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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 31, 2026, through Monday, September 7, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

09/02/26¹

ENTRY DAY

The backside racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday September 6, 2026. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty in the Stewards' office handling all matters for the CHRB. Racing Secretary David Jerkens and his staff produced a racing card of eleven (11) races for the Labor Day weekend festivities. The \$300,000 Grade 1 Del Mar Futurity highlights the September 6 program.

THURSDAY

09/03/26¹

DAVID MUSSAD COMPLAINT (CASE #26DM0008)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Apprentice Jockey David Mussad for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule # 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers). Today's thirty-four (34) page complaint packet was prepared by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired this hearing. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

Del Mar Security contacted Apprentice Jockey David Mussad regarding the speed he was traveling onto the backside through the Stable Gate. Security said Mussad was confrontational and used profanity when interacting with them. Mussad was subsequently barred from Del Mar for this incident.

Apprentice Jockey David Mussad appeared in our office today along with Del Mar CA., based attorney Bing Bush. CHRB General Counsel Jacquelyn Loyd. CHRB Investigators Octavio Vergara Jr. and Thomas Gandera were also in attendance. Del Mar Stable Superintendent Jackie Lynn, DMTC Security Officers J. Eppel and G. Bojorquez testified at today's two and a half (2 1/2) hour hearing. Due to time constraints the record was closed. The next hearing date will be on October 1, 2026 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia CA. More to Follow.

09/03/26²

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE CROP REVIEW

Jockey Drayden Van Dyke appeared in our office this morning to review his ride in the second race Sunday, August 30. Jockey Van Dyke was aboard third place finisher #6 Hallagrey in this five (5) furlong turf race. Jockey Van Dyke went over the six (6) strike limit, pled guilty and waived his right to a film review. The following HISA ruling was issued.

HISA RULING

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 – first offense), Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode HALLAGREY in the second race (Purse \$80,000) at Del Mar Race Track on August 30, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 18, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

09/03/26³

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of any Steward Inquires and/or Jockey Objections.

09/03/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race #8 Sugar Reign (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed, I. Tamayo, trainer
3rd Race Declarations #6 Mansa Musa (Tr. G. Lopez) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$882.32
3rd Race Jockey Change #11 Stage Run J. Laprida for J. Bravo—Injured
6th Race Declarations #7 The White Lady (FR) Injured- Ashton Cloniger DVM
#11 Little Hidden Port (ARG) Sick-Nolton Pattio DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$4,250.41
#4 Dea Matrona (FR) (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, P. Eurton, trainer
#12 Miss Meagher (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, C. Kelly, trainer
6th Race Jockey Change J. Rosario for A. Fresu—2nd Call
7th Race Declaration #1 Dorie Miller (Tr. L. Powell) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$1,238.53
9th Race Jockey Change #4 Sissy Girl E. Maldonado for J. Bravo - Injured

09/03/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,488	\$593,843.97
SCOTWINC	1,719	\$2,882,812.62
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,269,619.27
TOTAL	6,207	\$9,746,275.86

FRIDAY

09/04/26¹

JOEL HUNSBURGER COMPLAINT (CASE #26DM0013)

Private Veterinarian John Araujo has filed a complaint against Owner Joel Hunsburger for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Dr. Araujo alleged that Owner Hunsburger owed him money for services provided. The cover page of today's twenty-one-page (21) complaint packet, prepared by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr., reads as follows.

Owner Joel Hunsburger is indebted to Dr. John Araujo in the amount of \$5,033.20 for veterinary services provided to the horses FIGHT BACK and RUNAWAY CHARLIE. Araujo provided Hunsburger with invoices via certified mail.

Owner Hunsburger called our office today. This office has received word that this bill has been paid in full. Owner Hunsburger was affable and apologetic today stating that a recent computer issue led to the delinquent payment. He is currently racing horses in Iowa and Louisiana only.

09/04/26²

JOCKEY AGENT MEETING

Jockey Agent Ryan Cosato visited the Stewards' Office to discuss a situation between him and Trainer Peter Eurton. Jockey Agent Cosato works for Jockey Cesar Belmont. Mr. Cosato secured a 'call' on the horse Zakiel who is scheduled to race in the sixth race tomorrow. Trainer Eurton did not honor the call but his owner had no issues with paying Jockey Belmont a 'double jockey fee, which will be equal to what new jockey Juan Hernandez will earn. The Stewards confirmed the agreement with Trainer Peter Eurton.

09/04/26³

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry after viewing an incident inside the 1/16th pole in this one (1) mile event on the Jimmy Durante Turf Course. This incident involved the following horses.

1. #1 Kivo –(Drayden Van Dyke) –5th Place
2. #4 Bliksem (Kyle Frey) -4th Place
3. #12 Is That You Wing (Hector Berrios) -6th Place

#4 Bliksem was bumped hard and steadied in the incident. The Stewards flashed this horse's number on the tote board as he was involved in the incident. The significant bumping by the three horses mentioned above was caused by #12 Is That You Wing, who drifted out an initiated contact with #4 Bliksem. #1 Kivo also steadied sharply after being contacted in the incident.

Stewards talked to the jockeys involved, reviewed all camera angles of the incident and received a Patrol Judge Report. In a unanimous decision there was no change in the order of finish. Jockey Hector Berrios was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

09/04/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1 st Race	Declaration #4 Yours Sincerely (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Flipped/Receiving Barn-Stewards. REFUND: \$28,645.51
3 rd Race	Declaration #5 Sunset Grazen (Tr. B. Wright) Injured- Ashton Cloniger DVM. REFUND: \$528.40
4 th Race	Jockey Change #4 Long Mayshe Reign A. Fresu for J. Bravo—Injured
5 th Race	Declaration #4 Club Mayo (Tr. J. Bonde) Reared/Starting Gate— Ashton Cloniger DVM. REFUND: \$86,235.66
6 th Race	Declarations #2 Palo Alto Baby (Tr. P. Miller) Stake-Stewards #3 Big Twist (Tr. T. Yakteen) Stake-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$5,124.36
7 th Race	#8 Beatnik (Tr. A. Saavedra) Sick- Ashton Cloniger DVM REFUND: \$343.06

09/04/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,403	\$665,725.83
SCOTWINC	2,864	\$3,503,083.68
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$7,310,756.61
TOTAL	7,267	\$11,479,566.12

SATURDAY

09/05/26¹

HECTOR BERRIOS FILM REVIEW (REF: 09/04/26 (3))

Jockey Hector Berrios appeared in the Stewards' office to review his involvement in yesterday's (September 4) seventh race inquiry.

Jockey Berrios finished sixth in this race aboard #12 Is That You Wing. Today's film review shows #12 Is that you wing drift out and started contact with two (2) other rivals. They were fourth place finisher #4 Bliksem (Kyle Frey) and fifth place finisher #1 Jivo (Drayden Van Dyke).

The majority of Stewards voted for a warning for Jockey Berrios. Steward Baker felt he was riding "loose reined" and that a penalty was warranted.

09/05/26²

NEW POST TIME

First race post time for today, Sunday and Monday (Labor Day) has been moved up to 1:30 p.m.

09/05/26³

GOOD RACING

Today's eleven race card went well as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections. Trainer Bob Baffert won the Grade 1 \$300,000 Del Mar Futurity for the third consecutive year. #9 Miss Monica (Juan Hernandez) had a facile victory in the nine (9) horse field, going off at odds of 2/5.

09/05/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race Declaration #1 Analysis (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Sick—Ashton Cloniger DVM
REFUND: \$566.34

5th Race Declarations #5 Cigar and Espresso (Tr. V. Garcia) Injured-Ashton Cloniger DVM
#6 Magic Wave (Tr. H. Palma) Sick-Ashton Cloniger DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,028.69

7th Race Declaration #9 Automatic Press (Tr. P. Miller) Stake-Stewards
REFUND: \$1,584.10

8th Race Declarations #4 Catalina Cocktail (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards
#10 Lavender Love (Tr. R. Baltas) Stake-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$1,947.21

10th Race Declaration #6 For the Win (Tr. G. Weaver) Stake-Stewards
REFUND: \$1,420.81

09/05/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	9,830	\$1,461,144.24
SCOTWINC	5,131	\$7,037,620.39
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,114,050.36
TOTAL	14,961	\$18,612,814.99

SUNDAY

09/06/26¹

SUNDAY ROUTINE DUTIES

Jockey Guild Western Manager Regional Darrell Haire stopped by our office today as we discussed some interesting current events. Darrell keeps us updated on racing in other states and it's always interesting to ask this very experienced lifelong racetracker questions about his busy workload.

Stewards interviewed a current vendor and a newly licensed employee of his after we evaluated his qualifications.

09/06/26²

ANGEL VEGA DECISION (REF:08/30/26 (2))

The following ruling was issued after a hearing (CASE #26SA0142) was conducted in our office August 30. The Vega trained Uncrowned King returned from an eight (8) month layoff without undergoing the required primary and secondary regulatory veterinary examinations before resuming training as required by CHRB Rule 1846.2 (Training Soundness Exam). Our ruling below was issued following a unanimous decision.

DMTD RULING #23

Trainer ANGEL VEGA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – no ninety (90) day examination) on August 2, 2025 at Del Mar Race Track.

09/06/26³

RACE 3 VOIDED CLAIM

#10 Ah Jeez won the third race today. Five (5) trainers submitted claims for this horse in the amount of \$25,000. Following the cooling off period in the test barn, CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio determined that this horse was unsound. Stewards subsequently voided the claim and Ah Jeez now returns to the barn of original trainer, Doug O'Neill.

09/06/26⁴

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISIT

CHRB Executive Director and former Steward, Scott Chaney, spent a 'Busman's Holiday' on this Sunday afternoon here at Del Mar. Mr. Chaney and the Stewards discussed many current events in the Judges' Stand located on the finish line high atop the Del Mar grandstand.

09/06/26⁵

GOOD RACING

Today's eleven (11) race card went well, as it was free of Stewards Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections. Special post time was 1:30 p.m. today.

09/06/26⁶

DECLARATION, CHANGES & REFUNDS

3 rd Race	#5 Calm Sea (Tr. C. Lewis) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer #13 Zalamo (FR) (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, D. Pederson, trainer
6 th Race	#1 Pioneer Prince (Tr. P. Miller) claimed S. Wilensky, trainer #2 Shady Tiger (Tr. D'Amato) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer #3 Geometry (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
7 th Race	#4 Delightful Laura (Tr. P. Euron) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM REFUND: \$2,600.10
7 th Race	Jockey Changes # 7 Eternal Reign (IRE) J. Hernandez for J. Bravo—Injured #9 Una Palabra A. Aguilar for E. Payeras—Riding at Los Alamitos

8th Race Declaration #8 Aherns (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards
REFUND: \$1,656.32

10th Race Declarations #3 Unleashed Ambition (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Injured-
Nolton Pattio VMD
#7 Golden Club (Tr. C. Lewis) Racing Office Error-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,595.37

10th Race Jockey Change #12 D's Four Thumbs Up J. Hernandez for T.
Pereira—2nd Call

11th Race Declaration #1 Flamboyant (Tr. J. Sadler) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM
REFUND: \$1,426.17

11th Race Jockey Change #9 Agrowest A. Lezcano for J. Bravo—Injured

09/06/26⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	10,509	\$1,397,347.71
SCOTWINC	3,956	\$4,394,058.18
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,173,141.38
TOTAL	14,465	\$15,964,547.27

MONDAY

09/07/26¹

KYLE FREY PENALTY

Safety Steward David Nuesch stopped by the Stewards office to inform us he witnessed a riding crop violation during this closing day of the meeting. The very observant Safety Steward Nuesch informed us that Jockey Kyle Frey used his riding crop four (4) times aboard an Adam Kitchingman trained horse while conducting a morning workout in company. Jockey Frey was contacted on the phone regarding the incident and told us he apologized for his actions. He waived his right to a hearing and accepted the following penalty which was reached in a unanimous decision.

DMTD RULING #24

Jockey KYLE FREY is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b) (1) (Use of Riding Crop - use of crop during a.m. training) on September 7, 2026, at Del Mar Race Track.

09/07/26²

FORMER INVESTIGATOR VISITS

Former CHRB Supervising Investigator (Northern California) Luis Quezada paid a visit to our office today. He was accompanied by Ms. Lori Maag. Mr. Quezada led an excellent enforcement unit in Northern California for several years. It was very nice of him to come by our office to 'catch up' on things. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

09/07/26³

FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the vicinity of the 1/8th pole in this 6 ½ furlong main track event. After entering the stretch drive #3 Cotta Ride (Ricardo Gonzalez-3rd Place) shifts outward and contacts #7 Brookys Gal (Kyle Frey-7th Place). This led to a chain reaction whereby #5 Zadra (Epifanio Garcia-6th Place) was also contacted. Jockey's Frey and Garcia were both forced to steady their mounts and both lost ground in the incident.

Stewards received a Patrol Judge report, interviewed all jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision #3 Cotta Ride was disqualified and placed seventh. Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez and Welfin Orantes (#6 Stay In Line) were ordered to film review with the Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on opening day Friday, September 11.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-8-3-9-6-5-7-2-1

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-8-9-6-5-7-3-2-1

09/07/26⁴

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the opening furlong of this five (5) furlong race on the Jimmy Durante Turf Course. Fifth place finisher #4 Whopper Factor (Tyler Baze) got knocked sideways and the Stewards wanted to investigate the incident. Review of this race shows seventh place finisher #8 Taking a Joy Ride (Kazushi Kimura) angle inward and put pressure on three (3) rivals to his inside. Those other horses were:

A. #6 The Loan Exchange (Juan Hernandez-3rd Place)

B. #5 California Rocks (Jose Valdivia Jr.-6th Place)

C. #4 Whopper Factor (Tyler Baze-5th Place)

Stewards spoke to all jockeys involved. We also received a Patrol Judge report. Stewards felt that seventh place finisher #8 Taking a Joy Ride caused the majority of interference involved in this Inquiry. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards did not disturb the original placings. Jockey Kazushi Kimura was ordered to see the Stewards Friday, September 11 at Los Alamitos Race Course for film review.

09/07/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#5 I'm Lovestruck (Tr. B. Wright) claimed, D.W. Baker, trainer #8 Del Margarita (Tr. Tr. P. Eurton) claimed, P. Miller, trainer #9 Stylishly Big (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, M. Valenzuela III, trainer
3 rd Race	Declaration #2 Mimi's Memory (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Sick-Ashton Cloniger DVM. REFUND: \$1,942.15
5 th Race	Declarations #6 Low Key Cool (Tr. Low Key Cool) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM #8 Omission (Tr. G. Haley) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM REFUND TOTAL: \$1,279.98
6 th Race	Jockey Change #1 Little King E. Maldonado for J. Bravo—Injured
9 th Race	Jockey #2 Pura Vida Princesa E. Jaramillo for J. Bravo - Injured
10 th Race	Declarations #2 Hondo Crouch (Tr. M. Glatt) No Jockey Available- Stewards #5 Singlemore (Tr. B. McLean) Broke thru Gate - Injured – Ashton Cloniger DVM. REFUND TOTAL: \$58,912.45
10 th Race	Jockey Change #13 Sendit Mo D. Van Dyke for A. Fresu---2nd Call

09/07/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,855	\$1,160,044.46
SCOTWINC	4,671	\$5,780,092.43
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$11,084,519.69
TOTAL	10,526	\$18,024,656.58

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/31/26 TO 09/07/26

Horses on Vet List	23
Horses off Vet List	22
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	1
Claims Voided	1

SUMMARY

	Thu 09/03	Fri 09/04	Sat 09/05	Sun 09/06	Mon 09/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	3	4	2	1	5	15	81
Claims	3	0	1	5	3	12	148
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	2	3	16
Refunds	4	6	7	4	11	32	231
Rulings	0	0	0	1	1	2	24
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1	0	1	14

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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