



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017

RACE 1 – THE J. SERGE HENRY CUP

The start was delayed when **Special Secret** proved difficult to load. The Stewards, not being satisfied with the performance of **Special Secret** at the start told trainer Jones that this gelding should pass a satisfactory barrier trial before being allowed to race again. **Special Secret** was slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Special Secret** raced tight between **Birds Eye View**, which had shifted out, and **Line Of Sight**, which had shifted in on jumping. Approaching the 1200 metres **New Golden Age** had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Zen Master**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Boutanive (**Zen Master**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. From leaving the 1200 metres **Special Secret** commenced to over-race, threw its head when being settled and raced ungenerously for some distance. From leaving the 500 metres **Special Secret** commenced to give ground, resulting in **New Golden Age**, which was following, having to be taken out to improve its position. From approaching the 300 metres **Zen Master** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. From the 200 metres **New Golden Age**, when being ridden with the whip, shied away and commenced to shift in, at the same time **Birds Eye View** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **New Golden Age** becoming disappointed for a run approaching the 100 metres and having to be taken out to continue going forward. An inquiry was held into the handling of **New Golden Age**. Evidence was taken from Assistant Trainer Y. Perdrau and apprentice Ramsamy. After consideration, apprentice Ramsamy pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride **New Golden Age** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that leaving the 200 metres, when his mount started shifting in and he had the opportunity to straighten it in view to secure the run between **Birds Eye View** and **Secret Idea** he failed to do so and instead let his mount continue to shift in, resulting in him running out of room and having to be taken out near the 100 metres from behind **Birds Eye View** to secure clear running. Apprentice Ramsamy was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 2 – THE ERIC BETSEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

The start was delayed when going out of the parade ring, **Klopp** became fractious, displacing its near hind shoe and had to be reshod.

Klopp, which was fractious prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Jungle Path** and **Nadas** were slow into stride. From passing the 1300 metres **Nadas** raced tight on the inside of **Jungle Path**. Approaching the 600 metres **Powder Keg** shifted in, crowding **Klopp**. Following this incident, **Powder Keg** continued to shift in, resulting in **Klopp** having to again be eased. Passing the 300 metres **Nadas** was taken out from behind **Alloy** to improve its position. Leaving the 200 metres **Jungle Path** commenced to shift in under pressure, brushing **Dark Liability**. **Klopp** hung in over the concluding stages. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Jungle Path**, trainer Merven explained that the gelding had taken some time to come to hand and proved to race green. He added that following its last run in a higher category, the gelding had worked well at track work, improving steadily, as such, as it was facing a weaker field today, he expected a better run from **Jungle Path**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Powder Keg** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 3 – THE BUSINESS MAG TROPHY

Acting on veterinary advice that **Al Dangeur** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 9.30 a.m. today. In view of this all bets on **Al Dangeur** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Plain Of Wisdom was slow out. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Sierra Redwood** shifted in, bumped **Prince George** and shifted out, carrying **Wow Holiday** onto **Maxamore**, which

was being taken in, and bumped **Maxamore** on its hindquarters, unbalancing the latter. **Sierra Redwood** raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 1200 metres, when being settled, **Galtero** commenced to over-race, throwing its head and racing ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 500 metres, **Don't Tell Mama** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Pop The Question**, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward and, in doing so, carried **Plain Of Wisdom** wider on the track. Approaching the 300 metres **Maxamore** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Sierra Redwood**, which had commenced to give ground, outwards. **Sierra Redwood** then carried **Wow Holiday**, which was improving on its outside wider on the track with **Wow Holiday** racing wide on the home turn. **Galtero** and **Maxamore** hung out over the last 100 metres. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Galtero**. Trainer Jones explained that he instructed jockey Boutanive, from its good draw, to jump and secure a good position. Jockey Boutanive confirmed these instructions and, after jumping well, asked his mount for an effort to ride as per instructions, He added that from approaching the 1200 metres, when **Don't Tell Mama** and **Sierra Redwood** improved on his outside, his mount commenced to over-race and threw its head, racing ungenerously when he attempted to settle it. He further added that he did so until approaching the 600 metres. He stated that, when asked for an effort leaving the 250 metres, **Galtero** quickened for some distance before getting tired over the concluding stages to finish 2nd. After consideration, the Stewards told jockey Boutanive that his ride had come under notice and that he is expected to show better judgment when riding in races. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Don't Tell Mama** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 4 – THE L'EXPRESS TROPHY

Dealer's Charm was slow to begin. **Rebel's Game** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Dealer's Charm** onto the heels of **Heart Of Darkness**, with **Dealer's Charm** having to steady. Approaching the 1500 metres **Valerin**, **Down Under** and **Rebel's Game** raced tight on the inside of **Heart Of Darkness**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear with **Rebel's Game** being taken in and being bumped on its hindquarters by **Down Under**. **Down Under** then shifted in and bumped **Valerin**, with these three horses becoming unbalanced and **Down Under** having to be eased and losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Heart Of Darkness**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. Leaving the 600 metres **Rebel's Game** was taken out from behind **Heart Of Darkness**, carrying **Top Of The Rock** wider on the track, with the latter racing wide from then onwards. **Dealer's Charm** could not secure clear running over the last 150 metres and could not be properly tested. **Top Of The Rock** hung in in the home straight and, passing the 100 metres, shifted in despite jockey Horil's attempt to straighten it, inconveniencing **Heart Of Darkness**.

RACE 5 – THE 5-PLUS TROPHY

Fort Ozark and **Chosen Path** jumped awkwardly and shifted out with **Our Jet** being taken out by these two horses. Shortly after the start **Soldier's Code** raced in restricted room between **Mr Bond** and **Glorious Goodwood**. **Mr Bond** and **Glorious Goodwood** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1300 metres **Our Jet** raced in restricted room on the inside of **Glorious Goodwood** for some distance, with **Our Jet** then becoming awkward and having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Chosen Path**. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Glorious Goodwood**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told that he should allow more room to horses on his inside. Near the 1150 metres **Fort Ozark** ran out of room and had to be checked when **Our Jet** was taken in when insufficiently clear. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. From leaving the 1100 metres **Hililyhililyhilo** commenced to over-race when being restrained, shifted in and became awkward close to the heels of **Mr Bond**, which was taken out to avoid the heels of **Glorious Goodwood**. **Soldier's Code** was taken out to improve its position from approaching the 450 metres and, in doing so, carried **Hililyhililyhilo** wider on the track. **Hililyhililyhilo** commenced to give ground approaching the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight, finishing tailed off.

RACE 6 – THE L'EXPRESS TURF TROPHY

The start was delayed when **Thrust** had to be re-saddled behind the stalls.

Memphis Mafia and **Sheer Trouble** were slow to begin. **Recall To Life** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the rail. Passing the 600 metres **Sir Earl Grey** shifted in, crowding **Everest**. **Candy Rock**, which was following, became awkward when close to the heels of **Sir Earl Grey**, shifted in and crowded **Memphis Mafia**. At an

inquiry into this incident, it was established that at the 600 metres **Sir Earl Grey** changed legs and shifted in, brushing **Everest** and becoming unbalanced with **Everest** then brushing the running rail. Jockey Chisty (**Sir Earl Grey**) was issued with a reprimand and told that he should leave more room to horses on his inside. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Captain Magpie**, Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur explained that at its last start the gelding was caught wide and faded badly. He said that since then, he decided to spell the gelding and freshen it up and today, as it was racing with a weaker opposition with no front runners in the race, he expected it to lead easily.

RACE 7 – THE CARACTERE TROPHY

Night Chapel and **Euroklidon** jumped outwards crowding **Logan** onto **Singita Sweni**, which had jumped inwards. Shortly after the start **Gold Medalist** shifted in and was bumped by **Singita Sweni**, which had been carried out. **Singita Sweni** then raced in restricted room between **Gold Medalist** and **Logan** for some distance. **The Brass Bell** raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1300 metres was eased to take a position on the rail. Approaching the 600 metres **Euroklidon** shifted out under pressure **Gold Medalist**, which was following, was taken to its inside to continue going forward. **Gold Medalist** shifted in over the last 150 metres.

RACE 8 – THE DISA LEADER CUP

Jockey Horil was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer after the 6th race. The Stewards approved jockey Joorawon as the replacement rider for **Rock On**.

Colour Of Courage was slow to begin. **Laughitheanswer** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Anton Ruskin** on its hindquarters. **Anton Ruskin** became unbalanced and crowded **Newsman** onto **Colour Of Courage** with **Newsman** having to be checked. **Masaar** raced wide in the early stages. **Colour Of Courage** was taken out from the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. **Laughitheanswer** and **Rock On** commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Rock On** suffered a bleeding attack.