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Report for Monday, March 10, 2025 through Monday, March 17, 2025.

MONDAY03/10/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday March 15. Steward Kim Sawyer was overseeing all matters for the CHRB. Today's entries included seventy-eight (78) horses. Ten (10) races will be contested. Post time for Saturday's first race will be 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY03/11/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff were on duty today producing a racing card for March 16. Ten (10) races were drawn in the racing office. Seventy-eight (78) horses are scheduled to start Sunday. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty in the Stewards' office.

WEDNESDAY03/12/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Monday March 17. This St. Patrick's Day card was not originally scheduled by Santa Anita but was added to the calendar recently. Nine (9) races will be contested on Monday. Sixty-five (65) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today for the CHRB.

THURSDAY03/13/25¹**DR. JOHN ARAUJO HEARING (CASE #24SA0145)**

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Veterinarian John Araujo for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1842 Veterinarian Report (8 Counts). Dr. Araujo appeared today along with CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. A thirteen (13) page complaint was presented by Investigator Yokoyama at today's hearing. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

An audit of workouts performed at Santa Anita Park in October 2024 showed fourteen timed workouts performed by various trainers did not have clearance examinations recorded in EquiTAPS. These trainers have their routine veterinary services provided by Dr. Araujo. On November 6, 2024, Dr. Araujo stated he performed pre-workout soundness examination on eight of the workouts, which he did not record in EquiTAPS. Dr. Araujo further stated he did not receive a request to examine the other six horses for their workouts. It appears Dr. Araujo failed to record at least eight (8) examinations into EquiTAPS during the month October 2024.

The Stewards asked Dr. Araujo several questions and put all hearing documents into evidence. Decision to follow.

03/13/25²

GENARO VALLEJO COMPLAINT (CASE #25SA001)

Trainer Genaro Vallejo made the drive-up Interstate 605 from Los Alamitos to attend a 10:00 a.m. hearing at Santa Anita today. CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama also appeared and presented a seventeen (17) page complaint packet to the Stewards. The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows:

On Friday, December 27, 2024, Trainer Genaro Vallejo entered CHOLLIMA to race at Santa Anita Park on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. On the days leading up to the race, EquiTAPS showed the horse did not have any record of the mandatory racing soundness examination by its attending by its attending veterinarian. Investigator Yokoyama returned to work on January 2, 2025, and saw CHOLLIMA had finished in 6th place in Race 6 on January 1, 2025. A check of EquiTAPS between December 24, 2024, and January 1, 2025, did not indicate any entry soundness examination had been performed. Trainer Vallejo said CHOLLIMA was cleared by his veterinarian on December 30, 2024; however, the veterinarian stated she did not perform an entry soundness examination for CHOLLIMA until January 3, 2025.

Trainer Vallejo was asked several questions by the Stewards. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the hearing. Decision to follow.

03/13/25³

GEORGE BRADVICA COMPLAINT (CASE #24DM0063)

A formal hearing was held in our office for Owner George Bradvica. This complaint was originally scheduled to be heard on January 16th. CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon prepared a fifteen (15) page complaint packet for this hearing. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the proceedings. Owner Bradvica has been charged with CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Officers and Public Safety Officers). Respondent George Bradvica appeared via Microsoft Teams. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

George Bradvica was standing on the track at Del Mar during morning training when several safety officers asked him to move to the side for his safety because horses were working nearby. Bradvica refused to obey instructions, and became verbally aggressive and argumentative with the staff, including CHRB Steward Paul Atkinson, Breeders Cup Director of Operation David Duncan, and Del Mar Vice President of Risk Management Kim Jacobson. After several minutes of reportedly shouting at staff, Bradvica left of his own accord.

In addition to the individuals listed above, the following people participated in today's hearing:

- A. Michael Pawluk (Legal Expert representing Respondent-Microsoft Teams)
- B. Sardine Linglet (Equine Patrol Officer-Microsoft Teams)
- C. Michelle Derieg (Court Reporter—Weinstein Court Reporters LLC)
- D. David Duncan (Breeders' Cup Sr. Director of Operations – Microsoft Teams)
- E. Katherine Tremblay- (CA Supervising Deputy Attorney General)
- F. Gardenia Montero- (CA Deputy Attorney General)

This somewhat contentious hearing lasted about 2 ½ hours. All documents were marked for identification and entered into evidence. Owner Bradvica and all witnesses were cross-examined by the Stewards. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
03/14/25¹

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY MEETING

Periodic rains this week in the San Gabriel Valley have necessitated a meeting today to adhere to our Inclement Weather Policy. The following people participated in today's meeting:

- A. Dr. Jeff Blea-CHRB Equine Medical Director
- B. Robert Moore- Track Superintendent (Speaker Phone)
- C. Darrell Haire- Jockey's Guild (Speaker Phone)
- D. Jason Egan- Director of Racing
- E. Alan Balch- California Thoroughbred Trainers
- F. Paul Atkinson-CHRB Safety Steward

The Stewards went over the protocol with the individuals that attended the meeting. The track condition for today's first race will be listed as "Good".

03/14/25²

OFF TURF

Due to the recent rains, the three (3) turf course races scheduled today will now be contested on the main track.

03/14/25³

GOOD RACING

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

03/14/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race Declarations #1 Beverly T (Tr. G. Haley) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM
#7 Peggy Colonel (Tr. N. Koch) Injured-Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$657.55
- 4th Race Declaration #1 Charlie Neal (Tr. D. Markle) Injured- Nolton Pattio
VMD. REFUND: \$618.64
- 5th Race OFF TURF
- 5th Race Declarations #1 Agency (Tr. M. Glatt) Off Turf-Stewards
#2 Nero Tulip (Tr. P. Aguirre) Off Turf-Stewards
#6 Belmont Bill (Tr. A. Saavedra) Off Turf-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$1,408.72
- 5th Race #9 Baldero (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, L. Powell, trainer
- 6th Race Declaration #4 Ridegold (Tr. Craig Lewis) Track Condition—Stewards
REFUND: \$1,420.91
- 7th Race OFF TURF
- 7th Race Declarations #2 Ghost Coast (Tr. J. Mullins) Off Turf-Stewards
#6 Broadway Unions (Tr. A. Kitchingham) Off Turf-Stewards
- 7th Race Jockey Change #4 Sinful King G. Franco for V. Espinoza (Personal)

REFUND TOTAL: \$2,415.52
 8th Race #1 Clouseau (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer
 #6 Mici's Express (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
 9th Race OFF TURF
 9th Race Declaration #4 Press Your Luck (Tr. D. O'Neill) Off Turf—Stewards
 REFUND: \$843.45

03/14/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,221	373,844.66
SCOTWINC	2,431	890,582.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	4,796,440.12
TOTAL	4,652	6,060,866.98

SATURDAY

03/15/25¹

JOHN ARAUJO RULING (REF: 03/13/25¹)

The Stewards contacted John Araujo DVM and informed him of our decision (Unanimous vote) that is memorialized in the ruling below. The hearing for this case (#24SA0145) was informal (tape recorded only.)

LATS RULING #49

Veterinarian JOHN ARAUJO is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report – failure to enter examination into EquiTAPS) on November 1, 2024 at Santa Anita Park.

03/15/25²

GENARO VALLEJO RULING (REF: 3/13/25³)

The Stewards deliberated following an informal hearing (CASE #25SA0001) that was held in our office on March 13. Trainer Genaro Vallejo was called and informed of the penalty listed below. Trainer Vallejo has no (0) violations of Rule #1581.1 (Entries) in the last three (3) years.

LATS RULING #50

Trainer GENARO VALLEJO who started the horse CHOLLIMA in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2025, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries - Failure to have Attending Veterinarian Conduct an Examination 72 hours preceding entry).

03/15/25³

ARTURO GAMBOA RULING (REF: DM MINUTES 7/21/24²)

Winners' Foundation Executive Director Darrin Scharer informed the Stewards that Hot Walker Arturo Gamboa has not abided by the terms set by their organization. Mr. Gamboa was in possession of a bag of methamphetamine in the stable area of Santa Anita Park on June 13, 2024. Mr. Gamboa appeared for a hearing at Del Mar racetrack on July 19, 2024. (REF: DM Minutes 7/19/24³). Del Mar Stewards suspended Hot Walker Gamboa for six (6) months following that hearing (REF: DMTD Ruling #04 - 7/21/24). The following ruling has now been issued.

LATS RULING #51

Stable Worker ARTURO GAMBOA is suspended for having failed to comply with the provisions of Ruling DMTD #04 dated July 21, 2024 (failure to be evaluated by the Winners Foundation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Positive for Amphetamines, Methamphetamines, THC and PCP).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ARTURO GAMBOA are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) ARTURO GAMBOA is denied access to all premises under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board.

03/15/25⁴

GOOD RACING

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

03/15/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race No Show Wagering
 2nd Race Declarations #1 Prince of Del Mar (Tr. A. Mathis) Reared in Starting Gate - Jay Deluhery DVM
 #3 Distant Fleet (J. Periban) Broke through gate, loose—Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$114,378.31
 4th Race Declaration #5 Nothing is Forever (Tr. A. Mathis) Entered Back—Stewards
 4th Race #2 Ultimate Hy (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, G. Vallejo, trainer REFUND: \$833.35
 5th Race Declaration #3 Stellar Cap (Tr. G. Stute) Unsound - Jay Deluhery DVM
 5th Race #7 Big Celebration (Tr. L. Mendez) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer REFUND: \$521.90
 6th Race Declaration #7 Game Time (Tr. J. Sadler) Unsound - Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$961.10
 7th Race Jockey Change #5 Seve's Big Ticket W. Antongeorgi for A. Castellanos - Sick
 8th Race Declaration #6 Sakura Blossom (Tr. L. Powell) Entered Back-Stewards. REFUND: \$1,378.40
 9th Race Declaration El Ondeado (Tr. J. Periban) Injured - Jay Deluhery DVM REFUND: \$541.20
 10th Race Declaration #11 Time to Shine (Tr. M. Glatt) Entered Back - Stewards REFUND: \$ 586.10

03/15/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,432	915,488.56
SCOTWINC	3,294	1,167,952.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	9,169,881.12
TOTAL	10,726	11,253,321.88

SUNDAY

03/16/25¹

WELFIN ORANTES FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Welfin Orantes appeared in our office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday March 15. In this six (6) furlong main track event, Apprentice Orantes was aboard tenth (last) place finisher #3 Travel the Map. At the 5 ½ furlong marker #3 Travel the Map drifts in and puts pressure on two (2) rivals to his inside. Orantes did not look to his inside when shifting inward and putting unnecessary pressure to these two (2) competitors. Stewards emphasized the importance of safety when riding races. For this sub-par effort Apprentice Orantes was issued a warning with the proviso that similar efforts could very possibly result in a brief hiatus.

03/16/25²

VOIDED CLAIM

There was a voided claim in today's second race for #2 Duran (Lanfranco Dettori). This horse finished fifth (last) in this race. CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio called the Stewards from the receiving barn and told us this horse bled. The Stewards voided the claim and Duran returned to the barn of Trainer George Papaprodromou.

03/16/25³

GOOD RACING

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

03/16/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race #1 Joint Venture (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer
- 3rd Race Declaration #1 Lady Monclaire (Tr. R. Baltas) Injured-Jay Deluhery
DVM. REFUND: \$108.00
- 6th Race #1 Yacowlef (IRE) (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, H. Palma, trainer
#3 Irish Royalty (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
#4 Noble Reflection (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, L. Barocio, trainer
- 7th Race #4 Petite Ange (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer
- 8th Race Declaration #1 Cornelia Fort (Tr. I. Kruljac) Stake- Stewards
REFUND: \$1,250.68
- 9th Race Declaration #2 Tamarando Star (Tr. J. Bonde) Sick- Jay Deluhery
DVM. REFUND: \$526.20
- 9th Race #8 Bruckner (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed, A. Saavedera, trainer

03/16/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,432	915,488.56
SCOTWINC	3,294	1,167,952.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	9,169,881.12
TOTAL	10,726	11,253,321.88

MONDAY

03/17/25¹

ADDED RACE DAY

Santa Anita recently added this non-holiday Monday as a racing day to their 2025-2026 meet. Nine (9) races will be contested on today's St. Patrick's Day card. Sixty-three (63) horses are scheduled to start.

03/17/25²

GOOD RACING

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

03/17/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race Declaration #1 El Maga (Tr. F. Rondan) Unsound—Tim Grande DVM
REFUND: \$697.00
- 5th Race #5 Super Ellie (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer
- 6th Race Declaration #5 Starship Defiant (Tr. R. Dutrow) Unsound- Tim Grande
DVM. REFUND: \$2,202.60
- 6th Race Jockey Changes #8 La Popis P. Flores for L. Camacho-Flores—
Double Jockey Fee
#9 Lion's Lair T. Periera for H. Herrera---Personal
- 6th Race #7 Honorable Gal (Tr. V. Trujillo) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer

8th Race Declaration #4 Sensational Z Z (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Flipped in Saddling Paddock-Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$ 6,561.07
 8th Race #7 Full Moon Grazen (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer
 8th Race Equipment Error #4 Sensational Z Z—Delete Blinkers On
 9th Race Declaration #3 Madeira Wine (Tr. M. Badilla) Injured—Tim Grande DVM. REFUND: \$532.10
 9th Race Wagering Change Cancel Super High 5

3/17/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,021	300,267.15
SCOTWINC	1,344	416,699.61
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	4,498,481.02
TOTAL	3,365	5,215,447.78

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/14	Sat 03/15	Sun 03/16	Mon 03/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	4	4	3	1	12	90
Claims	3	3	6	3	15	101
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	17
Refunds	9	9	7	8	33	325
Rulings	0	3	0	0	3	51
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	14

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/10/25 TO 03/16/25

Horses on Vet List 16
 Horses off Vet List 12
 Shock Wave Therapy 0
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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