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Report for Monday, October 5, 2026, through Monday, October 12, 2026.

MONDAY
10/05/26[1]

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries and to resolve issues and concerns related to the industry and CHRB rules. A power outage occurrence delayed the racing office's ability to take entries until the computers were once again available. There were ten races carded for the Sunday's race card. Friday's nine race program changes were also approved.

TUESDAY
10/06/26[1]

DUTY STEWARD

Again, Mr. Jauregui attended to Steward responsibilities while on duty to supervise entries. The draw was delayed due to waiting on a required Veterinarian examination of a possible entrant, which eventually was futile as the examination could not be finalized. Again, the racing office was able to formulate another ten-race card. Mr. Jauregui also approved Saturday's program.

WEDNESDAY
10/07/26[1]

MUSSAD CONTINUED HEARING CASE 26DM0008 ref 09-03-26[1] & 10-01-26[2]

This complaint was originally heard on September 3rd at Del Mar Race Track. The scheduled hearing was continued as there was not ample time to finish on a race day. The continuation date was set for October 1, 2026. With the BOS available and ready to adjudicate on the 1st, it was affirmed by the author of the complaint, Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr., that a court reporter had not been retained for the scheduled continuation. After a conference call with CHRB Staff Council Jacquelyn Loyd and Mr. Mussad's attorney Bing Bush, a new date (today) was placed on the calendar. Again, this hearing was chaired by Steward Jauregui.

Present today in person were respondent David Mussad, Stewards Luis Jauregui and Kim Sawyer, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. Via Microsoft Teams were CHRB Staff counsel Jacquelyn Loyd, Steward Grant Baker located at CHRB headquarters and Counsel for Mr. Mussad, Bing Bush, in his Del Mar office.

The only witness left to testify was respondent David Mussad. On the record, Jacquelyn Loyd stated that the CHRB was removing CHRB rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Security Officers) from the complaint, which just leaves a possible violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) for a citation violation issued by Del Mar Security dated July 26, 2026, at 3:40 p.m. for revving a motorcycle and speeding from the stable gate to the designated parking area for motorcycles (approximately 150 feet). This citation was already arbitrated by Del Mar Security a week after the citation was issued on August 1, 2026—the penalty given was a warning as inscribed on the copy of the citation in the complaint packet. Documents were submitted into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

THURSDAY
10/08/26[1]

SPENCER VISIT

Jockey Agent Ryan Cosato is now representing world renowned jockey Jamie Spencer. They met with the Stewards today to discuss what is expected of the jockey colony in Southern California. Questions were asked and answered to everyone's satisfaction and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson was available to sign off on Mr. Spencer's jockey license.

10/08/26[2]

CHAPARRO HEARING CASE 26LT0001

Present before the BOS was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama who implemented the technology for "Teams" and presented the complaint package as its author. Dr. Chaparro is working at her normal location this morning, Los Alamitos Race Course, so courtesy of CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida who participated in the installation of "Teams" for her at that location, this hearing was able to proceed.

The complaint read as follows:

ANGELS REVENGE (CA), a 2-year-old colt owned by Joseph Vega (409899, Exp. 5/2027), trained by Angel Vega (285876, Exp. 3/2029), was entered to be mounted by jockey Joseph Bravo (252431, Exp. 9/2028) in Race 2 at Del Mar on Sunday, August 30, 2028. Dr. Chaparro recorded a racing soundness examination for ANGELS REVENGE on August 28, 2026, and she treated TURKEY BIRD with an Intra-Articular injection in trainer Angel Vega's barn that same morning. Dr. Chaparro then recorded both in EquiTAPS on August 29, 2026; however, she erroneously recorded the Intra-Articular injection under ANGELS REVENGE, which caused it to be placed on the California Veterinarian's List from August 28, 2026, to September 11, 2026. Dr. Chaparro did not record the Inter-Articular injection for TURKEY BIRD. As a result of this error, ANGELS REVENGE was a Stewards scratch from Race 2 on August 30, 2026. Dr. Chaparro provided a copy of her Confidential Report for August 28, 2026, to the Official Veterinarian and was directed to correct the records in EquiTAPS for both ANGELS REVENGE and TURKEY BIRD. Dr. Chaparro did not make the corrections until September 9, 2026.

Dr. Cecilia D. Chaparro (#407881, Exp. 2/2029) / Veterinarian

Grant Baker chaired the hearing, testimony was given, documents were submitted into evidence and the record was closed. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

10/09/26[1] **MOLINA RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer notified the Stewards and stated Mr. Molina was ready to return to the workforce in this industry.

LATC RULING #10

Groom LEONEL MOLINA, having complied with the terms of Winners Foundation, is reinstated and LATL Ruling #13, issued at Los Alamitos Thoroughbred Fall Meet on September 23, 2023, is now set aside.

Furthermore, LEONEL MOLINA must remain in compliance with the recommendations set forth by the Winners Foundation. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by LEONEL MOLINA.

10/09/26[2] **INQUIRY/ NON-STARTER/ FOURTH RACE 6 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start that involved #3 Misleading (M. Smith 7th) and #4 Convo (J. Rosario 3rd). After a review of pertinent video angels, conversation with the jockeys and a report from the Patrol Judge and Starter Jay Slender, the Stewards declared #4 a non-starter per CHRB rule 1696 (The Start). #4 charged the gate, hit the stall door of the starting gate which caused it to prematurely open before the other stall doors opened. As #4 left the gate, she was pulled into #3 by the assistant starter trying to assist for safety. This incident was declared the fault of the horse. #4 was affirmed a non-starter.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH	1-5-(**4**)-2-7-6-3
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH	1-5-2-7-6-3-(**4**) Non-Starter

10/09/26[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#1 RagingInferno (Tr. J. Hernandez, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp #3 Sogno Di Vino (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. Stute Refund $58.00
2nd race	#3 King Stephen (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund $388.68
3rd race	No Changes. Refund $0.00
4th race	#4 Convo (Tr. J. Sadler) declared Non-Starter. Refund $151,899.98
5th race	#7 Little Hidden Port (ARG) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. S. Callaghan. Refund $39.00
6th race	#4 Americano W'chrome (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund $137.90
7th race	No Changes. Refund $1,522.96
8th race	No Changes. Refund $100.00
9th race	No Changes. Refund $475.90

10/09/26[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	**2,403**	**$334,827.77**
SCOTWINC	2,094	$763,080.61
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$1,745,791.63
TOTAL	4,497	$5,659,540.43

SATURDAY

10/10/26[1] **ROUTINE MORNING**

The BOS had time to catch up on regular daily duties and discuss resolutions on previous hearings held. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson delivered his daily report of occurrences he witnessed this morning. Director of Racing/Racing Secretary Jason Egan passed through and discussed possible scenarios concerning the approaching rainstorm if the Sunday card is canceled. CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. delivered one copy each of two complaints to be heard on October 22, 2026, and listed them on the "Investigators' calendar" in the Stewards' office. CHRB supervising Investigator Mike Barker came through later and added another case for October 22.

10/10/26[2] **INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION/ SEVENTH RACE- ¾ turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was lit to review an incident approaching the 3/8 marker. Involved in a three-horse spread were: on the rail #7 Sir Dagonet (T. Pereira 10th), third out #8 Joe Vittori (V. Espinoza 4th) and second out #9 Going Nowhere (W. Orantes 1st). After a video review, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with the jockeys involved, in a majority opinion #8 was disqualified from fourth and placed tenth behind #7. #8 drifted inward, making contact with #9, which forced that one into the path of #7, who had to take up sharply. Steward Jauregui believed #7, who finished in last place, was not afforded a better position.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH	9-4-10-(**8**)-1-5-6-2-7
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH	9-4-10-1-5-6-2-7-(**8**)

10/10/26[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#2 Private Gem (Tr. M. Glatt) U. Rispoli replaced J. Rosario (no call) Refund $70.80
2nd race	#5 Cheever (Tr. M. Glatt) K. Frey replaced J. Rosario (no call) Refund $63.00
3rd race	#4 Troisieme Etoile (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery Refund $894.80
4th race	#5 Honky Tonk Highway (Tr. M. Ruis, Sr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund $227.80
5th race	#5 Brookys Gal (Tr. I. Tayamo) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund $262.64
6th race	#3 I'm Smoken Hot (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund $811.64
7th race	#3 Throwthefirstpunch (Tr. D. O'Neill) Steward-entered back Refund $1,518.14
8th race	#9 Sugaree (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
9th race	No Changes. Refund $0.00
10th race	No Changes. Refund$0.00

10/10/26[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	6,529	$640,313.81
SCOTWINC	3,373	$1,227,620.65
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$6,133,092.82
TOTAL	9,902	$8,617,486.13

SUNDAY

10/11/26[1] **CHAPARRO RULING**

The following ruling was issued after the BOS deliberated the facts outlined in the complaint. The cover page of the complaint described these facts distinctly (ref 10-08-26[2]) that were heard at the tape-recorded hearing.

LATC RULING #11

Veterinarian CECILIA CHAPARRO is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report—Improperly entering veterinary treatments - third offense) and violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) following the declaration of Angels Revenge from the second race on August 30, 2026, at Del Mar Race Track.

*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."

10/11/26[2] **INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING**

Due to the rain forecast a mandatory meeting was held to discuss the amount of rain predicted and the condition of both the dirt (good) and turf (good) course listings. In attendance before the BOS were Santa Anita GM/Senior VP Nate Newby, Senior VP/ Exc. Producer Amy Zimmerman, Track Superintendent Rob Moore, CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeff Blea, CTT Executive Director Alan Balch, Director of Racing /Racing Secretary Jason Egan, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and telephonically Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire. Rob Moore reported the necessary facts pertaining to the predictions, questions were asked and answered to everyone's satisfaction.

10/11/26[3] **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Victor Espinoza met with the BOS to review the disqualification of his mount in the seventh race yesterday. After watching and dicussing relevant angles, in a unanimous decision, Mr. Espinoza received a warning. His horse stepped inward and he corrected the movement quickly. One of the mitigating factors includes the fact he has not received any days for careless riding since 2017.

10/11/26[4] **INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FOURTH RACE ¾ dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were #5 Here for the Boos (A. Lezcano 2nd) and #8 Swimmingly (A. Ayuso 1st). In a majority opinion, #5 drifted outward, initiated contact with #8 which caused the latter to bounce back inward. Therefore, no change was made to the original order of finish. Steward Jauregui voted to disqualify #8 and place him second behind #5.

10/11/26[5] **VOIDED CLAIM**

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #5 Battle School in the eighth race the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Steve Knapp.

10/11/26[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	No Changes. Refund $492.80
2nd race	No Changes. Refund $0.00
3rd race	No Changes. Refund $10.00
4th race	#5 Here for the Boos (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre

	#8 Swimmingly (Tr. A. Ordonez) claimed by Tr. S. Callaghan Refund $5.00
5th race	#3 Bear's Board (Tr. J. Farias) Steward-full field #9 Motet (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou #11 Dustem Too (Tr. A. Garcia) AE-will run. Refund $441.70
6th race	No Changes. Refund $0.00
7th race	No Changes. Refund $36.00
8th race	#5 Battle School (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou VOID. Refund $745.00
9th race	6 ½ FLAT TURF COURSE #1 Still Unwritten (Tr. R. Hanson) Steward-stake #2 Wink and a Grin (Tr. C. Gaines) Steward-stake #7 Quick Kate (Tr. C. Lewis) Steward-stake. Refund $2,190.12
10th race	#2 Nineelevinturbo (Tr. N. Drysdale) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery Refund $855.12

10/11/26[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	5,208	$589,814.99
SCOTWINC	2,728	$878,261.75
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$6,787,800.16
TOTAL	7,936	$8,704,366.88

MONDAY

10/12/26[1] **INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING**

Again, a chosen few met for the weather meeting. Included were: in person, CHRB Medical Equine Director Dr. Jeff Blea, Director of Racing /Racing Secretary Jason Egan, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and telephonically Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire and CTT Executive Director Alan Balch. Track Superintendent Rob Moore via text reported both the dirt and turf course will be listed as "good," "basically a regular race day".

10/12/26[2] **MUSSAD RULING**

The following ruling was issued after a majority opinion did not find enough support for an increased penalty. Steward Grant Baker voted for a $100 fine.

LATC Ruling #12

Apprentice Jockey DAVID MUSSAD is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- revving and speeding his motorcycle entering the stable area) at Del Mar Race Track on July 25, 2026.

10/12/26[3] **LOPEZ RULING**

The following HISA ruling was issued after Mr. Lopez agreed he violated the crop rule.

HISA RULING #2026-22051

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), Jockey DAVID C. LOPEZ, who rode HOWMANYMORETIMES in the sixth race (Purse $16,000) at Santa Anita Park on October 11, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (October 23, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00) 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.

10/12/26[4] **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Armando Ayuso and Abel Lezcano with his agent Ryan Glatt met with Stewards to review an inquiry in the fourth yesterday (ref 10-11-26[4]). A healthy discussion to be aware enough to ride safely was had and both jockeys left the office without penalty.

10/12/26[5] **STEWARDS' REVIEW/ NO CHANGE/ NINTH RACE ¾ turf**

Following the running of the race the Stewards' Review was noted that involved the start of #5 Simple Song (J. Hernandez 7th). Starter Slender did not respond with an opinion to the Stewards after the start. Upon a video review pertaining to the actions of the horse when the starting gates opened, in a unanimous opinion there was no need for an inquiry.

10/12/26[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#1 Mici's Express (Tr. A. Garcia) DNF #3 Tiggrrr Whitworth (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin #6 Keep Movin' On (Tr. M. Glatt) Stewards-track condition Refund $3,310.24
2nd race	No Changes. Refund $0.00
3rd race	#2 Shady Tiger (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr. Refund $10.00
4th race	#3 Missile Cruiser (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) CW 125 #8 Strike a Match (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
5th race	#2 Jennys Wine Girl (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. T. Yakteen #3 Church Lady (IRE) (Tr. M. Valenzuela, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Austgen. Refund $249.90
6th race	#7 Clubhouse Rose (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) CW 121
7th race	No Changes. Refund $127.00
8th race	#9 Smokem Wicked (Tr. A. Farias) CW 122. Refund $120.00
9th race	#7 Mescalero (Tr. R. Mandella) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery Refund $891.14
10th race	No Changes. Refund $0.00

10/12/26[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	3,274	$317,916.17
SCOTWINC	1,277	$399,964.09
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$4,558,860.76
TOTAL	4,551	$5,445,948.18

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/05/26 – 10/11/26

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	5
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/09	Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Mon 10/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	5	1	2	10	26
Claims	3	1	2	4	10	21
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	2
Inquiries	1	1	1	0	3	9
Refunds	8	7	8	6	29	75
Rulings	1	0	1	1	3	12
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	4

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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