

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 Monday, January 25, 2021 through Sunday, January 31, 2021

TUESDAY
01/26/21¹

UMBERTO RISPOLI APPEAL HEARING

An appeal hearing was held today via Microsoft Team to address an appeal of the Board of Stewards' Ruling #018 dated October 12, 2020 at Santa Anita Park. Individuals participating were Patrick Kane (Hearing Officer), Attorney Darrell Vienna representing Mr. Rispoli, Jockey Umberto Rispoli, CHRB Chief Counsel Robert Brodnik representing the California Horse Racing Board, CHRB Stewards Kim Sawyer, Luis Jauregui and Ron Church, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

After witnesses were examined and cross-examined, various angles of the video tape were shown, and all exhibits were entered into evidence. The hearing was concluded.

WEDNESDAY
01/27/21¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to supervise entries for Saturday, January 30, 2021.

THURSDAY
01/28/21¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Jauregui was once again in the office to oversee entries for Sunday, January 31, 2021 and changes for Saturday, January 30, 2021.

FRIDAY
01/29/21¹

DECLARATIONS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

Steward Jauregui was in to oversee Saturday's declarations and program changes.

01/29/21²

RACING CANCELLED

Santa Anita Park management decided to cancel today's Racing Program. Management cited their concern for the safety of the jockeys and horses, as strong rains were predicted to hit the Southern California area over the next few days.

01/29/21³

LATS RULING #029

Apprentice Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense in the last sixty days) during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on January 24, 2021.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. CENTENO and the Stewards reviewed the seventh race from January 24, 2021. Mr. Centeno acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

01/29/21⁴

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT – (21SA0005)

An informal hearing was held to address a financial complaint filed by Steven Cole (DBA Cole Ranch Inc.) against Trainer JAMES CASSIDY, alleging overdue Boarding and Training debts. Present at the hearing in addition to the Stewards were Trainer James Cassidy and available via Microsoft Team was Complainant Steven Cole. After lengthy discussion and some venting on both sides. The hearing was closed, and a decision will be forthcoming.

01/29/21⁵

FORMAL HEARING – (CASE #20LT0007)

A formal hearing was held today in response to a CHRB Complaint filed against Trainer MARCELO POLANCO for alleged violation of CHRB Rules #1843 (a) (b) & (d), (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), and #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The complaint indicates Mr. Polanco's trainee "ROYAL SEEKER" who finished fourth in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2020, showed the presence of Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) in the amount of (152 ug/mL).

Present for the hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were Mr. Polanco, and available via Microsoft Teams were CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen who presented the case for the CHRB and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg who recorded the proceedings. Mr. Polanco testified after consulting with his Stable Foreman Gabriel Martinez, that Mr. Martinez did in fact treat Royal Seeker with DMSO the morning prior to the race on December 4, 2020. Mr. Polanco accepted full responsibility for the error and stated going forward he would supervise all medication treatment's in his barn. Decision forthcoming.

SATURDAY

01/30/21¹

LATS RULING #030

Trainer MARCELO POLANCO, who started the horse ROYAL SEEKER, the fourth-place finisher in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)&(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and rule #1843.1(a) Prohibited Drug Substances – Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) [Class 4].

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards' deliberation regarding the testimony presented during the formal hearing that was held on January 29, 2021.

01/30/21²

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY MEETING

The BOS met this morning with Director of Racing Chris Merz, Track Surfaces Consultant Dennis Moore, Jockeys Guild Representative Darrell Haire and Safety Steward David Nuesch. The meeting was for a review of the weather policy and protocol for the decision-making process to either delay or cancel racing and or morning training. The meeting was very productive as everyone had a chance to ask and answer questions.

01/30/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race #1 Our Miss Millie (Tr. E. Kruljac) – Sick – Dr. Pattio Refund: \$4,361.63
2nd Race Refund: \$1,003.26; \$240.27
#2 Canadian Ginger (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
#3 Swirling (Tr. A. Gonzalez) – Sick – Dr. Stead

3rd Race Refund: \$0
 4th Race Refund: \$0
 5th Race Refund \$251.15
 6th Race #2 Sparky Ville (Tr. J. Bonde) – Claimed by Tr. D. Blacker Refund: \$947.15
 7th Race Refund:12,224.40
 #2 Rombauer (Tr. M. McCarthy) – Stake – Stewards
 #6 Waspitant (Tr. J. Shirreffs) – Stake – Stewards
 8th Race Refund: \$2,832.90
 #7 The Roan Ranger (Jockey T. Pereira) – Sick replaced by A.Centeno
 #12 Gabby Hayes (Tr. S. Miyadi) – Sick – Dr. Pattio

01/30/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$205,301.74
SCOTWinc	1,422	\$735,491.22
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,128,571.04
Total	1,422	\$8,069,364.00

SUNDAY

01/31/21¹

LATS RULING #031

Jockey GABRIEL SAEZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense in the last sixty days) during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on January 30, 2021.

The above ruling was issued after jockey GABRIEL SAEZ and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fifth race from Saturday, January 30, 2021.

Mr. Saez acknowledged he violated the crop rule by using his crop more than the permitted six strikes during the running of the race and accepted the penalty imposed.

01/31/21²

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT DISMISSED (CASE #SA0005)

After the Board of Stewards had the opportunity to review the oral testimony and documentary evidence presented at the informal hearing held on Friday January 29, 2021. In a unanimous decision dismissed the case without prejudice. The complainant and respondent were notified of the decision.

01/31/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Refund: \$810.93
 2nd Race #4 A Thousand Dreams (Tr. V. Cerin) – Injured – Dr. Bohanan
 #8 Flat Out Joy (Tr. R. Ellis) – Dirt Only – Stewards Refund: \$2,238.88
 3rd Race Refund: \$65.50
 #4th Race #2 Ian Glass (Tr. R. Falcone Jr.) – Claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi
 #3 Irish Heatwave (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Claimed by Tr. P. Miller Refund: \$149.50
 #5th Race Refund:\$103,183.31; Minus Pool \$905.44
 #2 Princess Tale (Tr. M. Glatt) – Injured – Dr. Stead
 #5 Info’s Treasure (Tr. I Kruljac) – Gate Scratch – Dr. Stead
 6th Race Refund: \$0
 7th Race Refund: \$0
 #1 Silk From Heaven (Tr. H. Palma) – Claimed by Tr. D’Amato
 #2 Time For Ebby (Tr. C. Treece) – Claimed by Tr. G. Stute
 8th Race Refund: \$0

01/31/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$169,964.31
SCOTWinc	1,376	\$585,541.71
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,429,015.97
Total	1,376	\$7,184,521.99

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 01/25/21 TO 01/31/21

Horses on Vet List	9
Horses off Vet List	2
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/29	Sat 1/30	Sun 1/31	Week	Meet
Accidents	no racing	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	no racing	2	2	4	33
Claims	no racing	2	4	6	51
Disqualifications	no racing	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	no racing	0	0	0	7
Refunds	no racing	6	5	11	120
Rulings	1	0	1	2	30
Voided Claims	no racing	0	0	0	3

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Church, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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