

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 Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
 Honorable John C Harris, Chairman
 Honorable David Israel, Vice Chairman
 Honorable John Andreini, Member
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
 Honorable Bo Derek, Member
 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member
 Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
 Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

For the period: Wednesday, April 01, 2009, through Sunday, April 05, 2009.

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MINUTES – FIFTEENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

WEDNESDAY04/01/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #13 Swiss Love (Also eligible)
 #14 County Madam (Also eligible) refund of \$1,506.00

2nd Race #3 Mean Heat (Vet – injured) see entry of 04-01-09⁴

3rd Race #2 Love Song Melody (Vet – sick) refund of \$2,138.83

4th Race #7 Hemet Red (Vet – injured) refund of \$358.00

5th Race #5 North Fork (Vet– sick) refund of \$1,029.30

04/01/09²**RULING****LATS #064**

Owner SALAH SAID AL MUDARRIS, having settled his debt to trainer Richard Baltas, is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #60, issued at Santa Anita Park on March 27, 2009, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards received notification that Mr. Al Mudarris had paid his past due training bill to trainer Richard Baltas.

04/01/09³**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the second race as #5 Fool's Paradise injured itself in the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Beck. The refund amounted to \$61,471.74.

04/01/09⁴**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$4,784.71 was created in the fifth race when #6 Dadsalittleunusual, odds on at 3/5, came home in front.

04/01/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,164	1,105,553.90
Inter-track	5,674	1,624,445.80
Out of state	n/a	3,142,846.93
Total	8,838	\$5,872,846.63

THURSDAY04/02/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2nd Race #1a Devil On the Road (Vet – sick) no refund

3rd Race #7 Conclusive (Vet – sick) refund of \$981.25

4th Race #1 Kind Lady (Vet – sick)
#3 Stylin Deputy (Vet –injured) refund of \$3,122.85

6th Race #5 Lady in Love (Dirt only) refund of \$476.70

04/02/09²**OWNER IN**

Owner Sean Driscoll was in the office this morning together with his former trainer, Paul Aguirre, in response to a complaint filed for past due training fees. Aguirre trained two horses for Driscoll recently but over nine thousand in fees are past due. Driscoll was adamant that Mr. Aguirre had failed to properly train his horse Comical Alibi and did not feel he should have to pay any monies. Mr. Aguirre said that while the horse did have some minor ailments that prevented him from racing her, he nonetheless did nothing wrong while the filly was in his care. A decision will be rendered shortly.

04/02/09³**RULING****LATS #065**

Jockey agent Nick Cosato is fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1791 (Records Required of Jockey Agents – failure to honor a call) on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Cosato acknowledged that through a miscommunication, he gave two first calls in the upcoming Arcadia Handicap.

04/02/09⁴**ROUTINE AFTERNOON**

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

04/02/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,562	1,126,315.50
Inter-track	5,899	1,596,981.50
Out of state	n/a	3,502,962.73
Total	9,461	\$6,226,259.73

FRIDAY04/03/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 2nd Race #4 Unknown Heat (Vet – sick)
#5 Roxy (Vet –unsound) refund of \$2,129.80
- 3rd Race #8 Drama Cat (Vet – injured)
#9 Miss Lydia (Entered back) refund of \$3,183.70
- 4th Race #11 Lemonbird (Also eligible)
#13 Cold East Wind (Also eligible) refund of \$759.00
- 6th Race #1 Booted (Vet – injured) refund of \$1,253.10
- 7th Race #8 Flashover (Vet – injured) refund of \$3,387.00

04/03/09²**RULING****LATS #066**

Owner/Assistant Trainer JOHN M. MEAIRS, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and #1877 (Checks), 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 John M. Meairs are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Meairs is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Meairs failed to appear to address charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Allegedly, Mr. Meairs received cash at Hollywood Park Operating Company and the check was returned as “unable to locate account”. Apparently the check was counterfeit.

04/03/09³**ACCIDENT / INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race as the Stewards reviewed the circumstances which resulted in jockey Alonso Quinonez being unseated from his mount, #9 Mama Lor. After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards made no change in the order of finish. Tapes show that the horse stumbled sharply in the opening stride, throwing Quinonez to the ground. Fortunately, the rider was not injured and the loose horse caused no problems for the other runners. See attached accident report.

04/03/09⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review interference entering the stretch between #7 Classic Demand (M. Baze), and #9 Queen of the I. E. (D. Sorenson). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident of the Stewards made no change in the placings. While Baze was responsible for interference, neither of the horses was in the money.

04/03/09⁵ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,287	1,287,453.40
Inter-track	6,086	1,844,271.50
Out of state	n/a	4,339,930.48
Total	12,373	\$7,471,655.38

SATURDAY04/04/09¹ **A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2nd Race #13 Market at Midday (Also eligible)
#14 Running After Boys (Also eligible) refund of \$428.13

4th Race #1 Silent Soul (Vet – injured)
#3 Ball Four (Vet – injured) refund of \$12, 832.84

6th Race #2 Z Day (Stakes)
#8 Cape Truth (Stakes)
#10 The Pamplermousse (Stakes) refund of \$104,015.25

7th Race #9 Becrux (Stakes) refund of \$4,521.05

04/04/09² **JOCKEY IN**

Julien Couton was in the office today in response to a report from Dr. Rick Arthur, the Equine Medical Director who was filling in as Racing Veterinarian, to the effect that he observed Couton hitting his horse after the finish of a race. Couton admitted to striking the horse on one occasion, but only because the horse was difficult to handle and he was trying to get its attention. Dr. Arthur had recommended a warning and that is what was handed down.

04/04/09³ **REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race when #2 Bell Canyon Road became fractious during the warm up period and “froze” on the way to the gate. Additionally, jockey Garrett Gomez said he did not want to ride the horse. The refund amounted to \$107,876.46.

04/04/09⁴ **MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$13,186.00 was created in the fourth race when #6 Rail Trip, the prohibitive favorite at 1/5, finished first – barely.

04/04/09⁵ **MINUS POOL**

The second minus of the card took place in the sixth race when #4 Pioneer of the Nile, odds on at 4/5, finished a hard-fought length in front of #1 Chocolate Candy. The negative figure came to \$34,107.92

04/04/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	50,915	5,606,698.10
Inter-track	13,839	4,570,458.40
Out of state	n/a	10,677,899.21
Total	64,754	\$20,855,055.71

SUNDAY04/05/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 3rd Race #4 Degreko (Vet –injured)
#10 Warrington (Vet – injured) refund of \$1,516.70
- 5th Race #11 Warside Attraction (Vet – unsound) refund of \$1,171.96
- 8th Race #7 Starry Pursuit (Stakes) refund of \$666.00

04/05/09²**RULING****LATS #067**

Jockey **MICHAEL BAZE**, who rode “Classic Demand” in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on Friday, April 3, 2009, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 12, 15, and 16, 2009) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Baze had viewed the eighth race from Friday, April 3, in which his mount was responsible for interference entering the stretch. The rider accepted blame for the incident, stating that he got his horse running and could not alter when the hole closed.

04/05/09³**RULING****LATS #068**

Trainer **JASON LOPEZ**, having renegotiated a financial agreement with the San Luis Rey Downs Thoroughbred Training Center, is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #59, issued at Santa Anita Park on March 27, 2009, is hereby set aside.

The preceding ruling was issued after the Stewards receive a notarized agreement between Lopez and San Luis Rey Downs which, in essence, withdrew the original complaint against the trainer.

04/05/09⁴**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Garrett Gomez and Jose Valdivia, Jr. were excused during the card due to injury. Gomez suffered a neck injury, while Valdivia hurt his foot leaving the starting gate.

04/05/09⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry after the fifth race to review an incident on the backstretch involving the second, sixth and seventh place finishers - #5 Spot the Diplomat (J. Rosario), #6 Seth the Candeyman (G. Gavica), and #2 Tox Dee Bee

(D. Sorenson). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. The incident was complicated in that several horses were involved. There was minimal lateral movement but the culmination ended up with Sorenson being placed in tight quarters along the rail. His finish position was such that he could not be helped by a disqualification.

04/05/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,823	2,435,802.60
Inter-track	8,567	2,718,864.20
Out of state	n/a	5,065,666.80
Total	18,390	\$10,220,354.86

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'S LIST

Week of 03/30/09-04/05/09

Horses on Vet List	22
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	24
Deceased	2
Medication	4

SUMMARY

	Wed. 04/01	Thurs. 04/02	Fri. 04/03	Sat. 04/04	Sun. 04/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	0	1	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	0	0	0	2	65
Claims	0	0	2	0	3	5	170
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	2	0	1	3	30
Refunds	4	3	4	5	3	19	339
Rulings	1	1	1	0	2	5	68

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Albert Christiansen, Steward

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