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SANTA ANITA PARK

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Week 7 – Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Monday, May 29, 2017

MONDAY

5/22/17¹

MUDARIS FORMAL CONTINUANCE CASE #16DM088 & #16DM0089 (ref 5-1-17¹)

This hearing was a continuance of the two cases filed by the CHRB against trainer Mike Mudaris for violation of CHRB rules 1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (a)(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) 1844 (f)(4) (Authorized Medication).

Present before the BOS were court reporter Michelle Derieg, counsel for the CHRB from the Attorney General's Office Michael Yi, CHRB Staff Counsel Philip Laird, trainer Mike Mudaris and his counsel Roger Diamond.

The hearing was opened and witnesses Thomas Urbina Sr. (foreman) and Thomas Urbina Jr. (exercise rider and pony rider) were present to testify on behalf of Mike Mudaris.

After being sworn in Thomas Urbina Jr. testified first and then translated for his father Thomas Urbina Sr. Mike Mudaris was sworn in and also testified. All exhibits entered into evidence were confirmed.

Due to the scheduling of another hearing both attorneys will submit written closing briefs to be handed in no later than June 27, 2017, decision to follow.

5/22/17²

ELLIS FORMAL HEARING CASE #16SA0260

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Ron Ellis for violation of CHRB rules 1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The official urine and blood samples SA 23993 taken on November 5, 2016, from the horse Masochistic were found to contain stanozolol and its metabolite

16-hydroxystanozolol by Maddy Laboratory U C Davis. Masochistic finished 2nd in the 6th race at Santa Anita on November 5th, the Breeder's Cup Sprint. A split sample from Industrial Laboratories confirmed the presence of 16-hydroxystanozolol in the urine and stanozolol and 16-hydroxystanozolol in the blood. Stanozolol is a Class 3 drug with a Category B penalty.

Present for the formal hearing before the Board of Stewards were, trainer Ron Ellis his attorney Steve Schwartz, representing the CHRB, Deputy Attorney General Vanessa Martinez and CHRB Staff Counsel Philip Laird, court reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. Observers in attendance consisted of owner William Shamalian, co-counsel for respondent Lisa Brown and Aaron Hesz, the latter two observers were asked to leave after causing continual disruptions during the hearing.

Testimony was heard from Ron Ellis and Philip Laird and the hearing was closed due to the hour of the day. It is carried over to tomorrow.

TUESDAY

5/23/17¹

PEDERSON FORMAL CONTINUANCE CASE #15SA168 (ref 4-6-17⁶)

The continuance of this case involves CHRB rules 1629 (Penalty for a Late Declaration) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). On April 25, 2015 the horse "Go First" trained by Dean Pederson was entered in the 4th race at Santa Anita Race Track. The Pederson trainee was shipped from Los Alamitos to Santa Anita race track on April 24, 2015. K C Horse Transport transported two horses from Los Alamitos to Santa Anita, trainer Martin Jones had the other horse, "Papa's Lass" on the horse van. "Go First" went to Martin Jones' barn by mistake and was administered Acepromazine on race day, April 25, 2015. "Go First" was subsequently scratched from the race.

Present for the hearing before the BOS were trainer Dean Pederson, his lawyer Steve Schwartz, Deputy Attorney General Vanessa Martinez, CHRB Staff Counsel Philip Laird and the proceedings were recorded by court reporter Michelle Derieg.

Testimony was heard from Dr. B. William Bell, retired CHRB Official Veterinarian (by telephone), assistant trainer Josh Litt was employed by trainer Martin Jones and trainer Dean Pederson. After all exhibits were entered into evidence the hearing was closed with a decision to follow after written closings are submitted.

5/23/17²

ELLIS FORMAL CONTINUANCE CASE #16SA0260 (ref 05-22-17¹)

Again present were trainer Ron Ellis and his attorney Steve Schwartz. Representing the CHRB, Deputy Attorney General Vanessa Martinez and CHRB Staff Counsel Philip Laird, owner William Shamalian and court reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings.

Testimony was heard from expert witnesses Chief Chemist U. C. Davis Dr. Scott Stanley and CHRB Medical Equine Director Dr. Rick Arthur. Once again due to time constraints the hearing was closed. It is continued to June 9, 2017.

WEDNESDAY

5/24/17¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Grant Baker was on duty to oversee the entries for Saturday, May 27, scratches for Thursday May 5 and other routine matters.

THURSDAY

5/25/17¹

BAROCIO RULING (ref-05-21-17³)

The following ruling was issued after the decision was made post hearing last Sunday. Mr. Barocio was reminded that the 72 hour list starts the day after the race day for which the horse was entered.

LATS RULING #173

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO who worked out the horse MAJESTIC DIVA on May 5, 2017 (24 hours after being placed on the Veterinarian's List) is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866(b) (Veterinarian's List – may not work out for 72 hours after being placed on list {sick}).

5/25/17²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

FLAVIEN PRAT met with the Stewards to review the ninth race on Sunday in which there was an inquiry and a disqualification of his mount (ref-05-21-17⁹). After watching the DVD of the race it was a unanimous decision that Mr. Prat allowed his mount to drift inward causing interference to three other horses. The penalty is in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #174

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT, who rode PACIFIC HEAT in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 4, 8 and 9, 2017) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to sixth position. 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.

5/25/17³**SMOOTH SAILING**

The eight race program was performed without a ripple.

5/25/17⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #2 SHAZARA (Tr. J. Shireffs) claimed by Tr. G. Sherlock
 #6 SPACE CADET (Tr. R. Baltas) F. Prat replaced K. Desormeaux (sick)
 Refund \$0

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0

4th race No Changes; Refund \$21.00

5th race No Changes; Refund \$84.00

6th race #3 MOONMAN (Tr. K. Desmoreaux) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead
 #6 FISHEL (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed by Tr. J. Moreno
 Refund \$1,532.16

7th race No Changes; Refund \$80.00; Minus Pool \$17.64

8th race #3 Haskin (Tr. B.D.A. Cecil) Veterinarian-unsound - Dr. Grande
 #11 Californium (Tr. M. Dollase) J. Talamo replaced C. Nakatani (sick)
 Refund \$1,140.97

5/25/17⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,909	\$453,955.00
SCOTWinc	3,447	\$925,140.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,365,032.83
Total	6,356	\$4,744,128.23

FRIDAY5/26/17¹**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

ISRAEL OCAMPO met with the BOS to review the start of the eighth race yesterday in which he was slow correcting his mount's outward direction leaving the starting gate. Another horse was involved in the incident and Mr. Ocampo was issued a warning.

JAMIE THERIOT met with the Stewards as directed to discuss the brand of his safety vest. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui had previously warned Mr. Theriot he had to use the certified vest when riding races. Mr. Theriot stated he did get an approved vest but it was a size too large. He was told he could not ride without a certified approved vest.

Long story short, he went to his car and found a vest he uses in the AM workouts that was an acceptable brand.

5/26/17²

INQUIRY ACCIDENT SEVENTH RACE NO CHANGE 1 mile-dirt

During the running of the race, #7 Sudden Sam (Kyle Frey) went wrong, fell and unseated the jockey. The inquiry sign was posted to review this incident. It was a unanimous decision that there was no reason for a change in the order of finish and the race was made official.

5/26/17³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#2 SKY PREACHER (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande #6 RYE PATCH (Tr. E. Truman) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler Refund \$1,517.78; Minus Pool \$2.53
2nd race	#2 PEPE TONO (Tr. V. Garcia) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande Refund \$532.90; Minus Pool \$171.77
3rd race	#2 TEMPLE KEYS (Tr. R. Baltas) DNF Refund \$1,782.63
4th race	NO SHOW WAGER #1 GEMINI JOURNEY (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead #3 SASSY ASHLEY (Tr. R. Baltas) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande Refund \$1,156.29
5th race	#1 ZEPPPO (Tr. J. Enriquez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead #2 TAP YOU'RE IT (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead. Refund \$69,766.49
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$739.98
7th race	#7 SUDDEN SAM (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. R. Ellis DNF VOID Refund \$137.00
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$1,786.32

5/26/17⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,022	\$528,909.90
SCOTWinc	3,924	\$1,235,595.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,981,707.27
Total	6,946	\$6,746,212.57

SATURDAY

5/27/17¹

GUSTAFSSON RULING

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Gustafsson failed to abide by the terms of ruling LATs #166.

LATS RULING #175

Owner/Assistant Trainer ROLF GUSTAFSSON, having failed to comply with a financial responsibility order is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$2,380.00 – Trainer Jorge Periban).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ROLF GUSTAFSSON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine). ROLF GUSTAFSSON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/27/17²

NILFORUSHAN RULING

The CHRB filed a complaint for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The following ruling was issued after Mr. Nilforushan failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

LATS RULING #177

Owner ALI NILFORUSHAN having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – harassing texts), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges ALI NILFORUSHAN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), ALI NILFORUSHAN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/27/17³**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

COREY NAKATANI met with the BOS to review his ride in the third race yesterday near the 3/8 marker in the one mile turf race. After a review of the race in a unanimous decision the BOS felt his inward drift that caused a horse to his inside, the eventual winner of the race to check for several strides. Mr. Nakatani stated he thought he was clear and his weak effort to pull off did not exonerate him from the decision in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #176

Jockey COREY NAKATANI, who rode DIPLODOCUS in the third race at Santa Anita Park on May 26, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 2, 3 and 4, 2017) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference entering the far turn. 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.

TYLER BAZE also met with the Stewards to review the third race yesterday in which there was an incident in the stretch run of the one mile turf race. Mr. Baze, sitting behind a horse on the fence, committed to a hole that started to open but then did not. This caused Mr. Baze's horse to make contact with the horse in front of him. He did take up when it was obvious his horse did not want to enter the opening, but this action did not prevent the contact. In a unanimous decision Mr. Baze received the following penalty in the ruling issued below.

LATS RULING #178

Jockey TYLER BAZE, who rode ECKERSLEY in the third race at Santa Anita Park on May 26, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 2, 3 and 4, 2017) for attempting to enter an opening without sufficient room 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.

5/27/17⁴**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an examination by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande of #6 BITTE in the first race the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List and the claim was voided. The horse returned to the stable of R.B. Hess Jr.

5/27/17⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#3 ONE I'M RUNNING TO (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. A. Saavedra #6 BITTE (Tr. R.B. Hess) claimed by Tr. R. Saldona VOID Refund \$830.30
2nd race	#3 MY LAST SHOT (Tr. L. Wicker) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande #4 KITTEN'S ROYAL (Tr. D. Hofmans) claimed by Tr. T. McCanna Refund \$1,824.60
3rd race	NO SHOW WAGER #4 ROY H (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-stake Refund \$3,320.00; Minus Pool \$10,127.31

4th race No Changes; Refund \$213.80
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$503.00; Minus Pool \$60,396.05
 6th race #5 PRAY HARD (Tr. R. Baltus) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 Refund \$341.00
 7th race #2 SPY RING (Tr. J. Cassidy) Steward-stake
 Refund \$3,330.86
 8th race #8 ACCELERATE (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-stake
 Refund \$8,317.30
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5/27/17⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	17,634	\$1,440,116.30
SCOTWinc	6,353	\$2,348,182.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,286,979.02
Total	23,987	\$13,075,277.62

SUNDAY5/28/17¹**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

FLAVIEN PRAT joined the BOS as directed to review the start of the eighth race yesterday.

5/28/17²**BLACK RULING**

The CHRB filed a financial complaint against owner Elliston Black for money owed to Equine Medical and Surgical Group in the amount of \$4,161.42. After Mr. Black failed to appear for the scheduled hearing the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #179

Owner ELLISTON BLACK, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Equine Medical and Surgical Group -- \$4,161.42) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ELLISTON BLACK are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine). Furthermore ELLISTON BLACK is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/28/17³**RITVO MEETING**

COO of Stronach Group Tim Ritvo came to the Stewards' office to introduce himself and explain his thoughts and possible directions he might take to help boost all aspects of racing at Santa Anita Park. Different topics were discussed and he was told that we the Stewards encourage conversation with management.

5/28/17⁴**INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION FOURTH RACE -1 mile turf**

After the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident turning for home approaching the 3/16 marker. Involved were #6 Informality (K. Desormeaux 6th) #7 Six Point Rack (E. Roman 8th) and #8 Hot Oro (T. Baze 7th). After talking to the jockeys involved, receiving a report from the Patrol Judges and a review of the angles of the race it was a unanimous decision that coming off the turn #6 shifted out and bumped #7 who in turn made hard contact with #8, #6 was disqualified from 6th position and placed last (8th) behind #7.

Original Order of Finish 4-5-2-1-3-(6)-8-7
 Official Order of Finish 4-5-2-1-3-8-7-(6)

5/28/17⁵**VOIDED CLAIM**

After a report from Official Veterinarian Tim Grande that #5 Stagecoach Stop in the third race was placed on the Veterinarian's List due to unsoundness the claim was voided and the horse returned to trainer Richard Baltas. Also in the ninth race the claim of #1 Pearl de Vere was voided after it was placed on the Veterinarian's List for being unsound. This horse was returned to the stable of trainer Vladimir Cerin.

5/28/17⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #2 JES JAA (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
#6 MISCHIEF (Tr. M. Schwizer) DNF-refused to break
Refund \$0

2nd race #1 GUMMY (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$2.22

3rd race #5 STAGECOACH STOP (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi **VOID**
Refund \$0

4th race #1 HEAT (Tr. T. Yakteen) ambulance removed post race
Refund \$0

5th race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$959.94

6th race No Changes; Refund \$86.00

7th race #9 A RED TIE DAY (Tr. R. Baltas) T. Pereira replaced C. Nakatani (injured)
Refund \$423.00

8th race #9 COALINGA HILLS (Tr. M. Jones) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande
Refund \$1,012.13

9th race #1 PEARL DE VERE (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed by Tr. L. Powel **VOID**
#3 LITTLE BIT LOVELY (Tr. J. Carava) claimed by Tr. P. Miller
#4 DISSENSION (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#7 SUMMER LADY (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. M. Machowsky
Refund \$1,665.30

5/28/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	14,659	\$1,335,369.10
SCOTWinc	5,516	\$1,871,139.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,274,953.37
Total	20,175	\$10,481,462.37

MONDAY5/29/17¹**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

SALVADOR IÑIGUEZ met with the Stewards to review the eighth race yesterday which involved a Stewards' review. Video revealed that he angled inward in the middle of the turn possibly shaving a horse to his inside which was hard to control. The available angles could not verify he was culpable of the incident, warning.

KENT DESORMEAUX also came to the Stewards' office to review the inquiry and the disqualification of his mount in the fourth race yesterday (ref 05-28-17⁴). After a discussion of the incident Mr. Desormeaux was issued the ruling listed below. It was unanimous decision that he angled his horse out from behind another horse and in doing so impeded two horses to his outside. This was considered careless riding.

LATS RULING #180

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX, who rode INFORMALITY in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 28, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 4, 8 and 9, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from sixth to eighth position. 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.

5/29/17²

INQUIRY ACCIDENT NO CHANGE EIGHTH RACE - 1 1/8-turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident inside the 1/16 pole. #1 Calli Way (R. Bejarano) went wrong, fell and unseated the rider. After a review of the videos, in a unanimous decision, no other horses were involved and the race was made official.

5/29/17³

INQUIRY ACCIDENT NO CHANGE NINTH RACE - 5/8-dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 1/8 pole. #8 Stormin Tina (J. Theriot) went wrong, fell and unseated the rider. After a review of the videos in a unanimous decision no other horses were involved and the race was made official.

5/29/17⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race	#2 Princess Kendra (Tr. B. Spawr)- claimed by R. Saldana Refund \$0
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$11.00
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$85.00
6th race	#3 Red Shelby (Tr. P. Miller) I. Ocampo replaced C. Nakatani (injured) Refund \$1,401.00
7th race	#6 Arch of Troy (Tr. M. Tsagalakis) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Stead. Refund \$25,588.90
8th race	#1 Calli Way (Tr. R. Baltas) DNF-euthanized #4 Accountability (Tr. R. Becerra) T. Baze replaced C. Nakatani (injured) Refund \$629.60
9th race	#4 Baba Be Gone (Tr. G.F. Almeida) E. Orozco replaced R. Fuentes (DJF) #8 Stormin Tina (Tr. J. Wallace) DNF-euthanized #10 Sneak Player (Tr.B. Koriner) DNF Refund \$370.02

5/29/17⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	15,982	\$1,401,285.20
SCOTWinc	5,689	\$1,935,560.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,588,102.05
Total	21,671	\$10,924,947.55

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 5/22/17 – 5/28/17

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	20
Fatalities	3
Medication	0

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

SUMMARY

	Thurs 5/25	Fri 5/26	Sat 5/27	Sun 5/28	Mon 5/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	2	16
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	3	2	5	69
Claims	2	1	3	4	2	12	287
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	0	1	20
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2	4	45
Refunds	5	8	8	4	6	31	555
Rulings	2	0	4	1	1	8	180
Voided Claims	0	1	1	2	0	4	50

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward