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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

#### SANTA ANITA PARK

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**WEEK 6 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018, THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018.**

#### WEDNESDAY

1/31/18<sup>1</sup>

#### ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches for Thursday.

#### THURSDAY

2/1/18<sup>1</sup>

#### FILM REVIEW

Jockey BRICE BLANC came to the office to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday. Video showed that, in the stretch, he angled his mount out, and in so doing, bumped a rival and moved him off of his path. Mr. Blanc argued that Mr. Nakatani, aboard that rival, was attempting to hold him in and even angled in a little in that effort. We felt that this type of riding was too aggressive (careless) and therefore issued the following suspension:

#### **LATS Ruling #047**

Jockey BRICE BLANC, who rode FIBONACCI in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 28, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 8, 9 and 10, 2018) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).

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

Jockey DRAYDEN VANDYKE came to the office this morning to review his crop use in the sixth race on Saturday. After viewing the video, we all agreed that his actions constituted a rule violation and issued the following ruling:

#### **LATS Ruling #046**

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* 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 – second offense in last 60 days), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 27, 2018; first offense on January 13, 2018.

Jockey TYLER CONNOR came to the office this morning to review his ride in the seventh race on Sunday. Specifically, we wanted to examine his effort in correcting his mount who broke out sharply. Video revealed a slow, somewhat weak effort. He explained that his mount has a sensitive mouth and therefore he was reluctant to pull too hard. We explained that we needed to see a better effort, and that we would continue to work hard to ensure clean, fair starts. Warning.

TIAGO PEREIRA failed to appear for film review as he was directed and was therefore issued the following ruling:

#### **LATS Ruling #048**

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA 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 February 1, 2018.

2/1/18<sup>2</sup>

#### **GOLD REINSTATEMENT**

We issued the following ruling after receiving evidence that owner ABRAHAM GOLD had satisfied his alleged debt (case number 17DM0086):

#### **LATS Ruling #045**

Owner (Expired) ABRAHAM GOLD, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$1,652.50 to Keith Desormeaux) is restored to good standing. Ruling LWTL #011 issued at Los Alamitos Winter Thoroughbred Meet on December 9, 2017, is set aside.

2/1/18<sup>3</sup>

#### **PEDROZA/CORRALES FORMAL HEARINGS**

We held a formal hearing into an altercation between jockey MARTIN PEDROZA and jockey valet/exercise rider MAX CORRALES (case numbers 18SA0011 and 18SASA0012) in the jockeys' room about a month ago. Present at the hearing were the two Respondents, Pedroza's representative Agent Richie Silverstein, Mr. Corrales' representative Union personnel Jeff Froelich, Safety Steward Luis Jauregui, and CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. The complaints were introduced and entered into evidence and we heard from several witnesses: Martin Pedroza, Max Corrales, jockey Kyle Frey, security guard Kenny Shiba, and outrider Jesus Camacho. We then ran into time constraints and therefore continued the hearing to Saturday.

2/1/18<sup>4</sup>

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

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$0                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$28.00; Minus Pool \$124.80                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Race | #2 NEXT SPEAKER – Claimed – R. Hess Jr., trainer<br>#5 AIRFOIL – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer. Refund \$41.00                                                                                               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | #2 KETOS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande<br>#1 ELWOOD J – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer<br>#3 RATE FOR ME – Claimed – A. Kitchingman, trainer<br>#3 RATE FOR ME – pulled up, walked off. Refund \$524.74 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$277.51                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Race | #1 CHAY UP AND AWAY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead                                                                                                                                                      |

#6 PRINCESS DORIAN – Late Stewards’ scratch, two lasix administrations  
Refund \$4,486.39

7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 PROUD ‘N’ READY -- Stewards’ scratch, full field  
#12 SIBERIAN IRIS (IRE) – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
#13 LYNNE’S LEGACY -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible. Refund \$1,254.89

8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

2/1/18<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 2,838 | \$608,448.00   |
| SCOTWinc           | 3,521 | \$1,006,107.60 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$4,551,134.50 |
| Total              | 6,359 | \$6,165,690.10 |

**FRIDAY**

2/2/18<sup>1</sup>

**APPRENTICE LICENSE**

ASA ESPINOZA (nephew of jockey Victor Espinoza) came to the office this morning because he is named to his first mount this Sunday. We issued him an apprentice certificate, signed his license application and went over a few rules and regulations. Lastly, we wished him luck.

2/2/18<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey TIAGO PERIERA came to the office as directed (albeit a day late) to view his actions at the start of the sixth race on Saturday. His horse broke inwardly and interfered with the rival to his inside, causing him to clip heels. Mr. Periera claimed that the horse had a sensitive mouth and screen blinkers and therefore blamed the horse. However, video revealed that when he did correct his mount, the horse reacted quickly. We explained that while he did make an effort, it was our judgment that it could have been quicker. He reluctantly agreed. Warning.

Apprentice jockey EVIN ROMAN came to the office to review two rides on Saturday. He was scheduled to come in yesterday but was not aware of our schedule change regarding a time for jockey film review. We reviewed the stretch run of his horse in the fourth race where he finished second but pushed his way out late in the race to attain that position. The contact he made with the horse to his outside was not minor and therefore we felt a penalty was appropriate. We also reviewed the eighth race from Sunday during which we felt he used his crop too much when he was not in contention. He agreed. We unanimously issued the following regarding his ride on Sunday:

**LATS Ruling #050**

Apprentice Jockey EVIN ROMAN, who rode FLY TO MARS in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 28, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 8, 9 and 10, 2018) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).

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

Jockey KYLE FREY called ahead of his scheduled hearing, and stated that he had violated the crop rule during his ride in the seventh race yesterday. We issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #051**

Jockey KYLE FREY is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* 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 – second offense in last 60 days), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on February 1, 2018; first offense on January 7, 2018.

2/2/18<sup>3</sup>

#### **PAPAPRODROMOU HEARING**

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU appeared in the office this morning in an informal hearing for case number 17DM0089 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1865, popularly known as “the gelding rule.” One of Mr. Papaprodromou’s runners was found to be a gelding during morning soundness checks. He really had no recollection of the horse being gelded, and from the evidence presented by the CHRB, it appeared that the horse was gelded at a farm before returning to the trainer’s barn after a layoff. We therefore issued the following ruling:

#### **LATS Ruling #052**

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse VEGAS ITCH which ran in the first race at Del Mar Race Track on November 18, 2017. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

2/2/18<sup>4</sup>

#### **GUTIERREZ WITHDRAWAL**

When we received notice that jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ had withdrawn his appeal of LATS Ruling #049 which was a suspension he received earlier in the meet, we issued the following ruling:

#### **LATS Ruling #049**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS ruling #012 (January 1, 2018) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. MARIO GUTIERREZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 15, 16 and 17, 2018).

2/2/18<sup>5</sup>

#### **OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, we posted the objection sign when jockey Stewart Elliott aboard second place finisher #1 ROARING FORK claimed foul against the winner #7 IMPETU (F. Prat) for inference as the horses completed the right handed turn on the hillside turf course. Elliott felt that Mr. Prat cut too acute of an angle over to the opposite fence forcing #2 into his horse’s path. To the extent video even confirmed this action, it certainly wouldn’t be considered interference. After speaking with the patrol judge and riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

2/2/18<sup>6</sup>

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

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #1 TIZ DELITEFUL – Claimed – J. Metz, trainer<br>#2 LUCKY STUDENT – Claimed – M. Pender, trainer<br>#4 DEVIL’S BEAUTY – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer. Minus Pool \$16.22. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$0                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$0                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$21.00                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$41.52                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Race | #2 MO OVER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead<br>#5 NORMANDY BEACH – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead<br>Refund \$1,009.81                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Race | #4 RICK’S DREAM – Claimed – A. Kitchingman, trainer<br>#4 RICK’S DREAM – Claim <b>VOIDED</b> – H. Palma, trainer                                                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Race | #9 TIME FOR EBBY – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer                                                                                                                             |

2/2/18<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 3,076 | \$581,963.50   |
| SCOTWinc           | 4,042 | \$1,372,030.30 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$5,387,644.22 |
| Total              | 7,118 | \$7,341,638.02 |

**SATURDAY**

2/3/18<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his ride in the third race yesterday during which his mount was the subject of a jockey's claim of foul. The incident occurred as the field was leaving the right handed turn on the hillside turf course, crossing the course to enter the left hand turn. We felt he that he didn't take the best angle crossing the horse which caused two horses to check. We all agreed that this is a difficult part of the course to both ride and judge and therefore issued a warning.

GEOVANNI FRANCO came to the office as directed to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday. During the stretch run, video revealed that his mount drifted in, causing a rival to steady. He then drifted out a few paths although did not cause interference in so doing. We cautioned Mr. Franco that he needs to maintain a straight course in order to comply with the riding rules. He agreed. Warning.

Jockey CECILY EVANS failed to appear in the office as directed in order to examine her crop use leaving the gate in the second race yesterday.

2/3/18<sup>2</sup>

**ARTHUR MEETING**

Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur stopped by to give us an update on some of the changes that are being made to the third party Lasix program that began on December 26 of last year (approx. one month ago). Management has implemented the program as required by the regulation passed last year by the CHRB. Unfortunately, it became necessary for this Board of Stewards to scratch a horse from each of the last two racing cards because of mistakes made with respect to the implementation of the program. Dr. Arthur updated us regarding improvements made to the program (after he met with management). We also suggested some improvements, some of which would be made, while others clearly would not. Hopefully, going forward the protocol will be improved such that foreseeable mistakes (like the ones made the last two days) will not occur.

2/3/18<sup>3</sup>

**PEDROZA/CORRALES CONTINUATION**

The disorderly conduct hearing which began Thursday, was continued and nearly concluded today. Testifying today were Assistant Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul, Clerk of Scales Kevin Colosi, CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton, Max Corrales (for the second time), and Dr. Roy Saenz. Additional documents were marked and entered into evidence. The hearing was then continued to Thursday.

2/3/18<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fourth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident between second place finisher #8 SALTEN SAPITY (F. Prat) and #4 A LITTLE BIT MORE (K. Frey) crossing the dirt on the hillside turf course. Video showed that #8 does switch leads, step out and make contact with #4. The two were separated by a quarter of a length at the finish. After speaking with the patrol judges and the riders involved, the majority voted to make no change to the original order of finish because the contact was minor and did not cost #4 the opportunity at a better placing. Steward Sawyer voted for a disqualification.

2/3/18<sup>5</sup>

# **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #11 HIMMAH (IRE) – Stewards’ scratch, full field  
#14 RANCOR – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible. Refund \$1,686.53

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$53.00; Minus Pool \$680.40

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 BOBBY ABU DHABI – Stewards’ scratch, stake  
Refund \$3,303.88; Minus Pool \$17,973.90

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$60.29

6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 REVEREND AI – Claimed – S. Miyadi, trainer  
#2 REVEREND AI – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to B. Heap, trainer  
Refund \$76.24

7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 PRINCE OF ARABIA – Stewards’ scratch, stake. Refund \$3,206.80

8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

9<sup>th</sup> Race #10 DEL MAR ANN – Claimed – D. Hendricks, trainer

2/3/18<sup>6</sup>

# **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |        |                 |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| On track           | 11,071 | \$1,742,573.65  |
| SCOTWinc           | 6,189  | \$2,317,839.10  |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A    | \$9,697,482.12  |
| Total              | 17,260 | \$13,757,894.87 |

**SUNDAY**

2/4/18<sup>1</sup>

# **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

The races begin early today (11 am) in anticipation of the Super Bowl later today. A ninth race was added by Santa Anita (eight were scheduled in the condition book).

2/4/18<sup>2</sup>

# **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CECILY EVANS came to the office this morning to review her crop use at the start of the second race on Thursday. She used her crop about 10 times on the shoulder, although it was underhanded, not realizing that this action constituted a violation. She was issued the following ruling:

## **LATS Ruling #053**

Jockey CECILY EVANS 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) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 2, 2018.

2/4/18<sup>3</sup>

# **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the first race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident between third place finisher #5 CASINO RED (IRE) (D. VanDyke) and fifth place finisher #3 MS PEINTOUR (J. Talamo) near the 5/16ths pole. Video revealed that #5 drops in on and takes the path of #3, causing that horse to take up sharply and clip heels. However, after speaking with the patrol judges and both riders, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish because #3 was beaten 7 lengths for fourth and therefore not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

2/4/18<sup>4</sup>

# **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1,280.60

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 MILHAUD – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead. Refund \$1,590.47.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$1,792.86

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$15,666.17

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 ALL NET – Claimed – D. Jacobson, trainer. Refund \$29.55  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 AJAC – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
 #1 SOUTH TEXAS LINGO – Claimed -- S. Knapp, trainer  
 #4 FREDDIES DREAM – Claimed – S. Miyadi, trainer  
 #9 CHROMIUM – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
 #1 SOUTH TEXAS LINGO – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to V. Cerin, trainer  
 #4 FREDDIES DREAM – Claimed – **VOIDED** – returns to A. Lerner, trainer  
 Refund \$586.75  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #7 DEL MAR DIVA – Stewards' scratch, full field. Refund \$339.04

2/4/18<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track           | 4,136 | \$999,563.77   |
| SCOTWinc           | 4,697 | \$1,550,362.70 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A   | \$6,522,155.31 |
| Total              | 8,833 | \$9,072,081.78 |

**SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/29/18 - 2/4/18**

|                    |    |                     |    |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List | 10 | Horses off Vet List | 14 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 17 | Fatalities          | 0  |
| Medication         | 0  |                     |    |

**SUMMARY**

|                   | Thurs<br>2/1/18 | Fri<br>2/2/18 | Sat<br>2/3/18 | Sun<br>2/4/18 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
| Accidents         | 0               | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0    | 3    |
| Cal-Bred Races    | 4               | 1             | 0             | 0             | 5    | 29   |
| Claims            | 4               | 4             | 1             | 2             | 11   | 81   |
| Disqualifications | 0               | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0    | 3    |
| Inquiries         | 0               | 1             | 1             | 1             | 3    | 13   |
| Refunds           | 6               | 3             | 6             | 6             | 21   | 134  |
| Rulings           | 4               | 4             | 0             | 1             | 9    | 53   |
| Voided Claims     | 0               | 1             | 1             | 2             | 4    | 18   |

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward