

**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 Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Through Sunday, November 19, 2023.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

11/15/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **PROGRAM CHANGES AND ENTRIES**

Steward DAVID NUESCH was in on Wednesday to oversee entries for Saturday and scratches and changes for Friday. The race office carded nine (9) races for Saturday.

11/15/23<sup>2</sup>

##### **BLACKER HEARING (case #23SA0121)**

Trainer DANIEL BLACKER and his Attorney Darrel Vienna were in the Stewards Office at Santa Anita Park to answer to a complaint file by the CHRB for alleging rule violations (527 counts) of CHRB #1878 (Workouts) that occurred from January 1, 2022, through July 1, 2023. Present in the office were District Attorney Mona Papuchyan, CHRB Investigator Steven Manilla, Hearing Reporter Andy Hsiao with the Weinstein Court Reporters, LLC. and Steward Tom Ward was designated the third Steward for the hearing. The complaint stems from a fatality investigation of the horse "Animae" that occurred on July 1, 2023, at Santa Anita Park. When conducting the investigation, it was discovered that Mr. Blacker failed to have his veterinarian conduct a pre-workout examination for a total 527 horses prior to their official workouts from January 1, 2022, through July 1, 2023. After listening to both sides and entering all the exhibits into the record the hearing came to an end. A decision will come after we receive both parties' closing statements.

#### **THURSDAY**

11/16/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **CASE WITHDRAWN (case #23SA0140)**

The case filed by Southern California Equine Foundation Inc. for unpaid medical services in the amount of \$1,570.00 against NICHOLAS COSATO/SLAM DUNK RACING has been withdrawn after receiving notice that the debt has been paid.

11/16/23<sup>2</sup>

##### **MOGER HEARING (case #23SA0144)**

Trainer ED MOGER JR. participated via Microsoft Teams to answer to complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation #1581.1 (Entries) when he entered the horse "Ferociously" in the sixth race on October 9, 2023, alleging not having a pre entry-examination by his attending veterinarian. Mr. Moger stated he notified (via text) his attending veterinarian to examine his horse for a pre-entry examination, in which it was outside the 72 hours prior to entry time. Decision to follow

11/16/23<sup>3</sup>

**MARKLE HEARING (case #23SA0145)**

Trainer DAN MARKLE alongside CTT representative Bill Patterson participated via Microsoft Teams to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB #1581.1 (Workouts) when he failed to have a pre-race examination prior to entry of his horse "Arma D'Oro" for a race on October 9, 2023, at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Markle and Mr. Patterson stated that the horse had an examination within the seventy-two hours, and it's been common practice in Northern California that a pre-workout examination covers a pre-race examination, as long it's with in seventy-two hours to entry time. We unanimously voted to issue Mr. Markle an official warning. We refer the matter to the Chief Official Veterinarian Tim Grande to apply consistencies to both tracks.

11/16/23<sup>4</sup>

**CITATION**

Trainer ROLANDO QUINONEZ was in to respond to a citation issued by Del Mar security for being in the ¾ chute during turf workers. Mr. Quinonez stated it's been common practice to jog your horse in the chute while the main track is closed. He was issued a warning, because it has been allowed in the past, and he was not aware of a policy change.

**FRIDAY**

11/17/23<sup>1</sup>

**ORTIZ APPEAL WITHDRAWN**

After receiving notice from the CHRB that the appeal of ruling LATC #56 dated November 5, 2023, filed by Jockey IRAD ORTIZ JR. has been withdrawn. MR. ORTIZ JR. and the following ruling was issued suspending him on November 24, 25 and 26, 2023 (majority vote) a Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Steward Baker voted for the original suspension days, Sunday, Friday, and Saturday.

**DFTD RULING #03**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATC Ruling #56 (November 5, 2023) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey IRAD ORTIZ, JR. is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 24, 25 and 26, 2023).

11/17/23<sup>2</sup>

**CITATION**

The following ruling was issued fining Exercise Rider AUSTIN SOLIS after he admitted guilt that he galloped while the warning/siren lights were activated. Mr. Solis apologized for his actions.

**DFTD RULING #04**

Exercise Rider AUSTIN SOLIS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – Failure to stop galloping his horse while sirens/waring lights were activated) at Del Mar Race Track on November 12, 2023.

11/17/23<sup>3</sup>

**MOGER RULING**

Trainer ED MOGER JR. was issued the following ruling regarding yesterday's hearing.

**DFTD RULING #05**

Trainer ED J. MOGER JR. is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1581.1 (b)(1) (Entries – failure to have his attending veterinarian conduct an examination 72 hours preceding entry to the race on October 9, 2023.

11/17/23<sup>4</sup>

**MARKLE RULING**

Trainer DAN L. MARKLE was issued an official warning regarding yesterday’s hearing.

**DFTD RULING #06**

Trainer DAN L. MARKLE, who failed to have an attending veterinarian conduct an examination within the 72 hours preceding entry of ARMA D’ORO, is issued a written WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (b)(1) (Entries).

11/17/23<sup>5</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The eight-race card went without any major issues. Any changes or declarations are listed below.

11/17/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Exclusive Joni- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead. injured  
Refund: \$2,410.18

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Katerini- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer  
#5 Rose Barton (IRE)- Claimed by P. Galagher, trainer  
Refund: \$86.02

5<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$262.88

6<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Stagger Lee- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#10 Smiling Jojo- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#11 Don’t Hit Me Bash- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#12 Lamporghini- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#13 Fact Or Fiction- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#14 Beer Money- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
Refund: \$2,187.79

7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 C Z Rocket- Stewards’ scratch- Enter back  
#5 Radical Right- Stewards’ scratch- Track condition  
(NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund: \$1,853.74

8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Silent Heat- A. Fresu replaces F. Prat, 2<sup>nd</sup> call  
#10 Big Coupe- Stewards’ scratch- Enter back  
12 Discretionary Day- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#13 Meesh- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
#14 Barely Funtional- Stewards’ scratch- Also eligible  
Refund: \$1,939.67

11/17/23<sup>7</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,710	\$361,406.68
SCOTWinc	2,755	\$2,561,705.01
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,072,738.07
Total	5,465	\$6,995,849.76

**SATURDAY**

11/18/23<sup>1</sup>

**QUIET MORNING**

The morning was quiet with no hearings or jockeys called in to review films.

11/18/23<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION/THIRD RACE (5 Fur)**

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the 4 ½ (turf) involving the #7 Petcoff (U. Rispoli 3<sup>rd</sup>) who shifted in on the backside causing contact with the inside horses. After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the video, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #7 and place him last for interference. The video shows the #7 coming in making contact with #5 who bumped with the #4, #3 and the #2, therefore, he was disqualified and placed last.

Unofficial 6-1-(7)-4-2-3-5

Official 6-1-4-2-3-5-(7)

11/18/23<sup>3</sup>

**OBJECTION / NO CHANGE/SIXTH RACE (6 Fur)**

We posted the objection sign when the jockey of the second-place horse #4 J Dutton (K. Frey) lodged a claim of foul against the winner #2 Stay On The Fence (M. Gutierrez) for an incident in the stretch. After reviewing the race and speaking to the riders we made no change to the order of finish. The incident did not substantiate the riders claim of foul. Therefore, no change was made.

11/18/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 Princess Midnight- Claimed by J. Herrick, trainer

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Asian Matriarch- Claimed by J. Sadler, trainer

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund: \$42.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund: \$433.73

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Trip to Spain- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick

#4 Lovesick Blues- Stewards' scratch- Stake

#9 Desmond Doss- Stewards' scratch- Stake

Refund: \$4,170.80

9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Give Me The Lute- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer

#6 Silardi- Stewards' scratch- No license

Refund: \$2,697.76

11/18/23<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,024	\$729,909.74
SCOTWinc	4,311	\$3,764,229.87
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,779,802.52
Total	9,335	\$11,273,942.1

11/19/23<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was in to review yesterday's third race in which he was disqualified from third to seventh (last place) for an incident in the backside.

After reviewing the race several times with Mr. Rispoli he stated that his horse was lugging in and that he did all he could to correct him. We felt he could have done a better job, and we would like him to make a better effort when attempting to correct his mount. Therefore, he was issued a three-day suspension.

#### **DFTD RULING #07**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI, who rode PETCOFF in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on November 18, 2023, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 26, December 1 and 2, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the back stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to seventh; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

11/19/23<sup>2</sup>

#### **STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

After the running of the third race (1 mile turf), we posted the inquiry sign to review the top two finishers approaching the finish, the winner #4 Big Hat Willie (A. Fresu) and the second-place horse #6 Beef Winslow (D. Herrera). After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the race several times, we disqualified the #4 and place him second behind the #6. In a unanimous vote, the #4 came out and bumped the #6 who was closing fast, costing him a better placing.

Unofficial order (4)-6-7-3-1-5-2

Official order 6-(4) 7-3-1-5-2

11/19/23<sup>3</sup>

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Dominant Soul- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick #2 Departure- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer Refund: \$2,285.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 Sol Del Sur- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes. Refund: \$33.50
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Hey Brother-first time Gelding, announced prior to the opening of wagering. Refund: \$64.50
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 We'll Do It Live- Stewards' scratch, Also eligible #12 Cape Sorella- Stewards' scratch, Also eligible #13 Medoro- Stewards' scratch, Also eligible Refund: \$1,247.84
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Lovme Likeafool—A. Escobedo replaces E. Payaras, injured #6 Jazzy Empress- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick Refund: \$1,227.16
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Papa Tiger- J. Valdivia replaces E. Payaras, injured #10 Numero Dix (GB)- Claimed by T. Yakteen, trainer Refund: \$211.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Wine Me Up- Stewards' scratch, Stake (NO-SHOW WAGERING). Refund: \$2,515.61
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 Hill Sixteen- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Gonzalez, injured Refund: \$1,003.30

11/19/23<sup>4</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,560	\$490,798.87
SCOTWinc	3,895	\$3,111,862.77
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,441,507.98
Total	7,455	\$10,044,169.6

**SUMMARY**

	No Racing	No Racing	Fri 11/17	Sat 11/18	Sun 11/19	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>			0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred</b>			3	3	2	8	12
<b>Claims</b>			2	3	3	8	13
<b>Disqualificatio</b>			0	1	1	2	2
<b>Inquiries</b>			0	2	1	3	3
<b>Refunds</b>			6	4	8	18	31
<b>Rulings</b>			4	0	1	5	7
<b>Voided Claims</b>			0	0	0	0	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 11/13/23 TO 11/19/23**

Horses on Vet List	8
Horses off Vet List	9
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	1
Claims Voided	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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