

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

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For the period: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, through, Monday, January 18, 2010.

TUESDAY

01/12/10¹

SCRATCHES

Steward KIM SAWYER handled scratches for Wednesday's card. There were no entries today.

WEDNESDAY

01/13/10¹

ORAM RULING

We received evidence that owner RYAN ORAM had satisfied his debt to the Southern California Equine Foundation. We therefore issued the followed ruling:

LATS #014

Owner **RYAN ORAM**, having satisfied his financial obligation to the Southern California Equine Foundation (\$224.37), is restored to good standing. LATS ruling #098 issued at Santa Anita on February 1, 2008, is set aside.

01/13/10²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$7.00

3rd Race #2 Recess – Claimed – C. Dominguez, trainer
Refund \$150.00; Minus Pool \$940.82

4th Race #4 Too Pink – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$417.10

5th Race #2 Quoted – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,217.70; Minus Pool \$933.87

6th Race #1 Wilma Rules – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,242.62

7th Race No changes; Refund \$370.92

8th Race #8 Spanish Bunny – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$4,034.28

01/13/10³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,076	722,407.20
Inter-track	4,895	1,339,583.50
Out of state	n/a	2,414,185.00
Total	7,971	4,476,175.70

THURSDAY

01/14/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA met with us this morning to discuss two races in which he rode yesterday. In the first race yesterday, we received several calls from patrons complaining that Mr. Pedroza hadn't exerted his best effort in attempting to win the race. Films revealed that Mr. Pedroza uses the whip twice in the stretch, pulls clear of the field, looks back, sees a horse gaining on him and gives his horse a vigorous hand ride to the finish. Unfortunately, Mr. Pedroza's mount finished second. Taking all information into account, it was our opinion that Mr. Pedroza did not violate the best effort rule but admonished him that perhaps using his whip again would keep him out of the stewards' office. In the seventh race, we felt that Mr. Pedroza tried unsuccessfully to force his way out of a predicament, turning for home. To his credit, after trying once, he did pursue this ill conceived idea. He was issued a warning.

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO came to the office this morning to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday. He was accompanied by his agent, Vic Stauffer. Films showed that Mr. Rosario lacked running room turning for home, so he attempted to guide his mount into an opening with insufficient room. He continues this action and makes several points of contact with the horse to his outside. Mr. Rosario didn't really have a viable explanation, other than to say that the other horse should have gotten out of the way. After careful deliberation, we issued the following ruling:

LATS #015

Jockey **JOEL ROSARIO**, who rode "Jimmy Da Brick" in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on January 13, 2010, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (January 21, 22, and 23, 2010) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference. 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).

01/14/10²

OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fourth race, apprentice jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES, who finished third on #6 Fair Kisses, claimed foul against the winner for interference shortly after leaving the gate on the back stretch. While films did show that the winner crossed in front of Mr. Reyes' horse, it could hardly be considered interference. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we quickly dismissed the objection and made the race official.

01/14/10³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Run Over You – Claimed – C. Dominguez, trainer
Refund \$ 161.00; Minus Pool \$1,414.16

2nd Race #3 Her Beach House – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
Refund \$645.92

3rd Race #2 Indy Ride – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
Refund \$40.00; Minus Pool \$1,045.75

4th Race #5 Champion Ride – Claimed – M. Conlon, trainer
Refund \$62.00

5th Race #1 Pericia Fina (CHI) – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$654.10

6th Race #5 Fool's Never Know – blinkers on
Refund \$15.00

7th Race No changes; Refund \$33.00

8th Race #5 Dinner At Jake's – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,000.48

01/14/10⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,349	709,032.50
Inter-track	5,222	1,457,379.50
Out of state	n/a	2,529,595.92
Total	8,571	4,696,007.92

FRIDAY

01/15/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey PEDRO ARAMBULA came to the office this morning to discuss his ride in the first race yesterday in which he created his own running room turning for home by moving a horse out of the way. Although this incident was not as significant as the one involving Joel Rosario described yesterday, this behavior has cropped up on several occasions in recent days, and we wish to discourage it before it becomes an ongoing problem. Mr. Arambula agreed to make a better effort in the future.

Apprentice jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES met with the stewards to discuss his claim of foul in the fourth race yesterday. After reviewing the film

with Mr. Reyes, we explained that this claim of foul bordered on frivolous and that he needed to learn the difference between legitimate claims and those that were not warranted. While we explained that we do not want to discourage jockeys from claiming foul, we do want them to be more judicious, especially when they know that the incident was minor in nature or did not cost them a better placing. He agreed.

Jockey DAVID FLORES was summoned to the office this morning when he failed to review films with the analyst as directed by this office. We explained the rules and warned that he would be fined if he did not see the film analyst by the end of the day. He agreed, met with the film analyst, reviewed the race and avoided a fine.

01/15/10²

CONFERENCE CALL

We attempted a conference call to address a request for continuance in case number 09HP164 which is a financial complaint filed by owner Brian McGoldrick against trainer Frank Monteleone. Although it is Mr. Monteleone's attorney asking for the continuance, he did not answer when contacted.

01/15/10³

GARCIA REINSTATEMENT

Jockey ALEJANDRO GARCIA came to the office this morning to inquire as to what he needed to do to obtain a jockey's license. Mr. Garcia had been suspended thirteen months ago for possession of an electrical device in his tack room. The suspension period has expired and there were no conditions for reinstatement in the original ruling. However, we did require that Mr. Garcia submit to a drug test and sign a testing agreement because he had a drug history in his license printout. He tested clean and signed the agreement and therefore was granted a license.

01/15/10⁴

LANZMANN MEETING

Owner DAVID LANZMANN came to the office this morning to discuss legal issues he has had with fellow owner IAEH Stables. There is an ongoing lawsuit between the two parties regarding ownership, purchase and fraud surrounding two horses. One of the horses, Stardom Bound, was scheduled to run this Sunday and Mr. Lanzmann wanted to explore his options with respect to purse distribution. We explained that although we couldn't withhold the purse from distribution without a court order, we could make sure that he was given his percentage of the earnings.

01/15/10⁵

SORENSEN MEETING

We required jockey DANNY SORENSON to come to the stewards' office when Safety Steward Luis Jauregui reported that Mr. Sorenson had caused a scene by yelling and swearing at him at Clocker's Corner this morning. Mr. Sorenson, after acknowledging that he had behaved in this manner, explained that he had blown up because he felt that Mr. Jauregui had not acted promptly enough in affecting the safety changes that he suggested. It is our feeling that Mr. Jauregui has done tremendous work in making all of the tracks in Southern California safer, and has gone beyond what is required in terms of creating new programs and requiring tracks to make changes that would promote safety. The substance of the complaint aside, what we do not allow is a licensee to behave in such a manner, much less toward a steward, especially in the public

eye. We explained to Mr. Sorenson that he could expect a fine. Ruling to follow.

01/15/10⁶

DOUBLE JOCKEY PAYMENT

Jockey agent VIC LIPTON, jockey LUIS MEDINA and trainer EDUARDO INDA came to the office to discuss a call for a ride. Mr. Medina was scheduled to ride Mr. Inda's horse tomorrow. However, Mr. Inda's owner, David Bloom, was unhappy with how Mr. Medina had ridden his horse the previous afternoon, and no longer wanted to ride Mr. Medina on his horse tomorrow. A somewhat uncooperative Mr. Bloom confirmed this by telephone. Over Mr. Lipton's objections, we made the jockey change but required the owner to pay a double jockey mount in the race.

01/15/10⁷

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to review an incident coming into the stretch and throughout the stretch between the second and third place finishers. Films revealed that the second place finisher, #4 Excuse me coming thru ridden by Rafael Bejarano, floats out third place finisher #7 Bud I Crushed It ridden by Victor Espinosa coming into the stretch and then drifts out and makes contact during the stretch run. After speaking with the patrol judges and both riders, the majority voted to make no change in the original order of finish. It was our belief that the interference did not cost #7 Bud I Crushed It the length he was beaten for second. In steward Ward's opinion, the horse did lose the opportunity at a better placing and therefore warranted a disqualification.

01/15/10⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$338.94
2 nd Race	#1 Flammable Boom – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey Refund \$468.58
3 rd Race	#4 I Can Hear – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$678.07
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$38.00
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$45.00
7 th Race	#3 Atticus Jack – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #6 Universal Peace – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$703.40
8 th Race	#1 Betting on the fly – Stewards' scratch, part of entry

01/15/10⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,657	1,010,650.30
Inter-track	5,184	1,452,841.70
Out of state	n/a	3,245,816.12
Total	10,841	5,709,308.12

SATURDAY01/16/10¹**SORENSEN MEETING AND RULING**

Jockey DANNY SORENSON came to the office this morning with additional complaints about track safety. He had taken pictures of a couple of things he viewed as unsafe around the track. We told him that we would contact management and safety steward Jauregui to determine if these things were, in fact, unsafe and whether they should or could be fixed. Also, based on the incident described above (1/15/10⁵), the following ruling was published:

LATS #016

Jockey **DANNY SORENSON**, is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS*(\$500.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-abusive language directed toward a racing official).

01/16/10²**SAFETY MEETING**

Following the issues with jockey Danny Sorenson, we convened a meeting with safety steward Luis Jauregui, General Manager George Haines, Director of Facilities and Grounds Jason Spetnagel, and Director of Racing Mike Harlow. We explained to the parties present, to the best of our ability, the nature of the complaints. Mr. Jauregui, Mr. Spetnagel and Mr. Harlow all said that they would meet with Mr. Sorenson in the jockeys' room in order to get the specifics.

01/16/10³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

3rd Race No changes; Minus Pool \$38,158.07

5th Race No changes; Refund \$9.00

6th Race #10 Bonjour (NZ) – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
#1 Premiere Flyer – Claimed – J. Kasparoff, trainer
Refund \$75,676.41

7th Race No changes; Refund \$159.80

8th Race #1 Stash – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#14 Lovehi – Rider change – A. Quinonez for T. Baze
Refund \$604.26

9th Race #4 Mystic Trip – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$104.60

01/16/10⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,896	1,957,373.00
Inter-track	8,235	2,462,025.40
Out of state	n/a	4,915,910.73
Total	16,131	9,335,309.13

SUNDAY01/17/10¹**ESPINO RULINGS**

Case numbers 10SA005 and 10SA006 were scheduled for this morning at 10:00 a.m. These were financial complaints filed by owner Christopher

Atkinson (dba Joy Ride Racing, LLC) against owner partners ARNOLD ESPINO and SEAN ESPINO (dba Enjoy the Ride LLC) alleging unpaid training bills in the amount of \$79,084.73. Apparently, the Espinos came to the office at 9:15 am, and when told that the hearing was scheduled for 10:00 am, left and never returned. Mr. Atkinson, trainer John Sadler, attorney Michelle Clark, and the owner's bookkeeper appeared on behalf of the complainant. Given that the Respondents failed to appear, we had no choice but to issue the following ruling:

LATS #017

Owner **ARNOLD ESPINO** (dba Enjoy The Ride, LLC), having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-owner Christopher Atkinson-dba Joy Ride Racing, LLC- \$79,084.73), 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 **ARNOLD ESPINO** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), he is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

LATS #018

Owner **SEAN ESPINO** (dba Enjoy The Ride, LLC), having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-owner Christopher Atkinson-dba Joy Ride Racing, LLC- \$79,084.73), 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 **SEAN ESPINO** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), he is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

01/17/10²

LEWIS RULING

Trainer LISA LEWIS contacted the office by telephone to discuss case number 10SA003 which involved a complaint filed by Official Veterinarian Jill Bailey for failing to submit a scratch card in a timely manner which resulted in her horse not being on the grounds in a timely manner for its pre-race examination. Ms. Lewis explained that there was a miscommunication between herself and her veterinarian, but accepted full responsibility. We issued the following ruling:

LATS #019

Trainer **LISA LEWIS**, is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1581 (Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions-failure to be on the grounds at designated time).

01/17/10³

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the first race, the inquiry sign was posted to examine an incident at the head of the stretch, in which two horses made significant

contact. Films showed that #6 Fishin With T Ball, ridden by Chantal Sutherland stepped in and made contact with her stablemate. Fortunately, the stablemate finished ahead of Ms. Sutherland's mount and therefore no change was in order.

01/17/17⁴

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, the inquiry sign was posted in order to examine an incident in which #3 Will O Way takes up sharply at the five-sixteenths pole. Films showed that jockey Alonso Quinonez was guiding his mount into a space without sufficient room, and was forced to check. Given this and the fact that his mount was beaten over thirty lengths led to a unanimous vote to make no change to the original order of finish.

01/17/10⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$147.00
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$82.00
3 rd Race	#6 Lucks Mine – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$632.02
4 th Race	#4 Red White and Brew – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead Refund \$429.61
5 th Race	Prince of Gotham – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$202.44
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$48.00
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$94.00
8 th Race	#5 Eloquently (GB) – Stewards' scratch, stake #4 Dave's Revenge – Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate – Dr. Stead Refund \$39,775.18

01/17/10⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,125	1,443,102.00
Inter-track	7,170	1,961,970.40
Out of state	n/a	3,837,287.09
Total	13,295	7,242,359.49

MONDAY

01/18/10¹

RAIN CAUSING PROBLEMS

The week of predicted rain began last night and may present some problems for the upcoming race week. The main track was closed for training this morning in order for the maintenance crew to work on the surface drainage. Management planned to run the card a bit ahead of schedule because a deluge is expected this afternoon. A revised post time schedule was distributed. Then at 11:45 am, management, in consultation with the jockeys, decided to cancel racing. Apparently, there was some concern about the inconsistency of drainage. At the time of cancellation, the weather monitor

recorded the following information: 56.3 degrees air temp., .76 inches of rain today, and 24.1% moisture content in the surface.

01/18/10²

STAUFFER RULING

Based on the discussion of the disputed called between Martin Garcia's agent Vic Stauffer and trainer Bruce Headley referenced last week, we issued the following ruling this morning:

LATS #020

Jockey Agent **VIC STAUFFER**, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS*(\$500.00)** for failure to handle his business in a proper manner-failure to honor his call.

01/18/10³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ met with us this morning to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday, in which he takes up sharply at the five-sixteenths pole. Films showed that Mr. Quinonez initially had room, but as the horses folded into the turn, he tried pursuing an inadvisable course. Running room disappeared, and Mr. Quinonez failed to take evasive action. Although he blamed the horse to his outside, ridden by Garrett Gomez, he did acknowledge his role in the incident. Following the discussion, we put Mr. Gomez's name on the board to see us as well.

01/18/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$31,369.51
2 nd Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$8,825.49
3 rd Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$8,205.21
4 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$21,226.51
5 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$10,283.68
6 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$23,275.75
7 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$21,042.34
8 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$11,170.45
9 th Race	RACES CANCELLED Refund \$9,656.38

01/18/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,773	437,141.20
Inter-track	4,062	1,035,891.00
Out of state	n/a	0.00
Total	5,835	1,473,032.20

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 01/13/10 – 01/17/10

Horses on Vet List 19
Horses off Vet List **10**
Shock Wave Therapy 10
Deceased 1
Medication 6

SUMMARY

	Wed. 01/13	Thurs. 01/14	Fri. 01/15	Sat. 01/16	Sun. 01/17	Mon. 01/18	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	1	1	0	2	n/a	4	9
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Rulings	1	1	0	1	3	1	7	20
Refunds	7	8	6	5	8	9	43	96
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1	n/a	0	2
Claims	1	3	0	1	0	n/a	5	24
Cal-Bred Races	3	0	2	0	1	n/a	6	18

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward