

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, Inc.

#### Santa Anita Park

#### To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman  
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Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman  
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Honorable Steve Beneto, Member  
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
Honorable George Krikorian, Member  
Jacqueline Wagner, Acting Executive Director  
Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

#### WEEK 6 – Sunday, January 26, 2014 – Saturday, February 1, 2014.

SUNDAY  
01/26/14<sup>1</sup>

#### FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ came to the office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday during which he nudged his way out down the backstretch and was weaving a bit in the stretch. He recognized his mistakes and pledged a better effort.

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO came to the office to review his ride in the second race on Friday. We felt he could have made a better effort to keep a straight course in the stretch. He agreed. Warning.

01/26/14<sup>2</sup>

#### TACHYCARDIA COMPLAINT

The complaint (case number 13HP113) filed by trainer BOB HESS, Jr., against TACHYCARDIA STABLE was withdrawn when the alleged training debt was paid.

01/26/14<sup>3</sup>

#### HOLLENDORFER COMPLAINT

Assistant trainer DAN WARD appeared on behalf of trainer GERALD HOLLENDORFER for a formal hearing into case number 14SA005 which alleged violation of CHRB rule 1865 (popularly known as the “gelding rule”). Investigator PHIL MIYAZKI presented the case. Evidence revealed that Mr. Hollendorfer acquired the horse from JOHN SADLER, gelded it at their second string barn and simply failed to report it. The official veterinarian discovered that the horse was a gelding during morning soundness checks. The hearing was closed and the following ruling was published:

Trainer GERALD HOLLENDORFER is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse STREET ICON, which ran in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on December 27, 2013. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

1/26/14<sup>4</sup>**UMAROV/RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINTS**

Trainers OTABEK UMAROV and GUSTAVO RODRIGUEZ came to the office pursuant to the complaints (case numbers 14SA003 and 14SA006) filed by the CHRB alleging a fight between the two licensees in the stable area at Hollywood Park. The CHRB asked for and was granted a continuance in order to secure the police report and subpoena additional witnesses.

1/26/14<sup>5</sup>**OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the ninth race, jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ, who rode fourth place finisher #4 ON MY HONOR, claimed foul against the winner #1 FIT TO RULE, asserting that the jockey, SAUL ARIAS, allowed his mount to drift in the stretch causing interference. While we agreed that the winner drifted in while not entirely clear, we also believed unanimously that the fourth place finisher was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Therefore, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we made no change to the original finish and declared the race official.

1/26/14<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$421.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 EXCLUDE—Claimed – M. Chew, trainer  
 Refund \$441.90  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 BLACK SPIRIT – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 #5 ARTIC NORTH – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$7,077.80  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Q'VIVA – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
 #8 BERT'S MELODY – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer  
 #8 BERT'S MELODY – **VOID** – returns to S. McCarthy, trainer  
 #9 EVERHEART – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer  
 #9 EVERHEART – **VOID** – returns to M. Glatt, trainer  
 Refund \$2.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$114.80  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 RPRETTYBOYFLOYD – Rider change – C. Nakatani for I. Orozco (sick/no show)  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #9 WARREN'S TYLER S. – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer

01/26/14<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |               |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| On track     | 6,011  | 1,608,418.10  |
| SCOTWinc     | 6,451  | 2,116,161.50  |
| Out of state | N/A    | 8,625,644.61  |
| Total        | 12,462 | 12,350,224.21 |

THURSDAY  
01/30/14<sup>1</sup>

**OROZCO MEETING**

Apprentice jockey IRVING OROZCO came to the office to discuss the circumstances around missing his mount last Sunday. Not only did he call late for permission to be late but he was then late to the room. He explained that he was sick and kept

oversleeping. We removed him from his mount and had the track physician as well as the CHRB investigative staff observe him. He was fined for missing the mount:

#### LATS Ruling #026

Apprentice Jockey IRVING OROZCO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the seventh race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 26, 2014. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

01/30/14<sup>2</sup>

#### **MORAN STATUS CONFERENCE**

We held a telephonic status conference this morning with the attorneys involved in the MORAN alleged animal abuse case (13DM0013). We verified with the CHRB, the DAG and attorney ROGER LICHT that all of the subpoenaed documents had been turned over. Although the CHRB believed the information to be incomplete, Mr. Licht averred that there were no other documents. We declined to impose any sanctions on the Respondents pursuant to the subpoena request. Lastly, we scheduled a hearing date in May.

01/30/14<sup>3</sup>

#### **CONTRERAS HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 14SA021 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against owner ANTHONY CONTRERAS alleging unfitness for license due to a sex crime conviction in 1990. Ultimately, we continued the case to allow Respondent more time to secure evidence that the matter had been expunged. More to follow.

01/30/14<sup>4</sup>

#### **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the Inquiry sign after the running of the second race to examine two incidents in the stretch. The winner, #3 SWEET BLISS, ridden by COREY NAKATANI, came in twice and caused the third place finisher to steady. The winner then made some contact with the second place finisher as the pair approached the wire. After speaking with the jockeys involved as well as the patrol judges, we voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish. It was our opinion that the third place finisher was not cost the opportunity at a better placing and the second place finisher actually contributed equally to the contact.

1/30/14<sup>5</sup>

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

|                      |                                                                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #5 MAMBO MAN – Claimed – J. Canani, trainer                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race | No changes                                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Race | No changes                                                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes                                                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$35.00                                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Race | No changes; Refund \$99.00                                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Race | #1 FULL CONSENT – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead       |
|                      | #8 SALUTOS AMIGOS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande    |
|                      | Refund \$509.70                                                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Race | #1 TUX – Claimed – J. Meredith, trainer                        |
|                      | #3 CRUSHER – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer                     |
|                      | #5 KNOW MORE – Claimed – S. Miyadi                             |
|                      | #9 LONDINIUM – Claimed – A. Kitchingman, trainer               |
|                      | #5 KNOW MORE – <b>VOID</b> – return to A. Kitchingman, trainer |
|                      | #9 LONDINIUM – <b>VOID</b> – return to P. Aguirre, trainer     |

01/30/14<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |              |
|--------------|-------|--------------|
| On track     | 3,278 | 591,168.80   |
| SCOTWinc     | 3,995 | 1,086,300.20 |
| Out of state | N/A   | 4,198,517.93 |
| Total        | 7,273 | 5,875,986.93 |

**FRIDAY**01/31/14<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys MIKE SMITH and MARTIN GARCIA (along with jockeys' guild rep DARRELL HAIRE and jockey GARY STEVENS) were in the office to review the sixth race yesterday. We had some concerns about the BOB BAFFERT trained winner getting through inside of his stablemate. Further, the winner was 10-1 morning line while the other horse was 3-1 and the two jockeys had a conversation while galloping back to the winner's circle together. While there was no accusation of wrongdoing, we wanted to make the riders aware that this scenario can lead to a perception from the wagering public that the stablemates are working together. They understood the perception and we all pledged to do what we could to promote actual fairness and integrity in racing as well as the appearance thereof.

Jockey SAUL ARIAS came to the office to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday. His mount won the race and was the subject of a Jockey's Claim of Foul. Video revealed that his mount did cross over in front of a rival while not entirely clear. The majority issued a warning whereas Steward Chaney voted for a three day suspension.

01/31/14<sup>2</sup>**CHACON RULING**

Owner PAUL CHACON was suspended in the following ruling when he failed to appear for his scheduled hearing into a financial responsibility complaint (case number 14SA020) filed by the equine hospital alleging an unpaid bill:

**LATS Ruling #027**

Owner PAUL CHACON, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. - \$586.00), 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 PAUL CHACON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. CHACON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

01/31/14<sup>3</sup>**SHERMAN RULING**

We received a call from trainer ART SHERMAN's assistant ALAN SHERMAN explaining the two horses that the barn had entered today had inadvertently received two NSAID injections (confirmed by the Veterinarian Confidentials). We scratched the two horses and issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #028**

Trainer ART SHERMAN is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late

Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – double medication) necessitating the late declaration of BILLY WIN in the fourth race and MATZOH BALL MAGIC in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 31, 2014.

01/31/14<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #8 MISS JUDGED – Claimed – E. Kruljac, trainer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 SILK IN SILVER – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer  
 Refund \$63.00; Minus Pool \$1.02  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$121.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 TOO FAST TO PASS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 #6 BILLY WIN – Stewards' scratch, medication (see ruling)  
 #1 LOS BAMBINOS – Claimed – V. Fernandez, trainer  
 #5 JUDGE CARR – Claimed – R. Hess, trainer  
 #7 TOPPER'S GHOST – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer  
 Refund \$1,810.43  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 ODIN – Veterinarian scratch – Dr. Stead, unsound  
 Refund \$289.40  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 NO TRICKS FOR JACK – Claimed – A. Mathis, trainer  
 #8 SPLENDIFEROUS MOON – Claimed – M. Harrington, trainer  
 Refund \$92.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$124.38  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #8 MATZOH BALL MAGIC – Stewards' scratch, medication (see ruling)  
 #6 RAMBLING HOUSE – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer  
 Refund \$1,200.62

01/31/14<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |              |
|--------------|-------|--------------|
| On track     | 3,821 | 843,882.80   |
| SCOTWinc     | 4,692 | 1,442,932.30 |
| Out of state | N/A   | 5,930,695.57 |
| Total        | 8,513 | 8,217,510.67 |

**SATURDAY**

02/01/14<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI came to the office (although he was directed to do so yesterday) to review his ride in the second race on Thursday. His mount was the subject of an Inquiry described previously. Mr. Nakatani maintained that his mount was lugging in very badly and that he was doing all he could to prevent that move. The majority agreed with Mr. Nakatani's interpretation and therefore voted for a warning whereas Steward Chaney voted for a three-day suspension. He was, however, fined for failing to report to our office yesterday:

**LATS Ruling #032**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to meet with the Board of Stewards in a timely manner) at Santa Anita Park on January 30, 2014.

02/01/14<sup>2</sup>**MOJICA RULING**

Jockey ORLANDO MOJICA was directed to our office by Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI for working a horse while the siren and light were engaged (indicating an accident) during training hours. Mr. Mojica was candid in admitting his mistake. We issued the following ruling:

## LATS Ruling #031

Jockey ORLANDO MOJICA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – worked horse while siren was on).

02/01/14<sup>3</sup>**HIGH RULING**

Jockey Agent DANIEL HIGH was fined in the following ruling when he gave a call for a mount while his jockey was riding in another jurisdiction:

## LATS Ruling #029

Jockey agent DANIEL THOMAS HIGH is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1790 (Jockey Agent) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement – KENT DESORMEAUX) on February 1, 2014.

02/01/14<sup>4</sup>**GOMEZ RULING**

The CHRB filed a complaint (case number 14SA016) against trainer RUBEN GOMEZ alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1865 – also known as the gelding rule. The hearing was scheduled for yesterday, but Mr. Gomez called on Thursday to explain that he would not be attending but that he was responsible for the rule violation. Therefore we issued the following ruling today:

## LATS Ruling #030

Trainer RUBEN GOMEZ is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse MR. SUPERSTITION which ran in the sixth race at Hollywood Park on December 20, 2013. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

02/01/14<sup>5</sup>**BLUE HEARING**

We held a formal hearing this morning into case number 13HP084, a complaint filed by the CHRB against veterinarian DR. MELINDA BLUE alleging several rule violations surrounding an incident with respect to whether or not a runner under her care had properly received a lasix injection. The CHRB alleged that the horse was on the lasix list but failed to receive the medication and presented witnesses, and documentation (including a post race test) to prove that allegation. Dr. Blue maintained that she had treated the horse and presented her own testimony. Decision to follow.

02/01/14<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

|                      |                                                          |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #3 SENATOR BOB – Claimed – J. Bonde, trainer             |
|                      | #4 Dunmore East – Claimed – J. Canani, trainer           |
|                      | Refund \$473.00                      Minus Pool \$275.74 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race | #5 SILVER HUSTLER – Claimed – C. Gaines, trainer         |
|                      | Refund \$129.00                                          |

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 AVARE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
 #4 HOLY CANDY – Veterinarian scratch , sick –Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$2,677.34

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$75.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 APPEALING RESUME – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer  
 #5 WOEBEGON – Claimed – P. Biancone, trainer  
 Refund \$47.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 TORTOLA – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$1,002.70

7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 EARTHFLIGHT (GB) – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 Refund \$734.70

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 VAGABOND SHOES (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #4 SI SAGE (FR) – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #3 UNBRIDLED'S NOTE – Rider change – V. Espinosa for K. Desormeaux (agent fined)  
 Refund \$2,696.39

9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$3,434.10

02/01/14<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |               |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| On track     | 7,553  | 1,628,980.20  |
| SCOTWinc     | 6,816  | 2,207,535.50  |
| Out of state | N/A    | 7,840,838.79  |
| Total        | 14,369 | 11,677,354.49 |

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: January 20, 2014 – January 26, 2014**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List  | 22 |
| Horses off Vet List | 7  |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 13 |
| Deceased            | 1  |
| Medication          | 4  |

**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<br>1/26 | Thurs<br>1/30 | Fri<br>1/31 | Sat<br>2/01 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents         | 0           | 0             | 0           | 0           | 0    | 2    |
| Cal-Bred Races    | 1           | 1             | 1           | 0           | 3    | 26   |
| Claims            | 3           | 3             | 8           | 5           | 19   | 94   |
| Disqualifications | 0           | 0             | 0           | 0           | 0    | 4    |
| Inquiries         | 1           | 1             | 0           | 0           | 2    | 11   |
| Refunds           | 5           | 3             | 7           | 6           | 21   | 98   |
| Rulings           | 1           | 1             | 2           | 4           | 8    | 32   |
| Voided Claims     | 2           | 2             | 0           | 0           | 4    | 18   |

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward