

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300****SACRAMENTO, CA 95825****REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.**

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director

WEEK 10-Sunday, February 27, 2011-Saturday, March 5, 2011**SUNDAY**02/27/11¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**4th race - #9 Russian River (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$3,454.106th race - #1 Precious Union (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,284.008th race - #6 Korban (Stakes) refund of \$274.9002/27/11²**VIDEO REVIEW**

Victor Espinoza was in the office this morning to review a race from earlier in the week, during which his mount was responsible for interference. He was cautioned to be more alert to prevent interference.

02/27/11³**APPRENTICE JOCKEY IN**

Nicole Shinton came to the office this morning to explain why she has not been attending the mandatory video sessions. Ms. Shinton explained that she lost her cell phone while at Big Bear ski resort and had no means of communicating. She was told that we did not "buy" her explanation and that a repeat offense would result in a penalty.

02/27/11⁴

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

02/27/11⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,007	\$1,730,548.70
Inter-track	8,062	\$2,372,234.60
Out of state	n/a	\$3,586,955.43
Total	15,069	\$7,689,738.73

THURSDAY

03/03/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #4 Where's the Remote (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,807.58

4th race - #2 Royal Meridian (Veterinarian-injured)

#7 He's So Stylish (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,043.60

5th race - #9 Beautiful American (Veterinarian-unsound)

#12 Apt to Be Amazing (Also eligible) refund of \$1,343.86

03/03/11²

STABLE WORKER IN

Groom Gerardo Morales, who works for trainer Steve Asmussen and was responsible for taking care of the great mare Rachel Alexandra, was in the office this morning with Winners' Foundation representative Leroy Martinez as he had been cited by the Board for having contraband in the tack room he shares with another employee. At issue was the fact that a random tack room search by Santa Anita security led to the discovery of a rolled up one dollar bill containing a white powder which proved to be cocaine. Morales was asked to test but could not provide a sample. The other employee, Maximiliano Quevedo, did test and came up positive for the drug. Both were excluded by security. Investigator James Hamilton, who presented the case, said that he was approached by Mr. Asmussen's stable foreman, who spoke highly of Morales and said he was an exemplary worker. She asked that he be given another chance. Morales testified that he had been licensed in a number of states while on the trail with Rachel Alexandra and had never been in trouble. He said he does not use drugs, does not drink or smoke. His appearance seemed to back up his statements. The complaint was dismissed, with Morales signing an agreement to test.

03/03/11³

A WEIGHTY ISSUE

The Stewards, at the request of Chairman Brackpool, met with Jockeys' Guild representative Darrell Haire in an effort to come to a consensus of the most positive way to effect a change in the manner in which riders are weighed out prior to a race. Currently, there are a number of items not included in a rider's weight; namely, safety vest, helmet, and overgirth. Mr. Haire is of the opinion that an increase in minimum weights is in order to ensure the health of the riders. We will continue to exchange dialogue on this important issue.

03/03/11⁴

OWNER IN REGARDING SCRATCH

Owner Steve Robbins was in the office late this morning to voice his displeasure over the fact that his horse Apt to Be Amazing was scratched from the also eligible list this morning. He said that shortly after his horse was declared, at 9:05 A.M., another horse in the race was scratched for a veterinary reason. He said the racing office staff told him that they had made an error and that his horse should actually have run. He intimated that the scratch was submitted prior to his horse being taken out. He further said that he and his partner had waited six weeks for the race and both had flown in from Texas on the chance that horse would draw into the race.

The Stewards checked with both the Receiving Barn staff and the Racing Office staff to determine when the veterinary scratch had actually been received. We were informed that the call from Track Veterinarian Tim Grande came into the Receiving Barn office at 9:16 A. M. and that it was disseminated to the Racing Office at that time. Mr. Robbins was informed that both departments functioned

properly and that nothing was amiss, just an unfortunate circumstance for he and his partner.

03/03/11⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the first race to review an incident near mid-stretch involving the first, third, and fourth place finishers - #1 West Ruler(J. Rosario), #7 Jax El(M. Garcia), and #5 Fullbridled's Sis(G. Gomez). At issue was chain reaction contact between the three.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run from various angles the Stewards, by majority vote-Ward in the minority, voted to disqualify #7 Jax El from third to fourth position. The majority felt that Jax El stepped out near mid-stretch, bumping Fullbridled's Sis and forcing that horse out into West Ruler, which was drifting in slightly. Ward felt that the original order of finish could be left alone as Fullbridled's Sis had drifted in and therefore contributed to the contact between itself and Jax El.

03/03/11⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,572	\$1,030,814.30
Inter-track	6,206	\$1,808,283.20
Out of state	n/a	\$3,554,699.29
Total	10,778	\$6,393,796.79

FRIDAY

03/04/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #2 Advantage Player (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$838.90

4th race - #1 Wild Hombre (Veterinarian-sick)

#7 Tribal Face (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$590.70

5th race - #10 They Call Him El (enter back) see 3-4-2011-5

7th race - #4 Charlie's Princess (enter back) refund of \$478.30

03/04/11²

RULING LATS #063

Trainer **PHILIP OVIEDO** is fined **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845(Authorized Bleeder Medication-late registration) in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on February 26, 2011.

This ruling was issued after the trainer accepted responsibility for failing to submit a request for bleeder approval at the proper time.

03/04/11³

RULING LATS #064

Groom **MAXIMILIANO QUEVEDO**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(h)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) 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 Maximiliano Quevedo are suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Quevedo is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The preceding ruling was issued after Quevedo failed to appear as ordered to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489. Contraband had been found in a room he shared with another groom and his urine test proved positive for cocaine.

03/04/11⁴

VIDEO REVIEW

Martin Garcia was in the office this morning to review the first race from 3-3, in which his horse was disqualified for interference. After reviewing video and a discussion with Garcia, the Stewards, in a majority vote, opted for a warning. Steward Chaney felt that Garcia's horse stepped out suddenly and that he did not have time to correct his mount. Additionally, the fact that the horse to his outside was drifting in and compounded the problem. The minority was of the opinion that Garcia had pulled his horse out and therefore deserved days.

03/04/11⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #8 Boynamedtomi was off in the right foreleg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$14,344.94.

03/04/11⁶

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/TRAINER OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race to review an incident at the crossover(6 ½ furlongs turf) involving #3 S C Song Girl(M. Garcia) and #6 Separate Forest(P. Valenzuela). While the inquiry was in progress, trainer Doug O'Neill, who trained Separate Forest, lodged an objection against the winner, #11 Saanneen for interference entering the stretch. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the various angles the Stewards voted to make no change in the placings. The interference the third place finisher suffered came about when S C Song Girl had to come off of the temporary rail in order to avoid the running rail, which had been set at 15 feet. The Stewards dismissed the objection as O'Neill's contention that the winner came in to put his horse on heels was not verified by the video. Rather, his horse was bumped onto the heels of the winner, by a horse he finished in front of.

03/04/11⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,611	\$1,011,995.20
Inter-track	5,606	\$1,571,584.90
Out of state	n/a	\$3,233,395.20
Total	10,217	\$5,816,975.30

SATURDAY

03/05/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

5th race - #3 Minute Limit (Veterinarian-sick)

#6 Well Deserved (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,605.02

6th race - #9 Mo Cheese (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,947.72

11th race - #4 Absolutlypositivly (Veterinarian-unsound)

#14 Control Seeker (Also eligible) see 3-5-2011⁷

03/05/11²

RIDER EXCUSED

Antonio Castanon was excused from his mounts this afternoon due to an ankle injury. Replacement riders were named.

03/05/11³

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Martin Garcia was in the office this morning to review an incident in Friday's seventh race during which his mount was responsible for interference at the crossover (Ref. 3-4-2011⁶).

After review of the race and discussion with the rider, the Stewards determined that a sanction was not in order. Instead, track configuration was deemed to be the cause of the incident. When the rail is out past the eight foot setting problems arise due to the fact that the running rail comes out, resulting in racing room disappearing quickly. We have contacted management in order to have the temporary rail extended.

03/05/11⁴

RULING LATS#065

Jockey **KAYLA STRA**, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 11,12 and March 13, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course on the backstretch and causing interference while riding "Green Dolphin" in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 4, 2011. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

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 Ms. Stra had viewed the sixth race from March 4, during which her mount was the source of interference on the backstretch. Ms. Stra said the horse surprised her and that she made an effort to straighten it before the contact. Video proved otherwise. Even had she made an effort, her mount was drifting in at angle which would have precluded her from preventing the contact.

03/05/11⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race as the Stewards reviewed the circumstances which led to #1 Justice Reigns failing to break with the rest of the runners. After speaking with Starter Jay Slender and reviewing video of the break the Stewards voted to make Justice Reigns a starter. Video shows that the horse "refused" despite the efforts of the assistant starter to coax it from the gate.

03/05/11⁶

MINUS POOLS

Two minus pools were created on the eleven race card today. The first took place in the second race when #2 Chico d'Oro, odds on at 3-5, managed to finished third. The minus pool came to \$1,983.27. The second came in the fourth event as #3 Turbulent Descent, the crowd favorite at even money, finished first in the Grade I Santa Anita Oaks. It took an additional \$7,386.78 to balance the books.

03/05/11⁷

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the tenth race(Santa Anita Hcp) in order to review an incident just inside the 3/16th pole which involved the three lead horses – from the inside, out - #11 Game On Dude(C. Sutherland), #5 Twirling Candy(J. Rosario), and #6 Setsuko(V. Espinoza). The original order of finish came #11 Game On Dude, #6 Setsuko, with Twirling Candy fading to fifth. Observation indicated that contact between Game On Dude and Twirling Candy resulted in a chain reaction which filtered out to Setsuko.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident from all pertinent angles, the Stewards, by majority decision – Steward Sawyer dissenting – voted to leave the original

placings intact. Stewards Chaney and Ward felt that Twirling Candy was the catalyst to the problem as it had drifted in, albeit slightly, to make contact with Game On Dude in the hind quarters, turning that horse out and resulting in a chain reaction incident involving the lead trio. There was residual contact between the three after the original bump which compounded the problem but was related to the original contact. Steward Sawyer was of the opinion that the original contact could be equally attributed to Game on Dude and Twirling Candy and that they should be held accountable for the interference suffered by Setsuko. Since Twirling Candy finished behind Setsuko she felt that only Game On Dude should be demoted.

03/05/11⁸

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eleventh race as, with darkness closing in quickly, the Stewards were informed that #1 He's a Dance Star came to the Receiving Barn with toes on the hind shoes and was unruly to the point that Horseshoer Victor Tovar could not make repairs to the plates. That horse was declared. While the horses were on the track, #11 Kingman Kid was observed not warming up well and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The resulting refund amounted to \$187,395.94.

03/05/11⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	23,304	\$3,574,438.30
Inter-track	10,571	\$3,462,697.00
Out of state	n/a	\$7,422,764.30
Total	33,875	\$14,459,899.60

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 02/21/11 – 02/27/11

Horses on Vet List	26
Horses off Vet List	17
Shock Wave Therapy	13
Deceased	2
Medication	7

SUMMARY

	Sun 2/27	Thurs. 3/3	Fri. 3/4	Sat 3/5	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	1	2	1	4	18
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	5
Rulings	0	0	2	1	3	65
Refunds	3	3	5	4	15	200
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	8
Claims	8	2	1	5	16	142
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	2	4	49

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward