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Report for Monday, September 29, 2025 through Sunday, October 5, 2025.

MONDAY
09/29/25¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, October 4. Ten (10) races were drawn by racing officials Robert Moreno and Charles McCaul. Ninety (90) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer oversaw all matters for the CHRB today.

TUESDAY
09/30/25¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, October 5. There will be ten (10) races carded Sunday. Ninety-five (95) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was in the Stewards' office today.

THURSDAY
10/02/25¹

ELIFONSO RIVERA COMPLAINT (CASE #25DM0011)

Groom Elifonso Rivera has been charged with alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The cover page of today's sixteen (16) page complaint reads as follows:

On July 21, 2025, the victim reported to Del Mar Security a Sexual Battery that took place against her. Ventura said the groom "Alonzo" slapped her right buttock with his right hand while she was working at Trainer Tim Mc Canna's barn. The subject "Alfonzo" who committed the act against her was later identified as the groom Elifonso Rivera.

The alleged female victim in this case was in attendance in our office today. CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. was also present. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) was also present. Steward Luis Jauregui opened the record. Investigator Vergara was asked a few questions. Respondent Elifonso Rivera failed to appear. More to follow.

10/02/25²

JOSE PEREZ COMPLAINT (CASE #25DM0038)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Assistant Starter Jose Perez for the alleged violation of CHRB Rule# 1902.5 (Animal Welfare) and Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). The cover page of today's fifteen (15) page complaint reads as follows:

Video footage shows Assistant Starter Jose Perez hitting a horse in the head two times with an open hand while assisting the horse and rider inside the starting gate during a workout on July 26, 2025.

The investigation in this case was initiated after Trainer Simon Callaghan, on August 8, 2025, contacted the Stewards on the telephone. He said he came across a video on this day where one of his trainees was in the starting gate prior to a workout. The date that this video was taken was July 26, 2025. He said an Assistant Starter hit his horse. Stewards immediately contacted CHRB investigators about looking into the alleged incident.

Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed today's proceedings. CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. presented a fifteen (15) page complaint packet before Stewards. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the proceedings. A video, taken by an undisclosed person, was presented by Investigator Vergara. Testimony was given and documents, including the video, were marked as exhibits and moved into evidence. More to follow.

10/02/25³

JOSE DELGADILLO COMPLAINT (CASE #25SA0122)

Exercise Rider Jose Delgadillo appeared in the Stewards' office to answer charges of alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Along with Exercise Rider Delgadillo, also present was CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr., who presented a forty (40) page complaint that he prepared for this hearing. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

On July 11, 2025, Exercise Rider Jose Delgadillo was arrested at Santa Anita for PC-647 (F)- Public Intoxication by the Arcadia Police Department. Delgadillo refused to leave the property when asked by Santa Anita Security and was barred from Santa Anita and all 1st Racing racetracks.

Steward Luis Jauregui chaired today's informal hearing. Winners' Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer appeared on behalf of Mr. Delgadillo. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

10/03/25¹

ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's 9th race (\$200,000 Guaranteed Santa Anita Sprint Championship). Jockey Ayuso was aboard #3 Awesome Rhythm, who finished fifth in this six (6) furlong Grade 2 event.

Today's film review shows #3 Awesome Rhythm drift out and contact sixth place finisher #6 Wound Up (David Cohen). Jockey Ayuso accepted full responsibility for departing from a straight course in this race. The Stewards unanimously felt that this ride was not penalty worthy.

10/03/25²

RON BREWER RULING

Owner Ron Brewer failed to appear, as ordered, for a hearing at Del Mar Racetrack on July 18, 2025. Del Mar Stewards suspended Owner Brewer on July 20, 2025 (DMTD Ruling #1) for failing to appear. Jenna Powell, on behalf of Veterinarian Michael Manno, informed CHRB Enforcement yesterday (October 2) that \$773.62 has been paid in full. The following ruling was issued today reinstating the license privileges on Ron E. Brewer.

LATC RULING #6

Owner RON E. BREWER, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$773.62 to San Dieguito Equine Group- Dr. Manno) is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTD #01, issued at Del Mar Race Track on July 20, 2024, is set aside.

10/03/25³

ELIFONSO RIVERA RULING (REF: 10/02/25¹)

Groom Elifonso Rivera slapped the buttock of a female stable employee in the Del Mar stable area on July 21, 2025. On July 25, 2025, Del Mar Security provided CHRB Investigator's with a comprehensive Incident Report which involved an alleged sexual battery on the backside of Del Mar. The whereabouts of Elifonso Rivera have been unknown since this alleged incident. He was served this complaint (Case #25DM0011) via Certified Mail to his last known address. For failing to appear at yesterday's (October 2) hearing, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATC RULING #7

Groom ELIFONSO RIVERA having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before October 2, 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ELIFONSO RIVERA suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1578 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/03/25⁴

MARK GLATT RULING

Trainer Mark Glatt entered Take a Breath (GB) into a race on Sunday September 28. After time of entry Trainer Glatt requested to have his horse registered on authorized bleeder medication. For the late registration, in a unanimous decision, the following ruling was issued.

LATC RULING #8

Trainer MARK GLATT, who started the horse TAKE A BREATH (GB) in the tenth race on September 28, 2025, at Santa Anita Park is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

10/03/25⁵

ABEL LEZCANO FILM REVIEWS/RULING

Jockey Abel Lezcano appeared in the Stewards' office to review two (2) of his rides, yesterday September 28. Jockey Lezcano was accompanied today by his agent Ryan Glatt and Jockey Tyler Baze.

1st Race—Jockey Lezcano was aboard #2 Irish Element, who finished third in this one (1) mile turf event. Film review shows Lezcano using his riding crop eight (8) times while on his way to a third-place finish.

3rd Race- This race was a 3-horse field contested on the main (dirt) track. At the ¼ mile pole Jockey Lezcano, aboard first place finisher #4 Ole Silver drifts in unnecessarily and contacts #1 Ivory Moon (Armando Aguilar). Two facts made this contact unnecessary in the opinion of the Stewards. This was only a 3-horse field and the horse that Jockey Lezcano rode won this race by over twelve (12) lengths. The Stewards were disappointed by Jockey Lezcano's overall performance with this winning ride but no penalty was issued.

For Jockey Lezcano's actions in Race 1 the following ruling was issued.

LATC RULING #9

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – second offense) Jockey ABEL LEZCANO, who rode IRISH ELEMENT in the first race (Purse \$60,000) at Santa Anita Park on September 28, 2025, is suspended for TWO (2) days (October 17 and 18, 2025) and fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.
(Prior violation 06/28/2025 – LAFL Ruling #11)

10/03/25⁶

INCORRECT SUPERFECTA PAYOFF

We were informed by Santa Anita Director of Pari-Mutuels Don Sanborn that there was a problem concerning the Superfecta payoff of today's fourth race. The Superfecta was priced incorrectly, resulting in the need for a manual correction. There was a delay in the opening of wagering pools for Race 5 following this incident.

A letter of explanation from United Tote has been requested and will be sent to the CHRB.

10/03/25⁷

FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an accident at about the 3/16 mile marker on the turf course. Two horses and their jockeys fell as a result of an incident in this 1 1/8 mile event.

The Stewards wanted to analyze the actions of second place finisher #4 Hey Demps (Kent Desormeaux) and #1 Blue Oasis (Jeremy Laprida) and #2 Lita Way (Kyle Frey) who both fell in the aforementioned accident. At the 3/16th marker #4 Hey Demps, racing in second position, drifts out slightly and then back inward while straightening out for the stretch drive. Very quickly after the inward drift, #1 Blue Oasis, racing to the inside, clips the heels of #4 Hey Demps and falls, unseating Jockey Jeremy Laprida. About a full second later, #2 Lita Way runs into #4 Hey Demps, falls, and unseats Jockey Kyle Frey.

The Stewards spoke to Jockey Kent Desormeaux. The other two jockeys included were being attended to by medical personnel. We reviewed all camera angles (including drone view) of the accident and received a Patrol Judge report. In an unanimous vote, #4 Hey Demps was disqualified and placed unplaced. Kent Desormeaux was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original Order of Finish: 8 – **4** – 7 – 5 – 3 – 6 – 1 DNF – 2 DNF

Official Order of Finish: 8 – 7 – 5 – 3 – 6 – 1 DNF – 2 DNF – **4 unplaced**

Both Jockeys were examined following the accident. Jeremy Laprida was in good condition. Kyle Frey was taken off his mounts the rest of the day by the Santa Anita Track Physician. #1 Blue Oasis and #2 Lita Way were transported back to their barns for examination.

10/03/25⁸

NINTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

Stewards conducted a Stewards' Review into the events on the 7/8ths turn in this one (1) mile turf race. #1 Dontmesswithtess (Serafin Carmona-ninth place) was lugging out going into the turn and makes significant contact with third place finisher #5 She's a Joker (Umberto Rispoli). Due to where these two rivals finished there was no reason to escalate this 'review' into a formal Inquiry.

10/03/25⁹

VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two (2) voided claims on today's nine race card.

Race 5 #1 Blue Oasis claim voided. Returns to the barn of original trainer Tim Yakteen.
#6 Tavolara claim voided. Returns to the barn of original trainer Carla Gaines.

10/03/25¹⁰

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th Race Declaration #7 Crunchy (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$471.30
4th Race #4 Hey Demps (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer
6th Race Declaration #2 Megaton Man (Tr. J. Bonde) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$559.70
6th Race #4 Ballyhooligan (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer
9th Race #3 Breve (Tr. M. Badilla) Unsound- Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND: \$2,779.90
9th Race #6 Issa Court (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, R. B. Hess Jr., trainer
#8 Runamileinmyshoes (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

10/03/25¹¹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,008	\$426,306.46
SCOTWINC	2,555	\$932,658.59
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,391,181.41
TOTAL	5,563	\$7,185,286.37

SATURDAY

10/04/25¹

ARMANDO AYUSO RULING (REF: DM MINUTES 08/14/25³)

CHRB General Counsel Jacquelyn Loyd informed that the attorney representing Jockey Armando Ayuso has agreed to drop the pending appeal of DMTD (Del Mar) Ruling #22 issued by Del Mar Stewards on August 14, 2025. Jockey Ayuso has now agreed to serve the following three (3) day riding suspension.

LATC RULING #10

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #22, issued at Del Mar Race Track on August 14, 2025, has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 17, 18, and 19, 2025).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/04/25²

JOSE DELGADILLO RULING (REF: 10/02/25³)

Exercise Rider Jose Delgadillo was contacted by the Stewards today and informed of the decision memorialized in ruling form below. The rule violation in this matter took place in the stable area of Santa Anita Park on July 11, 2025.

LATC RULING #11

Exercise Rider JOSE DELGADILLO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - intoxication) on July 11, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

Furthermore, JOSE DELGADILLO must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and shall remain on 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 JOSE DELGADILLO.

10/04/25³

KENT DESORMEAUX FILM REVIEW/RULING (REF: 10/03/25⁶)

Jockey Kent Desormeaux appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's (October 3) fifth race. There was an accident in this race and the Stewards wanted to determine Jockey Desormeaux's involvement in the incident.

This informal hearing lasted much longer than a typical review. All available camera angles were utilized at today's hearing. Jockey Desormeaux, aboard original second place finisher #4 Hey Demps, originally 'stepped out' before drifting back inward at the 3/16ths mile marker. #1 Blue Oasis (Jeremy Laprida) clipped the heels of Jockey Desormeaux's mount and fell. Another horse in this turf race (#2 Lita Way-Kyle Frey) also fell when it was unable to avoid #1 Blue Oasis.

Jockey Desormeaux accepted 'partial responsibility' for the incident, however he felt the jockey of #1 Blue Oasis also played some part in the series of events. Stewards felt Jockey Desormeaux drifted in a full 'path' prior to the accident. Stewards gave partial weight to his analysis that another rider could have helped the situation. However, Jockey Desormeaux honestly told the Stewards that he didn't know #1 Hey Demps was to his inside. In a unanimous decision, the following ruling was issued.

LATC RULING #12

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX, who rode HEY DEMPS in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on October 3, 2025, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (October 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, resulting in an accident in the stretch and the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races). The term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/04/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIM/RACE 4

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio informed us that following the running of this race, that third place finisher #4 Charge of Gold was determined to be unsound. The Stewards voided this claim, and the horse returned to the barn of original trainer Phil Ovideo.

10/04/25⁵

TENTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

Track Announcer Frank Mirahmadi broadcast that a Stewards' Review would be conducted into the \$100,000 Guaranteed Speakeasy Stakes. Stewards wanted to review the actions of eleventh place finisher #7 A. P. Again (David Cohen) at the start of this five (5) furlong turf event. Race replays show that this horse caused his own tardy beginning and that no formal Inquiry was needed.

10/04/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #8 Frank Bullitt (Tr. D. Winick) Mistakenly treated with Lasix, Association Error-Stewards. REFUND: \$1,487.89
4th Race #8 Yacowlef (IRE) (Tr. H. Palma) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
5th Race Declarations #2 Need Mo Diamonds (Tr. P. Capestro) Injured-Jay Deluhrey DVM
#3 Kid Kayak (Tr. G. Vallejo) Unsound—Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$482.70
6th Race Declaration #4 Medici (Tr. R. Mandella) Entered Back—Stewards
REFUND: \$1,849.10

10/04/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,767	\$1,046,899.50
SCOTWINC	3,918	\$1,546,132.19
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$7,276,919.65
TOTAL	10,685	\$10,617,845.10

SUNDAY
10/05/25¹

ANTONIO FRESU RULING (REF MINUTES: SA 02/23/25², SA 02/28/25³, LA 09/20/25² & SA 09/28/25¹)

Jockey Antonio Fresu received a four-day suspension for his ride in the seventh race on February 23, 2025, at Santa Anita (LATS Ruling #43—02/28/25). He appealed that ruling.

Los Alamitos (Thoroughbred meet) Stewards were informed by the CHRB that the appeal of that ruling had been overruled. We then issued LATL Ruling #5 (09/25/25) suspending Jockey Fresu four (4) days. On Saturday October 4, 2025, Jockey Fresu rode in three (3) 'designated races, at Santa Anita. The following ruling completes Jockey Fresu's original ruling. He now completes his term of suspension on an equivalent day (Saturday) of the week on which he participated in designated races.

LATC RULING #13

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (October 11, 2025) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(f) (Designated Races – participated in more than one designated race in California on October 4, 2025).

10/05/25²

JOSE PEREZ DECISION (REF: 10/02/25²)

The assistant starter Jose Perez was contacted by Stewards this morning. He was informed that both alleged rule violations filed against him (Case #25DM0038) had been dismissed. Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare) was dismissed in a unanimous decision. Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) was dismissed in a majority decision (Steward Baker dissent). The hearing for Mr. Perez was held Thursday October 2.

10/05/25³

GOOD RACING

Today's ten (10) race card went well, as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

10/05/25⁴

VOIDED CLAIM—RACE 5

First place finisher #7 Day Man was claimed out of the fifth race for \$32,000. Following the race CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio VMD informed the Stewards this horse was unsound. Stewards voided the claim and this horse returns to the barn of original trainer Michael McCarthy.

10/05/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #10 Balaza (Tr. J. Mullins) Turned over entering Track-Stewards. REFUND: \$31,272.51

2nd Race Jockey Change #2 Winds of Freedom K. Frey for E. Maldonado-Took off/Scratch Time-Stewards

3rd Race Declaration #8 Ryder's Candy (Tr. A. Saavedra) Injured-Nolton Pattio-DVM. REFUND: \$661.64

4th Race Declarations #3 Medici (Tr. R. Mandella) Injured-Jay Deluhery DVM #4 Charlie's Curlin (Tr. P. Miller) Stake- Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,503.09

6th Race Jockey Change #5 Starts Now J. Hernandez for H. Berrios—Injured

7th Race Declaration #3 Bad to the Bones (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$317.09

8th Race Jockey Change #4 South Bay R. Gonzalez for H. Berrios—Injured

9th Race Declaration #10 Geezer (Tr. H. Palma) Sick—Laurie Bohannon DVM
REFUND: \$305.22

10th Race Declaration #10 Master Cylinder (A. Ordonez) Unsound -Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$386.10

10th Race Jockey Change #8 Tiger to You G. Franco for H. Berrios-Injured

10/05/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,244	\$900,413.95
SCOTWINC	3,040	\$1,080,910.59
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,634,106.25
TOTAL	8,284	\$9,133,257.04

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/03	Sat 10/04	Sun 10/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	2	7	11
Claims	4	1	0	5	11
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	3
Refunds	9	7	10	26	36
Rulings	4	3	1	8	13
Voided Claims	2	1	1	4	3

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/29/25 – 10/05/25

Horses on Vet List	23
Horses off Vet List	18
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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