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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, April 27, 2026, through Sunday, May 3, 2026.

MONDAY04/27/26¹**ENTRIES**

Steward Grant Baker was in the office on Monday morning to oversee entries for May 2nd. The racing office carded eleven (11) races for Derby Day.

TUESDAY04/28/26¹**ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

On Tuesday morning Steward Grant Baker was in again to monitor Sunday's (May 3rd) races. The office carded nine (9) races for Sunday's card.

THURSDAY04/30/26¹**CHIEF VISIT**

CHRB Chief Investigator Vitto Racowschi was in our office to see if we had any complaints or any matters we would like to discuss with him. The Board of Stewards appreciates these visits with the Chief.

04/30/26²**GOOD RACING**

The nine races went very well with no major issues other than the shoe repair in the fourth race. The shoe for #2 Gigi's Girl was replaced quickly by the Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar.

04/30/26³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#4 Candy Bar- claimed by J. Valdez, trainer. Refund \$178.00
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund \$95.00
3 rd Race	#4 Universal Sound- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound Refund \$1,121.16
4 th Race	#2 Gigi's Girl- Claimed by R. Hess Jr., trainer #8 Faiabella- Claimed by L. Campuzano, trainer. Refund \$29.00

- 5th Race #4 Cloudy Women- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer
#9 Infinity Dream- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$480.29
- 6th Race #4 My Man Joe Roldan, Stewards' scratch, enter back
#5 Colonel Slade- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
#10 Rowdybarfight- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pirrone, sick. Refund \$762.90
- 7th Race No changes. Refund \$132.00
- 8th Race No changes. Refund \$75.00
- 9th Race #3 Tipitap- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
#10 Fire Ban- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#11 Dats Ms. Blame- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#12 Smoken Hot Girl- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$660.01

04/30/26⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,163	\$260,823.32
SCOTWINC	1,788	\$593,806.02
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,697,333.78
TOTAL	2,951	\$5,788,185.80

FRIDAY
05/01/26¹

LATE POST

Today's first post is at 3:15pm to coincide with Churchill Downs Oaks Day.

05/01/26²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA took full responsibility and accepted the penalty for the riding crop violation in yesterday's seventh race. Therefore, the following HISA ruling was issued.

HISA Ruling

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 VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode HANNAH BUCKLE (IRE) in the seventh race (Purse \$68,000) at Santa Anita Park on April 30, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (May 15th, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

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

05/01/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes. Refund \$115.00
- 2nd Race #2 Little Hidden Port (ARG)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$446.00
- 3rd Race #5 Texas Wildcat- Stewards' scratch- enter back
#6 Ima Track Star- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$947.72
- 4th Race #7 Keepsmesane- Stewards' scratch- Starter. Refund \$833.80
- 5th Race No Changes. Refund \$85.00
- 6th Race #11 Twirling Point- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#12 Balledeer- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$1, 257.41
- 7th Race #1 Jeweled Shillelagh- Claimed by T. Dial, trainer
#7 Smiling Jojo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pirrone, sick
#10 Tiz's Harbor- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$913.11

8th Race #11 Caribbean King- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #12 Enterdraggon- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #13 Central Dispatch- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund \$1,522.40

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,139	\$651,664.50
SCOTWINC	5,148	\$1,759,063.03
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,541,087.29
TOTAL	8,287	\$8,793,236.20

SATURDAY

05/02/26¹

CITATION

Exercise Rider BERNARDO HERNANDEZ was in this morning to respond to a citation issued on Wednesday morning for riding a pony during training without a safety vest. Mr. Hernandez stated that he forgot to put back on his vest after he got off his horse. In a majority vote he was issued a fine. The following ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #65

Exercise Rider BERNARDO HERNANDEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1689.1 (Safety Vest Required) on April 29, 2026, at Santa Anita Park.

05/02/26²

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY

The eleven (11) races went very smoothly with no major issues. Santa Anita Park hosted a really good crowd at the track with lots of events as they watched live races and the simulcast races (Kentucky Derby) from Churchill Downs.

05/02/26³

STEWARDS' REVIEW

We conducted a Stewards' Review to look at an incident at the finish line involving #6 Post Game (A. Ayuso 4th) and the #5 Flamboyant (E. Jaramillo 5th) in which the #5 steadies through the wire. After reviewing the race, we determined that the incident did not warrant an inquiry because it happened as they finished the race.

05/02/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund \$188.00
 2nd Race No changes. Refund \$105.00
 3rd Race #3 Kingmeister- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
 #5 Mighty Kai- Claimed by S. Sherman, trainer
 #6 Mongolian Max- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer
 #7 Irish Element- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
 #8 Tiz's Harbor- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
 Refund \$1,224.75
 4th Race #2 Meeking- K. Frey replaces W. Orantes, personal
 #4 James J. Braddock- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
 Refund \$204.17
 5th Race #6 Headed for Om- C. Belmont replaces W. Orantes, personal
 Refund \$14.00
 6th Race No changes. Refund \$84.00
 7th Race #3 Seal Team (GB)- Stewards' scratch- stake
 #4 Gold Phoenix- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$1,310.70
 8th Race #9 Heavenly Daredevil- A. Lezcano replaces W. Orantes, personal

Refund \$14.00
 9th Race #2 Natural Diamond- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured
 Refund \$674.10
 10th Race No changes. Refund \$300.00
 11th Race #8 Koekkoek (GB)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick
 Refund \$2,315.15

05/02/26⁵

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,610	\$388,713.78
SCOTWINC	2,350	\$802,105.62
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,503,953.52
TOTAL	4,960	\$6,105,336.76

SUNDAY

05/03/26¹

GATE REVIEW

We had Assistant Starter TIM CRAIGMYLE in to review a race in which he was handling a horse in the starting gate (ref. 4/26/26¹). We wanted to discuss the new rule (CHRB rule #1693) to him; he appreciated the information. He stated he would spread the word with the other assistant starters. He is one of the top assistant starters here in Southern California, and they have a very tough job.

05/03/26²

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went very smoothly with no major issues to report other than the jockey changes and declarations listed below.

05/03/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Concord Bridge- K, Frey replaces W. Orantes, personal
 2nd Race No changes. Refund \$33.00
 3rd Race No changes. Refund \$96.00
 4th Race #2 Miz Clubcall- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
 Refund \$549.43
 5th Race No changes. Refund \$8.00
 6th Race #3 Clever Clover- Claimed by P. Aguirre, trainer. Refund \$29.60
 7th Race #3 Split- C. Belmont replaces W. Orantes, personal
 Refund \$627.95
 8th Race #6 Naudesnoodle- A. Aguilar replaces W. Orantes, trainer
 9th Race #1 Lord Bullingdon- Claimed by S. Sherman, trainer
 #5 Tariff- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer

05/03/26⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,191	\$591,497.33
SCOTWINC	3,111	\$1,060,029.12
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$7,869,993.42
TOTAL	8,302	\$10,092,582.31

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/27/26 TO 05/03/26

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	6
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 04/30	Fri 05/01	Sat 05/02	Sun 05/03	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	10
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	3	3	9	104
Claims	6	2	2	3	13	125
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	27
Refunds	9	8	11	6	34	312
Rulings	0	0	1	0	1	64
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	17

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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