

**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, April 19, 2021 through Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**WEDNESDAY**04/21/21<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to supervise entries for Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and oversee any other matters that might arise during morning hours.

**THURSDAY**04/22/21<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Jauregui was once again present to supervise entries for Saturday, April 24<sup>TH</sup> and scratches for Sunday, April 25, 2021.

**FRIDAY**04/23/21<sup>1</sup>**FINANCIAL HEARING (CASE #21SA0025)**

We held an informal hearing into case #21SA0025 which was a financial complaint filed by Melinda Blue DVM, against owner CHRISTOPHER ST. HILAIRE alleging a debt of \$6,337.13 in unpaid veterinary services. Mr. St. Hilaire was not satisfied with some of the treatments on his horse, after much discussion with both parties a payment agreement was reached and signed to satisfy the alleged debt.

04/23/21<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey TYLER BAZE came to the office to review his ride in the first race from Sunday, April 18, 2021, after which his mount was disqualified for interference. Video showed that he makes contact with a rival as his mount was drifting out during the stretch run.

Mr. Baze explained that his horse was tiring and acknowledged his error. We felt that his actions were satisfactory and in a unanimous decision we issued a warning.

04/23/21<sup>3</sup>**LATS RULING #083**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, who rode MULTIPLIER in the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 18, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (April 30, May 1 and 2, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(5) (Use of Riding Crop – Use while horse is out of contention).

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

The above ruling was issued after MR. FUENTES and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from Sunday, April 18, 2021. Video shows Mr. Fuentes' using his riding crop unnecessarily when his mount was clearly out of contention. Mr. Fuentes apologized for his lack of judgement and assured us it would not happen again. The decision was a majority decision with Steward Jauregui voting for a five-day suspension.

04/23/21<sup>4</sup>

#### **INQUIRY / OBJECTION / DISQUALIFICATION – 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the first race to review an incident in the stretch run involving #1 ARCTIC ROLL (GB) (Mario Gutierrez) second and #3 MISS FLAWLESS (FR) (Tyler Baze) who finished fourth. Leonard Powell, trainer of #3 MISS FLAWLESS (FR) also lodged a claim of foul regarding the same incident.

After interviewing the riders involved, the patrol judges and reviewing the video, the Stewards in a majority decision, Steward Jauregui voting for no change, disqualified #1 ARCTIC ROLL (GB) from second to fourth for causing interference in the stretch. The video shows #1 ARCTIC ROLL (GB) drifts into the path of #3 MISS FLAWLESS (FR) forcing the latter to take up, lose momentum and the opportunity of a better placing.

Original order of finish 7-(1)-2-3-6-5-4

Official order of finish 7-2-3-(1)-6-5-4

04/23/21<sup>5</sup>

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

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 KITTYHAWK LASS (Tr. H. Palma) – Claimed by Tr. Ron Ellis Refund: \$33.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race Refund: \$56,302.68; Minus Pool \$4,619.38  
#5 AUGUST INDY (Tr. R. Guillen) – Scratched at gate - unsound Dr. Stead  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race Refund: \$255.50  
4<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0  
#2 REEDLEY (Tr. R. Saldana) – Claimed by Tr. Jeff Mullins  
#6 FACTS MATTER (Tr. R. Amescua) – Claimed by Tr. Lorenzo Ruiz  
5<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$62.50  
6<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$122.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$1,685.60  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 MINING CRYPTO (Tr. J. Sadler) – Injured – Dr. Pattio Refund: \$600.00  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 ALOT OF MAGIC (Tr. R. Baltas) – Injured – Dr. Pattio Refund: \$1,463.12

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#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,704	\$282,793.64
SCOTWinc	2,352	\$972,623.43
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,431,471.98
Total	4,056	\$6,686,889.05

**SATURDAY**

04/24/21<sup>1</sup>

#### **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ came to the office today to review his ride in the first race yesterday. Mr. Gutierrez's mount, ARCTIC ROLL (GB) was disqualified for interference. Following the video review, the Stewards in a majority decision felt that all the blame could not be placed on Mr. Gutierrez and he was issued a warning, Steward Sawyer voted for a three day suspension.

04/24/21<sup>2</sup>

#### **FINANCIAL COMPLAINT – (CASE #21SA0020)**

A formal hearing was held this morning to address a financial complaint filed by Equine Medical & Surgical Group (Joseph Dowd DVM) against Owner GARY HARTUNIAN (dba – Rockingham Ranch) alleging a debt for veterinarian services totaling \$40,140.08.

Present in addition to Stewards Luis Jauregui, Kim Sawyer and Ron Church were Joseph Dowd DVM representing Equine Medical & Surgical Group, Mr. Hartunian testified by telephone, Court Reporter Michelle Derig recorded the proceedings. A lengthy discussion was heard from both parties, Mr. Hartunian acknowledged he owed a debt regarding the services but felt the billings were not accurate. We ordered both parties to get their billings and receipts together and give us an opportunity to review all documents and we will reschedule the hearing for a later date. More to come.

04/24/21<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIMED VOIDED – 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Reed Saldana for #5 THREEARCHBAYMAFIA (Tr. Vladimir Cerin) in the second race after being notified by the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, that the horse was unsound and placed on the Veterinarians list. THREEARCHBAYMAFIA was returned to the Vladimir Cerin barn.

04/24/21<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION - 11<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the eleventh race for a review of an accident approaching the finish. Jockey Mario Gutierrez was unseated from his mount #7 ROCKIE CAUSEWAY when he clipped heels with #1 D’S LOVELY SOPHIA (jockey Eswan Flores) who finished second.

After reviewing the video and speaking to the Patrol Judges we decided in a unanimous decision to disqualify #1 D’S LOVELY SOPHIA from second to unplaced. The video shows #1 D’S LOVELY SOPHIA drifts out four paths near the finish and takes the path of #7 ROCKIE CAUSEWAY causing that horse to clip heels unseating Jockey Mario Gutierrez. Mr. Gutierrez was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

04/24/21<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Refund: \$1,078.93; Minus Pool \$1,613.02  
#6 PRODIGAL SON (Tr. Gus Headley) – Stake – Stewards

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Refund: \$100.50  
#1 PRESS BRIEFING (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Claimed by Tr. Jeff Bonde  
#2 CROOKED FINGER RAY (Tr. M. Puype) – Claimed by Tr. Ryan Hanson

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Refund: \$773.00; Minus Pool \$548.82  
#5 DERBY WAR (Tr. R. Gomez) – Injured – Dr. Stead

4<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$2,041.97  
#7 START A RUNNIN (Tr. H. Palma) – Panel Scratch – Stewards  
#8 MR. BROWNSTONE (Tr. M. Puype) – Unsound – Dr. Pattio

5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 PLUM SEXY (Tr. D. O’Neill) – Sick – Dr. Pattio Refund: \$1,724.45

6<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$67.70; Minus Pool \$1,172.80  
#2 RONALD R (IRE) (Tr. S. Callaghan) – Unsound – Dr. Grande

7<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0

8<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0; Minus Pool \$1,619.99

9<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0

10<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0

11<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$0

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,484	\$713,684.70
SCOTWinc	3,000	\$1,676,349.36
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,712,637.96
Total	6,484	\$12,102,672.02

**SUNDAY**  
04/25/21<sup>1</sup>

**LATS RULING #084**

Jockey ESWAN FLORES, who rode D'S LOVELY SOPHIA in the eleventh race at Santa Anita Park on April 24, 2021, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (May 2, 7, 8, 9, and 14, 2021) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced. 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.

The above ruling was issued after MR. FLORES and the Stewards reviewed the video of the eleventh race on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Mr. Flores acknowledged he erred when he drifted out and crossed over in front of a rival resulting in an accident. The decision was unanimous.

04/25/21<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY / OBJECTION / 4<sup>th</sup> RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fourth race for a review of an incident near the ¼ pole involving the #6 TIZ TOFFEE (Kent Desormeaux) first and #3 LADY ON ICE (Abel Cedillo) who finished second. Trainer Steve Knapp lodged a claim of foul regarding the same incident.

After consulting with the patrol judges, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards in a majority decision (Steward Sawyer dissenting) made the original order of finish official. The video shows #6 TIZ TOFFEE drifts out slightly and makes contact with #3 LADY ON ICE near the ¼ pole. The majority felt the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

04/25/21<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIMED VOIDED – 4<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Reed Saldana for #3 LADY ON ICE (Tr. Steve Knapp) in the fourth race after being notified by the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, that the four year old filly was unsound and was placed on the Veterinarian's list. LADY ON ICE was returned to the Steve Knapp barn.

04/25/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	Refund: \$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	Refund: \$68.37
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	Refund: \$162.50
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$1,388.49 #2 UNO TROUBLE MAKER (Tr. M. Pineda) – Claimed by Tr. Ruben Gomez #5 GIRONA (Tr. L. Ruiz) – Injured – Dr. Stead
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$0
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$0
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$344.87 #1 SINGLE ME OUT (Tr. G. Stute) – Claimed by Tr. Reed Saldana
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$135.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	Refund: \$2,249.78 #1 FLATTERWITHJEWELS (Tr. D. Hofmans) – Sick – Dr. Pattio #7 BALLET ROYALTY (Tr. J. Sierra) – Panel Scratch – Stewards #10 MAGGIE'S MAGIC (Tr. R. France) – Claimed by Tr.

04/25/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,035	\$579,312.94
SCOTWinc	3,035	\$1,329,743.42
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,198,892.89
Total	5,634	\$10,107,949.25

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/19/21 TO 04/25/21**

Horses on Vet List 13  
Horses off Vet List 6  
Shock Wave Therapy 1  
Fatalities 1  
Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 4/23</b>	<b>Sat 4/24</b>	<b>Sun 4/25</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	1	0	1	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	1	3	7	91
<b>Claims</b>	3	2	3	8	162
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	1	0	2	13
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	1	1	3	23
<b>Refunds</b>	8	6	6	20	329
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	1	2	84
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	1	2	10

Respectfully submitted,

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Ron Church, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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