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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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**Report for Monday, January 5, 2026, through Sunday, January 11, 2026.**

**MONDAY**01/05/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Grant Baker was in the office on Monday morning to oversee entries for Saturday, January 10th. The racing office carded nine races.

**TUESDAY**01/06/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

On Tuesday morning Steward Grant Baker was in again to monitor Sunday's entries. The racing office carded ten (10) races for Sunday.

**THURSDAY**01/08/26<sup>1</sup>**DAVID RODRIGUEZ & DANIEL ARAGON COMBINED HEARINGS (case #25DM0050 & case #25DM0051)**

CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. presented two (2) twenty-seven (27) page complaints today. They were filed against Pony Rider Daniel Aragon and Jockey Valet David Rodriguez. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

*On September 1, 2025, CHRB Investigators were informed of a physical and verbal altercation that occurred in front of the Jockey's Room located at Del Mar. The two subjects were identified as Pony Rider Daniel Aragon and Jockey Valet David Rodriguez by Del Mar Security. Aragon and Rodriguez have had a previous physical altercation that occurred on August 19, 2023, case #23DM0021 and case #23DM0040. During the investigation both subjects were found to be mutual aggressors and are in violation of CHRB Rule #1874 – Disorderly Conduct.*

This alleged incident took place in front of a Labor Day crowd at Del Mar Racetrack on September 1, 2025. A physical and verbal altercation took place in front of the Jockeys' Room. Del Mar Security identified the individuals as Pony Rider Daniel

Aragon and Jockey Valet David Rodriguez. Rodriguez declined to discuss the incident when CHRB enforcement requested to interview him on September 5, 2026. San Diego County Sheriff's Deputies, who were in the area of the Jockeys' Room on September 1, were requested by Daniel Aragon to file charges against David Rodreiguez for an alleged assault that was committed against him. No police report was filed. Del Mar Security filed a report on September 5, 2025, and reported that there has been an ongoing conflict between the two parties for the past three years.

On August 19, 2023, both David Rodriguez and Daniel Aragon were charged with violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). This allegedly involved a fight in the Del Mar Stable area. Daniel Aragon received a fine for the incident (Case #230M0021) but David Rodriguez' case was ultimately dismissed due to the circumstance that the Investigator who prepared the complaint was not available for cross-examination by David Rodriguez' attorney at the hearing on August 19, 2023.

After hearing all the facts and entering the complaint into the record, the hearing came to an end. More to follow.

01/08/26<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY/OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

We conducted an inquiry after the running of the first race (1 mile turf) to look at the top two finishers approaching the finish line. The second-place jockey (E. Jaramillo) #2 "French Moonlight" lodged a claim of foul against the winner #1 Green Zone (A. Aguilar). After reviewing the race and speaking to both riders, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion, we felt the #2 was in tight quarters, but the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

01/08/26<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #10 Syntax- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #12 Silver Flirt- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$2,548.75  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Manitic (IRE)- Claimed by M. Badilla, trainer  
 #7 Resemblance- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$405.60  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Plutarch- Stewards' scratch- stake  
 #6 Caro Buono (FR)- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$3,628.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$271.92  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Dontellourwives- Stewards' scratch- enter back  
 #4 Marian Cross (GB)- Stewards' scratch- track condition  
 Refund \$2,433.96  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$0.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$246.10  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Katonah- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer. Refund \$227.28  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Mutaz- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #11 Kiddo Light- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$903.57

01/08/26<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,624	\$322,131.44
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,734	\$584,582.84
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$5,468,774.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,358	\$6,544,598.04

**FRIDAY**  
 01/09/26<sup>1</sup>

**CERIN RULING**

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN was issued the following ruling when he failed to register a bleeder medication prior to entering his horse "Runaway Charlie" for yesterday's eighth race. Mr. Cerin took full responsibility and accepted the penalty.

#### **LATS Ruling #07**

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN, who started the horse RUNAWAY CHARLIE in the eighth race on January 8, 2026, at Santa Anita Park is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

01/09/26<sup>2</sup>

#### **FILM REVIEWS**

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in to review yesterday's first race, in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry. Mr. Aguilar, who was on the winner, angled in slightly, causing the second-place horse to steady. Mr. Aguilar stated that the second-place horse should not have been there, there was not enough room on the rail for him. The majority voted for a warning, Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension, he believes he crossed the line.

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was in to review yesterday's second race in which he violated the riding crop rule. Mr. Rispoli walked in and stated he violated the rule and that he would accept the following ruling.

#### **LATS Ruling #08**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3) Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI, who rode MANIATIC (IRE) in the second race (Purse \$26,000) at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2026, is suspended for TWO (2) days (January 23 and 24, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

01/09/26<sup>3</sup>

#### **GOOD RACING**

The ten-race card went good without any major issues other than the late declarations and changes below.

01/09/26<sup>4</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 Reckless Ride- Claimed by B. Koriner, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$6.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$74.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Donde Esta Jefe- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$368.85
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Track Tiger- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$599.93
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Love's Cause- Stewards' scratch- Refused to load in starting gate #5 Vino Amante- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$41,909.02
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Duchess Cat- W. Orantes replaces T. Pereira, second call #11 Savannahs Big Girl- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick Refund \$3,597.15
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Comininalittlehot- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick

Refund \$1,496.27  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$100.00  
 10<sup>th</sup> race #2 Oveta's Hobby-claimed by OJ Jauregui, trainer  
 #5 Lovin'On the Run-claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer  
 #6 Gypsy Woman- VOIDED claim, returns to Tim Yakteen  
 #11 Shin Jidal (GB)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #12 Lamporghini- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #13 Emirates Affair- Stewards' scratch- enter back  
 #14 Needlepoint (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- enter back  
 Refund \$744.92

01/09/26<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,987	\$368,659.12
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,041	\$780,266.95
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$5,377,632.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,028	\$6,962,359.16

**SATURDAY**

01/10/26<sup>1</sup>

**BELVOIR RULING**

Trainer VANN BELVOIR was issued the following ruling as he failed to register his horse "Legal Heir" for bleeders' medication prior to the entry for yesterday's sixth race.

**LATS Ruling #09**

Trainer VANN BELVOIR, who started the horse LEGAL HEIR in the sixth race on January 9, 2026, at Santa Anita Park is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

01/10/26<sup>2</sup>

**CITATION**

Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR was in to respond to a citation issued by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson for a crop violation that occurred during training on January 4, 2026, at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Alsagoor stated the horse was very lazy, and he needed to urge. He apologized for his actions and promised it would not happen again. Mr. Alsagoor was warned a couple of times by the Safety Steward. The majority voted for a fine, Steward Sawyer voted for a warning due to a mitigating factor.

**LATS Ruling #10**

Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop - use of crop during a.m. training) on January 4, 2026, at Santa Anita Park.

01/10/26<sup>3</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA was summoned to our office to review yesterday's third race, in which he shifted out slightly in the stretch. Mr. Kimura stated his horse was hard to control and he did his best. We issued him a warning, since the bump was minor. He promised to clean it up in the future.

01/10/26<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

We posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race to look at the top two placers in the stretch, involving the winner #6 Handsome Ticket (A. Lezcano) and the second-place horse #2 No More Ding Dongs (D. Herrera). After reviewing the video several times

and speaking to the jockeys involved, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous decision, the #6 did drift outward, but the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

01/10/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$274.72
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$203.16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 Bottle of Rouge- Stewards' scratch- stake (NO SHOW WAGERING). Refund \$8,575.68
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Heroic Dose- Stewards' scratch- full field #6 Ottis Betts- LATE Veterinarian scratch- D. Deluhery, sick #9 Dark Omen- V. Espinoza replaces K. Desormeaux, car issues #12 Whiz Kidd- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick #13 Rocky Colavito- Stewards' scratch- enter back Refund \$5,019.56
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$65.80
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$238.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Malibu Rocks- Stewards' scratch- enter back #6 Handsome Tickets- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer Refund \$1,332.16
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Veritas Aequitas- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured #8 Russells Hustle- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #11 Vantastic- Stewards' scratch- full field. Refund \$3,502.62
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Empress of Grace- Voided claim, returns to S. Knapp #4 Rousing Jewel- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer #8 Dial a Friend- Veterinarian scratch- D. Deluhery, sick #9 Brookys Gal- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer. Refund \$1,643.20
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	#12 Warm Sun and Brew- Stewards' scratch- enter back #13 Cardiff Crack- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$5,154.06

**SUNDAY**

01/11/26<sup>1</sup>

**MILLER RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer PETER MILLER or his assistant failed to appear to saddle his horse "Russells Hustle" in yesterdays' eighth race.

**LATS Ruling #11**

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for failure to be present in the paddock to saddle the horse RUSSELLS HUSTLE in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 10, 2026, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of trainer).

01/11/26<sup>2</sup>

**RODRIGUEZ & ARAGON RULING**

The following rulings were issued in regard to Thursday's hearing involving Jockey Valet DAVID RODRIGUEZ and Pony Rider DANIEL ARAGON. Both gentlemen were involved in an altercation in the past (ref.10/19/23<sup>3</sup>); unfortunately, it reignited again in the grandstand in front of a Labor Day crowd at Del Mar Racetrack. The majority voted for a suspension, Steward Sawyer dissented, believing the penalty did not fit the crime.

**LATS Ruling #12**

Pony Rider DANIEL ARAGON is suspended SEVEN (7) days (January 25, 2026, through January 31, 2026) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874

(Disorderly Conduct – Altercation) in an incident at Del Mar Racetrack on September 1, 2025.

Furthermore, DANIEL ARAGON must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations (anger management) and remain on a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by DANIEL ARAGON.

#### **LATS Ruling #13**

Jockey Valet DAVID RODRIGUEZ is suspended SEVEN (7) days (January 25, 2026, through January 31, 2026) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Altercation) in an incident at Del Mar Racetrack on September 1, 2025.

Furthermore, DAVID RODRIGUEZ must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations (anger management) and sign and adhere to a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by DAVID RODRIGUEZ.

01/11/26<sup>3</sup>

#### **STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT**

After the second race we posted the inquiry sign to review an accident at the ¼ pole involving the #6 Damazio (A. Escobedo). After reviewing the video several times, no change was made to the order of finish. It was determined that no other horses were involved in the incident. Jockey Escobedo was removed from his remaining mounts.

01/11/26<sup>4</sup>

#### **STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION (ninth race)**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the run into the first turn (dirt 1 mile) in which the #8 Cosmic Trail (Armando Aguilar) angled in making contact to several horses inside of him. After reviewing the race several times and speaking to the jockeys involved the majority voted to disqualify the #8 who finished seventh and placed him eighth behind the #6 Autism Unity (C. Herrera). The other horses who were affected outran the #8. Therefore, no change would improve their placings. Steward Jauregui voted to leave the order the same, since the #6 was not cost the 3 ½ lengths. Mr. Aguilar was ordered to come in and see us on Thursday morning.

Unofficial order 9-7-5-3-4-2-(**8**)-6-1-10

Official order 9-7-5-3-4-2-6-(**8**)-1-10

01/11/26<sup>5</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$8.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 Mighty Kai- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer #8 Mischiefs Causeway- Claimed by D. Azcarate, trainer Refund \$5.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$34.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$180.88
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Mawu- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$1,303.30
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 Son of a Birch-Stewards' scratch-also eligible Refund \$1,175.76
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$78.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes. Refund \$60.00

10<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Heavenly Princess- Stewards. Refund \$1,596.74

01/11/26<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,172	\$884,059.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,701	\$866,164.31
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$8,099,050.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,873	\$10,249,355.12

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 01/08</b>	<b>Fri 01/09</b>	<b>Sat 01/10</b>	<b>Sun 01/11</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	2	1	7	14
<b>Claims</b>	3	4	4	2	13	21
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	1	2	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	2	3	5
<b>Refunds</b>	8	9	10	9	36	61
<b>Rulings</b>	1	2	2	3	8	13
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	2	0	3	4

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 01/05/26 TO 01/11/26**

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	2
Medication	0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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