

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC Arcadia, California**

### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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### **GENERAL DATA:**

- Dates: Friday, September 27, 2024, through Sunday, October 27, 2024.  
Racing Fridays through Sundays. Special Monday racing on October 14, 2024.
- Post time: Weekdays/weekends/holidays -1:00 p.m.. unless otherwise specified.
- Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. (two days before the race). The official program will be finalized at this time. The deadline for scratches for stakes races (with the exception of overnight stakes races) will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering: Win, place and show wagering (\$2 minimum) on every race; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$0.50 Trifectas on all races; \$0.10 Superfectas and \$1 Super Hi 5 on all qualifying races; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$0.50 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Pick Four on races two thru five and the final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on first five races and final five races; \$0.20 Rainbow Pick 6 Jackpot (with carryover) on final six races; \$2 Golden Hour Double, combining the final race at Santa Anita and the final race at Golden Gate Fields; \$1 Golden Hour Pick Four, combining the final two races at Santa Anita and final two races at Golden Gate Fields; \$2 Parlay, combining two to six races in succession (win, place, and show).
- Auxiliary stables: San Luis Rey Downs and Los Alamitos Race Course.

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**Report for Monday, September 23, through Sunday, September 29, 2024.**

### **MONDAY**

9/23/24<sup>1</sup>

#### ENTRIES

Steward GRANT BAKER was in to oversee entries for Saturday (10 races) and scratches for Friday.

## THURSDAY

9/26/24<sup>1</sup>

### MEETING

We had a meeting with Santa Anita Park Senior Vice President & General Manger Nate Newby as well as the Director of Racing & Racing Secretary Jason Egan regarding the safety concerns with the stage erected east of the horse path.

9/26/24<sup>2</sup>

### CALL DISPUTE

Jockey RICARDO GONZALEZ and his Agent BRANDON O'BRYAN came into the office regarding a dispute with a call in the California Crown Eddie D. Stakes. Also, present at the meeting was trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO who trains the horse "Johnny Podres". After hearing both sides, it was apparent that Mr. Barocio failed to communicate with Mr. O'Bryan and Mr. Gonzalez that his owners wanted another jockey to ride his horse.

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO was issued the following ruling for failing to handle his business in a proper manner.

#### **LATC Ruling #01**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of trainer – not honoring a call) in the eighth race (Grade II Eddie D Stake) on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

9/26/24<sup>3</sup>

### BLACKER HEARING (case #24DM0050)

Trainer DAN BLACKER was in our office to respond to a financial complaint filed by Attorney Darrell Vienna for unpaid legal services in the amount of \$6,491.93. Present in the office were Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr., Trainer Dan Blacker and Via Microsoft Teams Attorney Darrel Vienna. Mr. Vienna stated that he received a text from Mr. Blacker of images of the checks that he sent that would pay off the debt. We told both parties that we would not sign off the complaint until Mr. Vienna notified us that the check has arrived and cleared.

9/26/24<sup>4</sup>

### VETERINARIANS' MEETING

A meeting was scheduled this morning to review our current policies here at Santa Park. Present in our office was Chief Veterinarian of First Racing Dr. Dionne Benson, CHRB Chief Veterinarian Dr. Tim Grande, CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Pattio and 1<sup>st</sup> Racing Veterinarian Dr. Jay Deluhery. The meeting was very informative as we discussed any issues and to prepare for the up-and-coming meet.

## FRIDAY

9/27/24<sup>1</sup>

### HERRERA APPEAL RULING

The following ruling was issued after receiving a notice that the appeal by Jockey DIEGO HERRERA of ruling #25 (February 16, 2024) has been reinstated. The proposed decision by the hearing officer that was adopted by the CHRB.

#### **LATC RULING #02**

Having received notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Units (HIWU) by the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #25 dated February 16, 2024, has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is suspended for three (3) racing days (October 4, 5, & 6, 2024).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

9/27/24<sup>2</sup>

**MILLER SCRATCHES**

After receiving notice that some of the horses in the barn of trainer PETER MILLER had been confined to quarantine for equine herpesvirus (EHV-1), nine (9) of his runners for the next couple of days were scratched for precautionary reasons.

9/27/24<sup>3</sup>

**OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT**

Veterinarian Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki was in today covering for Dr. Pattio who was out of town for the day.

9/27/24<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER/JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the running of the ninth race after the trainer Brendan W. Galvin and jockey Victor Espinoza of the second-place horse #5 Blame the Classic, lodged a claim of foul against the winner #7 I'llhaveanotherwon (K. Frey) for interference in the stretch. After speaking to all parties and reviewing the video several times, we made no change to the order to the finish. In our opinion, the #7 did shift out, but the incident did not cost the #5 a better placing.

9/27/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Comeback Girl- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured  
#7 Kitty Marren- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured in the paddock. Refund \$10,688.16

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Dr. Ray D.- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$151.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Putt for Dough- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound  
Refund \$1026.67

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$96.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Vronsky Feint- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer  
#3 Empress Ellie- Claimed by G. Papaprodroumou, trainer  
Refund \$130.68

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Crypto Ride- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound  
(WIN-ONLY) Refund \$640.50

7<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Curlin's Kaos- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured  
Refund \$3219.75

8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$59.74

9<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Whats the Buzz- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
#11 Danzing Forest- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
Refund \$2,962.95

9/27/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,016	\$386,72536
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,133	\$711,031.46
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$4,668,361.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,149	\$5,766,118.80

**SATURDAY**

9/28/24<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEWS**

Jockey KYLE FREY was in to review yesterday's ninth race in which he was involved in an objection for an incident in the stretch. After reviewing the race several times, it was apparent that Mr. Frey's horse shifted outward into the path of another horse. We voted not to give Mr. Frey a penalty, but he was issued a warning.

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO was also in to review yesterday's ninth race for an incident in the first turn. Mr. Cedillo appeared to lean on the inside horses causing them to steady slightly. The incident did not warrant a suspension, but worthy of a warning.

9/28/24<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the of the tenth race involving the top two rivals in the stretch. The horses involved in the incident were the winner #3 Johannes (U. Rispoli) and the third-place horse #9 Conclude (H. Berrios). After speaking to all the parties and reviewing the race several times, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion, the incident was deemed mutual contact and therefore the original order stands.

9/28/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$106.48  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$365.88  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Dreamfyre- Stewards' scratch- Stake  
 #7 Antifona (FR) - Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound  
 Refund \$79,028.64  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Maria Tallchief- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Benson, sick  
 Refund \$1,415.88  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$3.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$136.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Indispensable- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$2,135.24  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Irideo (ARG)- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$1,458.10

9/28/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	21,812	\$1,345,794.26
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	4,084	\$1,611,128.22
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$14,724,218.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	25,896	\$17,681,141.38

**SUNDAY**

9/29/24<sup>1</sup>

**FRESU RULING**

The following ruling was issued after receiving notice of a mutual agreement between Enforcement Counsel and HISA regarding appeals that Jockey ANTONIO FRESU filed with HISA pertaining to riding crop violations that occurred the 2023 Del Mar Summer meet. Mr. Fresu accumulated several multiple point rulings in the total of six (6) rulings that summer. The HISA agreement outlines Mr. Fresu will only have to serve two suspension days. The suspension days are designated in the ruling below.

**LATC Ruling #04**

Having received notice of an agreement between Enforcement Counsel and Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) that Jockey ANTONIO FRESU has withdrawn his appeals of HISA rulings 2023-00774, 2023-00775, 2023-00777, and 2023-00779. The Authority dismisses all appeals filed by ANTONIO FRESU for HISA rulings 2023-00774, 2023-00775, 2023-00777 and 2023-00779.

Pursuant to the penalties assessed against him in ruling 2023-00774, ANTONIO FRESU will pay a fine of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) and will serve a ONE (1) day suspension on October 12, 2024.

Pursuant to the penalties assessed against him in ruling 2023-00775, FRESU will pay a fine of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) and will serve a ONE (1) day suspension on October 13, 2024.

The Authority vacates HISA rulings 2023-00777 and 2023-00779 and all penalties included in those rulings.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

9/29/24<sup>2</sup>

**BARRIENTOS RULING**

LIDIO BARRIENTOS was issued the following ruling after he took full responsibility and accepted the penalty for violating the riding crop rule in Sundays eighth race.

**LATC Ruling #05**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 - first offense), Jockey LIDIO BARRIENTOS, who rode C'MON LETS SWITCH in the eighth race (Purse \$26,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 22, 2024, is suspended for one (1) day (October 4, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

9/29/24<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY'S OBJECTION/NO CHANGE (2<sup>ND</sup> RACE)**

The objection sign was posted after Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO on #2 CHASING RAIN, the second-place horse, lodged a claim of foul against the winner #4 MAGIC ACCOUNT (A. Fresu) for interference in the stretch. After speaking to both jockeys and reviewing the race several times, we made no change. In our opinion, the #4 did shift inward, but we felt the #2 was not cost a better placing.

9/29/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Chipper Me Timber- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured Refund \$2,023.01
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#5 This Is a Joke- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick Refund \$948.14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 Aloha Kitten- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Benson, unsound #7 Sweet Hello- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$2261.94
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#9 Double Jab- A. Ayuso replaces K. Desormeaux, injured/sick Refund \$48.50
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Falcon Wings- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured Refund \$756.66
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 Coulthard (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured #8 Give Me the Lute- Claimed by G. Lopez, trainer #10 Whatmakessammyrun- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #13 Moody Jim (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 So I'm Told- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,203.72
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Flying Connections- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound Refund \$3,162.60
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Travelin' Show- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured Refund \$1,078.25
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$40.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	#12 Hannah Buckle (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 VibeZ- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,046.90

9/29/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,145	\$762,332.03
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,756	\$1,021,156.76
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$8,423,172.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,901	\$10,,206,661.3

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thur 9/26</b>	<b>Fri 9/27</b>	<b>Sat 9/28</b>	<b>Sun 9/29</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	N/A	2	1	3	6	6
<b>Claims</b>	N/A	3	0	2	5	5
<b>Disqualifications</b>	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	N/A	1	1	0	2	2
<b>Refunds</b>	N/A	9	9	10	28	28
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	1	2	5	5
<b>Voided Claims</b>	N/A	0	0	0	0	0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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