

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report for Monday, February 24, 2025 through Sunday, March 2, 2025.

MONDAY02/24/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Grant Baker was in on Monday to oversee Saturday entries. The office carded eleven (11) races.

TUESDAY02/25/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Grant Baker came into the office on Tuesday morning to oversee Sunday's entries. The office drew eleven (11) races for Sunday.

THURSDAY02/27/25¹**LIBRADO BAROCIO HEARING (CASE #240148)**

A complaint was filed against Trainer Librado Barocio for violation of CHRB rule #1878 (workouts). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama presented a thirteen (13) page complaint. Stewards Kim Sawyer and Grant Baker heard this case. Librado Barocio was out of town today and was granted permission to testify telephonically. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

A review conducted at the end of September 2024 showed Trainer Librado Barocio had recorded three (3) timed workouts at Santa Anita Park on September 15, 2024, without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian. On October 6, 2024, I asked Trainer Barocio for his comments regarding the apparent violations of Rule 1878, and no response was received. As a result, Trainer Barocio received a warning letter for the three violations of Rule 1878 from CHRB Chief Marc Shaw. The letter was dated October 28, 2024, which stated future violations would result in a complaint presented to the stewards for adjudication. Trainer Barocio received his copy of the warning letter via email on November 5, 2024.

A subsequent review conducted at the end of October 2024 showed Trainer Barocio record a timed workout for POLYHENE PAM at Santa Anita Park on October 12, 2024, without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian. On November 17, 2024, Trainer Barocio said he believed the horse had received its pre-work examination; however, I was not able to substantiate his claim with the attending veterinarian.

The Stewards listened to all testimony and reviewed Mr. Yokoyama's investigative report. Decision to follow.

02/27/25²

SAN LUIS REY CITATION HEARINGS

The following three hearings were heard via Microsoft Teams. CHRB Investigator Steven Manila was available from San Luis Rey Training Center and CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama was available to install the Microsoft Teams from the Stewards' Office at Santa Anita Park for the two Stewards in attendance.

1. Hotwalker Marcos Mezano was cited on October 15, 2024 for not listening to Security and possession of alcohol in SLR parking lot (not allowed). Mr. Mezano, who is under suspension for not complying with Winners Foundation, did not appear due to currently being under the care of the Winners Foundation, according to Executive Director Darin Scharer. Mr. Mezano will have to appear for a hearing before he can be reinstated.
2. Groom Emmanuel Lucatero was cited on November 8, 2024 for possession and consumption of alcohol in the SLR parking lot (not allowed). Mr. Lucatero did not appear for the hearing, there was a possibility he has left the country. A ruling will be issued.
3. Pony Rider Adan Zamorano was cited on December 3, 2024 for disobeying direction from Official Veterinarian Barrie Grant at San Luis Rey Training Center. Testimony given by Dr. Grant stated Mr. Zamora was reluctant to immediately do as he was told and was also disrespectful. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

02/28/25¹

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Steward John Herbuveaux filled in Friday and Saturday as Steward Luis Jauregui was out of the office.

02/28/25²

LUCATERO RULING (REF 02/27/25²)

The following ruling was issued after Lucatero failed to appear in response to the citation.

LATS RULING #42

Groom EMMANUEL LUCATERO, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before February 27, 2025, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Drinking Alcohol – open container.)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of EMMANUEL LUCATERO are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule

#1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

02/28/25³

FILM REVIEW (REF: 02/23/25³)

Jockey Antonio Fresu appeared to review Sunday's seventh race where his mount, #9 Magic Account, was disqualified for interference leaving the starting gate for drifting in shortly after the start. In today's review Fresu explained that the #8 horse, Blue Cheese Olive, broke in and made contact with #6, Navy Man. Fresu stated that Blue Cheese Olive then ricocheted off that contact and bumped Fresu's horse. Tapes showed that Blue Cheese Olive did drift in and made contact with Navy Man. Blue Cheese Olive then stayed straight while Magic Account drifted in for numerous strides before making contact with Blue Cheese Olive causing that horse to stumble and forcing that horse into the path of Navy Man. Since the Stewards could see no effort on Fresu's part to correct Magic Account's drift, the following ruling was issued unanimously.

LATS RULING #43

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode MAGIC ACCOUNT in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2025, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (March 14, 15, 16, and 21, 2025) for failure to make an effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from sixth to eighth place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - careless riding – second offense in the last sixty (60) days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Steward Sawyer did end up in the minority over the number of days issued, feeling a three-day penalty was appropriate rather than a four-day suspension.

02/28/25⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start of this six (6) furlong turf race as #7 Onward and Upward was extremely tardy leaving the gate. After conversations with Starter Jay Slender and reviewing race tapes it was determined the horse simply dwelt. The assistant starter tending to the horse released his grip on the bridle and threw his arms in the air while Onward and Upward watched his brethren disappear in the distance. The horse finally departed the gate and completed the course but was never a factor. The horse will be placed on the Starters' List which will require further schooling.

02/28/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Jai Ho (Tr. Peter Miller) claimed by Jay Nehf #4 Matina (Tr. Mark Glatt) claimed by Ryan Hanson
2 nd Race	Late Scratch #1 Trouble in Paradise (Tr. Rosemary Trela) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Deluhery #4 Discrepancy (Tr. Jesus Mendoza) claimed by Sergio Morfin Refund \$34,605.18
3 rd Race	No Changes
4 th Race	No Changes
5 th Race	Declaration #5 Drop Um (Tr. Felix Rondan) Vet – Sick – Dr. Pattio Refund \$634.40

6th Race Declaration #10 Cousin Thed (Tr. Neil Koch) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Deluhery
 Late Scratch #4 Charlie Nehl – Stewards – Ran Off
 #1 Joe Vittori (Tr. Steve Miyadi) claimed by Alfred Vuococo
 #5 Kiko Boy, Jockey Leonel Camacho Flores replaced by Pedro Flores.
 #11 Rocky Spirit, Jockey Jose Rodriguez replaced by Edward Rojas Fernandez. Refund \$104,916.37

7th Race Declaration #6 Illuminous (Tr. Tim Yakteen) Vet – Sick – Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$757.77

8th Race No Changes

9th Race Declaration #10 Rank (Tr. Doug O'Neill) Stewards – Also Eligible
 Refund \$1,487.40

02/28/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,014	500,597.01
SCOTWINC	2,435	892,751.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	4,571,752.43
TOTAL	5,449	5,965,100.64

SATURDAY
 03/01/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Adrian Castellanos appeared to review yesterday's sixth race where his use of the crop was questionable. After reviewing the tapes Castellanos and the Stewards agreed his actions were beyond the bounds. Tapes confirmed that Castellanos lost his crop at the top of the stretch and then pulled his goggles off his helmet and used those to encourage his horse to the wire. While unusual, such behavior is not unprecedented. The Stewards could not condone the practice and issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #44

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2273 (Other Devices), Jockey ADRIAN CASTELLANOS is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for the substitution of goggles for a riding crop in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 28, 2025.

03/01/25²

BAROCIO RULING (CASE #24SA0148)

The following ruling was issued following a hearing on Thursday (ref: 02/27/25¹). Barocio had been issued an informal warning by the investigative staff for three previous incidents of a similar nature and this incident should have been incorporated in that warning. The Stewards opted to issue an official warning in ruling form to ensure that any future violations would be treated with the appropriate intensity.

LATS RULING #45

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1878 (Workouts – undocumented veterinarian examination) on October 12, 2024 at Santa Anita Park.

03/01/25³

ZAMORANO RULING (REF: 02/27/25¹)

The following ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence presented at a hearing on Thursday. Zamorano was aboard a pony at the San Luis Rey Training facility when Official Veterinarian Barrie Grant DVM determined that the

pony was lame. Zamorano failed to follow Dr. Grant's direction to immediately dismount and then began behaving in an unprofessional manner.

LATS RULING #46

Pony Rider ADAN ZAMORANO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to follow the directions of the Official Veterinarian) at San Luis Rey Training Center on December 3, 2024.

03/01/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race Declaration #6 Oueta's Hobby (Tr. John Sadler) Vet – Sick – Dr. Deluhery
Late Scratch # 1 Going Deep (Tr. Doug O Neill) Vet – Injured– Dr. Deluhery. No Show Wagering. Refund \$80,217.49
- 3rd Race #6 Alpha Bella (Tr. John Sadler) Stewards – Stakes Race
Refund \$2,306.33
- 4th Race #1 Dawkins (Tr. Ian Kruljac) Vet – Injured – Dr. Bohannon
#5 Uncle Evco (Tr. Micheal McCarthy) Vet – Sick – Dr. Pattio
Refund \$837.64
- 5th Race #7 Arrogarsi (Tr. Tim Yakteen) Vet – Sick – Dr. Pattio
Refund \$906.18
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race #1 Shuang Xi (Tr. Jeff Mullins) Vet – Injured – Dr. Deluhery
#6 Ang N Ash (Tr. Steve Knapp) claimed by Ryan Hanson
#11 Entrepreneurship (Tr. Jose Bautista) Vet – Injured – Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$1,955.17
- 8th Race #6 Berlin Wall (Tr. Steve Knapp) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$3,153.58
- 9th Race #3 El Potente (Tr. Dan Blacker) Stewards – Stakes Scratch
Refund \$6,816.62
- 10th Race #9 Tarantino (Tr. Peter Eurton) Stewards – Stakes Scratch
Refund \$1,807.42
- 11th Race No Changes

03/01/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	16,882	1,604,724.71
SCOTWINC	4,722	1,946,180.06
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,828,187.80
TOTAL	21,604	15,379,092.57

SUNDAY

03/02/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT was in to review yesterday's fifth race in which he abruptly shifted out into the path of the outside horse. Mr. Prat stated that his horse was very green and it was difficult to control him. We felt the incident was not worthy of a suspension, but we cautioned him when angling out to be a little smoother. Therefore, Mr. Prat received a warning.

03/02/25²

GOOD RACING

The eleven race card went very smooth with no major issues to report other than the changes and declarations listed below.

03/02/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Oobubbakayo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
 #4 Be Punctual- Claimed by R. Hess Jr., trainer
 Refund \$1,814.90

2nd Race #3 Attracted- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
 Refund \$2,840.20

3rd Race #1 Speed Lane- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
 Refund \$1,162.50

4th Race #2 Greta's Ghost- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick
 Refund \$958.76

5th Race #3 Coulair (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
 #5 Soi Ngern- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound
 Refund \$3,572.17

6th Race #4 Cipriani- Stewards' scratch- stake
 #6 Hey Jessie- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$4,836.94

7th Race #7 Guagarero- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound
 Refund \$1,847.82

8th Race #2 Noide- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound
 #8 Amanofmystature- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
 #7 Contrary Chieftain- Claimed by J. Sierra, trainer
 #11 Chief Jackson- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #13 Pour On The Cole- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 Refund \$2,867.67

9th Race No changes; Refund \$180.04

10th Race #2 Novinophobia- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound
 #7 Cody Boy- Claimed by J. Sierra, trainer
 #8 Billy Joe Shaver- Claimed by C. DeAlba, trainer. Refund \$727.58

11th Race #11 Lammas (GB)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #12 Sarwar (FR)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,633.47

03/02/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,032	954,833.57
SCOTWINC	3,461	1,281,380.71
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,780,387.62
TOTAL	10,493	10,016,601.90

SUMMARY

	Fri 02/28	Sat 03/01	Sun 03/02	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	4	73
Claims	5	1	4	10	80
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	17
Refunds	8	10	11	29	271
Rulings	2	3	0	5	46
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	11

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 02/24/25 TO 03/02/25

Horses on Vet List	23
Horses off Vet List	6
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

BOS:LJ:sh