



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET
AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE

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WEEK 3 - Thursday, December 14, 2017 through Sunday, December 17, 2017.

WEDNESDAY

12/13/17¹

DARK DAY

Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty today to supervise entries for Saturday and scratches for Friday.

THURSDAY

12/14/17¹

PEREIRA RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation was received that the appeal had been dropped.

RULING LWTL #013

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATC ruling #010 (October 6, 2017) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 29 and 30, 2017).

12/14/17²

BOULANGER RULING

The following ruling was issued after MR. BOULANGER was informed of the penalty. He had no plausible excuse for his tardiness to the paddock.

RULING LWTL # 014

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered By Rules And Regulations) jockey BRANDON BOULANGER is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for being late to the walking ring for the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2017.

12/14/17³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Matt Garcia met with the Stewards to review the first race on Sunday involving a Stewards' inquiry. Approaching the half mile marker in the 5 1/2 furlong event Mr. Garcia aboard the #1 horse drifted out without an effort to correct, causing the horses to

his outside to check and take up. In a unanimous decision Mr. Garcia received a three day penalty listed in the ruling below for careless riding.

RULING LWTL # 015

Jockey MATT GARCIA, who rode "RAFTER ONE" in the first race on December 10, 2017, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 29 and 30, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference on the backstretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

12/14/17⁴

GOOD RACING

The nine race card was performed without notable incident.

12/14/17⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #4 MY PROJECT GIRL (Tr. De La Torre) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Lamparter
Refund \$448.70

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0

4th race #3 KRISTO (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. L. Ruiz
#6 ALL STAR PARADE (Tr. M. Pender) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
#7 SHARP HOOQ (Tr. S. Naranjo) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Lamparter
Refund \$1,169.27

5th race #3 GRAN FIESTA (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-flipped post parade-Dr. Stead
#6 HOLLY BLAME (Tr. P.H. Lobo) Stewards-wouldn't load in trailer
Refund \$5,518.54

6th race #8 PEPE THE LEGEND (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards-San Luis Rey Downs
Refund \$957.87

7th race #4 KNOWITALLHOUSEWIFE (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande. Refund \$1,428.08

8th race #6 WHERE'S THE D (Tr. M. Machowsky) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$711.94

9th race #3 FOR THE LOVOF PATTY (Tr. K. Craigmyle) Veterinarian-injured post parade-Dr. Stead. Refund \$16,590.52

12/14/17⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	925	\$209,373.10
Off Track	3,077	\$869,207.00
Out -of-State	N/A	\$3,149,703.43
Total	4,002	\$4,228,283.53

FRIDAY

12/15/17¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

MATT GARCIA met with the Stewards to review the seventh race yesterday in which he violated the crop rule. MR. GARCIA admitted he failed to comply with the rule. The following ruling was issued.

RULING LWTL #016

Jockey MATT GARCIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond - first offense within the previous sixty day period), during the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2017.

12/15//17²**RODRIGUEZ FORMAL HEARING CASE #17LT0032**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer VICTOR RODRIGUEZ for violation of CHRB rules 1843 (a)(d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances), 1844 (c)(1)(Authorized Medication), 1866 (d)(Veterinarian's List) and 1887 (a)(Trainer to Insure Condition of horse). MR. RODRIGUEZ worked his horse to be removed from the Veterinarian's List on September 7, 2017. The official blood sample contained 2.82 ug/ml of phenylbutazone (authorized level 2.0). MR. RODRIGUEZ explained there was a mistake at his barn and the horse received the medication within 24 hours of the workout. MR. RODRIGUEZ'S unblemished record made him eligible for and he received an official warning.

12/15/17³**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an examination by Official Veterinarian Debra Lamparter of #1 in the SOPHIA DEL SOL in the first race the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List and the Stewards voided the claim. The horse returned to the stable of trainer Steve Sherman.

12/15/17⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #1 SOPHIA DEL SOL (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed by Tr. M. Chew – **VOID**.
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd race #1 TIZ PROOF (Tr. M. Stortz) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
 #4 NORTH COUNTY GUY (Tr. A. Sherman) claimed by Tr. D. Jacobson
 Refund \$261.50
 4th race #5 SAPODILLA (Tr. R. Bean) claimed by Tr. M. Jones. Refund \$0
 5th race #2 FLY FAR AWAY (Tr. V. Cerin) Stewards-not eligible
 #3 EXACTAMENTE Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead.
 Refund \$1,354.64
 6th race #1 QUANTUM FORCE (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed by Tr. E. Freeman. Refund \$0
 7th race #4 PRINCESS KENDRA (Tr. R. Saldana) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin. Refund \$0
 8th race #3 COWBOYTAKEMEAWAY (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian - flipped post-parade-Dr. Stead. Refund \$35,327.89

12/15/17⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,040	\$263,827.00
Off Track	3,336	\$977,988.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,806,076.12
Total	4,376	\$4,047,891.12

SATURDAY12/16/17¹**NAKATANI RULING**

After the adoption of the Proposed Decision by the California Horse Racing Board, the decision was remanded to the BOS to issue the following ruling.

RULING LWTL #017

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the proposed decision regarding the appeal of DMTD ruling #051, dated August 20, 2017, has been adopted in part, jockey COREY NAKATANI is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 30, 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (designated races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

12/16//17²**SOTO HEARING CASE 17LT0037**

The CHRB filed a financial complaint (1876-Financial Responsibility) against trainer ANTONIO SOTO for a debt owed to Finish Line Self Insurance Group, Inc. in the amount of \$19,244.85. MR. SOTO was present and Finish Line representative Allie Rodriguez was available by telephone. It was noted that Ms. Rodriguez's copy of the billing in the

complaint packet, except for the last entry was outside the one year deadline to file a financial complaint, CHRB rule 1876 (b). MR. SOTO acknowledged he owes the majority of the debt, but argued trainer Jesus Nunez was responsible for a large portion. The following ruling was issued after all accounts were taken into consideration.

RULING LWTL #018

Trainer/Owner ANTONIO SOTO is ordered to pay Finish Line Self Insurance Group TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) on or before February 1, 2018. Failure to comply with this ruling will constitute a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

12/16/17³

SMOOTH SAILING

The ten race card was performed without a ripple.

12/16/17⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #3 DREAM ON BROTHER (Tr. P. Aguirre) CW 122- Refund \$0
 2nd race #3 MIRROR IMAGE (Tr. V. Trujillo) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$882.61
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 5th race #2 PRIVATE PROSPECT (Tr. P.H. Lobo) Steward-enter back
 #5 HOT PERFECTION (Tr. G. Mandella) Steward-enter back
 Refund \$1,545.24
 6th race #1 SPACERIKA (Tr. S. Orozco) CW 118
 #10 SUNSET MELODY (Tr. M. Stortz) Steward-Horse ID. Refund \$171.50
 7th race #3 SLASHER (Tr.M. Glut) claimed by Tr. C. Treece
 #10 BOW AND ARROW (Tr. A. Lerner) CW 122. Refund \$125.66
 8th race #3 JUSTICE RULES (Tr. R. Lucas) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Lamparter
 Refund \$336.90
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 10th race No Changes; Refund \$513.36

12/16/17⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,742	\$565,247.50
Off Track	5,654	\$1,808,811.30
Out -of-State	N/A	\$5,083,661.07
Total	7,396	\$7,457,719.87

SUNDAY

12/17/17¹

ELLIS RULING

Upon adoption of the proposed decision by the California Horse Racing Board, it was remanded back to the BOS to issue the following ruling.

RULING LWTL #019

Acting on an order of remand following the adoption of the decision by the California Horse Racing Board, trainer RONALD ELLIS, trainer of the horse MASOCHISTIC, the second place finisher in the sixth race (Breeders' Cup Sprint) at Santa Anita Park on November 5, 2016 is fined TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)* and suspended for SIXTY (60) DAYS (January 1, 2018 through March 1, 2018) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(a) (Trainer To Insure Condition Of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs And Other Substances), #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – presence of stanozolol in the blood and urine– [Class III – Category “B” penalty]). In accordance with rule #1843.3(k)(1) (Penalties For Medication Violations), RONALD ELLIS shall forfeit all assigned stall space and shall remove from the enclosures all signage, colors, advertisements, training-related equipment, tack, office equipment and any other property during his suspension. RONALD ELLIS shall not

transfer any horses to licensed family members or any other licensee who has been an employee of his within the previous year.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of RONALD ELLIS are suspended, RONALD ELLIS is prohibited from entering horses during the term of suspension, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction Of Stewards To Suspend Or Fine), RONALD ELLIS is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/17/17²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

BRYAN PENA met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the fourth race. MR. PENA has acquired a style of a long slow flag of the crop between strikes to allow for two strides needed to comply, he was cautioned if he is going to hit repeatedly he has to allow more time before using the crop again, warning. Steward Jauregui voted for a penalty.

JUAN SANCHEZ also met with the Stewards to review his ride in the third race in which it appeared MR. SANCHEZ may have stood up early costing his mount a better placing, a nose for third position. After a review of the race, unanimously the BOS felt a warning was warranted due to the lack of evidence on the videos available.

12/17/17³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #5 THURSDAY ANGEL (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Lamparter
Refund \$974.86

2nd race #7 DOWNHILL RUN (Tr. P. Harrington) B. Pena replaced F. Martinez (sick)
Refund \$0

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0

4th race #1 BULLET MISS (Tr. B. Grayson) DNF-ambulance removed - euthanized
#3 SHINING ARMADA (Tr. P. Aguirre) CW 122. Refund \$271.88

5th race #3 THE CRITICAL WAY (Tr. M. Ruis) CW 119. Refund \$0

6th race No Changes; Refund \$0

7th race #3 AMERICAN LEAGUE (Tr. J. Carava) claimed by Tr. B. Wright
#7 SIX GUN SMOKIN (Tr. W. McDaniel) Vet unsound- post parade - Dr. Stead
Refund \$7,125.95

8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

10th race #9 HAILEY'S KID COMET (Tr. O. Garcia) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$194.40

12/17/17⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,714	\$457,154.00
Off Track	5,258	\$1,627,329.60
Out -of-State	N/A	\$5,227,600.09
Total	6,972	\$7,312,083.69

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

	Thurs 12/14	Fri 12/15	Sat 12/16	Sun 12/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	0	5	3
Claims	1	5	1	0	7	23
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	7
Refunds	7	3	6	4	20	46
Rulings	3	1	2	1	7	19
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	2

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

State of California

JOCKEY/DRIVER ACCIDENT REPORT

CHRB-201 (Rev. 2/14)

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

JOCKEY/DRIVER ACCIDENT REPORT

Business and Professions Code Section 19481.3(e) provides that the stewards shall investigate and prepare a report regarding all on-track accidents involving jockeys that occur during the performance of the jockeys' duties. The investigation shall commence no later than the next live racing day and shall be completed expeditiously. Board Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes, includes drivers in this requirement. **Upon completion of the report, it shall immediately be sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the Jockeys' Guild or California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA); the jockey/driver or his representative; the racing association; the horse owner; and the trainer of the horse the jockey/driver was riding/driving at the time of the accident.**

Name of jockey/driver & CHRB License No.: Vinnie Bednar #30969Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: Bobby Grayson #235227Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: Bobby Grayson #235227Name of horse & Tattoo No.: Bullet Miss #Q13192Race No.: FourDate/time/location of accident: December 17, 2017 – 1:30 p.m. - Los Alamitos (Thoroughbreds)**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to jockey/driver, if any. Complete one Jockey/Driver Accident Report for each jockey/driver involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

Bullet Miss was injured nearing the 1/16th pole and was pulled up by jockey VINNIE BEDNAR, who then dismounted. MR. BEDNAR was attended to by the EMT's on scene and walked back to the jockeys' room uninjured.

Jockey/Driver condition: Jockey was not injured.Horse condition: Euthanized, right front.Ron Church

Prepared by:

Signature: _____

12/17/2017

Date report completed: _____

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Note: Attach original CHRB-201 form to stewards' minutes.