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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB Del Mar, California

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Report for Monday, August 11, 2025 through Sunday, August 17, 2025.

WEDNESDAY

08/13/25¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward Luis Jauregui was available to oversee the entry process for Saturday (10 races) and approve program changes for Friday.

THURSDAY

08/14/25¹

JUAREZ RULING ref 08-08-25¹

The following ruling was issued after the Stewards decision was made that included mitigating circumstances.

DMDT Ruling #20

Stable Worker/Groom MAYRA JUAREZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority rule #2230 (e) (Treatment Restrictions – possession of hypodermic needles and syringes –personal use/unused) on May 16, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

08/14/25²

BARILLAS RULING ref 08-08-25²

The following ruling was issued after the Stewards decision was made that included mitigating circumstances.

DMDT Ruling #21

Stable Worker/Groom YORIAN BARILLAS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority rule #2230 (e) (Treatment Restrictions – possession of hypodermic needles and syringes –personal use/unused) on May 16, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

08/14/25³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Ayuso and his agent Mike Ciani met with the Stewards to review the eighth race on Sunday that involved an incident that occurred soon after the start. Mr.

Ayuso aboard #9 drifted inward applying pressure to the # 8 and #7 horses to his inside. This drift put these two horses on heels and both had to check hard to be safe to not clip heels. This is Mr. Ayuso's third visit to the Stewards' office this meet, the other two visits involved two disqualifications. In a unanimous decision Mr. Ayuso received a three-day suspension for a careless ride listed in the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #22

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO , who rode DEVIL AMONG US in the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 10, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 28, 29, and 30, 2025) for crossing over without sufficient clearance soon after the start and causing interference, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules– careless riding).

08/14/25⁴

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIFTH RACE 5/8 turf

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident soon after the start. The main concern was #5 Midnight Musket (K. Frey 8th) who checked sharply. As several horses made slight movement no one individual could be singled out to be culpable of the episode. Therefore, a disqualification was not warranted.

08/14/25⁵

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination of #3 Cano for the Win who raced in the eighth race by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer R. B. Hess, Jr.

08/14/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund: \$1,144.76
2 nd Race	#1 Blue Fashion (Tr. M. Polanco) claimed by Tr. L. Mendez #9 Exington (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi Refund: \$1,455.94
3 rd Race	#5 Tight Squeeze (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cassady Refund: \$4,649.43
4 th Race	#4 Rebelexis (Tr. A. Psarras) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #9 Rockford Peach (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio. Refund: \$5,732.05
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$1,218.79
6 th Race	#2 Howbeit (J. Hernandez, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio #4 Halo Uncle (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga #8 Bag's Gold (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp Refund: \$2,163.42
7 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$265.00
8 th Race	#1 Cano for the Win (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio #3 Friends With Fidel (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis VOID. Refund \$1,187.01

08/14/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,095	819,462.40
SCOTWINC	2,089	2,368,491.46
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,376,372.64
TOTAL	9,184	9,564,326.50

FRIDAY
08/15/25¹

MILLER HEARING CASE 25SA0112

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Quentin Miller on behalf of San Francisco Equine Inc. for a debt owed in the amount of \$43,603.20 for veterinarian services rendered. The original hearing date (07-30-25) was continued at the request of the respondent who was unavailable to attend at that time.

The complaint read as follows;

The trainer Quentin Miller is indebted to San Francisco Equine Inc. in the amount of \$43,603.20 for services rendered. San Francisco Equine Inc. provided Miller with monthly invoices and also extended credit on his promise to pay. San Francisco Inc. provided CHRB Investigators with invoices that show veterinary treatments totaling \$43,603.20 which is attached to this complaint.

Present before the BOS were Mr. Miller, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. and representing SF Equine via telephone as Microsoft Teams failed to permit Dr. Kenneth Allison into the platform. Different amounts of money were discussed, and to move the hearing along Dr. Allison agreed to reduce the amount owed to \$20,000.00. A financial agreement was signed and Mr. Miller will settle the bill within ten months' time.

08/15/25²

HERRERA HEARING CASE 25DM0010

The CHRB filed a complaint against jockey Cristobal Herrera on behalf of Jockey Agent Kenneth Huth for an alleged debt owed in the amount of \$844.00 for agent services rendered. The complaint filed read as follows;

Jockey Cristobal Herrera is indebted to Jockey Agent Kenneth Huth in the amount of \$844.00 for mounts that Herrera received while Huth represented him as his Jockey Agent. Huth said Herrera owed him \$1,236.00 which was 25% of the total amount of earnings for all the mounts Herrera rode while Huth represented him. Huth said Herrera made him a payment of \$392.00 which leaves the remaining balance to be \$844.00. Huth provided CHRB Investigators with Equibase records of entries for Herrera which Huth says are the mounts that Herrera rode while being represented by him.

Present before the BOS were, Mr. Herrera and Investigator Vergara, Jr. Mr. Huth was notified via telephone by Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. when he was not present at the scheduled time. This hearing could easily have been dismissed if Mr. Huth had not been notified. Steward Baker chaired the hearing with Mr. Huth available by telephone. Mr. Herrera was present and on time. Both parties had valid arguments as to who owed who what. Each side made an offer to settle, neither could agree on a final number. This will necessitate the BOS to a make a final decision. More to follow.

08/15/25³

SMOOTH SAILING

The eight race card was performed without a ripple, changes made are listed below.

08/15/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race	#8 Uncle Happy (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. L. Powell
	#9 Trusty Rusty (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.
	Refund: \$8.50
2nd Race	#2 Madiha (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed by Tr. I. Tamayo
	#5 Tennesseehoneybee (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. S. Williams. Refund: \$15.30

3rd Race No Changes. Refund: \$152.61
 4th Race #6 Panuco (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. G. Stute
 #7 Valentines Candy (Tr. G. Stute) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Cassady
 #9 Don't Fly Stand By (Tr. J. K. Swezey) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio. Refund: \$1,053.97
 5th Race #5 Aguila Azul (Tr. R. DeLeon) Veterinarian-injured starting gate- Dr. Cassady. Refund: \$20,260.44
 6th Race #1 Hopeful (GB) (Tr. M. Glatt) Stewards-stake Refund: \$1,917.31
 7th Race #1 Dirty Words (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 #12 My Hero (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund: \$2,054.85
 8th Race No Changes. Refund: \$0.00

08/15/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,246	835,072.16
SCOTWINC	3,295	3,841,433.37
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,562,211.47
TOTAL	9,541	12,238,717.00

SATURDAY

08/16/25¹

LEZCANO RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation that jockey Abel Lezcano dropped his appeal of the suspension days issued at the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos Race Course.

DMTC Ruling #23

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LAFL Ruling #12 (June 28, 2025) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey ABEL LEZCANO is suspended for SEVEN (7) racing days (August 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2025).

08/16/25²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Ruben Silvera met with the Stewards to review the fifth race on Thursday (08-14-25) that involved an inquiry without a disqualification (ref 08-14-25⁴). It was hard to pin point any specific jockey of being responsible of wrongdoing, several contributed slightly to the confusion that occurred in this incident. The meeting was informative for Mr. Silvera to be aware of what the BOS expects from the jockey colony.

Kent Desormeaux as directed met with the BOS to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday. The discussion was the appearance of the possible lack of determination to pursue a better placing. The video was reviewed and Mr. Desormeaux was allowed to explain the actions or non-actions of his ride. He explained the horse was hard to ride, it has bad habits and a history of ducking out sharply at random moments. The horse did stumble at the start and is usually near the lead in previous races. He was informed it was the BOS duty to question any occurrence that appears to not be a normal ride.

08/16/25³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SECOND RACE 5/8 turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved was #6 Vancougar (H. I. Berrios DNF) who reared at the start and unseated the jockey as Starter Slender dispatched the field. After a review of the available videos in a unanimous decision the horse was declared a starter as there were no outside factors involved in the incident.

08/16/25⁴

FAULTY PLACING EQUIPMENT

Following the eighth race (DEL MAR OAKS) the Placing Judges inserted the correct order of finish into the console. The numbers that lit up the tote board and all outlets were incorrect. The Placing Judges tried to clear the board to no avail. Tote was notified via the intercom and tote cleared the numbers. Tote replaced the defective console before the ninth race.

08/16/25⁵

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #3 Unwritten Code (Tr. S. Knapp) who raced in the first race the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. Also #11 Rugelach (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) who raced in the sixth race was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided both claims and the horses returned to their original trainers.

08/16/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Unwritten Code (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Periban VOID. Refund: \$135.55
2 nd Race	#4 Natural Fighter (IRE) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon #6 Vancougar (Tr. P. Eurton) DNF. Refund: \$1,456.35
3 rd Race	No Changes. Refund: \$2,427.78
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$2,370.82
5 th Race	#7 Wild Cat Danzing (Tr. B. Galvin) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio#8 Lil' Boom Boom (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Bohannon. Refund: \$6,112.73
6 th Race	#4 Gypsy Woman (IRE) (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed - Tr. T. Yakteen #11 Rugelach (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by S. Wilensky VOID. Refund: \$67.10
7 th Race	#6 Mr My Hoyt (Tr. L. Mendez) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannon. Refund: \$562.08
8 th Race	#11 Miso Phansy (Tr. L. Powell) Steward-stake #12 Striver (Tr. D. O'Neill) DNF. Refund: \$1,154.02
9 th Race	#1 Four O Six Creed (Tr. R. Diodoro) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins #3 Joint Venture (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed - Tr. R. Ellis #4 Get Her Number (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. A. Garcia #7 Contrary Chieftain (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt Refund: \$265.00
10 th Race	#8 Gathered (M.McCarthy)Veterinarian medicationDr.Cassady #10 Auntie (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-medication-Dr. Cassady. Refund: \$3,104.58

08/16/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	12,427	2,021,890.18
SCOTWINC	5,244	6,174,756.92
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,155,398.52
TOTAL	17,671	19,352,045.62

SUNDAY

08/17/25¹

HERRERA DECISION ref 08-15-25²

Following the Stewards' decision jockey Cristobal Herrera was verbally informed he is required to pay Jockey Agent Ken Huth FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* within one week.

08/17/25²

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIFTH RACE 5/8 turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident mid-stretch. Involved were #4 Zoffarelli (IRE) (J. Hernandez 9th) and #8 Harcyn (A. Aguilar 1st). #8 veered out sharply causing #4 to quickly steady off of its heels. After a report from the Patrol Judge, conversation with both jockeys and a review of the videos in a unanimous decision there was no change in the original order of finish. This action of #8 did not affect the final placing.

08/17/25³

VOIDED CLAIM

After confirmation that # 5 Ah Jeez was ambulance removed after the third race the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List and the Stewards voided the claim. The horse returned to the stable of trainer Doug O'Neill.

08/17/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Lee's Baby Boy (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured Starting- gate-Dr. Cassady
#5 Conducted (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Cassady. Refund: \$284,783.40

2nd Race #1 Cherry Cider (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cassady Refund: \$2,355.67

3rd Race #4 Crosby Beach (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
#5 Ah Jeez (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt VOID Refund: \$57.00

4th Race #1 Jalisco (Tr. F. Rondan) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
#4 One Happy Dude (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannon
#5 Closing Time (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. S. Sherman Refund: \$886.24

5th Race No Changes. Refund: \$56.00

6th Race #8 Petite Ange (Tr. J. K. Sweezy) claimed by E. Alvarez Refund: \$323.50

7th Race #1 Misco Phansy (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-stake
9 Dorie Miller (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-stake Refund: \$3,711.28

8th Race #6 Doo Wop Don (Tr. B. Wright) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis
#9 Nation (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr. Refund: \$30.00

9th Race #9 Thea (Tr. T. McCanna) A. Lezcano replaced M. Smith (personal). Refund: \$75,205.68

08/17/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,361	1,161,466.84
SCOTWINC	4,391	4,008,018.08
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	10,102,190.65
TOTAL	12,752	15,271,675.57

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/11/25 TO 08/17/25

Horses on Vet List	27
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	2

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/14	Fri 08/15	Sat 08/16	Sun 08/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	1	2	6	38
Claims	4	7	5	9	25	91
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	1	0	1	1	3	15
Refunds	8	7	10	9	34	153
Rulings	3	0	1	0	4	23
Voided Claims	1	0	2	1	4	11

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