

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, March 15, 2021 through Sunday, March 21, 2021

WEDNESDAY03/17/21¹**STEWARD DUTIES**

Steward Ron Church was available to supervise entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches and program changes. He was also present to address any other issues that may arise during this time period.

THURSDAY03/18/21¹**DARK DAY STEWARD**

Again, Steward Church was in charge of entries for Sunday and approved declarations and program changes for Saturday.

03/18/21²**PEARSON HEARING CASE 21SA0026**

A financial complaint was filed by the CHRB on behalf of the Equine Medical Center against owner DERON PEARSON in the amount of \$5,266.94. Supervising Investigator Mike Barker informed the Stewards this morning that the debt owed had been paid in full. The complaint will be signed off today.

03/18/21³**WALLACE RECORDED HEARING CASE 21SA0013**

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against trainer Jerry Wallace alleging violations of CHRB rule 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), 1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List) and 1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The official blood sample was taken from the horse STORM SEEKER following an official workout on January 21, 2021 and was reported to contain a level of Phenylbutazone (750 ng/mL). This is pursuant to CHRB rule 1866 (e) in order to be eligible to start per rule 1588(a)(14). This is a class 4 drug with a Category C penalty.

Present for the recorded hearing before the BOS were Investigator Angelica Merz and trainer JERRY WALLACE. Mr. Wallace testified he was unaware how the medication found its way to his trainee. Investigator Merz, in her report read the testimony of a Mr. Wallace employee who admitted to the following. The horse in question worked out at 7:45 am for the Official Veterinarian, at approximately 8:00 am he attempted to administer some "bute" paste. After having trouble doing so, he orally gave one "bute" pill. The assigned Veterinarian drew the test sample after this occurred. Mr. Wallace has since removed all medication from his barn. After taking into consideration the testimony given the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #069

Trainer JERRY WALLACE, who worked the horse STORM SEEKER for removal from the Veterinarian's List on January 21, 2021 at Santa Anita Race Track, 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 #1866(e) (Veterinarian's List) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

03/18/21⁴

POSSIBLE APPEAL

A follow up telephone conversation was received this morning from Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire pertaining to the suspension days issued to jockey ROBBY ALBARADO (LATS #067). On Tuesday and Wednesday, Stewards Sawyer and Jauregui were contacted by Darrell Haire and those phone calls involved a conference call with Jockey Guild counsel Mindy Colman. Today, Kentucky's Chief Steward Barbara Borden called to discuss California's Designated Race rule (1766) and the CHRB appeal process. The issue being if Kentucky would allow Mr. Albarado to ride in Graded stake races in their jurisdiction while serving suspension days in California.

FRIDAY

03/19/21¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

RUBEN FUENTES met with the Stewards to review the disqualification of his mount in the first race on Sunday (ref 03-14-21⁹). Mr. Fuentes was very candid in acknowledging his mistake during the race. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #070

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, who rode GOLDINI in the first race at Santa Anita Park on March 14, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 26, 27, and 28, 2021), for crossing over without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference, which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth place. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

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

03/19/21²

SMOOTH SAILING

The eight-race card was performed without a ripple. Any changes made are listed below.

03/19/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

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| 1st race | No Changes; Refund \$159.00; Minus Pool \$15,324.38 |
| 2nd race | No Changes; Refund \$20.50; Minus Pool \$680.40 |
| 3rd race | #1 Stone's River (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande Refund \$64,826.88 |
| 4th race | No Changes; Refund \$378.30 |
| 5th race | #3 Assignation (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) E. Flores replaced D. Van Dyke (sick) #5 Just Distorted (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$4,921.67 |
| 6th race | No Changes; Refund \$0 |
| 7th race | No Changes; Refund \$0 |
| 8th race | No Changes; Refund \$0 |

03/19/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 0 | \$81,590.20 |
| SCOTWinc | 1,701 | \$765,180.70 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$4,975,311.54 |
| Total | 1,701 | \$5,822,082.44 |

SATURDAY

03/20/21¹

FORMAL DQ HEARING CASE 21LT0003

The CHRB filed a complaint pursuant to CHRB rule 1859.9 (Disqualification Upon Positive Testing Finding) involving the disqualification of trainer REED SALDANA'S trainee, Majestic Diva.

The official CHRB laboratory at UC Davis reported the sample obtained from the horse Majestic Diva who started in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on December 19, 2020 contained the class 3 drug Clenbuterol. A split sample from Industrial Laboratories, Wheat Ridge Colorado confirmed the original findings.

Present before the BOS by telephone were CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen and trainer Reed Saldana and recording the proceedings in person, court reporter Michelle Derieg. Jockey Jessica Pyfer and owners Johnny and Marcel Taboada were notified of the scheduled hearing and chose to not attend. Investigator Icamen read the complaint into the record, it was then entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Ruling to follow.

03/20/21²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

ABEL CEDILLO met with the Stewards to review his ride in the first race yesterday in which he may have violated CHRB rule 1692 (jockeys shall ride their mount out until the finish line has passed). All agreed, in the stretch Mr. Cedillo's horse was trying to bear out. As a horse to his outside passed him he believed he needed to take off of that one's heels, the majority blamed his horse's actions for his reaction, Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension penalty.

03/20/21³

GOOD RACING

The nine raced program was performed without notable incident.

03/20/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

| | |
|----------|---|
| 1st race | No Changes; Refund \$0 |
| 2nd race | No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$1,681.70 |
| 3rd race | #2 Foothill (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill |
| 4th race | No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$894.88 |
| 5th race | No Changes; Refund \$0 |
| 6th race | #6 Brazillian Summer (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase. Refund \$3.00 |
| 7th race | No Changes; Refund \$18.50; Minus Pool \$154.08 |
| 8th race | #2 Neah Bay (Tr. B. Cunningham) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$364.15 |
| 9th race | #9 Hudson Ridge (Tr. B. Baffert) T. Pereira replaced D. Van Dyke (sick) |

03/20/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 0 | \$189,029.69 |
| SCOTWinc | 2,731 | \$1,250,481.14 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$8,051,922.45 |
| Total | 2,731 | \$9,491,433.28 |

SUNDAY

03/21/21¹

DQ RULING (ref 03-20-21¹)

The following ruling was issued after the formal hearing yesterday.

SUMMARY

| | Thurs 3/18 | Fri 3/19 | Sat 3/20 | Sun 3/21 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 71 |
| Claims | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 112 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Refunds | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 245 |
| Rulings | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 71 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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