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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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- Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for Wednesday, September 3, 2025 through Sunday, September 7, 2025.

WEDNESDAY

09/03/25¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward Luis Jauregui attended to entries for Saturday (11 races) and approved program changes for Friday (8 races).

THURSDAY

09/04/25¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward Luis Jauregui again was available to resolve any issues pertaining to entries for Sunday (11 races) and oversee declarations and program changes for Saturday.

FRIDAY

09/05/25¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday. In particular, his actions during the race when he used his crop left-handed that caused the horse to drift out. Conversation was had, pertaining to how to prevent this in the future. He confessed he should have gathered his horse up after the horse stepped out, instead of the use of the crop again which caused the horse to veer outward dramatically. Warning.

09/05/25²

MUSSAD HEARING CASE 25DM0015

The CHRB filed a complaint against Apprentice Jockey/Exercise Rider David Mussad for an alleged violation for CHRB rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers)

Present before the BOS were respondent David Mussad and CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon who compiled the complaint filed. Steward Baker chaired the hearing.

The complaint read as follows;

On July 24 David Mussad failed to present his CHRB ID when asked by a Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) Security Officer while he was within the restricted area of the Winner's Circle after the 8th race. Several days later on July 31, Mussad was involved in a verbal altercation with two DMTC Officers and a San Diego County Sheriff Deputy near the paddock. Mussad was subsequently banned from Del Mar Racetrack by the DMTC.

Testimony was given by Mr. Mussad, CHRB witnesses, DMTC Security Lt. Roger Mathis and DMTC Security Officer Lewis Norman. Also, Executive Director Vice President of Winner's Foundation Darin Scharer was available by telephone and gave a synopsis of Mr. Mussad's progress since he voluntarily sought direction from Winners. There was positive testimony about the advancement he has made. Documents were submitted as evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

09/05/25³

STEWARDS' REVIEW /EIGHTH RACE /NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race a Stewards' Review was posted and announced to analyze the start that involved #8 Sasafran (M. Demuro 8th). After watching the available video angles in a unanimous opinion #8 was declared a starter. There were no other factors for the tardy start of #8 other than the horse instigating his own problems.

09/05/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 H Q Wilson (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. P. D'Amato #6 Jewlz (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$2,661.72
2 nd Race	No Changes. Refund \$64.00
3 rd Race	#5 Rocksalt (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Cassady. Refund \$80,206.23
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$1,990.76
5 th Race	#9 Wishtheyallcouldbe (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cassady #10 Scary Fast Ride (Tr. S. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$4,360.82
6 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$2,520.25
7 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$300.00
8 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$858.60

09/05/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,953	690.884.68
SCOTWINC	2,514	2,304,182.04
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,827,284.68
TOTAL	7,467	10,822,351.45

SATURDAY

09/06/25¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Juan Hernandez met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the eighth race yesterday. After an evaluation, he stated he lost count during the race and apologized. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #36

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) Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ who rode PENNY WORTH in the eighth race (Purse \$80,000) at Del Mar Race Track on September 5, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 20, 2025) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Ricardo Jaime also met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the third race yesterday. Mr. Jaime also stated he lost count, the Stewards agreed he was on a tough horse to ride. He informed us it was his first win at Del Mar, his jockey career started in 1999. He was very candid and apologetic about his mistake. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #37

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) Jockey RICARDO JAIME who rode CAGEY BURGLAR in the third race (Purse \$23,000) at Del Mar Race Track on September 5, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 20, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

09/06/25²

EXTENSION REQUEST

Apprentice jockey Welfin Orantes met with the Stewards to request an extension on his apprentice certificate that expires on September 15, 2025. Earlier (July 9, 2025) Mr. Orantes had to return to his native country of Guatemala to attend a prearranged scheduled appointment (July 11, 2025) to renew his visa/permanent residence. This date was scheduled by his country and could not be changed. He has been working with an attorney to assist with this procedure to allow him to remain in this country. He stated he had to remain there (Guatemala) until he received the necessary documents in the mail to be able to return. The CHRB rule 1500 was discussed with Mr. Orantes and the BOS will decide if this request is considered a hardship as stated in CHRB rule 1500 (j) (2). He was told we would have an answer tomorrow. More to follow.

09/06/25³

RUBENSTEIN HEARINGS CASE 25SA0085 & 25SA0089

The CHRB filed two separate financial complaints against Owner Jordon W. Rubenstein for a debt owed to platers' Wes Champagne and Dean Balut who tag team on blacksmith duties.

The two complaints read as follows;

Dean Balut provided farrier services to HAMLIN for owner Jordan Rubenstein who had 50% ownership of the horse. The farrier provided a full set of regular shoes for HAMLIN (\$125) on January 15, 2025, a full set of regular shoes for HAMLIN (\$125) on February 18, 2025, a full set of regular shoes for HAMLIN (\$125) on March 18, 2025, a full set of regular shoes for HAMLIN (\$125) on April 23, 2025, and a full set of regular shoes for HAMLIN (\$125) on June 18, 2025. An invoice was prepared in the amount of \$625 as of June 30, 2025,

which was sent to Jordan Rubenstein via email on July 25, 2025, and remains outstanding to this day.

Wes Champagne provided farrier services to HAMLIN for owner Jordan Rubenstein who had 50% ownership of the horse. The farrier shod tempered shoes for HAMLIN (\$112.50) on December 28, 2024, and shod tempered shoes for HAMLIN (\$112.50) on May 14, 2025. An invoice was prepared in the amount of \$250.00 as of May 28, 2025, which was sent to Jordan Rubenstein via email on May 28, 2025, and remains outstanding to this day.

These hearings were scheduled for 11:30 am and 12:00 pm. The bookkeeper for both platers was available by telephone for the hearings. Mr. Rubenstein failed to appear or contact the BOS. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

09/06/25⁴

SMOOTH SAILING

The eleven-race card was performed without a ripple. Changes made are listed below.

09/06/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Icons Only (Tr. C. Gaines) T. Baze replaced D. Van Dyke (injured). Refund \$544.50

2nd Race #4 Man Child (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga
#6 My Man Bags (Tr. G. Lopez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$1,062.14

3rd Race No Changes. Refund \$1,316.45

4th Race #8 Dontellmewhattodo (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) E. Maldonado replaced D. Van Dyke (injured) Refund \$196.22

5th Race #5 Nakota (IRE) (Tr. P. Gallagher) A. Ayuso replaced D. Van Dyke (injured)
#8 Storm Lady (GB) (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$1,858.65

6th Race No Changes. Refund \$156.50

7th Race #3 Pride of Queens (Tr. D. O'Neill) Steward-stake
#9 Improbable U (Tr. J. Thomas) Steward-stake Refund \$2,458.70

8th Race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

9th Race #1 Mahina (Tr. P. Gallagher) M. Demuro replaced D. Van Dyke (injured) Refund \$24.00

10th Race No Changes. Refund \$30.00

11th Race Refund \$694.50

09/06/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,430	1,509,822.22
SCOTWINC	4,963	5,425,902.44
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,000,459.61
TOTAL	13,393	17,936,184.27

SUNDAY
09/07/25¹

MUSSAD RULING ref 09-05-25²

The following ruling was issued after the BOS deliberated the evidence and facts presented at the hearing, mitigating testimony was taken into consideration. All requirements necessary for Mr. Mussad to hold a license in California are listed along with a penalty in the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #38

Apprentice Jockey DAVID MUSSAD is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule #1930 Obedience to Security Officers – Vulgar Language) on July 24, 2025 and July 31, 2025 at Del Mar Race Track. David Mussad must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign and adhere to a testing agreement at all times while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to adhere to terms set by the Winners Foundation, shall result in the immediate suspension of all licenses held by David Mussad.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

09/07/25²

RUBENSTEIN RULING ref 09-06-25³

The following ruling was issued after owner Jordon W. Rubenstein failed to appear for a scheduled financial hearing yesterday.

DMTD Ruling #39

Owner JORDAN RUBENSTEIN, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Del Mar Race Track on or before September 6, 2025, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an Appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$625.00 to Horseshoer Dean Balut and \$250.00 to Horseshoer Wes Champagne). Suspension commences on September 21, 2025.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in jurisdiction.

09/07/25³

ORANTES RULING ref-09-06-25²

In a majority opinion apprentice jockey Welfin Orantes was granted an extension for time spent out of the country to obtain proper documentation to continue his career as described in yesterday's minutes. Steward Jauregui dissented that Mr. Orantes's reason (immigration) does not fall under any of the five qualifications listed in CHRB rule 1500 (i) (1). Steward Jauregui does believe that he deserves the two days when he was injured, just not the twenty-one days extended. The extension date is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #40

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1500 (Apprentice Jockey) WELFIN ORANTES, is granted an extension of his Apprentice allowance for a period of twenty – one (21) days, for good cause. The apprentice allowance of WELFIN ORANTES will terminate on October 6, 2025.

09/07/25⁴

WINNER'S CIRCLE TELEPHONE

The Stewards have had problems with the use of the telephone located in the winner's circle this meet. During Steward inquires and/or jockey objections two-way conversations between jockeys and Stewards have been difficult at times. Often only one party can hear the conversation. A headset has been installed this week but has not been utilized yet. With only two race days before the upcoming Breeder's Cup World Championship races the Stewards obviously want optimal communication with jockeys on October 31 and November 1 and beyond.

09/07/25⁵

GOOD RACING

The final day of the Del Mar Summer meet was executed without notable incident.

09/07/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Blue Fashion (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. S. Williams #3 Eltonsingsanother (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. E. Alvarez #5 Petite Ange (Tr. E. Alvarez) claimed by Tr. P. Oviedo #8 Looks Lucky (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt #9 Coldasice (Tr. K. Bainum) Veterinarian-injured Dr. Cassady. Refund \$13,017.60
2 nd Race	#2 Arisaka (Tr. P. Eurton) Veterinarian-injured Dr. Cassady #7 Tiggrrr Whitworth (Tr. S. Knapp) Steward-loose post parade. Refund \$31,052.72
3 rd Race	#3 Rastaman Vibe (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund \$243.22
4 th Race	WIN WAGER ONLY. Refund \$548.59
5 th Race	#5 Violets Song (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$2,194.99
6 th Race #2	Bella's Bro (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$718.45
7 th Race	#12 Listenupshance (Tr. D. O'Neill) DNF
8 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$177.00
9 th Race	#6 Classico (Tr. D. O'Neill) Steward-stake #9 Punto Forty (Tr. D. O'Neill) Steward-stake #15 Stay for the Boom (Tr. C. Davis) A. Fresu replaced D. Van Dyke (injured) Refund \$1,932.80
10 th Race	#3 Don't Ju Forget (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou. Refund \$269.10
11 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$578.50

09/07/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,749	1,221,664.68
SCOTWINC	4,285	4,132,591.66
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,401,426.84
TOTAL	11,034	16,755,683.18

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/1/25 TO 09/07/25

Horses on Vet List	25
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	6
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Voided Claims	1

SUMMARY

	No Racing	Fri 09/5	Sat 09/6	Sun 09/7	Week	Meet
Accidents	n/a	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races		3	1	2	6	65
Claims	n/a	1	1	6	8	140
Disqualifications		0	0	0	0	7
Inquiries	n/a	0	0	0	0	24
Refunds		8	11	11	30	247
Rulings	n/a	0	2	3	5	40
Voided Claims		0	0	0	0	19

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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