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For the period: Wednesday, November 1, 2017, through Sunday, November 26, 2017.

GENERAL DATA:

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Dates:

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 through Sunday, November 26, 2017.
16 racing days. Total number of days or nights racing per week: 4, Thursday through Sunday with the exception of Opening Week Breeders Cup, Wednesday through Sunday and the second week, Friday through Sunday.

Races:

Eight races weekdays, nine races on Saturday, and nine races on Sunday unless otherwise designated.

Post time:

12:30 p.m.

Scratch time:

Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 am the previous racing day, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or 2 hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering:

Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$0.50 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick 5 on first 5 races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.

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WEEK 1: Wednesday, November 1, 2017, through Sunday, November 5, 2017.

MONDAY

10-30-17¹

ENTRIES

Steward Grant Baker was present at Del Mar to oversee entries for the non-Breeders' Cup races on Friday's and Saturday's cards.

10-30-17²

POST POSITION DRAW

Stewards Grant Baker and Scott Chaney were present at the Breeders' Cup draw held in the afternoon at Powerhouse Park in the town of Del Mar.

TUESDAY

10-31-17¹

SCRATCHES

Steward Grant Baker was present to oversee scratches for opening day tomorrow.

10-31-17²

BREEDERS' CUP MEETING

The BOS and Safety Steward participated in the traditional Stewards' Breeders' Cup meeting at Surfside Plaza. The idea was to establish coordination between DMTC, the Breeders' Cup and the CHRB. We discussed a variety of topics relating to the upcoming weekend.

WEDNESDAY

11-01-17¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his ride in the third race at Santa Anita on Sunday. His mount was the subject of an inquiry. In the stretch, initially his mount drifted in and then back out. While it was only a minor drift, he nevertheless interfered with a rival. He was issued a warning.

11-01-17²

DISPUTED JOCKEY CALL

On Monday (entry day) we received a call from Jockey Agent Ron Anderson (agent for Joel Rosario) explaining that owner Charles Fipke had failed to live up to a call on Forever Unbridled who was being entered to run in the Breeders' Cup Distaff on Saturday. He claimed that he had been given the call on the filly after winning on her in her last race by trainer Dallas Stewart. Mr. Stewart confirmed that Rosario had been given the call and as far as he knew, was riding the filly until he received a call from the owner, Charles Fipke, on Monday morning expressing his desire to ride John Velasquez. We spoke with Mr. Fipke this morning. He claimed that he personally had never given a call on his horse and that he was very busy and didn't have the chance to decide who was riding his mount until the day before entries. He also claimed that he asked Mr. Velasquez personally when he realized he did not have a mount in the race. After speaking with all of the parties involved, we unanimously determined that Joel Rosario had been given the call on the horse, and therefore was precluded from looking for other mounts in the race. We informed all parties involved that Mr. Rosario would be awarded a double jockey fee, meaning he would earn whatever Mr. Velasquez earns in the race.

11-01-17³

NBC MEETING

We had a meeting with Producer AMY ZIMMERMAN and the on air personnel from NBC regarding the Breeders’ Cup coverage. This provided a chance for us to explain our expectations and rules and for the NBC personnel to ask questions about California rules, procedures and Stewarding in general.

11-01-17⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Rocket Heat – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
Refund \$0.00

2nd Race No changes;
Refund \$132.30

3rd Race No changes;
Refund \$149.50

4th Race #7 Rings of Jupiter – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grant
#2 Excavation – Claimed – J. Wong, trainer
#10 Bow and Arrow – Claimed – A. Lerner, trainer
Refund \$1,686.64

5th Race No changes;
Refund \$14.50

6th Race No changes;
Refund \$57.50

7th Race #8 Curly’s Waterfront – Veterinarian’s scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$428.62

8th Race #2 Candy Ruler – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grant
#4 Be a Lady – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
Refund \$1,107.27

9th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

11-01-17⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,429	\$711,993.90
Off Track	3,106	\$1,700,787.40
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,661,882.85
Total	8,535	\$7,074,664.15

THURSDAY

11-02-17¹

DISPUTED JOCKEY CALL

On Sunday, Mike Lakow, agent for jockey Javier Castellano, contacted the Stewards to complain that he had been given a call to ride Mongolian Saturday in the Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint and that the owner and trainer had not lived up to that call, informing Mr. Lakow the day before entries that they would instead be riding Florent Geroux. We held a meeting with the horse’s trainer, assistant trainer, and Mr. Lakow (on conference call) to determine the veracity of the claim. We listened to all parties, including examining text messages between Mr. Lakow and the assistant trainer. After the meeting, we unanimously determined that there was not a definite call for the race (from either side) and therefore no action would be taken. The parties involved were informed of our decision.

11-02-17²

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the start of #6 Betdesilvergold who ducked in sharply interfering with the two horses to his inside. Video revealed that #6 did break in sharply on her own, unseated her rider and interfered with the two horses to her inside. After speaking with the patrol judges and reviewing the video, we made #6 Betdesilvergold a starter and declared the race official.

11-02-17³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
2 nd Race	#2 Jes Jaa – Claimed – B. Hess Jr., trainer #5 Tasunke Witco – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer Refund \$0.00
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$27.50
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$20.00
5 th Race	#2 Her Big Moment – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Lamparter Refund \$5,073.32
6 th Race	#3 Lady Ninja – Late veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grant Refund \$13,767.12
7 th Race	Refund \$3.00
8 th Race	Refund \$0.00

11-02-17⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,386	\$1,153,682.20
Off Track	3,921	\$2,189,912.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$5,894,098.84
Total	9,307	\$9,237,693.04

FRIDAY11-03-17¹**BREEDERS' CUP**

There were abbreviated office hours because of the early post for the Breeders' Cup. Steward Baker was present to oversee scratches for the next two days. We also held a meeting in the Jockeys' Room in order to explain our rules, regulations and expectations for the weekend.

11-03-17²**GLATT RULING**

We issued the following ruling after speaking with our horseshoe inspector and trainer Mark Glatt regarding a runner on Sunday who appeared in the Receiving Barn improperly shod for the turf, requiring the horseshoe inspector to change the hind shoes. Mr. Glatt claimed that the horse had run in those shoes the last three races. We issued the following ruling:

DFTD RULING #001

Trainer MARK GLATT, who started the horse "SHARP SAMURAI", in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on October 28, 2017, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1853 (Examination Required - Improperly shod).

11-03-17³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#1 Silent Bird – Stewards' scratch, stake #6 Mr. Hinx – vanned off – S. Miyadi, trainer. Refund \$22,889.43
2 nd Race	#13 Conquest Sabre Cat – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #14 Little Scotty -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible #15 Terrys Tom Cat -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible #9 Cheekboomboom – pulled up vanned off – P. Eurton, trainer (report generated). Refund \$4,889.38
3 rd Race	#3 Donworth – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$0.00
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$41.00
5 th Race	#2 Infobedad (ARG) – Corrected weight 121 #4 Estrechada (ARG) – Corrected weight 118 Refund \$107.00

6th Race #15 Retro – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#16 Goodthingstaketime (IRE) – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
Refund \$4,414.31

7th Race No changes; Refund \$475.50

8th Race #15 Tap Daddy – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#16 Pubilius Syrus – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible. Refund \$3,399.64

9th Race #6 Forever Unbridled – DJF – J. Rosario. Refund \$105.00

10th Race #4 Firsthand Report – Stewards’ scratch, stake. Refund \$5,525.94

11-03-17⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	32,278	\$9,300,745.80
Off Track	9,381	\$4,893,645.10
Out –of-State	N/A	\$40,119,716.81
Total	41,659	\$54,314,107.71

SATURDAY

11-04-17¹

PENDER RULING

We issued the following ruling when trainer MIKE PENDER brought a runner to the receiving barn that wore toe grabs for the turf. Fortunately horseshoe inspector Victor Tovar was able to grind them off.

DFTD RULING #002

Trainer MIKE PENDER, who started the horse “ALL STAR PARADE”, in the second race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on November 3, 2017, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1853 (Examination Required - Improperly shod).

11-04-17²

ELLIOTT RULING

We issued the following ruling when trainer GORDON ELLIOTT brought a runner to the receiving barn with rim shoes and stickers. Fortunately the horseshoe inspector was able to grind off the rims and rasp off the nails.

DFTD RULING #003

Trainer GORDON ELLIOTT, who started the horse “BECKFORD”, in the eighth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on November 3, 2017, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1853 (Examination Required - Improperly shod).

11-04-17³

BREEDERS’ CUP JOCKEYS’ MEETING

We held a second meeting with the riders in anticipation of the Breeders’ Cup second day of racing. Many of the same topics were discussed as yesterday. We also discussed a few changes that the jockeys suggested as improvements for today.

11-04-17⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$3,631.15

2nd Race #8 Schulace – Stewards’ scratch, stake. Refund \$8,463.60

3rd Race #13 Mourinho – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#14 Burnside -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#15 Factorofwon -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#16 Good Guy Bad Guy -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
Refund \$9,593.02

4th Race No changes; Refund \$296.50

5th Race #13 Guns Loaded -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#14 Paquito Coqueta (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$4,128.60

6th Race No changes; Refund \$273.00

7th Race #15 Kitten's Roar -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#16 Responsibleforlove (IRE) -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$4,424.92

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

9th Race No changes; Refund \$2,581.00

10th Race No changes; Refund \$7,201.84

11th Race #5 Ulysses (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Arthur
Refund \$66,601.35

12th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

11-04-17⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	37,692	\$15,966,668.60
Off Track	14,769	\$8,921,751.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$91,584,785.03
Total	52,461	\$116,473,205.33

SUNDAY

11-05-17¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday. We felt he could have more of an effort to relieve some the pressure to his inside as the field left the turf chute. He thought he was doing all he could, while we thought he could have done a little more. We also reviewed his ride in the seventh race on Friday during which he appeared to use his crop four times without giving his horse a chance to respond. He agreed and accepted the following ruling:

DFTD RULING #004

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 – third offense in the last sixty days), during the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on November 3, 2017, (last offense October 22, 2017).

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO came to our office to review his ride in the first race on Friday. Video revealed that as Mr. Rosario allowed his horse to drift out as the field entered the stretch (the second time in the 1¼ race). Mr. Rosario, along with Darrel Haire of the Jockeys' Guild, claimed that he didn't drift out that far and that the horse to his outside was lugging in. We disagreed with that assessment, feeling that Mr. Rosario allowed his horse to drift out at least two paths before correcting that drift. We issued the following ruling:

DFTD RULING #005

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO, who rode INFOBEDAD in the fifth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 3, 2017, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 12, 16 and 17, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference entering the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

11-05-17²

VALET MEETING

We held a meeting with Michel Poincelet this morning as well as DMTC Director of Human Resources Ann Hall. We received a report that Mr. Poincelet has dumped a cup of water on Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul before the races on Friday. We contacted Ms. Hall immediately and DMTC relieved Mr. Poincelet of his duties for the rest of Friday and Saturday. The meeting was designed to determine how to proceed in this matter. Since the initial report, we also learned that there were two instances of physical contact – shoving and poking, which Mr. Poincelet did not deny. Given this contact, DMTC dismissed him for the rest of the meet and ordered him to seek anger management counseling with the Winners’ Foundation. We directed the CHRB to conduct an investigation.

11-05-17³

HENDRICKS/BROKKEN/FINLEY HEARINGS

We held a formal hearing into case numbers 17SA164, 17SA0201 and 17SA291 which all stemmed from a phenylbutazone overage discovered in the post race drug test of one of trainer Dan Hendricks runners. Present at the hearing were the BOS, Safety Steward Luis Jauregui, trainer Dan Hendricks, CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton, and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. Veterinarians Brokken and Finley appeared by phone. Testimony revealed that Mr. Hendricks overage (3.85 ug/mL) occurred when two different private veterinarians prerace treated the horse with bute. We took oral testimony, documentary evidence and brought the hearing to a close. We issued a warning to Mr. Hendricks because of the level and his medication history. Decisions will be made with respect to the veterinarians.

11-05-17⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$396.20
3 rd Race	#3 Matriculate – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer. Refund \$684.10
4 th Race	#5 Retro – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grant. Refund \$5,291.68
5 th Race	Refund \$67.06
6 th Race	#3 Danuska’s My Girl – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead Refund \$3,162.66
7 th Race	Refund \$52.50
8 th Race	Refund \$42.00
9 th Race	#4 Wonderoveryonder – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grant Refund \$82,895.98

11-05-17⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,881	\$783,912.20
Off Track	6,422	\$3,049,398.80
Out –of-State	-0-	\$5,867,798.53
Total	10,303	\$9,701,109.53

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 REPORT – WEEK OF October 30 – November 5, 2017

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	14
Deceased	1
Medication	1

SUMMARY

	Wed 11-01-17	Thurs 11-02-17	Fri 11-03-17	Sat 11-04-17	Sun 11-05-17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	1	1	6	6
Claims	4	4	1	0	2	11	11
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Refunds	7	4	9	10	8	38	38
Rulings	0	0	1	2	2	5	5
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward