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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 2, 2026, through Sunday, March 8, 2026.**

**MONDAY**03/02/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff were on duty in the racing office, accepting entries for Big 'Cap Day, Saturday, March 7, 2026. Stakes Coordinator James Kasparoff is showcasing four (4) graded stakes races on this big day of racing. Eleven (11) races will be carded with a Special Post Time of 12:00 p.m. Ninety-three (93) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty representing the CHRB.

**TUESDAY**03/03/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, March 8, 2026. Nine (9) races were drawn. Post Time for the remainder of the meeting (Santa Anita Derby Day excluded) will be 1:00 p.m. Sixty-nine (69) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty for the CHRB.

**THURSDAY**03/05/26<sup>1</sup>**WILLIAM SALLER MATTER (REF: 01/29/26<sup>2</sup>)**

An informal hearing (Case #25DM0059) was conducted for Owner William Saller at Santa Anita on January 29, 2026. Trainer Leonard Powell filed a complaint against Owner Saller for an alleged past due bill of \$25,353.00. Mr. Saller testified over the telephone on January 29. Trainer Powell and Owner Saller negotiated with each other on this day. The agreed amount owed was \$19,000. The Stewards were informed today that \$19,000 has been paid to Trainer Powell and this complaint has been paid in full. The matter is now dismissed.

03/05/26<sup>2</sup>**DONCIC DISQUALIFICATION**

After receiving a Notice of Final Civil Sanctions Under ADMC Program from HIWU, the Stewards issue the following ruling disqualifying the horse Doncic from the third race at Santa Anita Park on October 3, 2025.

### **LATS RULING #43**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, DONCIC is disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 3 at Santa Anita Park on October 3, 2025, Case #ECM2025-272/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 HOLLY WILSON and DAVID WILSON, Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN and Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before April 5, 2026, 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> PROOF HE RIDES
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DANIEL’S MAGIC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SHARP AZA TACK
- 4<sup>th</sup> HARCYN
- 5<sup>th</sup> TOUGHERTHANTHEREST
- 6<sup>th</sup> REXFORD

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.

03/05/26<sup>3</sup>

### **BRUCE GUTTMAN HEARING**

The Veterinarian Group, Southern California Equine Foundation has filed a Financial Complaint (Rule #1876) against Owner Bruce Guttman. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

*Owner Bruce Guttman is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation in the amount of \$1,371.50 for services rendered. SCEF attempt at contacting Guttman was unsuccessful. SCEF provided a copy of the invoice for a NucScan that was performed on the horse ‘Arabian Flirt’. SCEF also provided proof of registered proof of registered mail that was sent to Guttman with address he provided.*

The Stewards were notified that this bill has been paid in full and this complaint has been withdrawn.

03/05/26<sup>4</sup>

### **LISA COPELAN HEARING (CASE:26SA0013)**

The Veterinarian Group Southern California Equine Foundation has filed a Financial Complaint (Rule #1876) against Owner Lisa Copeland. The cover page of today’s twelve (12) page complaint reads as follows.

*Owner Lisa Copeland is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation in the amount of \$720.00 for services rendered. SCEF states that Copeland’s attending Veterinarian Dr. Cecilia Chaparro requested a Nuc/PetScan on the horse ‘North Lake’. SCEF stated that the horse did not show up for the requested examination on November 5, 2025. Neither Lisa Copeland nor Dr. Chaparro called to cancel the*

examination date. SCEF states they attempted to contact Dr. Chaparro on the day of the exam but was unsuccessful.

CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. and Office Manager Margaret Levine (SCEF) appeared in our office for today's hearing. Lisa Copeland testified on the telephone. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the proceedings. The Stewards wanted to get more information from additional people who were involved in this matter, who were not available today, to reach a fair decision. This hearing will be continued to a future date. Investigator Vergara, Jr. will coordinate the new date with the respondent and defendant in this case. More to follow.

03/05/26<sup>5</sup>

### **JOCKEY CONCUSSION PROTOCOL MEETING**

The Stewards called for a meeting involving several people regarding clearing Jockey's to ride again after they are involved in an accident. Along with the Stewards, the following people participated in this meeting in our office today.

1. Jeff Johnston—HISA Rider Safety and Welfare Manager (Telephone)
2. Nate Newby—Santa Anita General Manager
3. Paige Rickerd—Santa Anita Operations
4. Aaron Gryder—1st Racing Vice-President
5. Amy Zimmerman—Santa Anita Senior Vice President & Executive Producer
6. Paul Atkinson—CHRB Safety Steward
7. Dr. David Seftel—1st Racing Medical Director (Telephone)
8. Darrell Haire—Jockey's Guild Western Regional Manager

A good back and forth was had by all.

**FRIDAY**

03/06/26<sup>1</sup>

### **INTERNS' VISIT**

Safety Steward Paul Atkinson stopped by our office accompanied by two (2) interns who are at Santa Anita at the behest of 1/ST Racing. Keira Roberts and Amaranta Torres are students at Cal Poly Pomona and are spending their internship in the various departments here at Santa Anita. These two (2) students are scheduled to spend more time with us on Saturday, March 14.

03/06/26<sup>2</sup>

### **HEAD STARTER OUT**

Santa Anita Head Starter Jay Slender contacted the Stewards today and informed us that he is going to be off work for an undetermined period of time. Stewards expect to see Starter Slender back to work, with a new bounce in his step, sometime in April. Backup Starter Keil Travis gets the assignment until Starter Slender returns.

03/06/26<sup>3</sup>

### **GOOD RACING**

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

03/06/26<sup>4</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

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| 1st Race | #5 Tapalo (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer  |
| 6th Race | Declaration #1 Blame It On Jack (Tr. P. Miller) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$1,316.09 |
| 7th Race | #2 Twirling Point (Tr. Jonathan Thomas) claimed, B. Wright, trainer                           |
| 8th Race | Declaration #2 Crypto Ride (Tr. S. Hobson) Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND: \$199.15                 |
| 8th Race | #6 Pass the Baton (Tr. Bill McLean) claimed, L. Barocio, trainer                              |

03/06/26<sup>5</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,646	\$434,552.70
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,500	\$892,776.54
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$4,646,069.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,146	\$6,436,149.41

**SATURDAY POWER OUT BACKSTRETCH**03/07/26<sup>1</sup>

Very high winds in the San Gabriel Valley led to electrical problems here at Santa Anita. The power was out in the entire Stable Area beginning in the early morning until electricity was restored just before today's special 12:00 p.m. post time. Power was in good condition and on the front side was in good order. Power was out in the CHRB Investigator's Office and the CHRB Licensing Office during this period. CHRB Investigator Hersch Yokoyama was working out of his car, utilizing a power transformer, to do his reports.

03/07/26<sup>2</sup>**QUIET MORNING**

The morning portion of today's Stewards' duties were relatively routine. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson stopped by our office to update us with safety issues, licensing matters and several other current events that Stewards sitting behind a desk (Morning Office/Judges' Stand) all day would not be aware of. His work is extremely appreciated.

03/07/26<sup>3</sup>**BIG 'CAP DAY**

19,112 racing fans passed through the turnstiles to watch an eleven (11) race card today. Four graded stakes including the Santa Anita Handicap and the San Felipe Stakes, which is a Kentucky Derby Prep, highlighted a quality day of racing prepared by Santa Anita Racing Secretary Jason Egan. Throughout the day wind gusts got as high as 40 miles per hour. Several activities took place in the infield including the popular Lucha Libre wrestling matches.

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03/07/26<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #3 Running With Chaos (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Injured-Dionne Benson DVM. REFUND: \$2,300.63  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration #6 South Bay (Tr. T. Yakteen) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND: \$909.49  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 Dazzling Move3 (Tr. S. Joesph) Stake—Stewards REFUND: \$2,853.62  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #5 Sophie's Heart (Tr. D. Jensen) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$430.10  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Westwood (Tr. P. Eurton) Stake—Stewards. REFUND: \$3,356.54  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Minister Shane (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, G. Lopez, trainer

03/07/26<sup>6</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	19,122	\$1,776,808.52
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	4,119	\$1,625,280.72
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$10,511,823.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	23,241	\$14,705,730.59

**SUNDAY**  
03/08/26<sup>1</sup>

**ROBERT J. LUCAS RULING**

The ruling below was issued after Trainer Robert Lucas did not have his trainee Scorching Hot registered for Lasix prior to entry. This horse finished ninth in the first race on Saturday March 7.

**LATS RULING #44**

Trainer ROBERT J. LUCAS, who started the horse SCORCHING HOT in the first race on March 7, 2026 at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

03/08/26<sup>2</sup>

**EMISAEEL JARAMILLO FILM REVIEW/HISA RULING**

Jockey Emisael Jaramillo appearing in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in yesterday's eighth race (Grade II \$200,000 Guaranteed, San Felipe Stakes. Today's meeting with Jockey Jaramillo shows him using his riding crop seven (7) times aboard second place finisher #7 Robusta in this 1 1/16<sup>th</sup> mile main track event. Jockey Jaramillo agreed that his efforts violated the HISA riding crop rule. In a unanimous decision, Jockey Jaramillo was fined \$500 and suspended March 22, 2026.

03/08/26<sup>3</sup>

**FOURTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to investigate the actions of the first two finishers in this 6 ½ furlong race on the infield turf course. In the final furlong of this race there was slight contact between first place finisher #5 Re Armed Jon (Ricardo Gonzalez) and second place finisher #7 Incanto (IRE) (Hector I. Berrios). The Stewards reviewed all available camera angles of the incident, received a Patrol Judge report and spoke to both jockeys involved.

The margin between these two (2) rivals at the finish line was a nose. The majority (Baker/Jauregui) felt the contact was minimal and that both horses equally contributed. The minority felt the actions of the horse to the inside (#5 Re Armed Jon) were that of an outward drift and that he should be disqualified and placed second. There was no change made in the order of finish.

03/08/26<sup>4</sup>

**FIFTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

Trainer Jorge Farias 'dropped a claim' for #2 Scatify in today's fifth race. Following this race CHRB Nolton Pattio VMD informed us that this horse was unsound. The Stewards notified all relevant parties and this eighth-place finisher, claimed for \$10,000, was returned to the stable of original trainer Jeff Mullins.

03/08/26<sup>5</sup>

**SIXTH RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY**

When Starter Keil Travis dispatched the field for this one (1) mile main track event, #2 Mc Vay stumbled and unseated Jockey Mike Smith. Jockey Smith was examined by medical personnel after walking away from the incident. #2 Mc Vay was captured by an Outrider and reported to be in good condition after running around the one (1) mile oval riderless. The loose horse did not interfere with any of his six (6) rivals. After a film review the Stewards declared #2 Mc Vay an official Starter and no change was made in the order of finish.

03/08/26<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	Declaration #5 Greta's Ghost (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Injured-Dionne Benson DVM. REFUND: \$1,105.16
1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#8 Blame Eve (Tr. L. Powell) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Peanutbutterbombe (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stake-Stewards  
REFUND: \$1,240.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race NO SHOW WAGERING

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #1 Caro Buono (FR) (Tr. L. Powell) Sick—Jay Deluhery  
DVM  
#4 Classico (Tr. D. O'Neil) Sick-Jay Deluhery DVM  
#6 Ventry Strand (Tr. J. Sadler) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD  
#8 Honey's Choice (Tr. P. D'Amato) Sick— Nolton Pattio VMD  
REFUND TOTAL: \$8,075.78

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #2 Improbable U—Injured-Dionne Benson DVM  
REFUND: \$1,320.59

03/08/26<sup>7</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	7,745	\$774,536.36
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,093	\$1,075,559.32
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$7,286,911.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,838	\$9,635,695.50

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 03/05</b>	<b>Fri 03/06</b>	<b>Sat 03/07</b>	<b>Sun 03/08</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	n/a	0	0	1	1	8
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	n/a	3	2	1	6	69
<b>Claims</b>	n/a	3	1	1	5	71
<b>Disqualifications</b>	n/a	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	n/a	0	0	2	2	14
<b>Refunds</b>	n/a	5	10	7	22	158
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	0	1	2	44
<b>Voided Claims</b>	n/a	0	0	1	1	8

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/02/26 TO 03/08/26**

Horses on Vet List 13  
Horses off Vet List 16  
Shock Wave Therapy 3  
Fatalities 0  
Medication 0

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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