

**California Horse Racing Board**

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

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Friday, October 23, 2020 through Sunday, October 25, 2020****WEDNESDAY**

10/21/20<sup>1</sup> Ron Church was the Steward on duty to supervise entries for Saturday (ten races) and approve any changes and corrections made to Friday's card (nine races).

**THURSDAY**

10/22/20<sup>1</sup> Again, Steward Church worked in the office to oversee entries for Sunday (eleven races) and approve scratches and adjustments to the Saturday program.

**FRIDAY**

10/23/20<sup>1</sup>

**PRAT RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Prat acknowledged he improperly used his crop as stated in the following ruling.

**LATC RULING #25**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(d)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – Not in the underhanded position – first offense in last 60 days), during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on October 18, 2020.

10/23/20<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Abel Cedillo met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race on Sunday October 18, 2020. The angles available were inconclusive to the number of times he used his crop, and he was excused without penalty.

Heriberto Figueroa along with Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the seventh race Sunday. Mr. Figueroa has been a repeat visitor to the Stewards office concerning his crop use. He has previously been fined twice for violating

the new crop rule. In this race he used the crop seven times and once cocked as listed in the following ruling.

**LATC RULING #26**

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA, who rode SAVVY GAL in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on October 18, 2020, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (October 31, November 1 and 6, 2020 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(d)(2) and (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times and - not in the underhanded position - third offense in the last 60 days).

10/23/20<sup>3</sup>

**AGUILAR INFORMAL HEARING**

Hotwalker Estuardo Jose Aguilar met with the Stewards as directed by Security to discuss the use and or non-use of a face mask. Mr. Aguilar admitted while wearing his face mask he had it placed underneath his nose. He left the office with a warning and he was promised, if he did not abide by the policy a hefty penalty would be issued. He promised to comply.

10/23/20<sup>4</sup>

**BLACK HEARING CASE 20DM0059**

The CHRB filed a complaint against exercise rider Corey Black for violation of CHRB rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers). Mr. Black was ordered to submit a urine drug test at Del Mar by CHRB Investigator Mike Barker after reports by Del Mar personal that he was possibly under the influence. Mr. Black initially stated he was unable to provide a sample until he could consume some water. He then stated he needed to go to the barn area to find another ride home. He was informed if he did not return it would be considered a refusal to test. He did not return and could not be reached on his cell phone.

Mr. Black appeared today, and Senior Investigator Kevin Kitashima presented the complaint. The events that occurred in the complaint were discussed; Mr. Black had several reasons as to why he did not return to test on August 7, 2020 at the Del Mar Investigators office. Mr. Black will be drug tested today following the hearing. Decision to follow.

10/23/20<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #3 BREWED BIG (Tr. S. Morfin) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$1,110.83  
2nd race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#2 PARK AVENUE (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
#3 HATSHEPSUT (Tr. I. Kruljac) J. Hernandez replaced V. Espinoza (sick)  
Refund \$1,237.30  
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0  
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
5th race No Changes; Refund \$16.00  
6th race #5 NEXT REVOLT (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. K. Desormeaux Refund \$34.00  
7th race #2 WHITE VELVET (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$766.50  
8th race #3 POSTERIZE (D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. D. Ascarate Refund \$293.00  
9th race No Changes; Refund \$3,720.37

10/23/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 0     | \$54,122.90    |
| SCOTWinc           | 1,627 | \$631,544.95   |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$4,148,508.17 |
| Total              | 1,627 | \$4,834,176.02 |

**SATURDAY**

10/24/20<sup>1</sup>

**CORSER RULING CASE 20SA0205**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Corser failed to appear for his scheduled hearing yesterday.

**LATC RULING #27**

Owner MARK CORSER, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the Santa Anita Park on or before October 23, 2020, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Southern California Equine Foundation - \$639.34). The suspension will begin on Friday October 30, 2020.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MARK CORSER are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/24/20<sup>2</sup>

### **FLORES RULING CASE 20SA0231**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Flores failed to appear for his scheduled hearing yesterday.

#### **LATC RULING #028**

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on October 23, 2020, to answer a complaint regarding case #20SA0231 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Jockey Agent Rene San Miguel for services - \$907.00) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on October 31, 2020.

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of VICTOR FLORES are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/24/20<sup>3</sup>

### **RENNON HEARINGS CASES 20SA0198 & 20SA0222**

Owner Randy Rennon was available by telephone to discuss a financial complaint filed by the CHRB for So Cal Equine Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$5,298.30 for surgery performed on his horse SPECTATORS DREAM. Dr. Ryan Carpenter and SCEF representative Margie Levine were present for testimony. The surgery was performed on June 8, 2020 and no payment has been submitted since.

Mr. Rennon stated he can only offer minimal payments currently with hopes of being able to satisfy SCEF in three months. Ms. Levine stated she will confere with the Foundation (Dr. Joseph Dowd) and will give an answer to the Stewards tomorrow if this offer of payment would be acceptable. More to follow.

The second financial complaint was filed by the CHRB on behalf of platter Kyle Baze who is owed \$2,720.00. Mr. Baze was present and again Mr. Rennon was available by telephone. Again Mr. Rennon spoke of minimal payments for the next three months. Mr. Baze was open to negotiations. They were both informed this complaint was on hold until the So Cal Equine Foundation LLC case was finalized. More to follow.

10/24/20<sup>4</sup>

### **RIVERA CASE 20SA0229**

On behalf of So Cal Equine Foundation LLC, the CHRB filed a financial complaint against trainer Sally Rivera who is indebted to them in the amount of \$1,854.00. Ms. Rivera and Ms. Levine discussed the debt owed before entering the Stewards' office and agreed on a financial settlement agreement. After the proper paperwork was filed the case was signed off.

10/24/20<sup>5</sup>

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

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1st race              | No Changes; Refund \$418.50  |
| 2nd race              | #1 TOUGH TO BREAK (Tr. S. Willoughby) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Fitzgerald<br>Refund \$1,274.50 |
| 3rd race              | #3 TIZ VICIOUS (Tr. L. Powell) claimed by Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr. Refund \$151.00                   |
| 4th race              | No Changes; Refund \$196.50  |
| 5th race              | NO SHOW WAGERING<br>#2 POTANTICO (Tr. V. Cerin) Stewards - stake Refund \$1,332.56             |
| 6th race              | No Changes; Refund \$281.50  |
| 7th race              | #5 ANDYOUSHALLECEIVE (Tr. B. Koriner) Veterinarian-injured – Dr. Grande<br>Refund \$1,624.32   |
| 8th race              | #7 ZEE DROP (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards-stake Refund \$1,700.96                                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> race  | No Changes; Refund \$7.00  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> race | #12 GRAND MEISTER (Tr. P. Miller) E. Maldonado replaced U. Rispoli<br>Refund \$16.90           |

10/24/20<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 0     | \$124,826.80   |
| SCOTWinc           | 2,123 | \$871,890.96   |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$5,919,138.92 |
| Total              | 2,123 | \$6,915,856.68 |

**SUNDAY**10/25/20<sup>1</sup>**KOLER RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Koler met with the Stewards and admitted he was guilty of not wearing his facemask properly while exercising horses.

**LATC RULING #29**

Exercise Rider CHAD KOLER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting - failure to properly wear face mask) at Santa Anita Park on October 22, 2020.

10/25/20<sup>2</sup>**BLACK RULING ref 10-23-20<sup>4</sup>**

The following ruling was issued after the urine sample Mr. Black submitted on Friday; October 23, 2020 returned positive as stated in the ruling.

**LATC RULING #30**

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) Exercise Rider COREY BLACK is suspended for SIXTY (60) days (October 25, through December 23, 2020) for violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License - engaged in the use of drugs - cocaine) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

Additionally, COREY BLACK must be evaluated by Winners' Foundation, comply with any recommendations made by Winners' Foundation, and has signed a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

10/25/20<sup>3</sup>**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Alexis Centeno met with the Stewards to review the first race yesterday. The discussion involved his effort to correct a drift leaving the starting gate. He was warned he needs to do better.

Heriberto Figueroa also met with the Stewards to review the tenth race yesterday. Mr. Figueroa drifted in the stretch and was warned he needs to make a better effort to maintain a straight course. Warning.

10/25/20<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1st race              | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 2nd race              | #8 HUMBOLT (Tr. T.R. Bell II) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead Refund \$9455.64 |
| 3rd race              | No Changes Refund \$294.50  |
| 4th race              | #1 MON CAMO (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$25.93                     |
| 5th race              | #1 GRECIAN FIRE (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$1615.45       |
| 6th race              | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 7th race              | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 8th race              | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 9th race              | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 10th race             | No Changes; Refund \$0  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> race | No Changes; Refund \$0  |

10/25/20<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                 |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|
| On track           | 0     | \$197,805.80    |
| SCOTWinc           | 1,945 | \$803,804.25    |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$10,156,565.69 |
| Total              | 1,945 | \$11,158,175.74 |

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/19/20 TO 10/25/20**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List  | 10 |
| Horses off Vet List | 9  |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 9  |
| Fatalities          | 0  |
| Medication          | 0  |

**SUMMARY**

|                          | Fri<br>10/23 | Sat<br>10/24 | Sun<br>10/25 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | 3            | 1            | 3            | 7    | 33   |
| <b>Claims</b>            | 2            | 2            | 0            | 4    | 40   |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 2    |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | 7            | 10           | 4            | 21   | 116  |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | 2            | 2            | 2            | 6    | 30   |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 2    |

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward