



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017

RACE 1 – THE SHADARI CUP

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

Apprentice Roy could not ride **Put Foot Singe** at 50.5 kg. After consultation with trainer C. Ramdin, the Stewards allowed him to ride the gelding at 52 kg. At an inquiry into the reason why he could not ride **Put Foot Singe** at the carded weight of 50.5kg, apprentice Roy pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 111 (3) for accepting a ride whilst he was overweight and was suspended from riding in races for two races reserved for Mauritian riders.

Commodus, **The Blue Streak** and **Battle Ready** were slow to begin. **Mr Oshkosh** threw its head on jumping and was slow out. **Anafesto** was slow into stride. **Commodus** raced wide throughout. **Mr Oshkosh** was taken out approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Jockey Sooful (**Marine Sky**) dropped his whip near the 400 metres. Approaching the 200 metres **Bridegroom Bertie** commenced to shift in, resulting in **Nadas**, which was improving into a gap between **Bridegroom Bertie** and **Put Foot Singe**, racing in restricted room for a short distance. Passing the 200 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out from behind **Marine Sky** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Nadas** was not striding out properly after the race and that **Marine Sky** was lame on the off fore leg.

RACE 2 – LE CAUDAN WATERFRONT MARINA SOUVENIR TROPHY

The track was upgraded to 2.8 before the running of this race.

At the start **Together Forever** reared, dislodging its rider.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign, viewed the video replays of the start and took evidence from apprentice Ramsamy. It was established that prior to the start being effected **Together Forever** became fractious with the handler trying to straighten its head and, when the start was effected, the handler still had hold of its near side rein with **Together Forever** rearing badly. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Together Forever** was denied a fair start, acting under MTC Rule 144 (1), declared it a non runner. In view of this, all bets on **Together Forever** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Together Forever** being 10-1. Trainer Jones was told that the performance of **Together Forever** in the stalls was unsatisfactory and that it should pass a barrier test before being allowed to race again.

Seven Oceans was slow out. **Student Grant** jumped awkwardly and was bumped on its hindquarter by **Together Forever**. Leaving the 1000 metres **Seven Oceans** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Student Grant** and, in doing so, carried **It Doesn't Matter** wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres **It Doesn't Matter** became awkward when close to the heels of **Student Grant**. Approaching the 300 metres **It Doesn't Matter** was taken out from behind **Chester's Wish**, which had began to give ground and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 800 metres **Avail** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Chester's Wish** wider on the track. **Chester's Wish** raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 600 metres **Student Grant** shifted out slightly, resulting in **Seven Oceans**, which was following, improving into a tight gap on its inside when **Student Grant** was taken back to the rail. **Seven Oceans** was then inconvenienced and had to steady to avoid its heels. When questioned, jockey Horil (**It Doesn't Matter**) explained that leaving the 900 metres he could have improved on the outside of runners, however, in his opinion, his mount was not travelling well enough to do so. He also said that **It Doesn't Matter** did not enjoy the softer going today. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Student Grant** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

RACE 3 – LE CAUDAN SECURITY ACTIVE RESPONSE SOUVENIR TROPHY

Fortissimo and **Arabian Sea** were slow to begin. **Fortissimo** then shifted in, bumping **Golden Ball**. Passing the 1300 metres **Steal A March** was slightly inconvenienced by **Golden Ball**, which was being taken in. **Steal A March** then shifted in slightly, with **Al Dangeur**, which was racing on its inside, having to steady when close to its heels. **Fortissimo** raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 1200 metres **Golden Ball** commenced to over-race when **Evergreen** improved on its outside. Passing the 400 metres **Gameloft** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 300 metres **Arabian Sea** was taken out to improve its position. Leaving the 100 metres **Steal A March** commenced to shift in under pressure with jockey Horil putting his whip away to straighten his mount. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that an endoscopic examination of **Arabian Sea**, which was coughing after the race, revealed no abnormality.

RACE 4 – LE CAUDAN ARTS CENTRE SOUVENIR TROPHY

Dustan and **Aficionado** were slow to begin. **Kemal Kavur** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Bono Vox** onto **Greys Inn Control**. Near the 1700 metres **Aficionado** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Orange Tractor**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama (**Orange Tractor**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. **Talbec** shifted out over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **Aficionado**.

RACE 5 – LE CAUDAN SECURITY SERVICES SOUVENIR TROPHY

Door Of Deception, **Memphis Mafia** and **Aware** were slow to begin. **Do Be Snappy** knuckled shortly after the start. Passing the 1300 metres **Ryder Cup** momentarily shifted in, crowding **Memphis Mafia** on its inside. Leaving the 1100 metres **Memphis Mafia** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Ryder Cup**, which had been taken in to take a position closer to the rail. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Arnold (**Ryder Cup**) 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. For some distance leaving the 1000 metres **Door Of Deception** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Do Be Snappy**. Approaching the 800 metres **Do Be Snappy** was taken out, resulting in **Aware**, which was following, becoming awkward close to its heels. **Aware** raced wide from leaving the 500 metres. Leaving the 250 metres **Memphis Mafia** was taken out from behind **Navistar** to secure clear running. **Door Of Deception**, which was following, became awkward close to its heels and had to be switched to its inside to continue going forward. Shortly after, after being disappointed for a run between **Ryder Cup** and **Navistar**, **Memphis Mafia** was taken to the inside of **Navistar** to continue going forward, with **Door Of Deception** going for the same run. **Memphis Mafia**, which was going better than **Door Of Deception**, secured the run with the latter becoming awkward close to its heels, having to be steadied and taken out. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bussunt (**Memphis Mafia**) was reprimanded and told to make sure he is clear of horses before shifting ground. From leaving the 100 metres **Do Be Snappy** commenced to shift in under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Belenos**. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Do Be Snappy**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told that he should straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Aware** was lame on its near fore leg and **Navistar** was lame on its off fore leg.

RACE 6 – LE CAUDAN WATERFRONT SOUVENIR TROPHY

Prior to the start being effected **Argun** and **Belong To Me** were fractious in their gates. **Argun**, **Psycho Syd** and **Kapitan** were slow to begin. **Nottinghamshire** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres **Victory Team** changed legs and shifted out momentarily, resulting in **Nottinghamshire**, which was following, becoming awkward close to its heels. **Belong To Me**, which was following, became inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Nottinghamshire** and had to be eased. Passing the 300 metres **Belong To Me** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Belong To Me** hung in in the home straight. Passing the 100 metres, **Belong To Me** shifted in despite jockey Bussunt's attempt to straighten in, inconveniencing **Entrée** on its inside. Approaching the 100 metres jockey Bheekary's (**Psycho Syd**) whip became entangled in its off side rein, with him momentarily losing the use of his off side rein, which he quickly regained.

RACE 7 – LE CAUDAN SECURITY CASH IN TRANSIT SOUVENIR TROPHY

In Your Face, which was standing awkwardly in its gate was slow out and shortly after was cramped for room between **The Brass Bell**, which had jumped outwards, and **Supreme Power**, which had jumped inwards. **Flower Blue** jumped awkwardly and shifted out slightly, and shortly after was bumped on its hindquarter by **Street Boy**, which shifted in on jumping. **Flower Blue** was then unbalanced and shifted out, carrying **Street Boy** outwards onto **Gondwana** and **Gondwana** onto **The Brass Bell**, with **The Brass Bell** crowding **In Your Face** onto **Supreme Power**. **In Your Face** raced wide in the early and middle stages. From approaching the 900 metres **In Your Face** commenced to over-race and leaving the 900 metres when being steadied **In Your Face** shifted in contacting the hindquarters of **Brachetto**. **In Your Face** then continued to shift in, crowding **Flower Blue** with the latter shifting in and brushing the running rail approaching the 800 metres. From approaching the 400 metres **In Your Face** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Gondwana**, which was following, being held up when unable to improve. Passing the 250 metres **Gondwana** was taken to the inside of **In Your Face** to secure clear running and passing the 100 metres **Gondwana** was taken out from behind **In The Trenches** and **The Brass Bell** to secure clear running.

When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **In Your Face**, jockey Chisty explained that after jumping awkwardly he was cramped for room between **The Brass Bell** and **Supreme Power** and passing the 1300 metres he found himself in a 3-wide position, as such he elected to press forward to go for the lead. He added that approaching the 1000 metres **Brachetto**, which was in front, insisted on his inside, as such he elected to ease and sit second in a one off position closer to the leader. He also said that from then onwards his mount started to over-race, hung in and commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres, being extremely disappointing. He added that, in his opinion, **In Your Face** runs better when leading. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **In Your Face** was lame on the off fore leg and that **Supreme Power** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 8 – THE BLACK TULIP CUP

Captain Rockhopper, **It's My Party** and **Saracen King** were slow to begin. From approaching the 1100 metres **Captain Rockhopper** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Saracen King**. Approaching the 1000 metres **Captain Rockhopper**, which was still over-racing, had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Saracen King** and, in doing so, carried **A P Strike** wider on the track. Approaching the 900 metres **Captain Rockhopper** was again taken out to avoid the heels of **Saracen King** and, in doing so, carried **A P Strike** wider on the track with **A P Strike** racing wide from then onwards. **Final Cup** shifted out in the early stages of the home straight. Leaving the 200 metres **Saracen King** was taken out from behind **A P Strike** to secure clear running.