

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for Monday, March 24, 2025 through Sunday, March 30, 2025.

MONDAY

03/24/25¹

STEWARD ON DUTY

Luis Jauregui was present and available to supervise entries for Saturday (10 races) and to approve the production of the program for Friday (9 races).

TUESDAY

03/25/25¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward Jauregui was on duty to resolve any issues pertaining to entries for Sunday (10 races) and to approve changes to the overnight before it was modified into the daily program.

THURSDAY

03/27/25¹

GOMEZ HEARING CASE 25SA0008

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Exercise Rider Ruben Gomez for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees). Present for the hearing were Ruben Gomez and representing the CHRB, Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama.

The complaint read as follows:

Mr. Ruben Gomez performed the duties of an exercise rider at Santa Anita on Thursday, January 2, 2025 and Friday January 24, 2025, while his exercise rider license was expired on December 31, 2021.

The matter was discussed as to why licensed trainers must obtain an exercise rider license to gallop the horses they train. Mr. Gomez had no explanation as to why his license had lapsed. A mutual understanding was attained for the necessity of this license. Decision to follow.

03/27/25²

GOMEZ HEARING CASE 25SA0036

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Exercise Rider Ruben Gomez for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 2293 (Equipment). Present for the hearing were Ruben Gomez and representing the CHRB, Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama.

The complaint read as follows:

Trainer Ruben Gomez performed the duties of an exercise rider during morning training at Santa Anita Park on Thursday, January 2, 2025 and January 24, 2025 while wearing an unauthorized safety vest.

Mr. Gomez did testify that he would like to have had the two witnesses, Mr. Cortez and Mr. Atkinson, available to question. They had not been requested to be available for the hearing. Questions were asked and answered, decision to follow.

03/27/25³

BLACKER HEARING CASE 25SA0021

The California Horse Racing Board filed a financial complaint (1876 Financial Responsibility) against trainer Dan Blacker for being indebted to Angel's Feed, Inc. in the amount \$134,811.28.

The complaint read as follows:

Daniel Blacker is indebted to Matthew Unamuno dba Angel's Feed Inc in the amount of \$134,811.28 for feed and services rendered.

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Dan Blacker, Matt Unamuno representing Angel's Feed Inc, Court Reporter Michele Derieg who recorded the proceedings and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon who presented the complaint.

Both Mr. Unamuno and Mr. Blacker shared dialog that described how the amount of the feed bill had escalated since 2011. Steward Baker (chair) went off the record to let the two discuss any viable option to resolve the issue. They both returned to the office and asked for a continuance to finalize a resolution. This hearing will be rescheduled for April.

FRIDAY

03/28/25¹

GOMEZ RULING ref 03-27-25¹

Upon deliberation of the charged violation, Mr. Gomez's penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #57

Exercise Rider RUBEN GOMEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees – expired license) on January 2, 2025, at Santa Anita Park.

03/28/25²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race last Sunday. It was confirmed Mr. Aguilar went one over the limit and his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #58

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 ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode LOOKIN FOR CURLY in the sixth race (Purse \$28,000) at Santa Anita Park on March 23, 2025, is suspended for three (3) days (April 18, 19 and 20, 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.

03/28/25³

GOMEZ RULING ref 03-27-25²

The following ruling was issued after a decision was made.

LATS Ruling #59

Exercise Rider RUBEN GOMEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2293 (Equipment – Vests) on January 2, 2025, at Santa Anita Park.

03/28/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st race NO SHOW WAGERING
#1 Orange Thunder (C. Lewis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$5,335.31
- 2nd race #3 Discrepancy (Tr. S. Morfin) claimed by Tr. P. Miller
- 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$16.00
- 4th race #4 Gracie’s Big Day (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. A. Saavedra
Refund \$51.00
- 5th race #6 Cause I’m Perfect (Tr. M. Polanco) Stewards-full field
Refund \$1,195.80
- 6th race #1 Empress Lorraine (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed by Tr. E. Alvarez
#2 Union Heiress (Tr. B. McLean) claimed by Tr. D. W. Baker
#8 Little Venus (Tr. L. P. G. Medina) P. Flores replaced C. Figueroa (sick)
- 7th race #5 Maltese Falcon (IRE) (L. Powell) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou. Refund \$175.04
- 8th race No Changes; Refund \$245.00
- 9th race #3 G’oro (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-full field. Refund \$1,588.17

03/28/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,501	384,489.65
SCOTWINC	2,350	870,798.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,462,086.68
TOTAL	4,851	6,717,374.93

SATURDAY

03/29/25¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Leonel Camacho-Flores met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in the sixth race yesterday. The issue being his crop use out of the gate. In a majority opinion Mr. Camacho-Flores was given a warning as it was hard to prove there was a violation of the rule. Steward Baker voted for a penalty.

Hector I. Berrios also met with the Stewards to review the first race yesterday. The incident occurred entering the second turn, his mount stepped inward making contact with a horse to his inside. It was apparent his horse was hard to handle. Warning.

03/29/25²

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /FIRST RACE 1 1/8 turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch that involved #1 Broski (IRE) (U. Rispoli 2nd) and #4 Unrivaled Hero (H. I. Berrios 3rd). Inside the 1/8 pole, in a majority opinion, #1 on the rail shifted out into the path of #4, causing that one to steady off of its heels and then re-rallied to be beaten a nose for a better placing. Steward Baker voted for no change.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-(1)-4-8-5-2-7-3

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-4-(1)-8-5-2-7-3

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STEWARDS' REVIEW /NO CHANGE /TENTH RACE – 6 1/2 turf

Following the running of the race the Stewards posted the Stewards' Review to address an incident near the 3/8 marker. Involved were #4 Insolenta (T. Pereira 8th), #5 Tahiti Iti (H. I. Berrios 10th) and #11 Motet (A. Aguilar 6th). After a report from those involved, in a unanimous decision, the contact between the three horses did not warrant a disqualification and the race was made official.

03/29/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

Following a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #9 Bowtie Boys who performed in the seventh race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's list. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Tim Yakteen.

03/29/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$87.30
2nd race	#1 Little Silver Girl (Tr. R. Hanson) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$322.40
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$72.00
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$156.00
5th race	#1 Brother o' Brien (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins #3 Union Wave (Tr. Bellasis) claimed by L. Barocio #4 Happy Does (Tr. S. Calvario) Stewards-entry error #8 Divine Rascal (Tr. G. Vallejo) Stewards-entered back Refund \$1,480.64
6th race	#2 Happy (Tr. S. Sherman) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #6 Dr. Ray D. (Tr. J. Uranga) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Deluhery #7 Unwritten Code (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins Refund \$63,009.89
7th race	#9 Bowtie Boys (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. I. Tamayo Refund \$55.20
8th race	#2 Tahini (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) K. Kimura replaced M. Smith (travel). Refund \$467.00
9th race	#4 Grubauer (Tr. T. McCanna) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery #8 Mbagnick (CHI) (Tr. M. Polanco) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins Refund \$1,428.20
10 th race	#6 Sweet Gem (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Stewards-full field Refund \$366.64

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,847	1,117,923.51
SCOTWINC	4,170	1,737,014.63
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,827,958.52
TOTAL	11,017	9,682,896.66

SUNDAY

03/30/25¹

TRAINER VISIT

Mark Glatt met with the Stewards to discuss the first race yesterday (ref-03-29-25²). Mr. Glatt's runner #4 Unrivaled Hero finished third but was involved in a Stewards' inquiry and was eventually placed second. Mr. Glatt asked questions about the decision not to disqualify both #1 and #6. If this scenario had happened Mr. Glatt's horse would have been put up for the win. It's fair to say, Mr. Glatt understood the Stewards' majority decision when he left the office.

03/30/25²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Sofia Barandela also met with the Stewards to analyze her ride in the second race yesterday. After she entered the stretch on a tiring horse, her inward drift caused two horses to her inside to steady. After a thorough discussion, she left the office with a warning.

03/30/25³

INQUIRY /JOCKEY OBJECTION / NO CHANGE /THIRD RACE - 1-mile dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted; in addition, an objection was lodged by jockey Kent Desormeaux aboard #1 Silver N Black (2nd) against #3 White Mountain (A. Escobedo 1st). The incident involved a three-horse spread near the ¼ pole, with #1 on the rail, #3 on the outside and #7 Soul Magic (A. Bautista 4th) in the middle. After conversation with the jockeys and a report from the Patrol Judge, in a unanimous decision there was no change in the original order of finish. #3 never veered off its path, #1 entered into a tight space and made contact with #7, tipping that one inward; therefore, the onus was on #1.

03/30/25⁴

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /SIXTH RACE - 6 ½ turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in mid-stretch. Involved were #2 War to Remember (W. Antongeorgi 2nd) and #4 Helicity (A. Fresu 3rd). After a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with the two jockeys, in a majority decision, #2 was disqualified from second and placed third behind #4. #2 stepped out, pushing #4 off of its path, costing the horse an opportunity of a better placing (beaten by a nose). Steward Jauregui believed the placing was unaffected.

03/30/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #7 Smiling Rapper (Tr. B. McLean) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$984.10

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$9.00

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$42.00

4th race #4 Monsieur (Tr. D. W. Baker) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#7 Acero (Tr. T. Bellasis) claimed by Tr. L. Campuzano.
Refund \$502.64

5th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00

6th race No Changes; Refund \$30.00

7th race #3 P Twentytwo (Tr. S. Morfin) claimed by Tr. M. Stortz.
Refund \$143.00

8th race #4 Book Smart (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Stewards-stake.
Refund \$1,419.20

9th race #5 Quality Cat (Tr. R. Hanson) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
#8 Roy Hobbs (Tr. J. Maravilla) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Blea
#12 Warrens World (Tr. C. Treece) G. Franko replaced R. S. Ramirez
(travel). Refund \$1,745.20

10th race #2 Tiaraqueen (GB) (Tr. P. Gallagher) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#4 Big Mama Sue (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$2,707.93

03/30/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,129	803,727.54
SCOTWINC	3,038	1,088,363.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,632,490.60
TOTAL	9,167	10,524,581.64

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/28	Sat 03/29	Sun 03/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	2	6	100
Claims	5	4	2	11	123
Disqualifications	0	1	1	2	7
Inquiries	0	1	2	3	21
Refunds	7	10	9	26	375
Rulings	3	0	0	3	59
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	15

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/24/25 TO 03/30/25

Horses on Vet List 15
Horses off Vet List 26
Shock Wave Therapy 1
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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