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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, January 27, 2025 through Sunday, February 2, 2025.**MONDAY**01/27/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, February 1, 2023. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty overseeing all matters for the CHRB. Ten (10) races were drawn with eighty-one (81) horses scheduled to start.

TUESDAY01/28/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open again today accepting entries for Sunday, February 2, 2025. Kim Sawyer was on duty in the Stewards' office. Ten (10) races were drawn by veteran racing officials Charlie McCaul and Robert Moreno. Ninety (90) horses are scheduled to face Starter Jay Slender.

THURSDAY01/30/25¹**DR. JOSEPH DOWD COMPLAINT/HEARING (CASE: 24SA0122)**

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Veterinarian Joseph Dowd for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report). Investigator Anne Dillion prepared a twenty-nine (29) page complaint for this hearing. She was accompanied by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. This hearing was originally scheduled for December 12, 2024, at Los Alamitos Racecourse. The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows.

On October 21, 2024, Dr. Joesph Dowd treated the horse SENOR BUSCADOR with intra-articular injections in both the right and left front knees. Dr. Dowd performed the required radiographs shortly before administering the injections but failed to record the diagnostic imaging scans on the electronic online databases EquiTABS and InCompass.

CHRB Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea DVM testified at this hearing. Dr. Dowd testified on his own behalf. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired this hearing. Dr. Dowd testified that he was having a software issue with inputting information to comply with CHRB Rule #1842. When he was successful emailing most of the information, unfortunately the required radiographs were not attached. Dr. Jeffery Blea testified that diagnostics were reported by Dr. Dowd. The Stewards will review all documents and discuss testimony. Decision to follow.

01/30/25²

DAVID MUSSAD COMPLAINT (24SA0150)

The CHRB filed a complaint against Exercise Rider David Mussad for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Mr. Mussad was present today along with CHRB Investigators Octavio Vergara Jr. and Anne Dillon. Investigator Vergara prepared a fourteen (14) page complaint for this hearing. The cover page reads as follows.

Exercise Rider David Mussad verbally harassed Gatemmen Rony Hernandez. Mussad signed a Santa Anita Park notice of compliance on October 21, 2021. The notice of compliance states Mussad must cooperate with Santa Anita security and gatemmen.

Exercise Rider Mussad told the Stewards that he didn't remember the alleged incident on November 22, 2024. Later in the hearing, at the recommendation of the Stewards, Mussad stated that he would apologize to the gateman that was allegedly the victim of verbal abuse. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

01/31/25¹

NEW JOCKEY

Davide Cirocca is riding his first race in North America in today's second race. He has won two (2) races in France and forty-one (41) races in Italy. He is aboard the George Papaprodromou trained #6 Sapadilla (Odds 8/1). We reviewed California riding rule with the young reinsman.

01/31/25²

FRANK ALVARADO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Frank Alvarado appeared in the Stewards' office to review his winning ride in the third race on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Jockey Alvarado was aboard #1 Crown Magic in this one (1) mile event. Stewards wanted to review his use of the riding crop. Jockey Alvarado agreed with the Stewards' judgement that Jockey Alvarado used his riding crop seven (7) times in this race that he won by a narrow margin. This is Mr. Alvarado's third riding crop violation in the last six (6) months. In a unanimous decision, Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #28

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 - third offense), Jockey FRANK ALVARADO, who rode CROWN MAGIC in the third race (Purse \$18,000) at Santa Anita Park on January 26, 2025, is suspended for three (3) days (February 14, 15 and 16, 2025), and fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) 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.

01/31/25³

WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI FILM REVIEW (REF: 01/26/25⁵)

Jockey William Antongeorgi appeared in the Stewards' office to review his winning ride in the fifth race on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Jockey Antongeorgi was aboard #6 Princess Hekawi and maintained his original placing following a Stewards' Inquiry in this race.

Today's film review showed Antongeorgi drift out from his inside path and race towards the middle of the track. This action caused Jockey Frank Alvarado (#2 Super Ellie-2nd place) to alter course in the final one-sixteenth of a mile. The Stewards told Jockey Antongeorgi that a repeat of this ride could very possibly result in a penalty. Jockey Antongeorgi received a 'warning' for this ride.

01/31/25⁴

JOSEPH DOWD DVM DECISION (REF: 01/30/25¹)

The following ruling was issued following the deliberation of a Stewards' hearing held in our office Thursday, January 31, 2024. The Stewards reached their decision following a unanimous vote. Official warnings that are issued in ruling form are included in a licensee's history.

LATS RULING #29

Veterinarian JOSEPH DOWD is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (a) (Veterinarian Report – Failed to enter radiographs into EquiTAPS) at Santa Anita on October 1, 2024.

01/31/25⁵

ALEXANDER SPASIANO RULING

Owner Alexander Spasiano had his license privileges reinstated by our office following dialogue with the Los Alamitos Stewards on their day off. Owner Spasiano had a past due bill from Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove. He was suspended by Los Alamitos Stewards on January 31, 2025, for violation of CHRB Rule #1876 Financial Responsibility. Robert Spasiano (father) brought a check to pay this bill and made it possible to reinstate the license privileges of Alexander Spasiano. This was done only with the approval of the Los Alamitos Stewards. The ruling below made it possible for Mr. Spasiano to race his horse in today's ninth race. CHRB Safety Steward Paul Atkinson put in a lot of 'leg work' today in this matter.

LATS RULING #30

Owner ALEXANDER SPASIANO, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- \$5,884.00 to Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove) is restored to good standing. Ruling LAQL #006 issued at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 18, 2025, is set aside.

01/31/25⁶

VOIDED CLAIM/SIXTH RACE

#8 Smokem Ez was claimed for \$16,000 in the sixth race today. Following this race and an examination by CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, this claim was voided by the Stewards upon Dr. Pattio's recommendation. This horse now returns to the barn of Lorenzo Campuzano.

01/31/25⁷

SIXTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in this one (1) mile main track event. The Stewards were looking into the actions of second place finisher #7 Be Punctual (Kyle Frey) and third place finisher #8 Smokem Ez (Armando Aguilar). Race replays show #7 Be Punctual drift out between the 3/16ths pole and the finish. The actions of #7 Be Punctual (drifting out) made it difficult for third place finisher #8

Smokem Ez to run straight as this horse was being floated out. In the final twenty-five (25) yards there was a bump that was initiated by #8 Smokem Ez. There was a neck margin between these two (2) rivals at the finish line.

Following a review of all camera angles, speaking to both jockeys involved and receiving a patrol judge report, the #7 Be Punctual was disqualified and placed third. This was a 2-1 majority vote. Steward Jauregui dissented, feeling the incident did not cost #8 Smokem Ez a better placing. Jockey Kyle Frey was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original order of finish: 2-7-8-1-4-6-3-10-5-9
 Official order of finish: 2-8-7-1-4-6-3-10-5-9

01/31/25⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

5th Race Declaration #1 Miz Clubcali (Tr. A. Garcia) Unsound-Dionne Benson DMV Refund \$629.02

8th Race Declaration #1 Took Charge (Tr. M. Valenzuela Jr.) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD #8 Mission Beach (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, A. Savaadera, trainer Refund \$412.20

01/31/25⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,308	454,762.81
SCOTWINC	2,488	951,237.57
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,279,759.63
TOTAL	4,796	6,685,760.01

SATURDAY

02/01/25¹

KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW (REF: 01/31/23⁷)

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the sixth race, yesterday, Friday, January 31. There was a Stewards' Inquiry in this race that was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Jockey Frey was aboard original second place finisher #7 Be Punctual who was disqualified and placed third for stretch interference to original third place finisher #8 Smokem Ez (Armando Aquilar).

During today's film review it was evident to the Stewards that #7 Be Punctual was lugging out in the stretch. Stewards felt Jockey Frey could keep his mount straighter; however this horse actions contributed to Jockey Frey being ordered to film review today. He left the film review, understanding our expectations and did not receive a penalty of any sort.

02/01/25²

NINTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review two (2) separate incidents.

INCIDENT #1

At the start of this six (6) furlong main track event, original first place finisher #7 Roman Gratis (Edwin Maldonado) broke out and into original third place finisher #8

Outworker (Antonio Fresu), nearly unseating Jockey Fresu. #8 Outworker was forced back to eighth (last) position in the opening one hundred (100) yards. At the ½ mile marker this horse was twelve (12) lengths behind the race leader. #8 Outworker railed down the home stretch to gain third place.

INCIDENT #2

This incident involved three (3) horses at ¼ pole location. Race replays show a fast closing #4 Berin Wall (Tiago Pereira- Original second place) split rivals at this location. The rivals were eighth (last) place finisher #5 Three Wire and seventh place finisher #9 Chasing Ryter (Tyler Baze). #5 Three Wire (Kyle Frey) steadied very sharply in tight quarters along the rail in this incident. Race replays were inconclusive as to who was at fault for this incident. After speaking with the jockeys involved, receiving a patrol judge report and reviewing all the camera angles, the Stewards made no change in the order of finish for this incident.

In both Incident #1 and Incident #2 the Stewards' vote was unanimous. Jockeys Tyler Baze, Edwin Maldonado and Tiago Pereira were ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original order of finish: 7-4-8-6-2-3-9-5
 Official order of finish: 4-8-7-6-2-3-9-5

02/01/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race Declaration #5 El Rey Rey (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, H. Palma, trainer
- 2nd Race Declaration #4 Ocasek (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Lamé on track—Jay Deluhrey DVM
Refund \$51,913.45
- 3rd Race NO SHOW WAGERING
- 4th Race Declaration Jockey Change #4 Clock Tower K. Desormeaux for G. Corrales—No Show
Refund \$133.06
- 5th Race Declaration Jockey Change #6 Rnamileinmyshoes J. Hernandez for D. Herrera –Trainer request
Refund \$2,152.32
- 9th Race Declaration #1 Bear Buzz (Tr. P. Miller) Injured—Nolton Pattio VMD
Refund \$532.12
- 10th Race Declaration #8 Heart Headed (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, H. Palma, trainer

02/01/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,563	1,080,611.44
SCOTWINC	3,910	1,523,514.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,403,914.82
TOTAL	12,473	11,008,040.96

SUNDAY

02/02/25¹

STEWARD CHANGE

Steward Grant Baker is off today for personal reasons. Steward John Herbeveaux is the replacement.

02/02/25²

FILM REVIEW (REF: 02/01/24²)

The Stewards ordered three (3) jockeys to film review in our office to review yesterday's (February 2) ninth race as two (2) incidents were of concern. Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire also appeared.

The first review with Jockey Edwin Maldonado concerned the start where his mount #7 Roman Gratis (original first place) original broke out at the start and bumped and impeded third place finisher #8 Outworker (Antonio Fresu). Due to the significant contact #7 Roman Gratis was subsequently disqualified and placed third. The review was to determine if Jockey Maldonado was culpable for the interference. Race replays determined that #7 Roman Gratis broke out sharply leaving the gate, causing Berrios to struggle to keep in balance and delayed him from correcting his mount's errant path. Once realigned Berrios straightened the horse, but the damage had already been done. Maldonado was held blameless for this incident which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to third.

Mr. Maldondo was also cautioned for his actions after the race was declared official yesterday. From the Jockeys Room he telephoned the Stewards to express displeasure over being disqualified. Today he displayed some remorse.

Part 2 of the film review centered on three (3) horses in close quarters at the 3/16ths marker: #5 Three Wire (Kyle Frey), #4 Berlin Wall (Tiago Pereira) and #9 Chasing Ryter (Tyler Baze). Jockey's Pereira, Frey, and Baze joined us for the review.

There was some contact and jostling between these three (3) horses with #9 Chasing Ryter on the outside, #5 Three Wire (Kyle Frey) along the rail and #4 Berlin Wall shifting the two in a rush to the finish line. #9 Chasing Ryter may have stepped in slightly and the two (2) inside horses may have brushed each other second before that with a tiring #5 Three Wire catching the worst of it. Both Baze and Pereira were told that better efforts were expected.

02/02/25³

GOOD RACING

Today's ten (10) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

02/02/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

There were four (4) claims that were voided today at Santa Anita.

Race 1 #3 Mas Rapido (GB) (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, A. Mathis-VOID-
Unsound-Nolton Pattio VMD

Race 1 #8 Time to Party (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, G. Papaprodromou-VOID- Unsound-Nolton Pattio VMD

Race 5 #10 Supermazel (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed J. Bonde-VOID-Nolton Pattio VMD

Race 9 #1 Just Deal (Tr. B. Baffert) claimed, P. Miller- VOID- Nolton Pattio VMD

All horses returned to the stables of their original trainers

02/02/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race Declaration #3 Effective Gig (Tr. G. Preciado) Not eligible—Stewards Refund \$74.00

- 3rd Race WIN WAGERING ONLY
 Declarations #1 Lolo Le Plume (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Stakes—Stewards
 #3 Our Moonlight (Tr. D. Pederson) Stakes—Stewards
 Refund \$4,543.44

- 5th Race Declarations #4 Brother o’ Brien (Tr. T. McCanna) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD
 #3 Warrens World (Tr. B. Wright) claimed, C. Treece, trainer
 #10 Supermazel (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed, J. Bonde, trainer
 Refund \$2,026.69

- 6th Race Ownership #2 Smiling Tizzy should read John P. Warren Ranch, LLC
 Declaration #8 Implacable (Tr. D. O’Neill) Injured—Dionne Benson DVM
 Refund \$2,648.23

- 7th Race Declaration #7 Eagles Flight (Tr. J. Sadler) Injured—Jay Delurhey DVM
 Refund \$5,872.45

- 9th Race Declarations Jockey Change #2 He’za Ten A. Gomez for J. Rodriguez—No Show
 #9 Ten Figures (V. Brinkerhoff) Injured---Jay Delurhey DVM
 Refund \$524.70

- 10th Race Declarations #4 Baby Waylon (Tr. D. Wayne Baker) Dionne Benson DVM
 #6 Desert Rocket (Tr. S. Callaghan) Full Field—Stewards
 Refund \$4,210.38

02/02/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,711	855,022.48
SCOTWINC	3,106	1,090,565.69
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,615,235.78
TOTAL	9,817	10,560,823.95

SUMMARY

	Fri 01/31	Sat 02/01	Sun 02/02	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	4	1	4	9	49
Claims	1	4	2	7	41
Disqualifications	1	1	0	2	4
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	10
Refunds	6	7	10	23	157
Rulings	3	0	0	3	30
Voided Claims	1	0	4	5	10

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 1/27/25 TO 02/02/25

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Signed by:

Grant Baker

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Grant Baker, Steward

Signed by:

Luis Jauregui

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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