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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 Tuesday, September 3, through Sunday, September 8, 2024.

TUESDAY

9/03/24¹ Steward GRANT BAKER was in the office to monitor scratches for Thursday's card.

WEDNESDAY

9/04/24¹

ENTRIES

Steward GRANT BAKER was in to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and scratches for Friday.

THURSDAY

9/05/24¹

GONZALEZ HEARING (case #24DM0018)

Apprentice Jockey MELVIS GONZALEZ participated in a hearing telephonically to respond to a financial complaint filed by his former agent Ron Freitas in the amount of \$3,973.63 for the service and supplies rendered. Mr. Freitas is seeking food and lodging for the couple of weeks Mr. Gonzalez was in town. After hearing all the facts, we will render a decision in the next couple of days.

9/05/24²

RULINGS

After receiving notice that Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ has dropped his appeal of ruling DMTC Ruling #16 (August 8, 2024), the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #39

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTC Ruling #13 (July 28, 2024) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 8, 27 and 28, 2024).

Jockey RELU GUTIERREZ also dropped his appeal of ruling DMTC Ruling #21 (August 11, 2024) and the following was issued. Steward Baker requested that Mr. Gutierrez start his suspension this Sunday and then go to Santa Anita. Steward Jauregui and Steward Sawyer voted that his suspension days start the first week of the Santa Anita fall meet.

DMTD RULING #40

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTC Ruling #21 (August 11, 2024) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey REYLU GUTIERREZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 27, 28 and 29, 2024).

9/05/24³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU was in to review Monday's fifth race in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry when he shifted inward at the ¼ pole putting pressure on the inside horses. Mr. Fresu stated his horse was a two-year-old and lugged in his previous start that is why he was carrying his riding crop in his left hand. In our opinion, Mr. Fresu could have given more space when passing the horses, he agreed. We unanimously voted to issue Mr. Fresu a suspension, Steward Baker voted for a six-day suspension since Mr. Fresu had a five-day suspension for a violation earlier in the meet. The five day suspension is currently under appeal. Steward Sawyer and Steward Jauregui voted for a three-day suspension, since the majority felt, the incident did not rise to a six-day suspension.

DMTD RULING #41

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode HOT GIRL WALK in the fifth race at Del Mar Race Track on September 2, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 13, 14, and 15, 2024) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the turn, causing interference, violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

9/05/24⁴

SMOOTH RACING

The eight-race card went very smooth other than some late changes and declarations listed below.

9/05/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#5 Madison Rae- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Bohannon, sick #6 Iconic Sky- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Augusten, unsound Refund: \$2,456.82
2 nd Race	No changes Refund: \$84.50
3 rd Race	#1 Ready to Pounce- Claimed by J. Sadler, trainer #2 Clampett- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #4 Elector- Claimed by S. Williams, trainer #5 Mogollon Rim- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Cassady, sick #7 Clouseau- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer Refund: \$878.52
4 th Race	#9 Willa T- VOIDED claim, returns to T. Yakteen Refund: \$890.46
5 th Race	#2 Keen to Go- C. Dollase, trainer #4 Leyas Candy- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer Refund: \$64.00
6 th Race	#11 Dancing Soul- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible #12 Act of Serendipity- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible #13 Tiny Prancer - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible Refund: \$1,411.20
7 th Race	#1 Merit Based- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #13 Sir Tom- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund: \$1,415.26
8 th Race	#5 War Swift- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, unsound

#13 Mining District- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible

#14 I'llhaveanotherwon- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible Refund: \$84,779.46

9/05/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,034	\$460,789.60
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$1,622,657.05
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$4,589,279.60
TOTAL	5,820	\$6,672,726.23

FRIDAY

9/06/24¹

CITATION

Trainer, ANTONIO GARCIA, was issued a citation during training on September 3, 2024, at Del Mar Racetrack. Mr. Garcia was witnessed by Safety Steward David Nuesch using his cell phone while mounted on a pony walking in the barn area leading a race horse. Mr. Garcia elected not to participate in the hearing, and accepted the following ruling. Steward Sawyer voted for a hundred dollar fine.

DMTD RULING #42

Trainer ANTONIO GARCIA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – using a cell phone on horseback) at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2024.

9/06/24²

AGUILAR RULING

Jockey, ARMANDO AGUILAR, was called in to review yesterday's fourth race when he used his riding crop when he was trailing the field. Mr. Aguilar failed to understand that he is not permitted to use crop when you have reached your maximum placing. Therefore, we issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #43

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 SMOOTH AS BUTTER in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on September 5, 2024, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*

9/06/24³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT (1 mile turf)

We posted the inquiry sign after the third race to review the stretch run in which the #1 Watershed Moment (A. Ayuso) ducked in going through the inside rail. After reviewing the video and speaking to the patrol judges we made no change to the order of finish. The video shows that the #1 ducked in on his own, not placing blame on any other runners. Both horse and rider were examined and no injuries were reported.

9/06/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Thank You Kera- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound
#12 Shoot for the Sky- J. Talamo replaces A. Cedillo, second call
#13 Pippa Philipa- Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund: \$3,595.97
- 2nd Race #2 R Heisman- Stewards' scratch- Stake (NO SHOW WAGERING)
Refund: \$4,059.77
- 3rd Race #8 Lady Chic- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick
#11 Madonna of Loreto- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#13 Caitlin Fever- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#14 Lady Lollipop- Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund: \$4,680.51
- 4th Race #8 Chasing Rain- Claimed by K. Bainum, trainer Refund: \$27.00
- 5th Race #3 Kelly's out (IRE)- Claimed by K. Bainum, trainer Refund: \$24.50
- 6th Race #3 I'm a Lucky Man- Claimed by S. Hernandez, trainer

- #5 Smarty Nose- M. Gutierrez replaces R. Ramirez, sick
- #6 Ultimate- Claimed by A. Savaadra, trainer
- #8 Man Overboard- Claimed by S. Sherman, trainer
- #9 Gypsy Lynn- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick
- #10 Cajun Brother- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer. Refund: \$710.62
- 7th Race #3 Sigiloso- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured
- #4 Code Duello- A. Ayuso replaces U. Rispoli, second call Refund: \$1,614.92
- 8th Race #9 Westeros- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer
- #12 Classic Alphie- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
- #13 L. Squared- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
- #14 Devilthebluegras- Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund: \$1,713.28

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,320	\$618,583.74
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$1,812,205.34
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$7,158,286.30
TOTAL	6,664	\$9,589,075.38

SATURDAY

9/07/24¹

BAZE RULING

The following ruling was issued after Jockey TYLER BAZE took full responsibility and accepted the penalty when he violated the Riding Crop rule in yesterday's eighth race.

DMTD RULING #44

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 TYLER BAZE, who rode WESTEROS in the eighth race Purse (\$27,000.00) at Del Mar Race Track on September 6, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 14, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

9/07/24²

KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW

Jockey KYLE FREY was in to review yesterday's second race in which he was making hard contact with the outside horse through the backside. The video shows he was blocked in and was attempting to force his way out. Mr. Frey stated that the contact wasn't as bad but did acknowledge that he made a mistake when his horse broke slow and should have just waited, instead of rushing up into the tight spot. We felt the contact was significant, therefore the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #45

Jockey KYLE FREY, who rode SHEA BRENNAN in the second race at Del Mar Race Track on September 6, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 14, 15, and 20, 2024) for altering course without sufficient clearance on the backside, causing interference, violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

9/07/24³

CITATION

Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR was in our office to respond to a citation that was issued by Safety Steward David Nuesch when he witnessed Mr. Alsagoor had posted a video on social media while riding a horse on the track during training on September 4, 2024. Mr. Alsagoor stated he did not know it was a violation. We explained to him it was a safety issue and the following ruling would be issued.

DMTD RULING #46

Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – using a cell phone on horseback) at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2024.

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COMMISSIONER VISIT

CHRB new Commissioner John Carvelli was in our office to visit Del Mar Race Track alongside with Chairman Gregory Ferrero and Safety Steward David Nuesch. Commissioner Carvelli asked questions to better understand everyone’s roles and procedures. Commissioner Carvelli has a standardbred background since he grew up on the east coast Harness tracks. He was very familiar with the horse racing industry. He and the Chairman visited all the key stake holders in our industry and visited the barn area as well as the test barn.

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STEWARDS’ INQUIRY

After the running of the fourth race, we posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the ¼ pole involving the second-place horse #4 Vodka With a Twist (M. Smith) and the fifth place horse #2 Noonni (J. Hernandez). After speaking to the patrol judges and to both riders, we made no change. In a unanimous opinion, we felt the #2 was drifting out into the #4 causing his own issues.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #11 Prince Dolce- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#12 Cullin J- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#13 Keep Dancin Nick- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#14 Sir Tom- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$4,751.35
- 2nd Race #5 Uncle Reg- VOIDED claim, returns to R. Baltas barn
#9 Neon Lights (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
#11 Park City- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer Refund: \$863.84
- 3rd Race #8 Coulair (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
#9 Muscled- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, unsound
#12 Snowdonia- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#13 Tab Walker- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#14 Toppers At Seaside- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$46,125.30
- 4th Race No changes Refund: \$205.50
- 5th Race #3 An Chorr Dubh (IRE)- Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund: \$2,901.62
- 6th Race #11 Grinnell- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$701.61
- 7th Race #13 Red Cross Knight- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#14 King Apollo- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$922.42
- 8th Race #10 Wishtheyallcouldbe- VOIDED claim, returns to R. Ellis barn Refund: \$11.10
- 9th Race No changes Refund: \$62.00
- 10th Race #5 Red Flag- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer
#13 McLaren Vale- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$516.70
- 11th Race #13 Flight to Quality (FR)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, unsound
#14 Chrome Dessert- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund: \$597.19

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,558	\$1,401,835.60
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$4,170,255.25
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$12,857,470.52
TOTAL	13,698	\$18,429,561.37

SUNDAY

9/08/24¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA was in to review his riding crop use in yesterday's eighth race. Mr. Perrera stated he only used his crop six times. The video was difficult to determine the last strike, therefore, he left without a penalty.

9/08/24²

VIDEO STEWARD DISCUSSION

FanDuel Correspondent Kurt Hoover was in our office to do a trial video segment to discuss our Stewards' Inquiries. The video segment was requested by the CHRB Headquarters, TOC and Del Mar Track Management to explain our decisions for transparency purposes.

9/08/24³

PRAT RULINGS

The following rulings were issued after Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT rode at Kentucky Downs (9/7/24) and here at Del Mar (9/8/24) while under suspension per ruling (DMTD #35 8/30/24). Per CHRB rule #1766 (Designated Races). He will be required to serve an additional suspension day.

DMTD RULING #47

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (September 14, 2024) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g) (Designated Races – participated in designated races out of state on September 7, 2024).

DMT RULING #48

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (September 15, 2024) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(f) (Designated Races – participated in two designated races in California on September 8, 2024).

9/08/24⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the #10 Aunt Mo (H. Berrios) the third place finisher who left from the starting gate very slow. After reviewing the video several times and speaking to the starter, the majority voted to declare the #10 a starter. The majority felt the #10 caused his own issues. Steward Jauregui voted to declare the horse a non-starter, Jauregui felt the assistant starter, never pointed the horse's head forward.

9/08/24⁵

STEWARDS' REVIEW (8TH race)

We conducted a Stewards' Review to examine the start of the #5 Windribbon (U. Rispoli) who broke very slow. After reviewing the video several times, we felt there was no need for an inquiry since the #5 caused his own issues.

9/08/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Ace Ace Baby- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer #4 Smile Baby Smile- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer #5 Beauty N the Bolt- Claimed by J. Sadler, trainer Refund: \$85.50
2 nd Race	#1 Mobou- Claimed by S. Hernadez, trainer #7 Trusty Rusty- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer #8 It's My House- S. Williams, trainer #9 Funkenstein- Claimed by S. Hernadez, trainer #10 Lord Sheldon- Claimed by A. Savaadra, trainer Refund: \$198.00
3 rd Race	#3 Tiny Prancer- D. Herrera replaces J. Talamo, second call # 14 Above All Else- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$1,973.95
4 th Race	#12 Mancuso- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 Lady of Light- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 Rose's Wish- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$2,749.01
5 th Race	#13 Maximum Capacity- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 Moon Ice- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$1,570.37
6 th Race	#1 Bertani- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick

#3 Fame- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, unsound
 #8 Prince of Power- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Augusten, injured
 Refund: \$11,463.91

7th Race #8 Please Focus- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, unsound
 #13 Mas Rapido (GB)- Stewards' scratch- Late Lasix
 #14 Took Charge- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$2,920.52

8th Race #1 So I'm Told- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, sick
 #14 Tizz a Good Thing- Stewards' scratch - also eligible Refund: \$831.35

9th Race #11 Pali Kitten- Stewards' scratch- stake
 #13 Uncle Dude- Stewards' scratch- stake
 #14 Johnson's Magic- Stewards' scratch- stake Refund: \$4,153.45

10th Race No changes Refund: \$64.00

11th Race #4 Abhite- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Augusten, unsound
 #13 Irresistible Force- J. Laprida replaces J. Talamo, who replaced
 T. Baze (second call) Refund: \$1,665.60

9/08/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,756	\$1,142,021.58
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$3,180,593.56
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$12,622,169.98
TOTAL	10,966	\$16,944,785.12

SUMMARY

	Thur 9/05	Fri 9/06	Sat 9/07	Sun 9/08	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	3	2	2	1	8	66
Claims	8	7	2	8	25	169
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	6
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2	22
Refunds	8	8	11	11	38	203
Rulings	3	2	3	2	10	48
Voided Claims	1	0	2	0	3	19

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 9/02/24 TO 9/08/24

Horses on Vet List 34
 Horses off Vet List 12
 Shock Wave Therapy 3
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0
 Claimed Voided 3