



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2017

GENERAL

The Stewards acceded to a request from Mr. Allet to replace jockey Hoolash on his horses in races 4 and 8 and approved the following replacement riders:

B. Sooful on **Streetbouncer** in Race 4
Y. Emamdee on **Commodus** in Race 8

RACE 1 – THE PRODIGAL CUP

The start was delayed when **Mr Oshkosh** had to be re-saddled behind the barriers.

Prior to the start being effected **Brazo** became fractious and reared, forcing open its gate. It then flipped over and momentarily got caught under the barrier. It was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Brazo**. In view of this, all bets on **Brazo** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Brazo** being 13/1.

When the start was effected, **Pageantry** froze and refused to jump, losing considerable ground at the start. The Stewards, being unsatisfied with its performance at the barriers, informed trainer J. M. Henry that this gelding has been suspended indefinitely.

Bright Shining threw its head, was slow to begin and shortly after was crowded by **Lord Wellington**. **Agincourt** dipped passing the 1365 metres. Approaching the 450 metres **Marine Sky** was taken out from behind **Bright Shining** and, in doing so, carried **Magic Jay** wider on the track. **Magic Jay** was then urged forward from the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 300 metres **Mr Oshkosh** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 250 metres **Ruby Rocker** was taken out from behind **Villa Le Blanc** and, in doing so, brushed **Agincourt** with the latter shifting out, brushing **Magic Jay**. **Marine Sky**, which was following, became awkward close to the heels of **Agincourt**. **Agincourt** hung in in the home straight. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Villa Le Blanc**, apprentice Deenath explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and, after jumping well, he had to use his mount until passing the 1300 metres to secure the lead. He added that once in front it raced relaxed, however from the 600 metres the gelding started to drop the bit and, when asked for an effort passing the 300 metres, failed to accelerate and shortened its stride. A veterinary examination of **Villa Le Blanc** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 2 – THE MAURICEBAY GREEN TEA DAY CUP

Plain Of Wisdom was slow to begin. **In Your Dreams** half reared and, from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. **Al Dangeur** jumped outwards and shortly after was crowded for room by **Don't Tell Mama**, which had been carried out by **Sierra Redwood**, which had shifted outwards. **Al Dangeur** then raced tight between **Don't Tell Mama** and **Galtero** for some distance, was eventually eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. Leaving the 1300 metres **Galtero**, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Maxamore**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for a short distance. Leaving the 1300 metres **Al Dangeur**, which had been urged forward from the start commenced to over-race and raced in restricted room for some distance on the inside of **Don't Tell Mama**. Leaving the 1100 metres **Plain Of Wisdom** commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Al Dangeur** and, in doing so, carried **In Your Dreams** wider on the track, with **In Your Dreams** racing wide from then onwards. Approaching the 500 metres **Plain Of Wisdom** was taken out to improve its position and carried **In Your Dreams** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Don't Tell Mama** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 3 – THE MAURICEBAY VIP SPRINT CUP

Maestro's Salute froze when the gates opened, losing considerable ground. **Gameloft** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **After Midnight**. From its wide draw, **Kalinago** was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 300 metres **Flower Blue** commenced to give ground with **Skip The Red**, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward. **Skip The Red** raced wide rounding the home turn, Leaving the 250 metres **Gameloft** was taken to the inside of **After Midnight**, which had shifted out under pressure, to continue going forward. Leaving the 100 metres **Skip The Red** shifted in away from the whip, with jockey Pengelly putting his whip away to straighten the gelding. Jockey Wiggins reported that **Maestro's Salute** slipped at the start.

RACE 4 – THE MAURICEBAY GREEN TEA FOR THREE CUP

Following the running of this race, the Stewards considered an objection lodged by jockey Wiggins, the rider of **Charleston Hero**, which was declared 2nd, against **Silver Snaffles**, being declared the winner, alleging interference near the 1100 metres. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that leaving the 1200 metres, **Silver Snaffles** had improved on the outside of **Charleston Hero** and shifted in for one stride, slightly inconveniencing **Charleston Hero**, and was corrected straightaway by apprentice Allyhosain. The Stewards, being of the opinion that at the 1100 metres **Silver Snaffles**, although shifting in, did not cross **Charleston Hero** and that this incident did not materially affect the result of the race, dismissed the objection and correct weight was declared on the Judges semaphored numbers.

Jay Jay's Wild and **Orange Tractor** were slow to begin. **Streetbouncer** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Silver Snaffles**. Approaching the 700 metres **Orange Tractor** had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Winter Is Coming**. Near the 600 metres **Act Of Loyalty** brushed the running rails. From approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, **Act Of Loyalty** was held up when unable to improve between **Winter Is Coming** and **Streetbouncer** and was taken out from behind **Streetbouncer** leaving the 250 metres to obtain clear running. **Act Of Loyalty** hung in in the home straight. When questioned with regard to his vigour in the early part of the home straight, jockey Arnold (**Act Of Loyalty**) explained that approaching the 300 metres he was held up behind **Streetbouncer** and **Winter Is Coming**, which were giving ground and, when turning for home, his mount started to hang in. As such, he decided to straighten his mount and get it balanced before riding it out vigorously. He added that being a patient rider, he always has the habit of balancing his mounts before riding them out vigorously. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Act Of Loyalty** would not have finished closer than 3rd, told jockey Arnold that he should ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query.

The track was downgraded to 2.9 after the running of this race.

RACE 5 – THE MAURICEBAY GREEN TEA BREAK CUP

Mystical Twilight jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Psycho Syd** and **Racing For Fun** were slow into stride. From approaching the 1200 metres **Mystical Twilight** commenced to over-race and proved difficult to control. Leaving the 1300 metres **Ryder Cup** was carried in by **Chosen Dash**, which was taken in to secure a position on the rail, resulting in **Racing For Fun** becoming awkward close to the heels of **Ryder Cup** and having to be eased. Approaching the 400 metres **Mystical Twilight** commenced to give ground with **Lucky Valentine** having to be taken out to continue going forward. **Mystical Twilight** was not persevered with over the concluding stages. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Mystical Twilight** revealed that it suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 6 – THE GREEN TEA MAURICEBAY 100% HEALTH CUP

Netflix proved difficult to load. **Recall To Life** and **Seven Fountains** were slow to begin. **Netflix** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. From passing the 700 metres **Seven Fountains** dropped the bit and, when being urged forward, shifted in at the 600 metres, brushing the running rail. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Seven Fountains**) stated that approaching the 450 metres he had to steady when crowded for room on the inside of **Recall To Life** and afterwards failed to quicken when asked for an effort. He added that in his opinion his mount may not have enjoyed the rain affected going. Approaching the 200 metres **Netflix** was taken to the inside of **Everest** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Everest** was lame on the off fore leg.

RACE 7 – THE GREEN TEA MAURICEBAY 100% NATURAL TROPHY

Acting on veterinary advice that **Logan** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.00 a.m. on Friday. In view of this, all bets on **Logan** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

A P Strike was slow to begin. **Arctic Flyer** stumbled on jumping. Approaching the 1500 metres, for some distance, **Mighty Hash** was cramped for room on the inside of **Ready For Take Off**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear, with **Mighty Hash** having to be checked, losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Teeha pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

From the 500 metres **Mighty Hash** commenced to give ground. When questioned, apprentice Ramsamy explained that approaching the 500 metres **Mighty Hash** dropped the bit and, when urged forward, failed to respond, changed legs and felt uncomfortable. He added that feeling that there was something amiss with the gelding, he decided not to persevere with the latter. He added that when trotting back **Mighty Hash** was not striding out freely. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Mighty Hash** revealed no abnormality. **Aspara** was taken out from leaving the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

RACE 8 – THE FASHION EDITOR CUP

Acting on veterinary advice that **Mojo J** had its left knee swollen and was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 12.20 p.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Mojo J** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Succession Plan stood flat-footed when the start was given and was slow out, losing considerable ground. **Commodus** was slow to begin. **Euroklidon** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Black Gambit** onto **Rum Tum Tugger**. From leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slowed, **Halabaloo** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Rum Tum Tugger**. **Nadas**, which was following, commenced to over-race, also had to be eased. **Black Gambit**, which was following **Nadas**, became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be eased. **Succession Plan**, which was following **Black Gambit**, was taken out to avoid its heels and, in doing so, carried **Commodus** outwards. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Boutanive was severely reprimanded and told that he should let his mounts run in its pace in future. Leaving the 700 metres **Nadas** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Succession Plan** and, in doing so, carried **Commodus** wider on the track. **Commodus** was taken out to improve its position and race wide from leaving the 450 metres. **Roman Silvanus** hung out over the concluding stages, carrying **Nadas** outwards, with **Nadas** inconveniencing **New Golden Age** on its outside. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Roman Silvanus**) pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Euroklidon**, trainer Jones explained that this gelding was at its 3rd start this season, he added that at its last start, when in need of a run and ridden by apprentice Allyhosain, the latter had asked for a consequent effort of his mount to be able to get to the lead with the gelding compounding over the latter stages. He further added that for today's race the gelding had improved sensibly at track work and as it was racing against a moderate field in his opinion, he expected a better run from it. He concluded by saying that the fact that **Euroklidon** managed to get a soft lead and dictated its pace, together with the softer going today, could have accounted to its improved performance.