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WEEK 3 - Thursday, April 28, 2016, through Sunday, May 1, 2016.

THURSDAY
04/28/16¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race Sunday during which he stopped riding before the finish. He was candid in explaining that he simply misjudged the finish and stood up before his horse reached the wire. This action clearly cost his horse a better placing (third) and he was therefore penalized in the following ruling:

LSTL Ruling #011

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO who rode BIG BREAK in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Racing Association, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 8, 12 and 13, 2016) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey – failure to ride his mount to the finish, costing him a better finish position). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ came to the office to review his ride in the last race Sunday, after which his mount was the subject of an inquiry. Mr. Perez's mount clearly drifts in throughout the stretch. However, the fact that the horse was on the wrong lead and the fact that Mr. Perez was making some effort to keep him straight were enough to spare the rider a suspension. He received a warning.

04/28/16²

GUTIERREZ HEARING

We held a formal hearing into case number 16SA057 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against trainer JORGE GUTIERREZ alleging a phenylbutazone overage discovered in the post race sample of one of his runners. Mr. Gutierrez really had no explanation for the error other than the idea that his private veterinarian treated the horse at the wrong time. We entered documentary evidence and heard oral testimony and then closed the record. Decision to follow.

04/28/16³**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the seventh race we posted the inquiry sign to examine the start. #3 Hawk's Eyes (BRZ) broke a little slowly but was then sandwiched by the horses to his inside and outside, causing him to clip heels. After viewing the video, we unanimously voted to make no change because the two interferers finished behind #3 Hawk's Eyes (BRZ).

04/28/16⁴**INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the eighth race to examine two separate incidents. The first one occurred just past the 3/8ths pole, when #2 Macho Sox (F. Perez) broke down and fell while racing on the lead. Then, #9 Fiddler Blue (B. Boulanger), who had been racing well behind the field, struck the fallen horse as it was attempting to get up, falling himself and unseating his rider. Miraculously, neither rider was seriously injured (accident reports attached), but unfortunately both horses had to be euthanized (accident reports attached).

In a second incident, we examined the stretch run involving the first two finishers #7 Jonny's Choice (C. Lindsay) and #5 Swiss Silver (J. Verenzuela). Films showed that the winner #7 ducked in and made contact with the second place finisher. The difference at the finish was 1¼ lengths. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. We believed that although there was clear interference, the second place finisher was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

04/28/16⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#3 MARGIE'S MINUTE – Claimed – T. R. Bell, trainer
	#4 FLEXIBLE ETHICS – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
2 nd Race	#1 ALTAIRA – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer
	#4 SHAKEITUPBETTY – Claimed – M. Mudaris, trainer
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	#1 WATCHKEEPER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
	No show wagering. Refund \$253.00
5 th Race	#5 PROUD FIGHTER – Rider change – C. Charlton for D. Lopez (out of town)
6 th Race	#2 COURAGEOUS DAVE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
	#7 READY CAT – Rider change – F. Perez for D. Lopez (out of town) Refund \$881.00
7 th Race	#5 ZIPPINGAROUNDTOWN – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
	#9 JOHNS JOURNEY – Claimed – R. Agarie, trainer
	#9 JOHNS JOURNEY – Claim VOIDED – returns to P. Aguirre, trainer. Refund \$533.00
8 th Race	#3 THE GOLD MONKEY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
	#11 BLUEGRASS REWARD – Stewards' scratch, entered back
	#10 NO SURRENDER – Rider change – E. Maldonado for S. Elliott (DJF)
	for D. Lopez
	#1 DUSTIN'S PASSION – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer. Refund \$1,256.00

04/28/16⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,109	\$256,099.60
Off Track	3,479	\$999,339.60
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,763,884.82
Total	4,588	\$4,019,324.02

FRIDAY04/29/16¹**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey CHAD LINDSAY came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday, after which his winning mount was the subject of an inquiry. Video revealed that he struck his mount one time, the horse ducked in and he immediately corrected. No action.

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER came to the office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday, during which he ran into a fallen horse. Video revealed that his mount was racing last and that he had seven to eight strides from the time the horse in front fell to take some action in order to avoid the collision. It appeared that he only realized that there was a horse in his path a stride before running into him. Mr. Boulanger maintained that he was aware, tried to angle his horse to the inside but was too late. We disagreed with his assessment and issued the following ruling:

LSTL #012

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER, who rode FIDDLER BLUE in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 28, 2016, is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (May 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 20, 2016) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding - failure to take action to avoid a fallen horse resulting in a second accident). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey MARCIAL RAMIREZ came to the office to explain why he did not show up for a mount during yesterday's card. He explained that he had fallen asleep. There seems to be a pattern developing with this rider and missing mounts. We cautioned him that the next step would be to stop taking entries when he is named as a rider if this behavior was not corrected. Today, we issued the following ruling:

LSTL #013

Jockey MARCIAL RAMIREZ is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 28, 2016. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ came to the office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday, at the start of which, we believed he could have made a better effort to keep his horse straight. Films revealed that when his mount broke inwardly, Mr. MARTINEZ was about one stride slow in correcting that action. Warning.

04/29/16²

BONDE HEARING

Trainer JEFF BONDE appeared for a formal hearing into case number 16SA076 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging a betamethasone level over the legal limit (class 4) uncovered in one of his runners. Apparently this is a corticosteroid that was given to the horse by his veterinarian 7 days before the race. In his experience, that has always been a sufficient withdrawal time. The RMTC guidelines however, given the amount of the injection, called for a 10 day withdrawal time. Mr. Bonde's medication history is very good. We entered documentary evidence and took oral testimony and closed the record. Decision to follow.

04/29/16³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes
2 nd Race	#9 SARATOGA'S EXCESS – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead #2 REDEEMING QUALITY – Late Stewards' scratch, dropped rider post parade, ran off. Refund \$35,957.52
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	#2 CANDY TALE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund \$1,517.00
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	#3 TRASH TALKIN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #5 COLLATION – Rider change – C. Chaparro for M. Ramirez (no show) Refund \$584.00
7 th Race	#6 QUINNETTE – Stewards' scratch, entered back Refund \$869.00
8 th Race	#3 LIL JESSICA – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund \$868.00

04/29/16⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,113	\$385,313.40
Off Track	4,438	\$1,478,453.80
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,662,471.64
Total	5,551	\$5,526,238.84

SATURDAY04/30/16¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER came to the office to review his ride in the first race yesterday. Video showed that his horse drifted in under right handed whipping in the stretch. He explained that he thought he was clear. He was not. Warning.

Apprentice jockey BRUNO PANICUCCI called yesterday because we had placed his name on the board to see us for a whip violation. He agreed that he had violated the rule and accepted the ruling that we memorialized today:

LSTL #014

Jockey BRUNO PANICUCCI is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond - first offense in the last sixty days; last offense January 28, 2016), during the third race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 29, 2016.

04/30//16²**GUTIERREZ RULING**

After considering the evidence in the Gutierrez matter, we issued the following ruling:

LSTL #015

Trainer JORGE GUTIERREZ, who started the horse WARREN'S TRICIA R in the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 28, 2016, is fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1844 (Authorized Medication – Phenylbutazone in excess of authorized level – 2.62ug/ml; second offense – 365-day period).

04/30/16³**BONDE RULING**

After considering the evidence in the Bonde matter heard yesterday, we issued the following ruling:

LSTL #016

Trainer JEFF BONDE, who started the horse TRIPSKI in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on March 26, 2016, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1843(a)&(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Betamethasone in excess of authorized levels).

04/30/16⁴**AGUIRRE HEARING AND RULING**

We held an informal hearing this morning into case number 16LT002 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer PAUL AGUIRRE alleging violation of two CHRB rules. The case centered around a horse trained by Mr. Aguirre that was entered to run. While waiting for the bill of sale, Mr. Aguirre took the registration papers from the racing office, entered the new ownership, signed the papers and deposited them back into the racing office. While there were no allegations that the sale was not legitimate, it is a violation of CHRB rules to alter the papers in this manner. We therefore issued the following ruling:

LSTL #017

Trainer PAUL AGUIRRE is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1563 (Duties of the Clerk of the Course) and #1596 (Transfer After Sale of Horse on the Grounds).

04/30/16⁵**OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, we posted the objection sign when jockey Vinnie Bednar, aboard fourth place finisher #7 In Control, claimed foul against the second place finisher #8 Four Gaels (G. Boag) for interference near the 3/8th's pole. Video showed that #8 may have drifted in causing #7 to steady. However, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change because #7 was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

04/30/16⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No changes
 2nd Race #6 AMBERELLA – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande
 #7 SOUTHERN DARLING – Rider change – C. Chaparro for M. Ramirez
 #7 SOUTHERN DARLING – shoe fixed during post parade
 Refund \$974.00
 3rd Race #6 COWTOWNMARY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$1,669.00
 4th Race No changes
 5th Race #5 CALVERT STREET – Stewards' scratch, entered back
 #12 LUCKY DOUBLE – Stewards' scratch, entered back
 Refund \$921.00
 6th Race #7 PERSUASIVE PAUL – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$1,434.00
 7th Race #6 GUY CODE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$1,454.00
 8th Race #4 ONE MORE ROUND – Stewards' scratch, stake
 Refund \$2,517.00
 9th Race #10 SQUASH – gelding

04/30/16⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,791	\$670,664.90
Off Track	6,482	\$2,667,512.60
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,948,483.04
Total	10,273	\$8,286,660.54

SUNDAY05/01/16¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey GARY BOAG failed to appear for film review this morning, and was therefore penalized in the following ruling:

LSTL #019

Jockey GARY BOAG is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on May 1, 2016).

05/01/16²**CLERISSE HEARING AND RULING**

We held an informal hearing today into case number 16LT003 which was a complaint filed the CHRB against exercise rider KENNETH CLERISSE alleging violation of CHRB 1874 for a verbal altercation that ended with him taking a swing at jockey Jose Verenzuela after a race at Los Alamitos. He admitted to what happened, was embarrassed of his actions, apologized to Mr. Verenzuela and accepted the following ruling:

LSTL #018

Exercise rider KENNETH CLERISSE is fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – physical altercation).

05/01/16³**STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START - NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed the start of #7 Backstreet Boss, with jockey Vinnie Bednar aboard. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the break the Stewards unanimously voted to declare Backstreet Boss a starter. Review showed that the horse went in the air coincident with the stall doors opening, thereby causing its own problem.

Jockey Bednar was not injured in the incident and rode his remaining mount.

05/01/16⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #3 FORT ATTICUS – Rider change – F. Martinez for O. Santos (injured)
 2nd Race #5 GRAND COMMAND – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$2,505.00
 3rd Race #8 THAMES VALLEY – Rider change – E. Hernandez for O. Santos
 4th Race #10 STAR EXPRESS – Rider change – J. Verenzuela for B. Pannicucci (no show) CW
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 #11 BUSINESS PARK RAVE – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$778.00
 5th Race #3 EMMY AND I – Rider change – T. Pereira for D. VanDyke (no show)
 6th Race #4 AVICII – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande
 #6 PEGGY SUE'S LOOSE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
 #8 MIDNIGHT CANDY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 Refund \$2,681.00
 7th Race #5 PROFOUND VISIONARY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #8 MISTY'S VIEW THE GOLD – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$1286.00
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race #4 JET SEEKER – Rider change – E. Hernandez for O. Santos
 #8 JACQUE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #12 STORM CAUTION – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$333.00

05/01/16⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,273	\$611,004.90
Off Track	5,821	\$2,131,274.20
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,920,390.55
Total	8,094	\$7,662,669.65

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the after noon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04-18-16 TO 04-24-16

HORSES ON VET LIST	15
Horses off Vet List	9
Shock Wave Therapy	13
Deceased	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 4/28	Fri 4/29	Sat 4/30	Sun 5/1	Week	Meet
Accidents	2	0	0	0	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	1	1	3	11
Claims	5	1	0	0	6	14
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	3	0	1	1	5	11
Refunds	4	5	6	5	20	42
Rulings	1	2	4	2	9	20
Voided Claims	1	0	0	0	1	4

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward