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Report for Monday, January 6, 2025 through Sunday, January 12, 2025.

MONDAY01/06/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today taking entries for racing on Saturday, January 10, 2025. Ten (10) races filled. Eighty-five (85) horses are scheduled to start. Post time will be 12:00 p.m. Steward Grant Baker was on hand today overseeing matters for the CHRB.

TUESDAY01/07/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, January 11, 2025. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty for the CHRB. Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff put together a ten (10) race card for Saturday. Post time will be 12:00 p.m. Eighty-three (83) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY01/09/25¹**STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

All California Stewards participated in an online quarterly Stewards Committee Meeting today. The meeting was chaired by Chief Steward Darrel McHargue. Jockeys' Guild President Terry Meyocks, Jockeys' Guild Regional Manager Darrell Haire and Jockeys' Guild Attorney Mindy Coleman also participated in this meeting. The meeting was held online utilizing the Microsoft Teams format.

01/09/25²**MORNING TRAINING**

Yesterday, Wednesday, January 8, 2025, morning training was cancelled due to poor air quality. A major fire that started Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in Altadena, CA, about six and a half miles away, has caused the skies to be smokey in the San Gabriel Valley. This fire has been named the Eaton Fire. Today's training was modified so that horses could jog or gallop only. Full workouts were not allowed.

01/09/25³

FIRE DONATION CENTER

A donation center was set up in the south parking lot of Santa Anita following the Los Angeles County fires. More than 100,000 people have donated and/or picked up supplies following the fires. Toiletries, hygiene items, clothing, pet food, diapers and huge amounts of water have been donated.

The distribution center is scheduled to be open until Friday, January 17.

01/09/25⁴

FRIDAY RACING CANCELLED

Santa Anita Park management sent out a mass text message at 1:01 p.m. It stated that the racing program for Friday, January 10 was cancelled. The text stated the decision was made due to the forecast of poor air quality. The entire racing card will be moved to Thursday, January 16, 2025.

FRIDAY

01/10/25¹

KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the sixth race on Sunday, January 5. Jockey Frey was aboard #4 Soi Ngern, who finished third, in the six (6) furlong turf event. Today's film review shows Jockey Frey used his riding crop seven (7) times during the running of this race. Jockey Frey had a previous riding crop violation on August 31, 2024 at Del Mar. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #18

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 - second offense), Jockey KYLE FREY, who rode SOI NGERN in the sixth race (Purse \$60,000) at Santa Anita Park on January 5, 2025, is suspended for two (2) days (January 17 and 18, 2025), and fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* 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.

01/10/25²

ABEL LEZCANO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Abel Lezcano appeared in our office to review his ride in the seventh race on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Jockey Lezcano was aboard #8 Artisma, who finished second, in the \$100,000 Guaranteed Santa Ynez Stakes. This race was contested at seven (7) furlongs on the main track. Early in the review it appeared Jockey Lezcano may have violated the 'riding crop rule'. However, some arm movement was undiscernible as to whether he made contact with his mount or not. In an unanimous decision he was issued a warning.

01/10/25³

MASS TEXT MESSAGE

At 5:42 pm Santa Anita Park Management sent out a mass text message. The message stated, in part, that based on current conditions racing will resume tomorrow, January 11, as scheduled with an 11:30 AM first post. Updates will come if conditions change.

SATURDAY

01/11/25¹

RACING CANCELLED (REF: 01/10/25³)

At 7:25 a.m. Santa Anita Park Management sent out a mass text message which stated, in part; ATTENTION HORSEMAN: Santa Anita Park has cancelled racing this weekend, given the overnight developments on the west side of L.A.

01/11/25²

ENTRY DAY

Stewards Baker, Jauregui and Sawyer were on hand during this originally scheduled racing day. The racing office was accepting entries for Friday, January 17, 2025. Eight (8) races were drawn by racing officials Bob Moreno and Charlie McCaul. Fifty-four (54) horses are scheduled to start.

01/11/25³

JOCKEYS' GUILD VISIT

Jockeys' Guild Regional Manager Regional Manager Darrell Haire appeared in our office today. Mr. Haire wanted to follow up on the CHRB Stewards Committee Meeting that was held online on Thursday, January 9, 2025 (REF: 01/09/25¹). Mr. Haire wanted to get clarity on when suspension days will start if and when a jockey is suspended for careless riding.

Yesterday we received word from Chief Steward Darrel McHargue that starting immediately a new policy is being implemented where the issuance of suspension days will now start fourteen (14) days from the day a jockey meets with the Stewards instead of seven (7) days. This meeting provided good clarity between Mr. Haire and the Stewards regarding when implementation of suspension days for violation of CHRB Rule #1699 (Riding Rules) will begin.

01/11/25⁴

FILM CONTINUANCE

Jockey Cesar Ortega called our office regarding an informal hearing. On Sunday, January 5, Jockey Ortega rode #9 Running Tiger to a sixth place finish in the ninth race. Ortega is primarily riding at Los Alamitos, and with no racing this week, he was wondering when he should appear for film review. The Stewards responded that a penalty for this ride was not under consideration and we will meet with him when he returns to Santa Anita.

01/11/25⁵

EMD/SAFETY STEWARD VISIT

CHRB Equine Medical Director (EMD) Jeff Blea DVM and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson stopped by our office for an informal meeting. Discussions involved local air quality readings following the historic local fires nearby. Race cancellations, examination requirements and horse eligibility were also discussed.

SUNDAY

01/12/25¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday January 18. Most of the horses that were entered for last week's cancelled January 11th card (REF: 01/11/25¹) were re-entered and subsequently re-drawn today. Five (5) California bred stake races will be contested next Saturday. Ninety-nine (99) horses are scheduled to start.

01/12/25²

CANCELLED RACE DAY (REF: 01/11/25¹)

Today's eleven (11) race card has been cancelled following two major fires that have taken place in Pacific Palisades (approx. 29 miles away) and Altadena (approx. 6 ½ miles away).

01/12/25³

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared for a film review before Stewards Baker, Jauregui and Sawyer. Jockey Aguilar was aboard #12 Constant Conflict, who finished seventh, in this six (6) furlong main track event. Race replays show #12 Constant Conflict angled in during the opening furlong and put pressure on eventual first place finisher #11 Teddy's Triumph (Ricardo Gonzalez). This incident caused some jockeys to the inside of this incident to check their mounts to avoid interference.

The Stewards told Jockey Aguilar that jockeys should be at the very least 1 ½ lengths clear of rivals when crossing over. He told the Stewards he thought he was "clear". After watching various camera angles (including drone) of the incident, he understood why our level of concern was high. In a close call, Jockey Aguilar was issued a warning.

SUMMARY

| | Fri 01/10 | Sat 01/11 | Sun 01/12 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | No | No | No | No | 0 |
| Cal-Bred Races | racing | racing | racing | racing | 14 |
| Claims | No | No | No | No | 12 |
| Disqualifications | racing | racing | racing | racing | 1 |
| Inquiries | No | No | No | No | 3 |
| Refunds | racing | racing | racing | racing | 60 |
| Rulings | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| Voided Claims | No | racing | No | racing | 2 |

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 01/06/25 TO 01/12/26

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| Horses on Vet List | 8 |
| Horses off Vet List | 13 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 1 |
| Fatalities | 0 |
| Medication | 0 |

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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