

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, May 5, 2025 through Sunday, May 11, 2025.

MONDAY05/05/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward GRANT BAKER was in the office to oversee entries for Saturday. The racing office carded nine (9) races.

TUESDAY05/06/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward GRANT BAKER was also in on Tuesday morning to monitor Sunday's entries. Sunday scheduled nine (9) races.

THURSDAY05/08/25¹**CITATION**

Exercise Rider FELIMON ALVARADO was issued a citation by Safety Steward Brice Blanc on 04/24/25 for galloping the wrong way during training at San Luis Rey Training Center. Mr. Alvarado was notified of the hearing and chose not to attend. Therefore, we went on with the hearing. Safety Steward Brice Blanc has previously warned Mr. Alvarado numerous times not to gallop the wrong way. Therefore, Mr. Blanc issued a citation. Mr. Alvarado will be issued a ruling tomorrow morning.

05/08/25²**BLACKER CONTINUANCE (CASE #25SA0021)**

Trainer DAN BLACKER was scheduled to come in for a continuance from a hearing that was started on March 27, 2025 (ref. 03/27/25³) for unpaid feed service in the amount of \$133,533.00. After receiving notice, Mr. Blacker failed to appear for the hearing; still, we went on to hear Mr. Unamuno's testimony. The financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876 -Financial Responsibility) was filed by Angel's Feed President Matt Unamuno. Since the March 27, 2025 hearing the original amount has increased since Mr. Blacker is still receiving feed from Angel's Feed. The amount has increased to \$138,161.26.

FRIDAY

05/09/25¹

BLACKER MEETING

Trainer DAN BLACKER appeared this morning and stated he failed to set an alert from his phone, and after receiving an email from Mr. Unamuno that Mr. Blacker missed yesterday's hearing, he decided to come in and see us. We told Mr. Blacker that we will discuss our course of actions regarding the failure to appear. Stay tuned!

05/09/25²

PRECAUTIONARY HEAT MEETING

We held a meeting to prepare for the extreme heat over the next couple days. Present in the hearing were Director of Racing & Racing Secretary Jason Egan, Racing Coordinator Steve Martinelli, Paddock & Patrol Judge Jesus Calvillo, Jr., and Safety Steward David Nuesch. We discussed our protocol with all parties for the extreme heat.

05/09/25³

ALVARADO RULING

Exercise Rider FELIMON ALVARADO was issued the following ruling in regards of yesterday's citation hearing.

LATS Ruling #74

Exercise Rider FELIMON ALVARADO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – galloping the wrong way during a.m. training) at San Luis Rey Training Center on April 24, 2025.

05/09/25⁴

FILM REVIEW

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA and his Agent Ryan Cosato were in to review Sunday's seventh race, in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry. Mr. Herrera placed the majority of the blame on the inside horses, and mostly on the #6 horse (A. Ayuso) which overreacted from his horse. The Stewards all agreed that Mr. Herrera deserved a suspension, and the majority voted for a four (4) day suspension because it was his second violation in the last sixty (60) days. Steward Jauregui voted for a three (3) day penalty. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #75

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode WHATS THE BUZZ in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on May 4, 2025, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (May 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2025) for crossing over without sufficient clearance in the backstretch, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to eleventh place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding – second offense in sixty (60) days).

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

05/09/25⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the first race to look at the #3 Outworker (A. Fresu), which refused to break and stood in the starting gate at the start. After speaking to the starter and reviewing the video several times, we made no change. We felt the #3 was afforded a fair start without blame to anyone; therefore, no change.

05/09/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 Going Nowhere- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured Refund \$3,238.59
- 2nd Race #4 Auditory- Claimed by K. Castaneda, trainer
#5 Crypto Crush- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$19.00
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$136.06
- 5th Race #5 Song of Shadows- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
#6 Lamporghini- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer. Refund \$782.28
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 9th Race #2 Bid On the Prize- J. Herrera replaces F. Ramirez, personal
#1 One of These days (IRE)- claimed by S. Knapp, trainer

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,307	428,647.79
SCOTWINC	2,120	712,190.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,287,548.78
TOTAL	4,427	7,428,387.37

SATURDAY

05/10/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO was in to review yesterday's ninth race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the video, it was determined that all angles on the DVD were not there. Therefore, Mr. Franco left with a warning. We felt that Mr. Franco would not be afforded his due process otherwise. Also, one of the strikes wasn't clear if it was a strike.

05/10/25²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign following the running of the ninth race after the #1 Perfect Smile (W. Antongeorgi) ducked into the gap, unseating the rider as he crossed onto the main track. After reviewing the race several times, we made no change. In a unanimous opinion the #1 horse caused his own issues at no fault of any participants.

05/10/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #7 Corporal Violette (IRE)- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
- 2nd Race #3 Bronko Nagurski- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer. Refund \$40.00
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$184.00
- 4th Race #2 Sand to Sea- Stewards' scratch, weather. Refund \$1,263.00
- 5th Race #1 Noble Reflection- Stewards' scratch, stake
#5 Eye On Ry- Stewards' scratch. enter back (NO- SHOW WAGERING). Refund \$2,261.61
- 6th Race No Changes; Refund \$102.00
- 7th Race #9 Lovin' On the Run- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$433.00
- 8th Race #3 My Bucket List- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer
#6 Momo's Kiddo- S, Carmona replaces R. Sevilla, no apprentice certificate. Refund \$2,329.13
- 9th Race #3 Lead the Way Kay- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$1,673.88

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,088	752,351.68
SCOTWINC	3,498	1,315,194.97
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,387,634.23
TOTAL	9,586	9,455,180.88

SUNDAY

05/11/25¹

FERNANDEZ RULING

Stable Foreman OSCAR FERNANDEZ was issued the following ruling in regards to a hearing on April 24, 2025 (ref: 04/24/25³). All the requirements are listed in the ruling.

LATS RULING #76

Stable Foreman OSCAR FERNANDEZ is suspended for NINETY (90) DAYS for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – possession of methamphetamine/drug paraphernalia) on March 7, 2025 at Santa Anita Park. Suspension term retroactively began on March 8, 2025 and continues through June 5, 2025.

Furthermore, OSCAR FERNANDEZ must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board.

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

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STARTERS MEETING

We called a meeting to discuss all the factors of yesterday’s accident in which the #1 horse ducked in (3/4 gap) unseating the rider. We wanted to discuss the horse and go over our safety protocol when an accident occurs. Present in the Stewards’ office was Senior Vice President & General Manager Nate Newby, Senior Vice President & Executive Producer Amy Zimmerman, Head Starter Jay Slender, Racing Coordinator Steve Martinelli and Safety Steward David Nuesch. We went over the safety protocols and discussed the approval process for first time starters. The meeting was very productive and set some standards.

05/11/25³

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We conducted an inquiry after the running of the first race to look at the #6 Three Georges (K. Desormeaux 4th) and the #3 No Poking Around (E. Maldonado 5th) as they left the starting gate (1 mile). After reviewing all angles and speaking to both riders involved, we made no change to the order of finish. In what was a unanimous vote, the #3 was not cost a better placing, therefore no change was made.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$20.80
2 nd Race	#6 Smokem Hot Girl- Claimed by J. Valdez, trainer. Refund \$21.00
3 rd Race	#3 Lammas (GB)- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer. Refund \$123.00
4 th Race	#1 Mamarando- LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Deluhery, injured
	#5 Beverly T- LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Deluhery, injured
	#6 Prime Number- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Deluhery, unsound

#8 Miss Miche Lada- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer
Refund \$288,859.75

5th Race #5 Smart Code- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Grande, injured
Refund \$1,759.50

6th Race #3 Atomic Drop- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
#7 Man Child- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer. Refund \$66.00

7th Race No changes; Refund \$625.00

8th Race #1 Gun Runner Charlie- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick
#4 Canada Gate- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$2,063.00

9th Race #6 Infamous Angel- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$666.08

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,223	766,347.43
SCOTWINC	2,799	980,045.38
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,220,251.20
TOTAL	11,022	7,966,644.01

SUMMARY

	Fri 05/09	Sat 05/10	Sun 05/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	4	0	3	7	140
Claims	4	5	5	14	164
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	11
Inquiries	1	1	1	3	31
Refunds	4	8	9	21	508
Rulings	2	0	1	3	76
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	22

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 05/05/25 TO 05/11/25

Horses on Vet List 16
Horses off Vet List 12
Shock Wave Therapy 13
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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