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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar, California
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Report for the Week of Monday, August 23, 2021, through Sunday, August 29, 2021

WEDNESDAY

8/25/21¹

ENTRIES/SCRATCHES

Grant Baker was present for Thursday's scratches and Saturday's entries. The office scheduled eleven (11) races for Saturday.

THURSDAY

8/26/21¹

STEWARD ABSENCE

Safety Steward David Nuesch was called in to work for Steward Kim Sawyer who was sick. George Yniguez was called in to fill in as the Safety Steward this week.

8/26/21²

FORMAL JOCKEY HEARINGS

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA JR. was summoned to our office for a formal hearing in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry for the seventh race on Sunday. Mr. Valdivia was accompanied by Jockey Flavien Prat, who served as his witness. The hearing was transcribed by Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. In Sunday's seventh race we had an accident in which seven of the twelve horses lost their rider at the 3/8th pole. Mr. Valdivia (#12 Katie's Paradise) was sitting second going into the turn when Apprentice Jockey Diego Herrera (#10 Sassy Chasey) clipped his heels causing six other horses to lose their riders. Mr. Valdivia and Mr. Prat stated that the Apprentice was in a bad spot and should have taken out prior to going into the turn. After hearing all the facts and entering all the exhibits into the record and after a lengthy deliberation, Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr.

was issued a ten-day suspension. The majority felt that Mr. Valdivia was not clear when dropping in on the turn. Steward Jauregui dissented.

DMTD Ruling #58

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA JR., who rode KATIE'S PARADISE in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on August 22, 2021, is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (September 2,3,4,5,6,10,11,12,17 &18, 2021), for crossing over without sufficient clearance entering the far turn and causing interference, resulting in an accident. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERRERA was also in for a formal hearing regarding the same race (7th race) on Sunday. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the hearing. Mr. Herrera's horse clipped the heels with Mr. Valdivia's horse (#12 Katie's Paradise) approaching the far turn causing him to fall and several other riders to be unseated. The young apprentice was on heels in-between two horses going into the turn. After reviewing the video and hearing Mr. Herrera's testimony, he was issued a five-day suspension. We felt that the apprentice was partially culpable for the accident when he failed to get out of tight quarters and had plenty of time knowing the turn was coming. Steward Jauregui voted for a ten (10) day suspension.

DMTD Ruling #59

Apprentice Jockey DIEGO HERERRA, who rode SASSY CHASEY in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on August 22, 2021, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (September 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2021), for allowing his mount to remain in tight quarters entering the far turn and causing interference resulting in an accident. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

8/26/21³

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card went without any major issues to report. The declarations and changes are listed below.

8/26/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$0.00
2 nd Race	#1 Rosenquist - LATE Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, unsound Refund: \$63,856.56
3 rd Race	#1 Mr. Dougie Fresh - VOIDED claim, returns to P. Miller #5 Admirably - Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #7 Awhitesportscoat - Claimed by J. Wong, trainer. Refund: \$204.00
4 th Race	#9 Facetious- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible #10 Get Back Goldie - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible #11 Mob Boss - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible #12 Sumter- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible. Refund: \$2,407.48
5 th Race	#1 Paint Me Lucky - LATE Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, flipped in gate #4 Catbernay - VOIDED claim, returns to G. Stute. Refund: \$153,038.51
6 th Race	#2 She's So Special - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead - sick Refund \$1,894.64
7 th Race	#3 Pappy Boyington - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio- sick #7 Betito - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio – sick. Refund: \$2,066.00
8 th Race	#3 Majestic Steps (IRE) - Claimed by P. Miller, trainer #9 Chasingserendipity - Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer

#10 Magical Though t- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
#11 Basil Flavor - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible. Refund: \$1,036.21

8/26/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,009	\$789,692.62
SCOTWinc	2,017	\$1,733,550.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,599,709.41
Total	7,026	\$9,122,952.78

FRIDAY

8/27/21¹

SALDANA FORMAL HEARING (Case #21LA0001)

Trainer REED SALDANA was in for a formal hearing to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of CHRB rules 1843(a)(b)&(d)(Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances), 1843.1(a)(Prohibited Drug Substances) and 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) when his horse "Majestic Diva" tested positive in a post-race sample for the drug "Clenbuterol" in the seventh race on December 19, 2020. This is a class three (3) drug with a Penalty Category B violation. Present in the hearing was Trainer Reed Saldana, CHRB Supervisor Investigator Mike Barker, CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. Blea, Professor of Surgical & Radiological Sciences Dr. Sue Stover, and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. Mr. Saldana stated that he did not know how the positive had occurred, but he has his theory. After hearing his testimony and entering all the exhibits, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

8/27/21²

METZ DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (case #20SA0240)

We held a formal hearing this morning when CHRB filed a complaint against all the parties of the horse "Camino De Estrella", who ran in the third race at Santa Anita Park on September 27, 2020. The complaint stems from the horse of Trainer Jeffrey Metz tested positive in a post-race sample containing the drug "Tiludronic Acid" a class 1 penalty, category A. Present in the hearing was CHRB Supervisor Investigator Mike Barker, and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. All respondents elected not to participate in the hearing, and all of them were properly notified by the CHRB. After reading the complaint, entering in the exhibits, and hearing the investigator's testimony, the hearing came to an end. A ruling should be issued in the next few days.

8/27/21³

FILM REVIEWS

The following ruling was issued when Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO accepted the penalty when he stated he violated the riding crop rule in yesterday's eighth race.

DMTD Ruling #060

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times) during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 26, 2021.

8/27/21⁴

Jockey TREVOR MCCARTHY was in to review yesterday's seventh race in which he shifted out entering the stretch making contact with the outside horse. Mr. McCarthy stated that he had to react to the lead horse who wasn't keeping a straight path. We agreed with him and just warned him to be a little more cautious in the future.

8/27/21⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the second race to review the start in which the #1 Mama Superior (T. Pereira) who broke very slow. After reviewing the video and speaking to the starter, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous vote we felt the #1 was awarded a fair start, therefore, no change was made.

8/27/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Miss Flawless (FR) – Claimed by E. Truman, trainer
 #4 So Much Happy - Claimed by Q. Howey, trainer
 #5 Zabava- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund: \$88.50

2nd Race #4 Morning Addiction- Claimed by Q. Howey, trainer
 #8 Flat Out Joy- Claimed by S. McCarthy, trainer. Refund: \$119.50

3rd Race #2 Studly Perfection- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer
 #4 House Limit- Claimed by J. Metz, trainer
 #5 Itsthattime- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick
 #6 Jan’s Reserve- T. Pereira replaces C. Ortega, injured
 VOIDED claim returns to J. Uranga
 #8 T Bones Trick- Claimed by K. Mulhall, trainer
 #9 Press Briefing - VOIDED claim returns to R. Saldana.
 Refund: \$691.46

4th Race No changes. Refund: \$176.50

5th Race #2 Avigale (IRE) - VOIDED claim returns to J. Mullins
 #6 Steak and Cheese - VOIDED claim returns to M. Maker
 #9 Constant Conflict – Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer. Refund: \$512.00

6th Race #2 Miss Stormy D - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick
 #4 Nasty- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick
 (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund: \$3,246.46

7th Race #9 Encroachment - Stewards’ scratch - Also eligible
 #10 Solo Animo - Stewards’ scratch - Also eligible. Refund: \$1,598.70

8th Race #4 Sir Flatter - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, injured
 #8 Money Back - D. Van Dyke replaces E. Maldonado, out of town
 Refund: \$721.72

8/27/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,231	\$876,681.52
SCOTWinc	2,373	\$3,057,358.84
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,148,107.96
Total	7,604	\$12,082,148.32

SATURDAY

8/28/21¹

METZ RULING (Ref: 8/27/21²)

The following was issued regarding the yesterday’s disqualification hearing involving the horse “Camino De Estrella”, trained by Jeffrey Metz.

DMTD Ruling #61

Acting upon a report from the University of California at Davis, Maddy Laboratories, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post – race urine sample #SA32038 taken from the horse “Camino de Estrella” the sixth place finisher in the third race at Santa Anita Park on September 27, 2020, contained the prohibited drug substance Tiludronic Acid (Class 1), it is hereby ordered that “Camino de Estrella” be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded Owners (Saratoga West Stable Jeff Metz), Owner Scott Gruender (Horseplayers Racing Club), (\$500.00) to be

returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before September 27, 2021, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1 st Conquest Cobra	2 nd El Huerfano	3 rd Wilshire Dude
4 th Paynter's Boy	5 th Platinum Equity	6 th Caymans Cobra

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule # 1956 (Race Declared Official), this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

8/28/21²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fourth race in which the #6 "We All Agree" (E. Maldonado 3rd) floated out two paths in the turn causing the #7 "City of Champions" (J. Pyfer 4th) and the #5 "Prince Hussar" (A. Cedillo 5th) to be taken out of their path in the turn. After speaking to all the riders and reviewing the video, the majority voted to disqualify the #6 and place him fifth behind the #5, due to the interference in the turn. Steward Jauregui voted for no change.

Unofficial order 4-2-(6)-7-5-8-1

Official order 4-2-7-5-(6)-8-1

8/28/21³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race to review an incident approaching the finish line, involving the top three finishers. The horses involved were the #1 "Little Liliانا" (U. Rispoli 1st DH), the #2 "Kalon" (F. Geroux 1st DH), and the #4 "Tony Ann" (J. Hernandez 3rd).

After speaking to the patrol judges and riders involved, in addition to reviewing the video, we made no change to the order of finish. In our opinion, the #1 did float out causing the #4 to steady, who was running in between the #1 and #2, however we felt it didn't cost the #4 a better placing, since the incident was right at the finish line.

8/28/21⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/OBJECTION/NO CHANGES

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the sixth to review two incidents. In the first incident, we reviewed the start of the #4 "Fratelli" (J. Hernandez), in which he broke slow from the starting gate. The second incident involved the winner #3 "Colt Fiction" (G. Franco) and the second-place horse #6 "Fashionably Fast" (T. Pereira) in the stretch. Jockey Tiago Pereira also lodged a claim of foul against the winner #3.

In the first incident, we made no change and declared the #4 a starter after reviewing the video and speaking to both the starter and the jockey. In a majority opinion, the horse was afforded a fair start since he caused his own issues. Steward Nuesch voted to make him a non-starter.

In the second incident, the majority voted to make no change. In our opinion, the #3 drifted out slightly through the stretch, but the majority felt it did not cost the #6 a better placing since the contact was minor. Therefore, no change was made. Steward Nuesch voted for a disqualification.

8/28/21⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (turf)

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the seventh race to review the actions of the #4 Jazz Hands (M. Gutierrez) on the backside. After speaking to the patrol judges and reviewing the video, we made no change to the placing. We unanimously voted to

leave the order as is since the #4 ran up on heels and no other horses were to blame for the incident.

8/28/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund: \$829.13
 2nd Race #1 Active Account - Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
 #5 Whisky My God (ARG) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, injured
 #6 Magic Tige r- Claimed by J. Thomas, trainer. Refund: \$2,142.89
 3rd Race No changes. Refund: \$96.00
 4th Race #3 Roses for Suzzett - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, injured
 Refund: \$1,227.28
 5th Race #3 Cami Kate - LATE Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, injured
 #12 Va Va Voom – Stewards' scratch - Also eligible.
 Refund: \$100,142.06
 6th Race #4 Fratelli - Claimed by M. Maker, trainer. Refund: \$141.79
 7th Race #2 Swiss Swoo (IRE) - Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
 #3 Love My Jimmy - Claimed by H. Palma, trainer
 #4 Jazz Hands - VOIDED claim, returns to E. Freeman. Refund: \$252.66
 8th Race #1 Drink the Wind – Stewards' scratch - Enter eligible
 Refund: \$3,073.92
 9th Race #9 Me and Mr. C - VOIDED claim, returns to M. Maker. Refund: \$58.00
 10th Race No changes. Refund: \$156.80
 11th Race #11 Tacoflavoredkisses - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
 Refund: \$1,435.64

8/28/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,178	\$1,840,229.57
SCOTWinc	4,780	\$5,235,163.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$13,820,218.29
Total	13,958	\$20,895,611.50

SUNDAY

8/29/21¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was in to review yesterday's fifth race, in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry in the stretch. Mr. Rispoli stated that his horse was getting out and that he tried to keep his horse straight. The majority did see some effort, but we felt he could of have done a little more correcting. He was issued a warning. Steward Baker voted for a suspension.

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO was in to review the sixth race from yesterday, in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry. Mr. Franco stated he thought he did a good job trying to maintain a straight course. We agreed; therefore, no penalty was issued.

8/29/21²

MILLER HEARING (case#21SR0008)

We held a hearing this morning to address a complaint filed by the CHRB against Trainer PETER MILLER for CHRB rule violations 1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Treatment Records), 1843.1(b)(Prohibited Drug Substance), 1843.4(Multiple Medications Violations), 1868 (Authorized Medication During Training), and 1887(a)(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) when his horse "Mo Forza" tested positive for the drug "Phenylbutazone" in a post workout on June 19, 2021, at San Luis Rey Downs. CHRB Supervisor Investigator Mike Barker presented the case. After hearing all the facts and entering the exhibits, the hearing came to end. Decision to follow.

8/29/21³

RACE DELAY

We delayed the running of the fifth race by about ten (10) minutes due to rain, lightning, and thunder. We proceeded after getting confirmation from the Track Superintendent Dennis Moore, who was in contact with the local weather station, that the lighting was not near Del Mar Race Track, and it was safe to proceed with the races. After thirty (30) minutes of light rain, the sun was out, and we were back on track with our normal schedule.

8/29/21⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run for Sunday's ninth race, the Shared Belief Stakes, where the incident involved the #3 "Rock Your World" (U. Rispoli 2nd), #6 "Stilieto Boy" (K. Desormeaux 3rd), and the #4 "Team Merchants" (M. Gutierrez). After speaking to the jockeys and reviewing the video, we made no change to the order of finish. The majority felt the #4 fouled the #6 and since the #6 beat the #4, no change was needed. Steward Baker dissented voting to disqualify #3 Rock Your World and place him fifth for interference entering the stretch.

8/29/21⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 A J Rock- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer
 #3 Miss Kitness- Claimed by P. Aguirre, trainer
 #4 Coal Shaft- Claimed by L. Ruiz, trainer

2nd Race No changes. Refund: \$28.88

3rd Race No changes. Refund: \$129.00

4th Race #11 Sue Ettas Ghost- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible.
 Refund: \$1,007.60

5th Race #3 Warfront Fighter- VOID claim, returns to R. B. Hess Jr.
 #7 Circle Back- Claimed by R. B. Hess Jr., trainer
 #14 Cant Stop This Man- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 Refund: \$1,193.03

6th Race #4 Grit and Curiosity- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer
 #5 Rager- Claimed by T. McCanna, trainer
 #9 Jamming Eddy- Claimed by Q. Howey, trainer. Refund: \$16.50

7th Race No changes. Refund: \$69.50

8th Race #12 Super Game- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #13 Gotta Be Lucky- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #14 Nice Ice- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund: \$1,644.14

9th Race No changes. Refund: \$133.00

10th Race #11 Va Va Voom- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #12 Wearenotbadpeople- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 Refund: \$1,844.44

8/29/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,509	\$1,185,249.92
SCOTWinc	4,079	\$3,795,447.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,957,230.58
Total	10,588	\$16,937,928.14

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 8/23/21 TO 8/29/21

Horses on Vet List 21
 Horses off Vet List 14
 Shock Wave Therapy 2

Fatalities	1
Medication	1
Claims Voided	9

SUMMARY

	No Racing	Thurs 8/26	Fri 8/27	Sat 8/28	Aug 8/29	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races		1	0	1	4	6	46
Claims		4	14	5	8	31	201
Disqualification		0	0	1	0	1	11
Inquiries		0	1	4	1	6	24
Refunds		7	8	11	9	35	187
Rulings		2	1	1	0	4	61
Voided Claims		2	2	2	1	7	32

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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