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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 5 – Sunday, January 18, 2015 – Saturday, January 24, 2015

SUNDAY

1/18/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified for interference. Video revealed that his mount was getting out badly and that he was making an effort to keep him straight. The majority felt that the effort was sufficient to avoid a suspension while Steward CHANEY felt that he could have done more, and therefore voted for a penalty.

1/18/15²

FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS WITHDRAWN

Veterinarian MELINDA BLUE withdrew two financial complaints (cases numbered 15SA017 and 15SA014) when each alleged bill was paid.

1/18/15³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$648.60; Minus Pool \$246.10
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$245.18
3 rd Race	#7 RUSTY ROAD – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #6 THESHEETSGUY – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer Refund \$2,645.31
4 th Race	#13 PRETTY EMMA – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #14 SHE GOT AWAY – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$1,088.31
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	No changes
7 th Race	#2 NATALIE'S WONDER – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer #2 NATALIE'S WONDER – Claim VOIDED – returns to A. Marquez, trainer Refund \$321.00
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$438.00

9th Race #11 PRACTICAL – Veterinarian scratch, unsound—Dr. Stead
 #1 GILMAR – Rider change – W. Antongeorgi for A. Jimenez (conflict)
 Refund \$2,321.24

1/18/15⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,689	1,214,198.50
SCOTWinc	5,741	1,764,084.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,135,746.81
Total	11,430	9,114,029.41

MONDAY

1/19/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey TYLER BAZE came to the office to review his ride in the second race on Thursday. We felt that he shifted out a bit near the five-sixteenths pole forcing the jockey to his outside to check. The horse to the far outside was also to blame but we wanted to caution Mr. Baze to ride more safely. He agreed.

1/19/15²

MONGOLIAN RACING FEDERATION

Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI is hosting representatives of the Mongolian Horse Racing Federation today. They visited our office this morning to learn what our duties in California racing entail.

1/19/15³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 FREE MONEY – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer
 Refund \$1.10
 2nd Race #1 PEACHES N’ BRANDY – Claimed -- D. Pederson, trainer
 #8 DESERT TRAINER – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
 3rd Race No changes; Minus Pool \$1,735.16
 4th Race No changes
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$5.50
 6th Race #1 DOMINO JOHNSON – pulled up, walked off – M. Pender, trainer
 Refund \$8.00
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$76.66
 8th Race #13 BABY BLAKE – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$154.20
 9th Race #5 FOLLOW ME CREV – Claimed – A. Marquez, trainer
 #6 DONJI – Claimed – R. Gonzalez, trainer
 #13 CHUCK’S CHUCKLE – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
 #14 CAL McLISH – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$296.80

1/19/15⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,361	1,321,669.80
SCOTWinc	5,128	1,615,596.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,278,832.34
Total	11,489	8,216,099.04

FRIDAY

1/23/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MIKE SMITH came to the office to review a ride from last week. We felt he could have given a bit more room to the horses to his inside near the 5/16ths pole. He agreed and was warned.

1/23/15²**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

The complaint (case number 15SA0019) filed by KC HORSE TRANSPORTATION against owners LESTER HUNSUCKER and STEVE PETZHOLD was withdrawn when the alleged debt was paid.

1/23/15³**OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO, aboard second place finisher #8 VERRACO, claimed foul against the winner, #1 ERNEST SHACKLETON (IRE), ridden by DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. While the winner did drift out during the stretch run, he was clear most of its length; and the last sixteenth, while he did commit interference, we believed that #8 VERRACO was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Therefore, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish.

1/23/15⁴**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to examine the circumstances under which the last place finisher, #9 MARINA DEL HEAT (F. Perez), took up sharply at the 3/8th pole. Video was somewhat inconclusive but seemed to indicate that the horse on the rail (#8 BELONGING, A. Green) drifted out, and the horse on the outside (#1 KUKALUKA, B. Boulanger) drifted in, causing the squeeze. However, given the video and the finish position of the horse who suffered the interference, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original of finish.

1/23/15⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#1 PARALYZING EYES – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #5 TRAIN SET – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund \$625.10
2 nd Race	#2 ROADBUG – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$378.00; Minus Pool \$3,031.43
3 rd Race	No change; Refund \$357.00
4 th Race	#2 GRAMMY TIMES SIX – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$2,205.50
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	#4 HE'S DREAMY – Rider change – A. Gryder for M. Garcia (sick) #5 GNARLY HARLY – Claimed – W. Ward, trainer Refund \$3.00
7 th Race	#2 LAMAZONE – Claimed – C. Dollase, trainer #6 LADY'S PAN – Claimed – A. Avila, trainer Refund \$9.50
8 th Race	#14 LADY COMIC – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #6 PUSH GIRL – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer #6 PUSH GIRL – Claim VOIDED – returns to M. Pender, trainer Refund \$135.10

1/23/15⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,569	684,751.20
SCOTWinc	4,977	1,385,394.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,616,012.18
Total	7,546	6,686,157.38

SATURDAY1/24/15¹**FILM REVIEW**

We had three riders, at the same time, in our office this morning to review races from yesterday: Apprentice AMELIA GREEN, Apprentice BRANDON BOULANGER, and jockey

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. All three were involved in inquiries yesterday. While suspension days were not contemplated in any of the cases, we had a productive discussion regarding safer riding.

1/24/15²

COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN

Blacksmith KYLE BAZE withdrew his financial complaint (case number 15SA008) against trainer DEAN GREENMAN after the alleged bill was paid.

1/24/15³

COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN

Groom HECTOR SARRATEGUI withdrew his financial complaint (case number 15SA015) against trainer BLAKE KELLY after the alleged debt was paid.

1/24/15⁴

LEYTE RULING – LATS #020

We issued the LEYTE ruling this morning after a lengthy deliberation. This complaint involved an animal welfare allegation against Pony Rider GUADALUPE LEYTE. Mr. Leyte owned a pony that was found to be in poor condition by the CHRB investigators. The pony was an appropriate weight and was fed properly but had several rub marks from the saddle, bandages, etc. Although they were being treated with medication, the concern was how they occurred in the first place and at what point should the pony have been turned out. Mr. Leyte admitted the mistake but maintained that the horse was always given appropriate care. Before the hearing two months ago, that particular pony was turned out. About two weeks ago, Steward KIM SAWYER and Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI conducted a surprise inspection of the pony barn, for general deterrence but more specifically to examine Mr. Leyte's current ponies. All were in good condition. Given the circumstances, we issued the following ruling:

Exercise rider GUADALUPE LEYTE is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) and suspended for THIRTY (30) DAYS (February 2, 2015, through March 3, 2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare). TWENTY (20) DAYS of the suspension (February 12, 2015, through March 3, 2015) are stayed provided that Mr. LEYTE not violate any California Horse Racing Board rules related to animal welfare. Furthermore, Mr. LEYTE shall remain on probation for as long as he holds a license from the California Horse Racing Board.

1/24/15⁵

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the first race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident shortly after the break. #1 GIGANTIS, stumbled and lost his rider, DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. Video revealed that the horse stumbled on its own, without outside influence, and therefore was declared a starter. The horse was corralled by the outrider and the rider was cleared by the track physician. Accident report attached.

1/24/15⁶

RACE DELAY

The seventh race was delayed approximately fifteen minutes when two jockeys realized that they had the wrong saddles after the horses had entered the track. Both horses were returned to the paddock, both riders weighed out again and the horses rejoined the field. We were careful to take the riders off once the rest of the field reached the starting gate, so that all horses carried weight for approximately the same amount of time from the paddock to race start. We will meet with the parties involved tomorrow to determine if penalties are appropriate and how to prevent this from occurring in the future.

1/24/15⁷

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the ninth race (Cal Cup Turf Classic) we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident at the eighth pole. Video revealed that the winner #3 ALERT BAY

(T. Baze) crossed over and interfered with eighth place finisher #8 STONEY FLEECE (R. Bejarano) causing that rider to take up sharply. After speaking to the patrol judges and riders involved, the majority believed that #8 STONEY FLEECE was not cost the opportunity at a better placing and therefore voted to make no change. Steward CHANEY believed that the horse was cost the opportunity at a better placing and therefore voted for a disqualification.

1/24/15⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	#9 GENEROUS DON – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$486.10
2 nd Race	No changes
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$55.60
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$9.00
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$31.00
6 th Race	#8 AVANTI BELLO – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,360.70
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$388.10
8 th Race	#4 FRENHAM – Stewards' scratch, stake #5 GRAZEN'S HOPE – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,392.66; Minus Pool \$10,804.22
9 th Race	#11 CHRISTOPHER STREET – Stewards' scratch, stake #12 ALPINE LUCK – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$4,864.08
10 th Race	#5 LADY DANGER – Rider change – T. Pereira for R. Bejarano (injured)

1/24/15

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	10,461	1,946,773.00
SCOTWinc	7,223	2,357,079.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,403,052.76
Total	17,684	12,806,905.26

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/12-15 – 1/18/15

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	15
Deceased	0
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

	Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19	Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	9	10	24
Claims	1	5	3	0	9	68
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	2	2	4	13
Refunds	7	6	7	8	28	105
Rulings	0	0	0	1	1	20
Voided Claims	1	0	1	0	2	8

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety
Steward

Attachment
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