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

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Report for Monday, March 31, 2025 through Sunday, April 6, 2025.

MONDAY03/31/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, April 5, 2024. Steward Kim Sawyer was present overseeing all matters for the CHRB. Twelve (12) races were drawn. One hundred and thirteen (113) horses are scheduled to start. The feature race will be the Grade 1 \$500,000 Guaranteed Santa Anita Derby.

TUESDAY04/01/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today in the Stewards' office. Santa Anita Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff put together a program of twelve (12) races for Sunday, April 6, 2025. One hundred and two (102) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY04/03/25¹**NEW JOCKEY**

Veteran Jockey Agent Joe Griffin appeared in the Stewards' office with a prospective new Jockey. Dorde Perovic is a jockey in the country of Serbia. The Stewards informed Jockey Perovic the way to go about signing up with HISA, obtaining a physical examination and going through concussion protocol.

04/03/25²**BOB BAFFERT COMPLAINT (CASE# 25SA0022)**

Trainer Bob Baffert appeared for an informal hearing in our office today. Trainer Baffert was charged with alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) and Rule 1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon presented her nineteen (19) page complaint packet before the Stewards. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the hearing. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

The horse ELLWOOD BLUES, trained by Bob Baffert, was entered to run in the 5th race at Santa Anita on February 16, 2025. ELWOOD BLUES was entered and listed in the racing program as a 'horse', but was actually a first-time gelding. The discrepancy was not discovered until after wagering opened for the day so the horse was declared a late scratch.

The Stewards asked Trainer Baffert and Investigator Dillon some questions and reviewed the complaint. Decision to follow.

04/03/25³

LIBRADO BAROCIO COMPLAINT (CASE #24-HI-208A)

Attorney John Tyree spoke to the Stewards today telephonically regarding a complaint filed against Trainer Librado Barocio for alleged violation of HISA Rule #2230 (a) (Treatment Restrictions). Present today was CHRB Supervising Investigator (Southern California) Mike Barker and Stewards Baker, Sawyer and Paul Atkinson. Steward Jauregui recused himself, as he was working as a Safety Steward at Los Alamitos on the day of the alleged incident. The date of this alleged violation was June 22, 2024. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

CHRB Investigators at Los Alamitos conducted a vehicle search on the truck of Gabriel Martinez, who is the foreman for Trainer Librado Barocio, and located syringes. A search was subsequently conducted of Martinez' tack room at Santa Anita and another syringe was located hidden inside a dresser drawer. Barocio claimed he had no knowledge of the syringes and said he did not know why Martinez had the syringes. Barocio did acknowledge that as the trainer, he is ultimately responsible for what occurs in his barn.

Attorney Tyree, Investigator Barker and the Stewards will get together in the near future in order to agree on a hearing date. More to follow.

04/03/25⁴

GABRIEL MARTINEZ COMPLAINT (CASE #24-HI-208)

Stable Foreman Gabriel Martinez appeared in our office today. Mr. Martinez has been charged with violation of HISA Rule #2330e (Treatment Restrictions). The date of the alleged incident in this matter is June 22, 2024. Present today was CHRB Supervising Investigator Mike Barker and CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. who assisted with Spanish to English interpretation. The Stewards for this case were Grant Baker, Kim Sawyer and Paul Atkinson. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

CHRB Investigators conducted a vehicle search of Foreman Gabriel Martinez vehicle after he was observed with a syringe approaching a horse entered to race later that day. Investigators discovered contraband, including syringes, needles and injectable medication in the center console of the vehicle.

Mr. Martinez told the Stewards that he wanted to have time to obtain a lawyer for this matter. Continuance was granted and a new date will be set for this hearing in the future. More to follow.

FRIDAY
04/04/25¹

ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in our office to review his ride in the fourth race on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Jockey Ayuso finished second on Dazzle the Command in a one (1) mile main track event. Today's film review shows Jockey Ayuso using his

riding crop seven (7) times in this race. He agreed with the Stewards' analysis of this race. This is Jockey Ayuso's second 'riding crop' violation in a six (6) month period. In a unanimous decision, Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #60

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 ARMANDO AYUSO, who rode DAZZLE THE COMMAND in the fourth race (Purse \$15,000) at Santa Anita Park on March 30, 2025, is suspended for two (2) days (April 18 and 19, 2025), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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. (12-08-2024 LWTL #004)

04/04/25²

BOB BAFFERT DECISION (REF: 04/03/25²)

The ruling below was issued after the Stewards deliberated following an informal hearing heard yesterday (April 3) in our office. Trainer Baffert accepted full responsibility for the violation in yesterday's hearing.

LATS Ruling #61

Trainer BOB BAFFERT, who entered the horse ELWOOD BLUES in the fifth race on February 16, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not identified in the official program) which necessitated a late declaration and violated California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration.)

04/04/25³

LUIS ENRIQUEZ RULING (CASE #13SA171)

John Araujo DVM contacted our office and informed us that Owner Luis Enriquez has paid a past due bill. Owner Enriquez is now eligible to renew his license. Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #62

Owner LUIS ENRIQUEZ, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- \$287.50 to Veterinarian John Araujo) is restored to good standing. Ruling HRT# #008 issued at Hollywood Park on November 15, 2013 is set aside.

04/04/25⁴

FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/OBJECTION

There was a Stewards' Inquiry and Jockey Objection following today's fifth race. Jockey Tyler Baze, who rode seventh place finisher #3 El Ondeado, lodged an objection against second place finisher #2 Unbreakable Trust (Armando Ayuso) and fifth place finisher #7 Code Breaker (Armando Aguilar).

In this six (6) furlong main track event, #3 El Ondeado steadied from between horses at the ¼ mile marker. Race replays show #2 Unbreakable Trust drifting out slightly. #7 Code Breaker was racing 'tightly' outside these two rivals. His level of involvement was debatable.

The Stewards spoke with the three (3) jockeys involved, received a Patrol Judge report and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a majority decision (Steward Sawyer dissent-DQ #7), no change was made in the order of finish. Jockeys Armando Ayuso and Armando Aguilar were ordered to film review with the Stewards.

04/04/25⁵

VOIDED CLAIMS

The Stewards, acting upon the recommendation of CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, voided two (2) claims yesterday.

1st Race #1 Kahuraru (FR) (Tr. Jonathan Thomas) – Unsound
 4th Race #6 Chasin Munny (Tr. Francisco Rodriguez) – Unsound

Both horses returned to the barn of their original trainers.

04/04/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #6 Girlcanthelhit (Tr. G. Mandella) Injured- Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$806.70
 4TH Race #6 Chasin Munny (Tr. F. Rodriguez) claimed, L. Barocio, trainer
 5th Race Declaration #1 Jaguar Jon (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND: \$483.50
 6th Race Jockey Change #1 Annie’s Joy A. Ayuso for D. Van Dyke-Didn’t bring saddle
 9th Race Declaration #8 Windribbon (Tr. P. Miller) Enter Back- Stewards REFUND: \$905.80

04/04/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,136	514,825.01
SCOTWINC	2,540	883,036.89
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,408,446.15
TOTAL	5,676	9,806,308.05

SATURDAY

04/05/25¹

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW (REF: 04/04/25⁴)

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in the Stewards’ Office to review his ride in the fifth race on Friday, April 4, 2025. There was an Inquiry and Jockey Objection in this race. Jockey Aguilar was aboard fifth place finisher #7 Code Breaker. Seventh place finisher #3 El Ondeado (Tyler Baze) steadied from between horses at the ¼ mile pole location. The Stewards wanted to check the level of involvement that Jockey Aguilar had in this race. He was directly to the outside of #3 El Ondeado when this incident took place. Jockey Aguilar was excused from this informal hearing with no penalty issued.

04/05/25²

ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW (REF: 04/04/25⁴)

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in the Stewards’ Office to review his ride aboard #2 Unbreakable Trust, who finished second in the fifth race yesterday on April 5. This race was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. Today’s film review shows #2 Unbreakable Trust drifts out at the ¼ pole location. #3 El Ondeado (Tyler Baze) then steadied between horses. Jockey Ayuso was held blameless as the Stewards blamed his mounts’ errant path on the horse itself and not the jockey.

04/05/25³

GOOD RACING/SANTA ANITA DERBY DAY

Today's twelve (12) race card went well as it was free of Steward Inquiries and Jockey Objections. The total handle today was \$22,388,003. Total on-track attendance was 34,312 which is the largest turnout for Santa Anita Derby Day since 2018. Beautiful weather, large fields and good racing made this a very enjoyable day.

04/05/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2nd Race Declaration #4 Mr. Machupicchu (Tr. J. Bonde) Late on track—Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$39,569.52
- 2nd Race Jockey Change #7 Bro Bro K. Kimura for M. Gutierrez—Out of Town
- 4th Race Declaration #1 Look Forward (Tr. M. McCarthy) Stake- Stewards REFUND: \$3,564.94
- 6th Race Declarations #3 America's Mark (Tr. M. Puype) Unsound-Nolton Pattio VMD
#8 Gold Currency (Tr. R. Hanson) Unsound-Noton Pattio VMD
REFUND TOTAL: \$4,494.41
- 7th Race Declaration #11 Babe Kelso (Tr. D. Wayne Baker) Injured- Dionne Benson DVM. REFUND: \$2,875.50
- 8th Race Declaration #1 Oakley's Smile (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Incorrectly listed on Lasix—Stewards. REFUND: \$3,380.84
- 9th Race Declaration #5 Brazenly (Tr. D. Azcarte) Entered Back-Stewards REFUND: \$771.96
- 10th Race Wagering Should Read \$2 Rolling Double

04/05/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	34,312	2,197,021.70
SCOTWINC	4,808	1,851, 058.23
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	18,029,983.37
TOTAL	39,120	22,078,063.30

SUNDAY

04/06/25¹

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Steward Luis Jauregui is off today for personal reasons. Steward John Herbeveau is replacing him.

04/06/25²

EDWIN MALDONADO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Edwin Moldonado appeared in our office to review his ride in the second race (Echo Eddie Stakes) which was contested at 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. Jockey Maldonado was aboard fourth place finisher #2 I'm a Bad Boy who finished fourth in this race. Film review shows #2 I'm a Bad Boy drift out at the ¼ mile turn. Sixth place finisher #1 Triple Diamonds (Umberto Rispoli) was forced wide because of the incident. In a unanimous decision, Jockey Maldonado was excused from the hearing with a warning.

04/06/25³

JUAN HERNANDEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Juan Hernandez appeared in our office to review his ride in yesterday's tenth race (\$500,000 Guaranteed, Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby). In this 1 1/8-mile main track event Jockey Hernandez was aboard fifth (last) place finisher #4 Barnes.

The Stewards wanted to review an incident at the 7/16ths marker. The view from the camera tower located on the backside shows #7 Barnes angle in, bumping eventual

first place finisher #1 Journalism (Umberto Rispoli), shuffling him behind third place finisher #3 Westwood (Tiago Pereira). #1 Journalism re-rallies after the incident along the rail and closed strongly.

The majority (Steward Herbeveaux/Steward Sawyer) voted for a 'warning' for this ride by Jockey Hernandez as they believed it was not careless riding. Steward Baker dissented, voting for a 3-day riding suspension.

04/06/25⁴

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in our office to review his ride in the first race yesterday April 5. Stewards wanted to review his winning ride in the first race on Saturday April 5. Jockey Aguilar was aboard #5 Guiltyofhavingfun. This horse was closing strongly between horses in the stretch drive of this six (6) furlong turf race. While attempting to race between horses Jockey Aguilar's mount bumped two (2) horses from behind. They were second place finisher #11 Darlin Tami (Welfin Orantes) and fifth place finisher #10 Odies Memory Lane (Edwin Moldonado). The Stewards told Jockey Aguilar that Jockeys/Horses can commit interference while trailing rivals as well as when in front of them. Jockey Aguilar exhibited a very positive attitude today and thanked the Stewards following today's review.

04/06/25⁵

HECTOR BERRIOS FILM REVIEW

Jockey Hector Berrios appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's twelfth race. Jockey Berrios was aboard #9 Cathal (IRE), who finished fourth, in this one (1) mile race contested on the turf course. With less than a furlong to race, a well closing #9 Cathal drifts out and forces three (3) jockeys to steady their mounts. Those horses and jockeys were:

- A. #3 Covey (GB)-Umberto Rispoli—9th Place
- B. #5 Red Cross Knight-Assael Espinoza-8th Place
- C. #8 Heart Headed-Tiago Pereira-7th Place

Jockey Berrios was told to make his best effort to 'stay straight', so as not to interfere with rival participants. Warning issued.

04/06/25⁶

UMBERTO RISPOLI FILM REVIEW

Jockey Umberto Rispoli appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #1 Journalism, who won yesterday's (April 5) Santa Anita Derby. The Stewards reviewed the contact between #1 Journalism and fifth (last) place #4 Barnes (Juan Hernandez) at the 7/16ths marker in this main track event. The incident did not involve careless riding. Jockey Rispoli was issued a warning.

04/06/25⁷

BILL MCLEAN RULING

Trainer Bill McLean was called and informed of the penalty listed below. The McLean trained Idaho Once arrived at the receiving barn wearing 'toe grabs', which are not allowed on the infield turf course. Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar 'filed down' the toe grabs prior to the race.

LATS RULING #63

Trainer BILL McLEAN, who started the horse IDAHO ONCE in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 5, 2025, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

04/06/25⁸

SECOND RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident late in the final furlong of this 6 ½ furlong main track event. Race replays showed first place finisher #3 Maximum Gold (Serafin Carmona) drift out and brush third place finisher #2 Donttellowwives (Abel Lezcano) forcing that rival to steady while racing between horses. #3 Maximum Gold was beaten ½ of a length for a better placing.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of the incident, received a Patrol Judge report and spoke to both Jockey's involved. In a majority decision (Baker dissent- DQ 1st to 3rd) the original placings were made official. Apprentice Jockey Serafin Carmona was ordered to film review on April 18.

04/06/25⁹

FOURTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident just after the ¼ mile marker. This race was contested at one (1) mile on the infield turf course. Race replays show #8 Holly Goquickly (FR) (Juan Hernandez) bobble in a single horse incident. The Stewards determined that Jockey Hernandez lost an iron and that his horse slipped. #8 Holly Goquickly (FR) finished eighth (last) and was eased across the finish line. No change was made in the order of finish.

04/06/25¹⁰

TWELFTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

Following the running of the twelfth race, the CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Patio contacted the Stewards. He informed us that second place finisher #4 Over the Ocean was unsound. There was a claim submitted for this horse for \$25,000. Stewards subsequently voided this claim.

04/06/25¹¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	Declaration #2 Mr. Leisure (Tr. T. Yakteen) Fell/Post Parade—Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$67,688.65
3 rd Race	Declaration #7 Sea Dog (Tr. O.J. Jauregui) Injured-Laurie Bohannon REFUND: \$ 1,511.10
3 rd Race	#1 Dark Marcus (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed, S. Hobson, trainer
3 rd Race	Jockey Change G. Franco for A. Castellanos---Sick
4 th Race	#7Catholic Cat (Tr. J. Thomas) claimed, R. B. Hess Jr.,trainer
5 th Race	#3 Woodbine Way (Tr. L. Campuzzano) claimed, J. Hernandez, Jr. #5 I'm a Risque Girl (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer
6 th Race	Declaration #4 Empress Matilda (GB) (Tr. Robert B. Hess Jr.) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$1,376.75
7 th Race	Declaration #4 Pursuit of Freedom (Tr. J. Shirreffs) Injured- Laurie Bohannon DVM. Refund: \$2,595.12
8 th Race	Jockey Change #1 Incanto (IRE) A. Fresu for J. Ruiz—No Show
8 th Race	Declaration #4 Triple Diamonds (Tr. M. Glatt) Stake—Stewards REFUND: \$1,533.98
9 th Race	Declaration #7 Cotton Rosser (Tr. S. McCarthy) Unsound Post Parade—Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$51,127.25
11 th Race	Declaration #5 Fowler Blue (Tr. D. O'Neill) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM REFUND: \$1,597.30
12 th Race	Declaration #3 Hurricane Way (Tr. D. Blacker) claimed, M. Rheinford, trainer. REFUND: \$328.58
12 th Race	Jockey Change #8 Bronko Nagurski W. Antongeorgi for A. Castellanos (sick)

04/06/25¹²

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	10,029	1,087,957.93
SCOTWINC	3,343	1,196,648.89
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,911,945.95
TOTAL	13,372	11,196,552.77

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/04	Sat 04/05	Sun 04/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	6	1	9	109
Claims	1	0	5	6	129
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	7
Inquiries	1	0	2	3	24
Refunds	9	10	12	31	406
Rulings	3	0	1	4	63
Voided Claims	2	0	1	3	18

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/07/25 TO 04/13/25

Horses on Vet List	0
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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