

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 26, 2021 through Sunday, May 2, 2021**WEDNESDAY**04/28/21¹**STEWARD DUTIES**

Steward Ron Church was available to supervise entries for Saturday and approve Friday's scratches including program changes. He was also obtainable to address any other issues that might arise.

THURSDAY04/29/21¹**DARK DAY STEWARD**

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

FRIDAY04/30/21¹**GONZALEZ HEARING CASE 20SR0039 (ref 04-16-2021⁶)**

Present for the continued recorded hearing before the BOS were, by telephone, groom JESUS GONZALEZ and his employer trainer Sal Orozco who was available to help translate. The alleged violations filed against MR. HERRICK and MR. GONZALEZ were discussed concerning a verbal altercation between the two. After testimony was heard from Mr. Gonzalez, and a review of Mr. Herrick's testimony, the decision to give both licensees an official warning was unanimous. There were two different stories describing the incident and no witnesses to verify the truth. They were told moving forward, to stay away from each other.

04/30/21²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Agent Scotty McClellan representing UMBERTO RISPOLI met with the BOS to discuss Mr. Rispoli's ride in the ninth race (Singletary Stakes-\$100,000.00) on Sunday as he is riding this week at Churchill Downs. In the stretch run, Rispoli on the outside of a four-horse spread, drifted inward and applied pressure on horses to his inside. Mr. McClellan was told to inform Mr.

Rispoli that this style of riding was borderline careless and in the future the Stewards expect better. He stated he would relay the message. Warning.

KENT DESMOREAUX as directed met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in the fourth race on Sunday that involved an inquiry (ref 04-25-21²). Mr. Desormeaux made contact with a horse to his outside while trying to push out. The video verified he tried to correct when he realized his mount overreacted. Warning. He also violated the crop rule as listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #085

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession – first offense within the past sixty days) during the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on April 25, 2021.

04/30/21³

SMOOTH SAILING

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

04/30/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
3rd race #8 Dynamite Queen (Tr. C. Lewis) DNF-walked off. Refund \$0
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$1,527.99
5th race No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$108.13
7th race #2 She's a Dime (Tr. D. O'Neill) CW 119. Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$351.53
8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

04/30/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,442	\$466,988.50
SCOTWinc	3,283	\$1,464,460.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,698,076.34
Total	5,725	\$6,629,525.36

SATURDAY

05/01/21¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice EMILY ELLINGWOOD met with the Stewards to review her ride in the seventh race yesterday. After a review of the race, Ms. Ellingwood was advised it is not clever to continue to try to make the lead when it is impossible to do so. She was hanging on the heels of another horse to her outside from the start of the race to the 3/8 marker in the one-mile event. She stated she was trying to make the lead. The Stewards are hopeful she takes their advice seriously. This is the second time she has been advised not to remain on the heels of another horse.

05/01/21²

INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/ DISQUALIFICATION /ONE-MILE TURF

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were #4 CLOSING REMARKS (V. Espinoza 3rd), #6 GOLDEN (J. Valdivia, Jr. 2nd) and #10 JAVANICA (K. Desormeaux 6th). After a review of the video and conversation with the Patrol Judge and all of the jockeys involved, in a unanimous decision #6 was disqualified from second position and placed sixth behind #10. Inside the 1/16 pole, #6 on the inside rail shifted out to go around the horses in front of him. To his outside were #10 and #4. The actions of #6 forced #10 to take up and lose stride to stay off of the heels of #4, who maintained a straight course.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-(6)-4-11-9-10-8-7-5-3

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-4-11-9-10-(6)-8-7-5-3

05/01/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #1 Little Jewel (Tr. C. Vaccarezza) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio

#12 Pushingupdasies (Tr. R. Gomez) Stewards-entered back
 Refund \$2,523.70

2nd race #2 Leprino (Tr. R. Saldana) claimed by Tr. V. Brinkerhoff
 #3 Rinse and Repeat (Tr. L. Ruiz) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$55,534.42

3rd race #5 Two Thirty Five (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 #6 Shadow Sphinx (Tr. K. Mulhall) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
 Refund \$901.40; Minus Pool \$839.96

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5th race NO SHOW WAGERING
 Refund \$19.00; Minus Pool \$3,905.30

6th race No Changes; Refund \$44.50

7th race No Changes; Refund \$68.00

8th race No Changes; Refund \$766.00

9th race No Changes; Refund \$57.00

10th race #2 Jibber Jabber (Tr. P. Gallagher) Stewards-stake. Refund \$1,198.39

05/01/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,659	\$1,880,065.24
SCOTWinc	9,487	\$4,533,996.14
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,912,730.74
Total	19,146	\$15,326,792.12

SUNDAY

05/02/21¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice ALEXIS CENTENO met with the Stewards and admitted he violated the crop rule in the third race yesterday as listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #086

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 third race at Santa Anita Park on May 1, 2021.

VICTOR ESPINOZA as directed came to the Stewards' office to review his crop use in the tenth race yesterday. After Mr. Espinoza agreed he violated the rule the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #087

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA 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 – first offense in the last 60 days), during the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on May 1, 2021.

MARIO GUTIERREZ joined the Stewards to review his ride in the stretch in the eighth race yesterday. Mr. Gutierrez stated he tried to correct his horse once he realized he was on the drift. The Stewards agreed he made a minor effort, but he was informed he needs to do better maintaining a straight course in the future. He agreed, warning.

JOSE VALDIVIA, JR. along with his agent, Nick Hines met with the Stewards to discuss the use of his crop in the seventh race and the disqualification of his mount in the tenth race.

First, the crop review was discussed and in a unanimous decision he violated the rule. Second, in the tenth race (ref 05-01-21²) Mr. Valdivia was disqualified for interference in the stretch. He stated the horse was small and hard to control, he again commented he was trying to win. The Stewards believed the actions of Mr. Valdivia were careless, he had every opportunity to guide his mount with the reins and not cause the interference, there was no effort to do so on the video.

Both penalties are listed in the following rulings.

LATS RULING #088

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR., who rode GOLDEN in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on May 1, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 9, 14, and 15, 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 sixth 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.

LATS RULING #089

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR. is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession – first offense within the past sixty days) during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on May 1, 2021.

05/02/21²

DELGADILLO

Jockey JOSE DELGADILLO met with the Stewards to discuss a citation issued by Santa Anita Security. After discussing the circumstances, Mr. Delgadillo was directed to meet with Darin Scharer of Winners Foundation for an evaluation and meet back with the Stewards on Friday. More to follow.

05/02/21³

GOOD RACING

Other than the changes listed below, the nine-race program was performed without notable incident.

05/02/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st race No Change; Refund \$224.74
- 2nd race No Change; Refund \$103.00; Minus Pool \$520.47
- 3rd race #2 Queen of the Track (Tr. J. Bonde) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#3 Gypsy Blu (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. P. Miller
#5 Tip Top Gal (Tr. Q. Miller) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#6 Lavender (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. J. Glenn
Refund \$1,401.70; Minus Pool \$1,858.24
- 4th race #4 Moon Mischief (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. C. Treece. Refund \$234.37
- 5th race #4 Freedom Flyer (Tr. S. Callaghan) Veterinarian-sick- Dr. Pattio
Refund \$1,187.58
- 6th race #8 Just Distorted (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande
Refund \$5,220.32; Minus Pool \$282.08
- 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
- 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0
- 9th race #4 Bossy Soul (Tr. M. Glatt) CW 113. Refund \$0

05/02/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,509	\$517,933.31
SCOTWinc	2,770	\$1,367,356.56
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,814,590.01
Total	6,279	\$10,699,879.88

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/26/21 TO 05/02/21

Horses on Vet List	9
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/30	Sat 5/1	Sun 5/2	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	3	7	98
Claims	0	2	3	5	167
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	14
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	24
Refunds	0	9	6	15	344
Rulings	1	0	4	5	89
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	10

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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