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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, May 12, 2025 through Sunday, May 18, 2025.**

**MONDAY**  
05/12/25<sup>1</sup>

#### **DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Saturday (10 races) and to resolve any other issues that may arise. Friday's program (9 races) changes were approved.

**TUESDAY**  
05/13/25<sup>1</sup>

#### **STEWARD DUTIES**

Again Mr. Jauregui was present to observe the entry process for Sunday's card (10 races) and authorize any program changes for Saturday.

**THURSDAY**  
05/15/25<sup>1</sup>

#### **RUVALCABA HEARING CASE 25SA0048**

The CHRB filed a complaint at the request of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio against trainer Alberto Ruvalcaba for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). Present before the BOS were Alberto Ruvalcaba and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon.

The complaint read as follows:

*CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "ROSIE TINKERBELL", who was entered in the 8th race at Santa Anita on March 17th, 2025, was 9 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "ROSIE TINKERBELL" was trained by Alberto Ruvalcaba.*

Mr. Ruvalcaba stated he shipped from Northern California to race, it was his groom's first time to paddock a horse at Santa Anita and he took a longer route to the receiving than other available avenues. Mr. Ruvalcaba has had no prior violations of this nature. He was informed there would be an Official Warning ruling issued.

05/15/25<sup>2</sup>

**CALVARIO HEARING CASE 25SA0045**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Samuel Calvario at the request of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). Present before the BOS were Samuel Calvario and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon.

The complaint read as follows:

*CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "EL DIAMANTE NEGRO", who was entered in the second race at Santa Anita on March 17th, 2025, was 11 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "EL DIAMANTE NEGRO" was trained by Samuel Calvario.*

Mr. Calvario stated he was not available to oversee the running of his horse as his main stable was still located in Northern California (Pleasanton). He was unaware his horse was tardy until he was interviewed by Investigator Dillon. Trainer Calvario has not violated this rule previously or since the incident occurred. An Official Warning will be issued in ruling form.

05/15/25<sup>3</sup>

**LEDEZMA HEARING CASE 25SA0046**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Sergio Ledezma at the request of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). Present before the BOS was CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon.

The complaint read as follows:

*CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "CAPTAIN WILLIS", who was entered in the second race at Santa Anita on March 17th, 2025, was 9 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "CAPTAIN WILLIS" was trained by Sergio Ledezma.*

Prior to this hearing Mr. Ledezma signed a Waiver of Appearance form and checked the box that states he will accept the penalty assessed. Upon reading Investigator Dillon's report, Mr. Ledezma stated the grooms he hired had trouble putting the bridle on the horse in question. There were no prior or post violations of CHRB rule 1852. Decision to follow.

05/15/25<sup>4</sup>

**MARAVILLA HEARING CASE 250047**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Jorge Maravilla at the request of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). Present before the BOS were Jorge Maravilla telephonically as he is now located at Emerald Downs in Auburn Washington and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon.

The complaint read as follows:

*CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "A CROWN FOR KITTEN", who was entered in the 6TH race at Santa Anita on March 17th, 2025, was 12 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. Dr. Pattio also reported the horse "TOPANTICIPATION", who was entered in the same race was also 12 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. Both horses were trained by Jorge Maravilla.*

Mr. Maravilla also has recently shipped in from Northern California due to the closure of Pleasanton. He stated he had two horses in the same race and he did not hear the twenty (20) minute call and this was the cause for his tardiness. At that point he hurried to get to the Receiving Barn. Over the years it has been reported that the speakers in that area of the stable fail to work all of the time. He also has not violated this CHRB rule formerly or since the incident. Ruling to follow.

05/15/25<sup>5</sup>

**SEVILLIA VISIT**

Apprentice Jockey Rigoberto Sevilla met with the Stewards as directed to discuss the loss of his Apprentice Certificate. He is named on a horse for Saturday and he was told to come back Saturday morning and the situation will be rectified.

05/15/25<sup>6</sup>

**WOZNY CITATION HEARING**

Safety Steward Brice Blanc arranged a Microsoft Teams meeting to adjudicate a citation he issued to Exercise Rider Daria Wozny for continuing to gallop her horse while the sirens were on at San Luis Rey Training Center. The sirens located on the racing strip indicate that there is a loose horse on the racetrack and all riders are instructed to pull their horses up. After the "Teams" connection failed, the hearing was continued over the telephone.

The testimony given by Mr. Blanc stated that she made no attempt to do so. This horse was under the tutelage of trainer Peter Miller. Ms. Wozny stated she tried to slow down after the gate work; it was verified her attempt to pull up did not transpire until ½ mile later. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**

05/16/25<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARD REPLACEMENTS**

Grant Baker was off today, David Nuesch replaced him in the stand and Paul Atkinson served as Safety Steward.

05/16/25<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SEVENTH RACE 6 ½ turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the finish line. Involved were #5 Rosa Parks (A. Fresu 1<sup>st</sup>) and #8 Lava Lucy (A. Ayuso 2<sup>nd</sup>). After a review of the available videos, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys in a unanimous decision there was no change in the order of finish. #5 did shift into the path of #8 but the incident occurred close to the finish line and did not affect the final placing.

05/16/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$0.00
2nd race	#5 Western Avenue (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou Refund \$6.00
3rd race	#1 Step It Out (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin. Refund \$46.00
4th race	#3 Tippy (Tr. G. Lopez) Stewards-trainer chose to not run-ruling to follow. Refund \$778.00
5th race	#2 Jerry's Spirit (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,821.75
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$103.54
7th race	#3 Booster Squeeze (Tr. C. Lewis) Stewards-re entered #4 Kikuride (Tr. C. Lewis) Stewards-re entered. Refund \$3,215.22
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$0.00
9th race	#9 Empress Ellie (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou

05/16/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,515	375,242.61
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,865	947,714.97
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	5,284,165.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,380	6,607,123.48

**SATURDAY**

05/17/25<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Kent Desormeaux met with the Stewards to review the first race last Sunday (05-11-25) wherein he crossed over in front of another horse with marginal clearance prior to the first turn in the one (1) mile turf event. His actions were discussed, and he left the office with a warning.

05/17/25<sup>2</sup>

**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED ref 03-27-25<sup>3</sup> & 05-08-25<sup>2</sup>**

Matt Unamuno (Angel's Feeds, Inc) and trainer Dan Blacker met in the Stewards' office to finalize a financial agreement pertaining to a CHRB financial complaint (Case #25SA0021) filed on February 14, 2025. A CHRB financial agreement was signed by both parties and copies of the document were distributed.

05/17/25<sup>3</sup>

**WARNING RULINGS ref 05-15-25<sup>1</sup> through 05-15-25<sup>4</sup>**

The following rulings were issued after deliberation and consideration of the circumstances involved in the complaints filed.

**LATS RULING # 77**

Trainer SAMUEL CALVARIO is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025.

**LATS RULING # 78**

Trainer SERGIO LEDEZMA issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025.

**LATS RULING # 79**

Trainer JORGE MARAVILLA issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025.

**LATS RULING # 80**

Trainer ALBERTO RUVALCABA issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025.

05/17/25<sup>4</sup>

**WOZNY RULING ref 05-15-25<sup>6</sup>**

The following ruling was issued after a unanimous decision was made to issue a penalty. Ms. Wozny was informed telephonically of the ruling and her options to appeal.

**LATS RULING #81**

Exercise Rider DARIA WOZNY is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting

– Failure to stop galloping her horse while sirens/warning lights were activated) at San Luis Rey Training Center on May 8, 2025.

05/17/25<sup>5</sup>

**SMOOTH SAILING**

The ten (10) race card was performed without a ripple.

05/17/25<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
2nd race #1 Panuco (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. S Knapp  
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
4th race #4 Dorie Miller (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. L. Powell  
#7 Special Flower (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by G. Papaprodormou-  
Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$112,489.53  
5th race #7 Mr. Hussar (Tr. S. Sherman) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr.  
Deluhery. Refund \$23,288.16  
6th race No Changes; Refund \$812.46  
7th race #6 Touchdown Brown (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt  
Refund \$10.00  
8th race #5 Natural Fighter (IRE) (Tr. G. Vallejo)  
Refund \$800.52  
9th race #5 Sea Dog (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$752.50  
10<sup>th</sup> race #8 Beyond Lucky (Tr. J. Thomas) Steward-stake  
Refund\$1,968.32

05/17/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	10,104	1,441,979.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	7,108	2,677,149.29
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	7,641,708.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	17,212	11,760,837.43

**SUNDAY**  
05/18/25<sup>1</sup>

**DISQUALIFICATION RULING**

The following ruling was distributed after confirmation the thirty (30) day time frame to appeal had lapsed.

**LATS RULING #82**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, CEE'S THE IMAGE was disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 6 at Santa Anita Park on March 8, 2025, Case #ECM2025-82/ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owners LAURIE LEANNE HILL and STEVEN HILL, Apprentice Jockey ALFREDO BAUTISTA and Trainer FELIX RONDAN be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before June 18, 2025, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1<sup>st</sup> HARNEY LANE    2<sup>nd</sup> BROOKYS GAL    3<sup>rd</sup> TWILIGHT EMPIRE  
4<sup>th</sup> MORNING ADDICTION    5<sup>th</sup> ROSES R BLUE    6<sup>th</sup> ROSE OF JERICHO  
7<sup>th</sup> TESSA (GB)

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

05/18/25<sup>2</sup>

**LOPEZ RULING**

The following ruling was issued after trainer George Lopez chose not to start his horse in the fourth race on Friday. Ironically, he had two horses in the carded six horse field.

**LATS Ruling #83**

Trainer GEORGE L. LOPEZ, who was scheduled to start TIPPY in the fourth race on May 16, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration- didn't want to run.)

05/18/25<sup>3</sup>

**SACRAMENTO VISIT**

CHRB Deputy Executive Director Cynthia Alameda, CHRB Chief of Board Operations Divisions Vince Somma and CHRB Business Services Division Tyler Evans visited the BOS today. Mr. Somma and Mr. Evans stated they enjoyed their first time visit to Santa Anita. They toured the down stairs office along with a jaunt to the Stewards' stand upstairs.

05/18/25<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER OBJECTION/ NO CHANGE/ SEVENTH RACE ¾ dirt**

Following the running of the race Steve Knapp, trainer of #5 Supernal (T. Pereira 4<sup>th</sup>) lodged a claim of foul against #7 Piper's Causeway (A. Aguilar 1<sup>st</sup>) for possible interference in the back stretch. After a review of the videos in a unanimous decision #7 did not impede #5 and the original order of finish was made official.

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#3 Booster Club (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$23,938.84
2nd race	#1 Liquid Spirit (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #2 Isabel Ludlow (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. J. Mendoza
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0.00
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$0.00
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$14.00
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$33.00
7th race	#1 Lord Tripping (Tr. R. Hanson) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio #4 Devil Among Us (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio #5 Supernal (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill. Refund \$512.80
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$374.96
9th race	#2 Adios Nicanor (Tr. J. Bautista) claimed by Tr. J. Valdez #3 Supermazel (Tr. I. Tamayo) DNF #5 Wild Wager (Tr. J. Bautista) Stewards-loose off track #9 Brother o' Brian (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. J. Sierra #10 Vinny the Coin (Tr. G. Vallejo) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$21,859.59
10th race	#10 Neema (Tr. B. Baffert) Stewards-full field Refund \$2,835.72

05/18/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,316	841,452.69
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,042	1,113,977.45
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	8,551,749.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,358	10,507,179.86

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 05/16</b>	<b>Sat 05/17</b>	<b>Sun 05/18</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	2	3	6	146
<b>Claims</b>	3	3	5	11	175
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	11
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	1	2	33
<b>Refunds</b>	6	7	7	20	528
<b>Rulings</b>	0	5	2	7	83
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	1	1	23

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 05/12/25 TO 05/18/25**

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	7
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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