

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2019

Board of Racing Stewards: Messrs S de Chalain (Chairman), P Kalleechurn, G Kishtoo, H Maigrot & Ms J Keevy

Weather: Fine
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 2.75m

Prior to the start of the meeting, jockey Holland was examined by the Club's Doctor and declared fit to ride.

RACE 1 – THE CAVENDISH MEMORIAL TROPHY – 1450M

The start was delayed when **Gondwana**, after cantering down to the start, past the starting stalls and was reluctant to proceed back to the start.

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Allyhosain, the rider of **Romanus**, which was declared 2nd, against **Anza-Borrego**, being declared the winner. It was established that passing the 100 metres **Anza-Borrego** commenced to shift in abruptly and over the last 25 metres bumped **Romanus**, badly unbalancing jockey Allyhosain. The Stewards, taking into consideration the degree of interference suffered together with the beaten margin of 0.10 length and the fact that **Romanus** had made up ground on **Anza-Borrego**, decided to uphold the objection, thus the result was amended to read: 1st: **Romanus**, 2nd: **Anza-Borrego**, 3rd: **Valerin**, 4th: **He's Got Gears**.

Take Off Mode – Slow to begin. Crowded for room between **Gondwana** and **Valerin** shortly after the start. Hung in over the final 200 metres.

Anza-Borrego – Passing the 1300 metres was crowded for room and had to be eased off the heels of **Indian Tractor**, which shifted in. Near the 1200 metres had to be checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Indian Tractor** and carried **Romanus** onto **Gondwana** with the latter being carried out and becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of **He's Got Gears** and being switched out from that gelding to avoid its heels. **Blunderbuss**, which was following, had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Anza-Borrego**. Hung in over the concluding stages, carrying **Romanus** inwards and bumping the latter.

Master Silva – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Slightly inconvenienced leaving the 1200 metres.

Romanus – Carried out near the 1200 metres. Carried in over the concluding stages and bumped.

Valerin – Bumped shortly after the start. Leaving the 100 metres was steadied and switched to the outside of **Romanus** and **Anza-Borrego** to continue going forward. Vet report: Cast off fore shoe in the running.

He's Got Gears – Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted inwards and bumped **Take Off Mode**, which then shifted ground inwards bumping **Valerin**. Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Blunderbuss – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Was eased off the heels of **Anza-Borrego** passing the 1200 metres and taken out, slightly inconveniencing **Master Silva**.

Gondwana – Slow to begin. Bumped shortly after the start. Carried out passing the 1200 metres and became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **He's Got Gears**. Raced wide throughout.

Logan – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Hoolash (**Indian Tractor**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that passing the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Anza-Borrego**, resulting in the latter having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

b) An inquiry will be held into an incident passing the 1200 metres involving **Anza-Borrego** and **Blunderbuss** when the riders are available.

Result: 1st: **Romanus**, 2nd: **Anza-Borrego**, 3rd: **Valerin**, 4th: **He's Got Gears**

RACE 2 – THE LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR CUP – 1400M

Middle Path – Slow to begin.

Tippu Tib – Raced in restricted room for a short distance shortly after the start. Leaving the 300 metres was carried wide when improving on the outside of **Till Dawn** and raced wide entering the home straight. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

Aspara – Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Midnight Messenger – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out shortly after, tightening **Tippu Tib**. Approaching the 1100 metres started to over-race and hung out onto **Sierra Redwood**, carrying the latter outwards. Vet report: Distressed after the race.

Watch Me Dad – For some distance approaching the 1300 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Sierra Redwood** and near the 1200 metres was eased to avoid the heels of **Sierra Redwood** that shifted inwards. From the 1100 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Midnight Messenger**.

Sierra Redwood – Near the 1200 metres shifted inwards, crowding **Watch Me Dad**. Carried out by **Midnight Messenger**

Wordbuster – Slow to begin and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Was taken out from the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Rocketeer – Threw its head on jumping. Leaving the 900 metres shifted out abruptly and was taken back inwards.

Till Dawn – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 450 metres was bumped and shifted out to the outside of **Watch Me Dad**. Leaving the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Sierra Redwood** and raced wide into the home straight.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Ramsamy (**Badawee**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (i) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the finish when he was able to do so. He was fined Rs.5,000.

b) An inquiry was held into an incident where **Watch Me Dad** was tightened and forced to ease passing the 1200 metres. The Stewards considered that no blame could not be apportioned to any particular rider as **Midnight Messenger** was hanging out and simultaneously **Sierra Redwood** had shifted in slightly away from **Badawee** that was improving on its outside. As such, the Board considered this a racing incident and took no further action.

Result: 1st: **Badawee**, 2nd: **Aspara**, 3rd: **Till Dawn**, 4th: **Tippu Tib**

RACE 3 – THE VEEJAY KUMAR BEEHAREE MEMORIAL CUP – 1500M

Blow In The Box – Near the 1100 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Alssakhra**. Near the 800 metres, when still over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Alssakhra**. Was switched to the inside of runners entering the home straight to secure clear running.

Captain Gone Wild – Approaching the 1100 metres was taken to the outside of **Iron Wolf** to improve its position. Passing the 800 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Promissory** and, in doing so, carried **Choir Of Angels** wider on the track. Raced wide from the 600 metres onwards. When questioned, jockey Allyhosain explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or, if not able to, to secure a forward position preferably on the outside of horses as this gelding is a big striding horse and usually races fiercely behind horses. He also said that leaving the 1200 metres, seeing that **Iron Wolf** had proved faster than

him, he angled his mount outwards as per his instructions. He added that down the back straight when **Choir Of Angels** improved on his outside, his mount started over-racing, forcing him to come out from behind **Promissory** and getting caught in a 3 wide position from then onwards. He added that from leaving the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, his mount quickened for some distance before staying one-paced.

Choir Of Angels – Slow away and commenced to over-race passing the 1300 metres. Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight.

Promissory – Raced wide from approaching the 1100 metres and leaving the 1000 metres was urged forward to secure the lead.

Uncle JB – Slow to begin.

Allsakhra – Near the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Iron Wolf** to secure clear running.

Midnight Oracle – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **British Pound** outwards onto **Choir Of Angels** - Jumped awkwardly and inconvenienced shortly after the start. Passing the 1000 metres, for some distance, whilst over-racing, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Captain Gone Wild**.

British Pound – Carried outwards onto **Choir Of Angels** shortly after the start.

Gameloft – Slow to begin.

Result: 1st: **Blow In The Box**, 2nd: **Allsakhra**, 3rd: **Uncle JB**, 4th: **Captain Gone Wild**

RACE 4 – THE LADY FARQUHAR CUP – 1400M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the final straight. It was established that approaching the 100 metres **Mutzi**, which was improving on the outside of **Virtue**, commenced to shift in under pressure with jockey Nunes straightening his mount, at the same time **Virtue**, which was being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift out, carrying **Mutzi** slightly outwards with jockey Ségeon switching his whip to his left hand. **Virtue** then commenced to shift inwards abruptly over the concluding stages. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Mutzi** had no bearing on **Virtue**'s run regarding the shift close to the finish, decided not to proceed further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges semaphored numbers.

Bonnie Prince - Jumped awkwardly, carrying **Huyssteen** outwards. Over-raced leaving the 1100 metres.

Huyssteen – Carried outwards on jumping and shortly after bumped with **Arctic Flyer**. Bumped by **Virtue** passing the 300 metres.

Red Mars – Fractious prior to the start. Raced wide throughout. Bumped passing the 250 metres.

Virtue – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 300 metres, when being urged forward, had to be eased on the outside of **Senatla**, clipped its heels and stumbled and, in doing so, bumped **Huyssteen** on its outside.

Senatla – Fractious prior to the start.

Mutzi – Bumped at the start. Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Shifted inwards passing the 100 metres and carried in by **Virtue** in the closing stages. When questioned with regard to its improved performance, trainer Hurchund explained that this gelding does not show much at track work on the sand but that it looked good leading to the race and although he was not confident of the win, he expected a forward showing of **Mutzi**. He added that in his opinion the relatively fast pace in the race, coupled with the fact that **Mutzi** had been able to settle at the rear of the field, and when asked for an effort had an uninterrupted run to the line, accounted for its improved performance.

Sentido – Jumped awkwardly and crowded shortly after. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to over-race and when being settled got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

The Right Stuff - Steadied for a short distance when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Senatla** passing the 600 metres.

Arctic Flyer – Jumped outwards, bumped on its hindquarter and became unbalanced, shifted outwards onto **Sentido** crowding the latter onto **Mutzi**. Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1100 metres over-raced and improved on the outside of **Bonnie Prince**, which also commenced to over-race, with both horses racing to the lead.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Ségeon (**Virtue**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that he did not interfere with another horse in that near the 250 metres, when his mount improved on the heels of **Senatla**, he angled it outwards, bumping **Huyssteen** with the latter bumping **Red Mars**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

b) On inquiry, jockey Emamdee (**Arctic Flyer**) was reprimanded for not taking enough action to straighten his mount near the 1365 metres, inconveniencing **Sentido** and **Mutzi**.

Result: 1st: **Mutzi**, 2nd: **Virtue**, 3rd: **Senatla**, 4th: **Racing For Fun**

RACE 5 – THE CAMILLE L. NAIRAC CUP – 1600M

Bad Attitude – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Independence** outwards.

Tanjiro – Threw its head on jumping.

Independence – Carried outwards shortly after the start. Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground near the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight.

Act Of Loyalty – Was taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Not persevered with in the home straight. Vet report: Coughing after the race.

Tsitsikamma Dance – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 1000 metres was taken out to improve behind **Bad Attitude**. Over-raced in the middle stages. Leaving the 450 metres was switched to the outside of **Red Line Captain** to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Red Line Captain – When questioned, jockey Juglall explained that leaving the 450 metres **King's County** and **Bad Attitude** quickened away from him, resulting in him having to urge his mount forward vigorously in order to keep in touch with the leaders. He added that he then elected to allow his mount to drift to the outside of these horses so as not to break its stride as he was of the impression had he stayed behind **King's County**, he would have run onto its heels before turning into the straight. He added that his mount took more time than expected to quicken in the home straight and was slightly disappointing.

Rinjani - Stumbled shortly after jumping. Commenced to over-race near the 1100 metres. Leaving the 900 metres, whilst over-racing, shifted in abruptly when being eased to avoid the heels of **Independence**.

Result: 1st: **Bad Attitude**, 2nd: **Tsitsikamma Dance**, 3rd: **King's County**, 4th: **Red Line Captain**

RACE 6 – THE GUNNESS GUJADHUR CUP – 1400M

Ernie – Bumped on numerous occasions shortly after the start. Raced wide throughout. Leaving the 450 metres commenced to give ground to the field.

Kazaar – Raced wide throughout.

Copper Force – Passing the 1300 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Wall Tag**, which was being carried inwards. Near the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and was eased to avoid the heels of **Wall Tag**.

Seventh Plain – Raced fiercely in the middle stages and leaving the 700 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Big Mistake**.

Chili Con Carne – Jumped outwards. Shortly after the start bumped on its hindquarter and became unbalanced, shifting outwards and crowding **Pera Palace** onto **Ernie**. Thereafter, **Pera Palace** bumped **Ernie** on its hindquarters, unbalanced the latter and turned it sideways with **Ernie** then becoming unbalanced, shifting inwards and crowding **Pera Palace**. In this incident **Pera Palace** became badly unbalanced, was checked and lost its position. Leaving the 250 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Wall Tag**.

Wall Tag – Jumped outwards despite jockey David's attempt to straighten it. Shifted inwards near the 250 metres.

Pera Palace - Slow to begin. Shortly after the start was crowded for room when **Chili Con Carne** shifted out. Switched to the inside of **Copper Force** entering the home straight to secure clear running.

Aware – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages.

Big Mistake – Raced wide in the early stages.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey David (**Wall Tag**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that near the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Copper Force**, resulting in the latter having to be eased to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

b) On inquiry, jockey David (**Wall Tag**) was found guilty of a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in at the 250 metres, resulting in **Chili Con Carne** to be cramped for galloping room and being eased. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred earlier in the race.

Result: 1st: **Wall Tag**, 2nd: **Big Mistake**, 3rd: **Seventh Plain**, 4th: **Captain Swarovski**

RACE 7 – THE SHADARI CUP – 990M

J J's Captain - After being loaded, broke through its gate and was quickly reined in. This gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared fit to race. Inconvenienced near the 75 metres.

Northern Rebel – Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start.

Tyrian – Slow to begin.

Wendylle – Slow into stride and crowded for room shortly after the start. Leaving the 900 metres was urged forward vigorously, thereafter commenced to over-race, resulting in the latter commencing to over-race near the 700 metres and having to be taken inwards passing the 700 metres to avoid the heels of **Philosopher**, which had shifted in slightly, was then taken inwards and crowded **Italian Way**, which had to be eased, losing its position. Following this incident, had to be switched to the outside of **Philosopher** passing the 600 metres when awkwardly placed close to its heels and, in doing so, brushed **Respectable Rock**.

Respectable Rock – Brushed passing the 600 metres. Near the 700 metres steadied when close to the heels of **Philosopher**.

Gordonstoun - Jumped inwards and crowded **Wendylle** onto **Wow Holiday** shortly after the start. Passing the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **J J's Captain** and thereafter shifted out away from the whip. Leaving the 75 metres inconvenienced **J J's Captain** over a short distance.

Philosopher – Shifted in passing the 700 metres, crowding **Wendylle** onto **Italian Way**.

Italian Way - Jumped inwards and brushed **Gordonstoun** with the latter shifting in and crowding **Wendylle** – Crowded and eased passing the 700 metres and lost its position.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, apprentice Louis (**Gordonstoun**) was severely reprimanded for shifting ground leaving the 75 metres, resulting in **J J's Captain** becoming inconvenienced.

b) On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Philosopher**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that passing the 700 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Wendylle**, which was racing on its inside and having to be eased and taken in and, in doing so, tightened **Italian Way** on its inside, which was checked and bumped the rail. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Result: 1st: **Roman Dancer**, 2nd: **Gordonstoun**, 3rd: **J J's Captain**, 4th: **Wow Holiday**

RACE 8 – THE INTERCONTINENTAL PLATE – 1500M

Fortissimo – Slow to begin. Was taken out from the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Kali's Champ – Approaching the 1300 metres shifted in, momentarily crowding **Seventh Silver**. Approaching the 600 metres shifted in onto **Seventh Silver**, crowding the latter with **Seventh Silver** brushing the running rail.

Street Byte – Shortly after the start was carried in by **Flying Arrow**, which had shifted ground inwards despite jockey Juglall's attempt to straighten it with **Street Byte**, crowding **Patrol Mission** onto **New Golden Age** with the latter shifting ground inwards and bumping **Plain Of Wisdom** on its hindquarters. Commenced to over-race approaching the 1300 metres, threw its head up and raced ungenerously.

Seventh Silver – Momentarily tightened near the 1300 metres. Brushed the running rail passing the 600 metres.

Biometric – Took an awkward stride passing the 1300 metres.

Flying Arrow – Jumped inwards. Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to over-race, increasing its lead on the rest of the field. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of this gelding, trainer G. Rousset explained that this gelding was an expensive purchase as a yearling by its previous owners in South Africa and as it had been disappointing in 7 races over there, he managed to acquire the gelding. He added that in its previous races in Mauritius, being a hard puller, it had proved extremely difficult to handle, fading and being disappointing. He also said that for this race after discussing the gelding with jockey Teeha, he was advised to fit the latter with pacifiers. He further stated that the said equipment seemed to have had the desired effect as the gelding proved more settled prior to and during the race. He also added that following its last race the gelding had improved in condition and despite being drawn wide, he expected a better race from it today. Trainer

Rousset concluded by stating that he was of the opinion that the pacifiers and the fact that it was able to dictate its own pace, had accounted to its improved performance.

Charles My Boy – Shortly after the start, taken across to secure a position on the rail.

New Golden Age – Slow to begin and crowded for room shortly after the start, shifting ground inwards and bumping **Plain Of Wisdom**. Approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Street Byte**. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Patrol Mission** to secure clear running. Leaving the 100 metres was switched to the inside of **Kali's Champ** to continue going forward.

Plain Of Wisdom – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Was taken out from the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Patrol Mission – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **New Golden Age**. Crowded for room after the start.

Result: 1st: **Flying Arrow**, 2nd: **Seventh Silver**, 3rd: **New Golden Age**, 4th: **Fortissimo**

GENERAL

a) Pre-race blood specimens were taken for analysis from all runners.

b) Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and from Watch Me Dad (Race 2), Captain Gone Wild (Race 3), Senatla (Race 4) and King's County (Race 5).

c) Urine specimens were taken for analysis from the following riders: A. Balloo, J. Bardottier, D. David, D. Holland, N. Juglall, O. Plaçais & C. Ségeon.

SUMMARY – RM 21 - 2019	
Fine	Race 2: K. Ramsamy (Badawee): Rs.5,000 for failing to ride out to finish
Suspensions	Race 1: R. Hoolash (Indian Tractor): 2 Mauritian race meetings for careless riding (1300m) Race 4: C. Ségeon (Virtue): 1 Mauritian race meeting for interference (250m) Race 6: D. David (Wall Tag): 2 Mauritian race meetings for careless riding (1300m) Race 7: A. Balloo (Philosopher): 1 Mauritian race meeting for careless riding (600m)
Suspension & Fine	Race 6: D. David (Wall Tag): 1 Mauritian race meeting & Rs.25,000 for careless riding (250m)
Reprimands	Race 4: Y. Emamdee (Arctic Flyer): for not taking enough action to straighten his mount (1365m) Race 7: B. Louis (Gordonstoun): severely reprimanded for shifting ground (75m)

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