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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB**

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

WEEK 9-Monday, February 20, 2012-Saturday, February 25, 2012

MONDAY
02/20/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

6th race - #7 Bellagio Road (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,312.20
7th race - #9 Los Bomberos (Entered back) refund of \$4,465.50
8th race - #12 Secret Cove (Also eligible) refund of \$1,446.80

02/20/12²

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores, who has been on a roll as of late, was in the office this morning to review the second race from Sunday, during which he permitted his mount to drift out during the stretch run. He was cautioned about maintaining a straight course and said he would make a better effort in the future. Jockey Mario Gutierrez was in this morning to view the third race from Saturday, during which he permitted his mount to drift in just prior to the finish. Mr. Gutierrez admitted his error and stated he would be more alert in the future.

02/20/12³

RULING LATS #049

Apprentice jockey **ESWAN FLORES** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations-failure to meet with the Film Analyst) on February 18, 2012.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed a proper penalty for Mr. Flores missing his daily appointment with film analyst Ruben Hernandez (Ref 2-19-2012¹).

02/20/12⁴**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$4,725.73 occurred in the first race as #7 Baron Von Red, odds-on at 2/5, proved the easiest of winners.

02/20/12⁵**REFUND**

The Stewards ordered a refund prior to the ninth race as #4 Good Mojo was off in the left foreleg during warm up and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$205,346.09

02/20/12⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,891	\$2,096,447.00
Inter-track	6,639	\$2,086,363.90
Out of state	n/a	\$4,136,789.72
Total	18,530	\$8,844,557.02

THURSDAY02/23/12¹**RULING LATS #050**

Jockey **COREY NAKATANI**, having withdrawn his appeal of Ruling LATS #023, issued on January 13, 2012, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 4, 8, and 9, 2012). All other terms of the original ruling shall remain in effect.

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued after the Stewards were notified that the rider had withdrawn his appeal of a ruling issued earlier in the meeting.

02/23/12²**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Joe Talamo came to the office this morning to take a look at the sixth race from Monday, a six and one half furlong race down the hillside turf course. Talamo had permitted his horse to drift out crossing the dirt course and carried a rival wide. He acknowledged his error, stating that he should have waited a few more strides before altering his position. The incident was not worthy of a sanction, but the rider was warned that a similar occurrence could result in days.

02/23/12³**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the fourth race as #7 Smart Hombre, the overwhelming favorite at odds of 2/5, finished second. A total of \$18,809.84 was needed to balance the pools.

02/23/12⁴**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review an incident which took place shortly after the start. #1 Stu's Gone Wild came out shortly after the start, causing #2 Liquid Asset to clip heels and stumble. Since Stu's Gone Wild finished last there was no reason for action by the Stewards. Jockey Alex Bisono will be summoned to the office tomorrow.

02/23/12⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,456	\$974,389.10
Inter-track	5,000	\$1,353,887.90
Out of state	n/a	\$2,571,690.92
Total	8,456	\$5,129,217.52

FRIDAY
02/24/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

5th race - #7 Nothing to Fear (Veterinarian-sick) see 2-24-12³

02/24/12²

RIDER VIEWS VIDEO

Jockey Alex Bisoño was in the office this morning to look at the eighth race from Thursday, during which his mount was responsible for interference at the start. Mr. Bisoño said the horse was difficult to handle and was trying to get out from the moment the gates opened. His attempt to straighten the horse was marginal, just enough to avoid a sanction. He was told that we expect a stronger effort in the future.

02/24/12³

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #4 We Are One failed to warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead and was declared on his recommendation. The resulting refund amounted to \$25,795.71.

02/24/12⁴

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the sixth race to review the circumstances which resulted in Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores being unseated from his mount, #2 Tiz an Addiction, at the start of the one mile event. After speaking with Starter Jay Slender, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race the Stewards voted to make no change in the placings. The accident was caused when Tiz an Addiction stumbled sharply in the opening stride, causing the apprentice to lose his balance and fall. Mr. Flores was cleared by the paramedic team and completed his remaining engagements. See attached accident report.

02/24/12⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race to review and incident approaching the finish involving the second and fifth place finishers, #2 Circa'sgoldengear(R. Bejarano) and #7 Intuitive Nature(J. Talamo). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. While Talamo did take up when Bejarano's horse drifted out, the Stewards were of the opinion that his finish position was not affected by the incident. His mount was fifth at the time of the incident and ultimately finished fifth. Bejarano will review video tomorrow.

02/24/12⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,144	\$752,723.60
Inter-track	5,150	\$1,494,704.10
Out of state	n/a	\$3,110,863.10
Total	8,294	\$5,358,290.80

SATURDAY
02/25/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #4 My Miss Megan (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$568.20

4th race - #3 Maker (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$326.90

7th race - #4 Mensa Heat (Stakes) refund of \$1,550.10

9th race - #6 Frenemy (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$2,959.30

02/25/12²

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Rafael Bejarano was in the office to review his ride in the seventh race from Friday, during which his mount was responsible for interference during the stretch run.(Ref. 2-24-12⁵) After reviewing the race once again, the Stewards, by

majority vote(Steward Chaney dissenting), opted to give Mr. Bejarano a “pass”. He was told to make a better effort in the future or expect a sanction. He assured us he would do so.

Jockey David Flores came to the office this morning to review the third race from Thursday. In that race he rode aggressively through the stretch, initiating contact with the horse to his outside. Though the transgression was not severe enough for days, Mr. Flores was told to be more alert in the future.

02/25/12³

RULING LATS #051

Jockey **DAVID FLORES** 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 Stewards as directed). The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Flores discussed his failure to review video yesterday. He had no acceptable excuse.

02/25/12⁴

RULING LATS #052

Owner **JOSE VASQUEZ MARTIN** is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-Groom Juan Castellanos \$1,200.00 and Exercise Rider Olivio Pena \$2,385.00).

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

The preceeding ruling was issued after Mr. Martin failed to pay two of his former employees who had filed financial complaints against him. He has had ample time to come up with the money owed, having been given two extensions, and now will not return telephone calls.

02/25/12⁵

MINUS POOLS

A minus pool was created in the third race “Show” pool as #4 Mizdirection, the prohibitive choice at odds of 1/5, proved much the best. A total of \$59,633.65 had to be added.

A second negative pool took place in the seventh race as #3 The Factor won with authority at odds of \$0.70 on the dollar. Management had to pony up \$19,550.39 in order to balance.

02/25/12⁶

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race to review an incident just inside the 1/8th pole involving the first and fourth place finishers, #3 The Factor(M. Garcia) and #1 Canonize(V. Espinoza). Jockey Espinoza also lodged a claim of foul.

After speaking to the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Espinoza did steady momentarily when the winner came in slightly; however, there was always ample room between the winner and the inside rail and therefore no action on the Stewards' part was warranted.

02/25/12⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,835	\$1,867,372.60
Inter-track	8,146	\$2,508,731.40
Out of state	n/a	\$3,882,598.03
Total	16,981	\$8,658,107.53

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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.

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of 02/13/12 – 02/19/12

Horses on Vet List 20
Horses off Vet List 8
Shock Wave Therapy 13
Deceased 3
Medication 5

SUMMARY

	Mon 02/20	Thurs 02/23	Fri 02/24	Sat 02/25	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	1	2	1	4	15
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rulings	1	1	0	2	4	52
Refunds	4	0	1	4	9	165
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	10
Claims	4	4	2	3	13	116
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	1	5	36

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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