

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Del Mar Fall Meet**  
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

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Report for Monday, November 10, 2023, Through Sunday, December 3, 2023.

GENERAL DATA:

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Dates: Friday, November 10, 2023, through Sunday, December 3, 2023, 13 race days, Fridays through Sundays; with special Thursday racing on Thanksgiving Day.

Races: Eight races on Fridays, nine races on Saturdays, and nine races on Sundays, unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 12:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Scratch time: Scratch time will be 10:00 a.m. the day prior to the races. The deadline for scratches from a stake race, with exception of overnight stakes races, will be no later than one hour before post time for that race.

Wagering: 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 Early Pick 5 on first 5 races; \$0.50 Late Pick 5 on last 5 races; \$0.50 Early Pick 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> races; \$0.50 Late Pick 4 on last 4 races; \$2.00 win, place and show parlays 1<sup>st</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> race.

\$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race. \$0.50 Super High 5 on the last race of the day.

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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, November 7, 2023, through Sunday, November 12, 2023.**

**TUESDAY**

11/07/23<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Friday November 10, 2023. Eight races were assembled for the opening day card.

**WEDNESDAY**

11/08/23<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Once again, Steward Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> and to approve scratches and program changes for Friday.

**THURSDAY**

11/09/23<sup>1</sup>

**HEARINGS DAY**

The entire Board of Stewards were in attendance to conduct scheduled hearings.

11/09/23<sup>2</sup>

**GUTIERREZ HEARING / CASE 23LT0002**

The first hearing scheduled today was against jockey Mario Gutierrez for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1688 - use of the riding crop. The case from the Los Alamitos Thoroughbred meet was filed when blood was found in the flank area of his mount following the race on September 15, 2023. Mr. Gutierrez attended via Microsoft Teams from Santa Anita Park, along with investigator Yokoyama, who presented the case. Also on the call were Drs. Nolton Pattio and Dana Stead. Decision to follow...

11/09/23<sup>3</sup>

**McCARTHY HEARING / CASE 23DM0042**

The second hearing scheduled today was filed against trainer Michael McCarthy for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1846.2 - training soundness examination. Once again, investigator Yokoyama presented the case via Microsoft Teams from Santa Anita Park,

along with trainer Michael McCarthy. Michelle Derieg was in attendance here at Del Mar to record the proceedings. Just as the hearing was starting, Mr. McCarthy opted to request a continuance so he could retain an attorney. The hearing was closed and will be rescheduled soon.

**FRIDAY**

11/10/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (Ref: 11/05/23<sup>4</sup>)**

Ramon Vasquez met with the Stewards to review his ride in the third race last Sunday at Santa Anita, where his horse shifted out and then back in, into the path of a rival, resulting in a disqualification. Mr. Vasquez explained that he was only trying to correct his mount from shifting out initially, but also stated he would do better going forward. Mr. Vasquez left our office with just a warning.

11/10/23<sup>2</sup>

**GUTIERREZ RULING (Ref: 11/09/23<sup>2</sup>)**

After deliberating all the facts of the case that were presented in yesterday's hearing, the following ruling was issued.

**DFTD RULING #01**

Jockey **MARIO GUTIERREZ**, who rode **ALOHA KITTEN** in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2023, is **fined** FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-causing a break in the skin)

California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532: Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this ruling or the license of the person upon whom this fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

11/10/23<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's eight-race card was conducted smoothly with no reportable incidents.

11/10/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Katerini (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill  
#2 Leopardess (GB) Tr. J. Thomas) claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$54.50  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Aviator Nation (Tr. N. Drysdale) Stewards scratch- A/E  
#12 Chrome to Riches (Tr. C. Gaines) Stewards scratch- A/E  
Refund: \$813.16  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Wishtheyallcouldbe (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

11/10/22<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,269	\$591,362.01
SCOTWinc	2,901	\$2,690,387.57
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,471,300.73
Total	7,170	\$9,753,050.31

**SATURDAY**

11/11/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Abdul Alsagoor met with the Stewards this morning to review his ride in yesterday's sixth race where he appeared to violate the crop rule. After reviewing the race, Mr. Alsagoor accepted responsibility and the following ruling was issued.

**DFTD RULING #02**

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), Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR, who rode UNCLE JUJU in the second race at Del Mar Race Track on November 10, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (November 18, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on May 11, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties) – second offense. Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR accrued a total of six points.

11/11/23<sup>2</sup>

**CLEAR DAY OF RACING**

Once again, today's nine races were conducted without any notable incidents.

11/11/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$834.57
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Shot of Courage (Tr. Papaprodromou) Stewards - Enter Back  
Refund: \$1,281.93
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Auratium (Tr. M. McCarthy) Vet - sick - Dr. Stead  
Refund: \$2,378.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Equilove (IRE) (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
Refund: \$186.23
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Rufa Red Knot (Tr. K. Craigmyle) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio  
#7 M Is For Magic (Tr. N. Drysdale) Stewards - Ineligible  
Refund: \$3,642.13
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Chasing Alchemy (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio  
Refund: \$682.41
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$10.34
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Park City (Tr. M. Valenzuela Jr.) claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr

11/11/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,347	\$802,538.03
SCOTWinc	4,558	\$3,730,973.07
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,535,545.00
Total	9.905	\$13,069,056.10

**SUNDAY**

11/12/23<sup>1</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Following a post-race examination by Dr. Nolton Pattio VMD, Colt Fiction was found to be unsound, so the claim submitted by trainer Steve Knapp was voided, the horse was placed on the vet's list, and returned to the Peter Miller stable.

11/12/23<sup>2</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH / DELAY**

As the seventh-race field was approaching the starting gate, #8 Mr. Leasure got loose from his pony, unseated jockey Ramon Vasquez, and ran loose on the turf course, resulting in a late scratch. The two-year-old colt evaded the outriders and ended up exiting the turf course in the back of the chute and continued to run loose in the infield. The horse was ultimately caught by Dr. Brent Cassidy and appeared to be uninjured in the incident. Management discussed options for closing off the end of the chute to prevent this from happening again.

11/12/23<sup>3</sup>

**DRONE MALFUNCTION**

Just minutes before the running of the last race on the card, the Stewards received word that the drone shot would not be available. It was reported that the drone's on-board computer detected a problem, so it flew itself back to its home base on top of the grandstand. There was one minor incident on the far turn that the drone's overhead angle would have been beneficial to the Stewards.

11/12/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Colt Fiction (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. Quinonez - VOID  
 Refund: \$30.50  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Mr. Leasure (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards - Loose on track  
 Refund: \$56,053.33  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Power Surge (Tr. B. Koriner) Stewards - Stake scratch  
 Refund: \$1,113.22  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

11/12/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,013	\$376,776.35
SCOTWINC	3,922	\$3,028,460.99
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,468,066.26
Total	6,935	\$9,873,303.60

**SUMMARY**

	No Racing	No Racing	Fri 11/10	Sat 11/11	Sun 11/12	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>			0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>			2	0	2	4	4
<b>Claims</b>			3	2	0	5	5
<b>Disqualification</b>			0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>			0	0	0	0	0
<b>Refunds</b>			3	7	3	13	13
<b>Rulings</b>			1	1	0	2	2
<b>Voided Claims</b>			0	0	1	1	1

**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 11/06/23 TO 11/12/23**

Horses on Vet List	8
Horses off Vet List	19
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	1

Respectfully submitted,

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David Nuesch,  
Steward

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Kim Sawyer,  
Steward

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Luis Jauregui,  
Steward

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