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Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 21, 2024.

WEDNESDAY7/17/24¹**DUTY STEWARD/ SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward will be on entries, scratches and panel this week, and will also be writing minutes. Entries for the Saturday card are being accepted this morning. The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club begins its annual Summer meeting this weekend, so how many races we have and what time the program gets underway at this venue is anyone's guess.

THURSDAY7/18/24¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES/ SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

The Saturday entry process ended quite late – around 7:00 p.m. – with nine races on tap. Since Del Mar has eleven races scheduled, our start time will likely be around 7:30 p.m. There were no scratches this morning and changes were few. The panel met via telephone, with two horses being placed on the “Hard Watch” list.

7/18/24²**HEARINGS**

There were two hearings on our schedule this morning, both for medication violations. Trainer Alfred Vuocolo was charged with an Omeprazole violation – Class 5 – in that his horse Mylittlerunaway tested positive for the acid reducer. Mr. Vuocolo was candid, stating that the medication was given in error the day prior to the horse's race. He said that normally he feeds it the day before entries, and will do so going forward.

An “official warning” will be issued this weekend.

Trainer Lindolfo Diaz responded to a complaint alleging a Phenylbutazone finding in his horse Miss Apollidash. Mr. Diaz stated that he gave the light-bodied filly 2 grams of the medication on the day of entry, following an administration of 1 and ½ grams two days prior. He plans to cut back on the amount of Phenylbutazone she receives.

A fine of \$500.00, plus ½ point toward Multiple Medication violations will be issued on Saturday.

FRIDAY

7/19/24¹

SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Scratch time for Sunday was short and sweet, as no scratch cards were submitted and changes were limited to two rider switches and one blinker addition. The panel discussion was the same, with no horses removed for veterinarian concerns.

SATURDAY

7/20/24¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

6th Race # 2 Don Carmello (enter back) Refund of \$1,951.16

7th Race #4 Ride Em Cowboy (vet-injured) Refund of \$21.00

7/20/24²

OFFICIAL OUT

Placing Judge and Stable Superintendent Daniel Villalba will be out of his positions for a period of time due to a medical issue. Management was able to find an experienced replacement for Mr. Villalba. We wish him the best for a speedy recovery.

7/20/24³

RULING

Ruling #105

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to insure condition of horse), Trainer Lindolfo Diaz, who started Miss Apollidash, the first place finisher in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 11, 2024, is fine FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point – expires May 10, 2025 in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1834.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a, b,& d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances - Phenylbutazone). First offense within the past 365 days.

Ruling #106

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Owner or Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Alfred Vuocolo, who started the horse Mylittlerunaway, the second place finisher in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on April 14, 2024, is issued an Official Warning for Violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Medication – Omeprazole Sulfide – Class 5/D), #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) and #1844 (d) (12) (Authorized Medication).

These rulings were issued to finalize complaints against the trainers (Ref. 7-18-24).

7/20/24⁴

RULING

Ruling #107

Trainer Sally Rivera is fined FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* and suspended for sixty days (July 29, 2024, through September 26, 2024) for Violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (a) (3) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

This ruling was issued following deliberation into the facts of the case against Ms. Rivera.

7/20/24⁵

RULING

Ruling #108

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, Run Auntie T Run, was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 2 at Los Alamitos Race Course on April 6, 2024, Case # ECM2024-142ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results). It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner Gilberto Verduzco, Jockey Efrain Hernandez and Trainer Jesus Nunez be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos on or before August 20, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised order of finish:

1st Flag Salute 2nd Jaycee 3rd Shvere Arbeter 4th Funky Grey 5thAfter Sundown

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

The preceding ruling was issued as we were in receipt of information from HIWU regarding the positive test on the horse from Mr. Nunez’ stable.

7/20/24⁶

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Lidio Barrientos was excused from his mount due to illness. A replacement rider was announced.

7/20/24⁷

VOIDED CLAIMS

The first race this evening proved to be a disaster with respect to claimed horses as all three horses scheduled to find new homes had claims for them rescinded for physical issues. #2 Sgt. Powell, haltered by Angela Aquino, was returned to the original owner and trainer; #3 Girth also claimed by Ms. Aquino, went back and #6 Legittimo was deemed to be unsound in the test barn and went back to the original trainer. It has been quite some time since three claims were voided out of one race.

7/20/24⁸

RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Cristian Lopez had to be replaced in the fourth race as he stepped on the scale weighing 127 and change, a violation of the maximum overweight rule of five pounds. A replacement rider was found.

7/20/24⁹

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #5 Fool Hearted flipped in the gate as the field was loaded, prompting Racing Veterinarian Moser to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund amounted to \$4,354.75.

7/20/24¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	921	\$100,801.50
SCOTWinc	2,218	\$245,838.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,035,297.75
Total	3,139	\$1,381,937.75

SUNDAY

7/21/24¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #6 Vegas Moon (Vet-sick) Refund of \$110.80
4th Race #1 Stay In The Game (Vet-sick) Refund of \$56.10
6th Race #6 Havakash Ready (Vet-injured) Refund of \$649.71
9th Race #5 Don Carmello (Vet-injured) Refund of \$151.40

7/21/24²

CROP RULINGS

Ruling #109

Jockey Martin Arriaga is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Flings Favorite in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 20, 2024.

Ruling #110

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Jazzy Girl in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 20, 2024.

Ruling #111

Jockey Martin Arriaga is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Indisputed in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 20, 2024.

Ruling #112

Jockey Henry Reynoso Lopez is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Heartlande in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 20, 2024.

These rulings were issued as the riders were observed in violation of the “crop” rule during Saturday evening’s program. Unfortunately for Mr. Arriaga, he was a two-time violator.

7/21/24³

RULING

Ruling #113

Jockey Cristian E. Lopez is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), causing a late rider change in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 20, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Lopez could not come within five pounds of his assigned weight last evening.

7/21/24⁴

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #6 Echo Alpha Six became fractious and flipped during the loading procedure, prompting Racing Veterinarian Moser to recommend the horse be scratched. The refund amounted to \$20,290.34.

7/21/24⁵

TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Jesus Nunez, the trainer of #5 Sai Con, the second place finisher, lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #2 Fast Per Se, for interference during the stretch run.

After speaking with the rider involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. Video review showed that Sai Con was the aggressor entering the stretch, bumping and floating the winner out. While the winner did drift in at mid-stretch, the incident was minor and had no bearing on the original outcome.

7/21/24⁶

CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited by Trainer Gary Greiner in the second race for #5 Hot Pursuit was voided as the horse was "off" in the right foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse went back to the original trainer, Oscar Heredia.

7/21/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	668	\$74,057.00
SCOTWinc	991	\$166,295.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$851,426.72
Total	1,659	\$1,091,779.52

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 7/20	Sun 7/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	7
Claims	R	4	4	8	73
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	15
Inquiries		0	1	1	34
Refunds	D	3	5	8	166
Rulings	A	4	5	9	113
Voided Claims	Y	3	1	4	28

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

BOS:TW:ap