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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Del Mar, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 7, through Sunday, August, 11 2024.

WEDNESDAY08/07/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday August 10, 2024. Kim Sawyer is the Duty Steward this week at Del Mar. Ten (10) races were filled today. Eighty (80) horses are scheduled to start.

Steward Sawyer also oversaw scratches, jockey changes and equipment changes for Friday August 9, 2024. All changes were disseminated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

THURSDAY08/08/24¹**MARIO GUTIERREZ RULING**

In the ninth race on Sunday August 4, Jockey Mario Gutierrez rode #5 Belly Up to a second-place finish. This race was contested at five (5) furlongs on the Jimmy Durante turf course. While watching replays after this race the Stewards noticed that Jockey Gutierrez used his riding crop seven (7) times. This is one over the limit. Following this race Mr. Gutierrez called the Stewards, waived his right to a hearing and pled guilty. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #16

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horse racing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – first offense), Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, who rode BELLY UP in the ninth race (Purse \$76,000.00) at Del Mar Race Track on August 4, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (August 15, 2024), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

08/08/24²

REYLU GUTIERREZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Reylu Gutierrez appeared in our office to review his actions in the post parade during the sixth race on Sunday August 4. Jockey Gutierrez was aboard #12 Ricks Red Storm, who finished first in this race. While watching the post parade for this 5 ½ furlong race the Stewards noticed that Jockey Gutierrez used his riding crop on his mount. The Stewards watched a video replay of this incident. #12 Ricks Red Storm appeared to be freezing up and somewhat unruly prior to Gutierrez using his riding crop. He said this horse kicked him in the buttock area while Trainer Andy Mathis was legging him up in the paddock. #12 Ricks Red Storm finished first in this race.

In a majority vote Jockey Gutierrez was excused from the hearing without a sanction. Steward Sawyer voted for a penalty. The majority felt his actions were for safety reasons and not anger as the horse had already exhibited risky behavior.

08/08/24³

CAMILLE LAFAYE FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Camille Lafaye appeared in our office to review her ride in the first race on Sunday August 4, 2024. Apprentice Lafaye rode seventh place finisher #7 Speed of the Nile to a seventh-place finish in this seven (7) furlong event. The Stewards viewed Ms. Lafaye use her riding crop eight (8) times in this race. She told the Stewards she watched replays of this race and agreed with our analysis. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #17

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 - first offense), Apprentice Jockey CAMILLE LAFAYE, who rode SPEED OF THE NILE in the first race (Purse \$27,000.00) at Del Mar Race Track on August 4, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (August 15, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

08/08/24⁴

THIRD RACE VOIDED CLAIM

In today's third race #3 Dramatizer was claimed for \$8,000. Following a post-race examination CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio informed the Stewards that this horse was unsound. The Stewards voided the claim and this horse returned to the barn of Trainer George L. Lopez.

08/08/24⁵

FIFTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident on the 3/8ths turn in this five (5) furlong race on the Jimmy Durante Turf Course. Primary focus was on the actions of #6 Grazen Gator (Umberto Rispoli) who finished second in this race. While racing along the rail in mid-pack #6 Grazen Gator shifts outward causing fourth place finisher #3 On Time Tam (K. Frey) and seventh place finisher #5 Mrazek's Old Dream (Mario Gutierrez) to steady their mounts.

The Stewards received a patrol judge report, spoke to the jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision the Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish. Jockey Umberto Rispoli was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

08/08/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race #1 McLaren Vale (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed. B. McLean, trainer
#4 Arrogates Spirit (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, K. Sweezey, trainer

2nd Race #6 Ima Joker (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
 3rd Race #6 Jubilant Joanie (Tr. S. Williams) claimed, S. Sherman, trainer
 4th Race #6 Ace Ace Baby (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, J. Periban, trainer
 #7 Sabres (Tr. S. Morfin) claimed, A. Kitchingman, trainer
 #9 Princess Is Oliva (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

08/08/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,275	\$719,100.49
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$1,507,039.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$6,090,433.31
TOTAL	9,191	\$8,316,573.60

FRIDAY

08/09/24¹

HIWU DISQUALIFICATION RULING

The Stewards received word of a HIWU Controlled Medication Violation involving the horse Caribbean King. The Controlled Medication substance Methocarbamol was found to be present in a blood Sample collected after Race 9 at Santa Anita on February 17, 2024. The following ruling disqualifies Caribbean King from his first-place finish on that day.

DMTD RULING #18

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, CARIBBEAN KING was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 9 at Santa Anita Park on February 17, 2024, Case #ECM2024-75/ECM. 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 LES BLAKE and Jockey HECTOR I. BERRIOS and Trainer STEVE KNAPP be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before September 9, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st PERCISION STRIKE 2nd QUINTECENTS 3rd GHOST COAST 4th PINEHURST (IRE)
 5th GET KRAKEN 6th SIX MAGPIES (IRE) 7th BIG JUANITO 8th CHROME TO RICHES
 9th NOBEL GARY 10th FINALLY AN EDDIE

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.

08/09/24²

UMBERTO RISPOLI FILM REVIEW (REF: 08/08/24⁵)

Jockey Umberto Rispoli appeared in the Stewards’ office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday August 8, 2024. Jockey Rispoli was aboard #6 Grazen Gator who finished second, #6 Grazen Gator was involved in a Stewards’ Inquiry in this race. Today’s film review shows #6 Grazen Gator shift out in front of fourth place finisher #3 On Time Tam (Kyle Frey) and seventh place finisher #5 Mrazek’s Old Dream (Mario Gutierrez) approaching inside the 3/8ths pole. Jockey Rispoli focused primarily on two rivals that were two lengths in front of him rather than his own actions. There were seven (7) first time starters in this maiden two-year-old event. This provided some mitigation in what a sub-par effort by Jockey Rispoli. Warning issued.

08/09/24³

FIRST RACE ACCIDENT/ INQUIRY

There was a single horse accident as the field for the first race entered the stretch. #3 Veronica's Gem (Abel Cedillo) was racing near the rear of the pack when, without warning, this horse appeared to want to jump the inside rail. Both #3 Veronica's Gem and Jockey Abel Cedillo fell to the ground. There was no interference of any sort, and the Stewards declared this race official without any change in order of finish. Jockey Cedillo was taken off his mount in the following (2nd) race while he was being examined in the First Aid office. He was cleared to fulfill the rest of riding mounts for the afternoon after an examination. Veronica's Gem was vanned back to the barn of Brian Koriner for a thorough examination following the hard fall.

08/09/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two (2) voided claims today at Del Mar.

Race 2 #4 Cheekies (Tr. Francisco Garcia) Claiming \$32,000.00 Unsound-Nolton Pattio VMD

Race 3 #8 Disposition (Tr. Michael McCarthy) Claiming \$40,000.00 Unsound- Nolton Pattio VMD

08/09/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race Jockey Change #3 English Danger D. Herrera for A. Cedillo –Examined in First Aid

#5 True Patriot (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

3rd Race #1 September Magic (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer

#2 Running Super (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed, V. Cerin, trainer

4th Race #7 Rugelach (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer

5th Race Declaration #1 So I'm Told (Tr. M. Valenzuela Jr.) Entered Back-Stewards.

#10 Smiling Best (Tr. M. Glatt) Injured- Brent Cassady DVM

Refund: \$6,010.50

8th Race #1 Explain This Audit (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

#3 Bee Catcher (Tr. D. Blacker) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer

#6 Incredible Shot (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

08/09/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,424	\$909,525.89
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$2,039,956.67
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$9,341,356.04
TOTAL	9,277	\$12,290,838.60

SATURDAY

08/10/24¹

JUAN HERNANDEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Juan Hernandez appeared in the Stewards' office to review his winning ride in yesterday's \$100,000 Graduation Stakes. Jockey Hernandez was aboard the Peter Miller trained #3 R Heisman. Today's film review shows Jockey Hernandez used his riding crop seven (7) times during this 5 ½ furlong race. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #19

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 - first offense), Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ, who rode R HEISMAN in the seventh race (Purse \$100,000.00) at Del Mar Race Track on August 9, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (August 17, 2024), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

08/10/24²

TROY DIAL HEARING (CASE 24LT0004)

Los Alamitos based Trainer Troy Dial appeared in our office for an informal hearing today. Trainer Dial has been charged with an alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1581.1 (Entries).

CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama was here to present his eighteen (18) page complaint packet before the Stewards. The cover page of today's complaint reads as follows.

BEING BLESSED was entered into the 2nd Race at Los Alamitos on Saturday July 6, 2024. The trainer did not obtain a clearance to race from an attending veterinarian within the 72 hours prior to the entry blank submitted on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 and 48 hours prior to post time.

Trainer Dial made the drive from Los Alamitos today and was right on time for today's hearing. He was asked several questions during this hearing that was chaired by Steward Luis Jauregui. Decision to follow.

08/10/24³

SECOND RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing a three horse incident in mid-stretch. This race was contested at five (5) furlongs on the Jimmy Durante turf course and there were seven participants. Third place finisher #6 Forgiving Spirit (Reylu Gutierrez) drifted out directly into the path of sixth place finisher #3 Seismic Spirit (IRE) (Diego Herrera) forcing that rival to steady sharply after nearly clipping heels. When #3 Seismic Spirit (IRE) steadied, he was forced to shift outward and when doing so made contact with fifth place finisher #7 So I'm Told (Antonio Fresu).

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles of the incident, spoke to all jockeys involved and received a patrol judge report. In a unanimous decision #6 Forgiving Spirit was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey Reylu Gutierrez was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-1-(6)-5-7-3-4

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-1-5-7-3-(6)-4

08/10/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

In today's ninth race #11 Goldensunrise was claimed for \$12,500. Following a post-race examination by CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio this horse was declared unsound and now returns to the barn of original trainer Andy Mathis.

08/10/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 2nd Race Declaration #2 Time to Party (Tr. K. Bainum) Lamé in post parade-Brent Cassady DVM
- 2nd Race #4 Mamba On three (Tr. S. Wilensky) claimed, L. Barocio, trainer
- #6 Forgiving Spirit (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, P. Miller, trainer Refund: \$39,853.49
- 4th Race #6 Kamaina Cruiser (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) Injured- Laurie Bohannon, DVM Refund: \$977.91
- 5th Race Declaration #5 White Sands (Tr. W. Ward) Stake-Stewards Refund: \$2,728.42
- 9th Race #3 Pop d'Oro (Tr. J. Periban, claimed, R. Hanson, trainer
- #8 Devil Among Us (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed, S. Willams, trainer
- 10th Race Declaration #12 Judicious (Tr. P. D'Amato) Entered Back-Stewards

08/10/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	12,710	\$1,669,303.23
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$4,055,786.87
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$11,306,705.52
TOTAL	17,552	\$17,031,795.62

SUNDAY

08/11/24¹

TROY DIAL RULING (REF: 8/10/24(2))

Trainer Troy Dial appeared in our office yesterday for an informal hearing (CASE #24LT0004). The penalty in the ruling below is for a late 'clearance to race' examination. Our decision was unanimous.

DMTD RULING #20

Trainer TROY DIAL who started the horse BEING BLESSED in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries - Failure to have Attending Veterinarian Conduct an Examination 72 hours preceding entry).

08/11/24²

REYLU GUTIERREZ FILM REVIEW/RULING (REF: 8/10/24 (3))

Jockey Reyly Gutierrez appeared in our office to review films of yesterday's (August 10) second race. Jockey Gutierrez was aboard #6 Forgiving Spirit who finished third but was disqualified and placed sixth for mid-stretch interference in a five (5) furlong race on the turf course. Today's film review shows #6 Forgiving Spirit begin to drift out even before Jockey Gutierrez strikes his mount with his riding crop in his left hand. This makes his outward drift even more extreme and leads to the impeding of fifth place finisher #7 So I'm Told (Antonio Fresu) and sixth place finisher #3 Seismic Spirit (IRE)(Diego Herrera), who nearly clipped heels: Jockey Gutierrez, horse #6 Forgiving Spirit was disqualified and placed sixth in this race.

Jockey Gutierrez accepted responsibility for this ride. For riding carelessly the Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that the following penalty was warranted.

DMTD RULING #21

Jockey REYLU GUTIERREZ, who rode FORGIVING SPIRIT in the second race at Del Mar Race Track on August 10, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 18, 22 and 23, 2024) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch, causing interference, resulting in a disqualification from third to sixth place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 Riding – careless riding).

08/11/24³

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW/RULING

The Stewards called Jockey Armando Aguilar into their office today to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday August 10. Jockey Aguilar was aboard #10 War Is Hell who finished ninth in this 5 ½ furlong main track event. Race replays show Jockey Aquilar using his riding crop four (4) times while well out of contention. Aguilar did not seem to understand the Stewards level of concern for his needless use of the riding crop. Hopefully the enforcement action listed below will get him to comply with the riding crop rules going forward.

DMTD RULING #22

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (c)(5) (Use of Riding Crop – after horse obtained maximum placing) Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode WAR IS HELL in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on August 10, 2024, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*

08/11/24⁴

MICHAEL MACY HEARING (REF: 7/19/24(4))

Ricky Agarie filed a complaint (CASE #24SA0102) against Owner Michael J. Macy for an amount of \$4,712.00. This was training of the horse Soul Sweet. This hearing was originally held on July 19, 2024, here at Del Mar. That contentious hearing was continued to today as the Stewards requested that both parties provide more documents to make an equitable decision. Mr. Agarie told the Stewards he is currently not training horses but working as an exercise rider.

It was agreed at the end of this two-day hearing that the total amount agreed was to be \$3,500. Trainer Macy has agreed to make monthly payments of \$1,166 until his bill is paid in full. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired this hearing.

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SECOND RACE INQUIRY/HEROIC OUTRIDER

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review incident at the start of this six (6) furlong maiden race. #2 Brunchandcrunch (Abdul Alsagoor) ducked in very sharply and struck the inside temporary rail that is used for six (6) furlong races. This action, by this first-time starter, unseated Jockey Alsagoor. After this incident #2 Brunchandcrunch began to race, riderless in a clockwise (wrong way) direction towards the field of the remaining six (6) competitors.

At a high rate of speed Outrider Edgar Alferez captured #2 Brunchandcrunch while the Stewards were prepared to activate the emergency track warning system where a siren and warning lights can be activated to alert jockeys to 'pull up' their mounts. Track Outriders need to be talented horsemen with very healthy, well trained, experienced and fast horses. Along with the Stewards, DMTC management expressed appreciation to the 30 year old Outrider Alferez for his selfless courage involving today's incident.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 1st Race Declaration #7 Barbtourage (Tr. W. Ward) Transportation-Stewards
REFUND: \$4,711.78
- 3rd Race Declaration #1 Ivan the Great (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stake-Stewards
No Show Wagering REFUND: \$839.69
- 4th Race #9 Kitty Kitana (GB) (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
- 6th Race Declaration #4 Quintecents (Tr. L. Barocio) Sick-Brent Cassady DVM.
REFUND: \$1,479.65
- 6th Race #1 Sir Maximus (Tr. M. McCarthy) claimed, J. Periban, trainer
- 8th Race Declaration #5 Antifona (FR) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, V. Cerin, trainer
REFUND: \$2,998.05
- 9th Race Declarations #2 Debs Tiz (Tr. T. McCanna) Reared/Sat down in Paddock-Brent
Cassady DVM REFUND: \$30,736.47
#4 Clampett (Tr. M. Glatt) Entered Back—Stewards
- 9th Race #5 Mobe Town (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
#8 Bag's Gold (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer

08/11/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,489	\$1,427,381.67
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$3,966,115.81
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$9,917,222.26
TOTAL	12,853	\$15,310,719.74

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 8/05/24 TO 8/11/24

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	18
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	4

SUMMARY

	Thur 8/08	Fri 8/09	Sat 8/10	Sun 8/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	2	4
Cal-Bred Races	4	4	1	2	11	33
Claims	8	8	4	5	25	74
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	3
Inquiries	1	1	1	1	4	11
Refunds	0	1	3	6	10	90
Rulings	2	1	1	3	7	22
Voided Claims	1	2	1	0	4	14

Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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