling will be issued in the coming days.

6/28/24²

MILLER HEARING

The second complaint was case #24SA0083 Rule 1846.1 (Veterinary Records for Horses Shipping into an Inclosure to Race or to Work for Removal from Veterinarian's List) filed against trainer Peter Miller. Mr. Miller also joined the hearing via Microsoft Teams, from San Luis Rey Downs. Mr. Miller explained his difficulties in obtaining vet records from out-of-state vets, when horses leave that jurisdiction. Decision to follow...

6/28/24³

HERNANDEZ HEARING (ref: 5/30/24¹)

The final hearing of the morning was case #24SA0038, which was originally scheduled to be heard on May 30, 2024, in which Mr. Hernandez failed to appear. Once again, Omar Lizarraga from Winners' Foundation was on-hand to serve as our translator. The complaint, alleging two counts of disorderly conduct, stated that Mr. Hernandez appeared to be impaired when he led a horse to the Receiving Barn on race-day. Mr. Lizarraga stated that Jose Miguel Hernandez did not appear for the original hearing, as he had checked himself into Winners' rehabilitation program. Ruling to follow...

SATURDAY

6/29/24¹

HERNANDEZ RULING (ref: 6/28/24³)

After considering all the facts presented in yesterday's hearing, the following ruling was issued.

LAFB RULING #04

Groom JOSE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is reinstated and LATS Ruling #75 issued on May 3, 2024 is set aside. Furthermore, Mr. Hernandez is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1890 (Possession of Contraband - Marijuana) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of alcohol) on February 24, 2024, at Santa Anita Park. Furthermore, JOSE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ 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 JOSE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ.

6/29/24²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (ref: 6/23/24³)

Jockey Barrington Harvey came in to review his ride in last Sunday's fifth race where his mount was the focus of an inquiry, following a horse clipping heels and unseating jockey John Valenzuela Jr. The Stewards felt that Mr. Harvey made no effort to

prevent his mount from shifting inward entering the far turn, interfering with the runner to his inside. During the hearing, jockey Harvey did not accept any responsibility for the incident. Once the informal hearing was concluded, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #05

Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY, who rode MISCHIEVOUS DYLAN in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 23, 2024, is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (July 6, 7, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, August 1 and 2, 2024) for crossing over without sufficient clearance going into the turn, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced; 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.

6/29/24³

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident just before the wire. The first-place finisher #6 Wrong Turn Cupid (jockey Edgar Payeras) drifted outward in deep stretch, making contact with the horse to his outside, the second-place finisher #5 Tapit Doux (jockey Geovanni Franco), forcing that rival off his path. In addition, jockey Geovanni Franco lodged an objection regarding the incident in deep stretch. In a majority decision, the Stewards felt that the incident did not cost the runner-up a chance at a better placing, so the original order of finish was made official. Steward Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling the contact made in deep stretch warranted a disqualification.

6/29/24⁴

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

After the ninth race field crossed the finish, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident just past the eighth pole. The first-place finisher #8 Stellar Cap (Tiago Pereira) shifted inward, making contact with the horse to his inside, the third-place finisher #6 Fly At Knight (Kyle Frey). As a result, Fly At Knight shifted in several paths, forcing his jockey to steady and correct his mount. After reviewing the race from multiple angles and speaking to the jockeys involved, no action was taken, and the race was made official. In a majority decision, the Stewards felt that the incident did not affect the original order of finish. Steward Sawyer was the dissenting vote, feeling the incident was disqualification worthy.

6/29/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 2nd Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 3rd Race #3 Charlottes Delight (Tr. R. Lucas) jockey changed to B. Harvey
 4th Race #4 Yolo Calls (Tr. P. Eurton) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
 Refund: \$1,165.10
 5th Race #2 Departure (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
 6th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 7th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 8th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 9th Race #5 Cowgirl Royal (Tr. G. Vallejo) Vet - unsound - Dr. Pattio
 #7 Conquest Celsius (Tr. A. Aquino) Stewards - Trainer
 Refund: \$571.77

6/29/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,358	\$426,042.88
SCOTWinc	4,038	\$1,456,725.24
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,810,444.42
Total	5,396	\$6,693,212.54

SUNDAY

6/30/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (ref: 6/29/24³)

Jockey Edgar Payeras was summoned to our office this morning to review his ride in yesterday's second race, where his winning ride was the focus of an inquiry. The Stewards cautioned Mr. Payeras that he needed to make a better effort to maintain a straight course going forward, but today he left the office with just a warning.

6/30/24²

AQUINO RULING

The following ruling was issued for a late declaration on yesterday's card.

LAFL RULING #06

Trainer ANGELA AQUINO, who was scheduled to start CONQUEST CELSIUS in the ninth race on June 29, 2024, at Los Alamitos Race Course, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – didn't want to run).

6/30/24³

JIMENEZ RULING (ref: 6/28/24³)

After considering all the facts presented in the hearing on Friday, the following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #07

Groom TITO JIMENEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of Alcohol) on April 17, 2024, at San Luis Rey Training Center.

Furthermore, TITO JIMENEZ 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 TITO JIMENEZ.

6/30/24⁴

OFFICIAL WARNING (ref: 6/28/24³)

After considering all the facts heard on Thursday, the following Official Warning was issued to trainer Peter Miller.

LAFL RULING #08

AMENDED

Trainer PETER MILLER who started the horse SIR PISTOLERO on May 11, 2024, at Santa Anita Park is issued an 'OFFICIAL WARNING' for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1846.1 (Veterinary Records for Horses Shipping into an Inclosure or to Work for Removal from Veterinary's List - failure to produce thirty (30) day Veterinarian Records).

6/30/24⁵

CROP RULING

As a result of violating the HISA crop rule in yesterday's third race, jockey Cesar Ortega received the following ruling.

LAFL RULING #09

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 CESAR ORTEGA, who rode TOPSTITCH in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 29, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 7, 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.

6/30/24⁶

CLEAR DAY OF RACING

Today's eight-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

6/30/24⁷

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

4th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 5th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 6th Race #5 Petesoldfashioned (Tr. H. Palma) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
 Refund: \$172.90
 7th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0
 8th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0

6/30/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,177	\$328,941.68
SCOTWinc	3,304	\$1,205,782.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,594,001.82
Total	4,481	\$6,128,726.40

SUMMARY

	Sat 6/29	Sun 6/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	4	8
Claims	1	0	1	4
Disqualification	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	2	0	2	3
Refunds	2	1	3	11
Rulings	2	4	6	9
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/24/24 TO 6/30/24

Horses on Vet List 6
 Horses off Vet List 10
 Shock Wave Therapy 5
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

David Nuesch, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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