



**THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB**  
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 14 JULY 2018**

**GENERAL**

The Stewards approved the following replacement riders for jockeys R. Mullen and V. Bundhoo who were indisposed and jockey Stackhouse who was stood down after the 4<sup>th</sup> race:

Race 2: D. Stackhouse on **Eight Cities**

Race 4: A. Balloo on **Buffalo Trip**

Race 5: S. Bussunt on **Bouclette Top**

Race 6: R. Hoolash on **Reim**

Race 7: A. Balloo on **Refined Bachelor**

R. Hoolash on **King's Salute**

Race 8: K. Ramsamy on **Charles My Boy**

R. Fradd on **The Third Man**

**RACE 1 – LE PRIX BAISER DE PAIX – 1400M**

The start of this race was delayed for approximately 10 minutes when after being placed in its barrier **Midnight Man** became fractious and reared, getting its both front legs over the side partition. Shortly after **The Judicator** also became fractious and reared, getting its front legs over the side partition. As both horses were being extracted from the barrier, **Commodus** reared, dislodged jockey Mullen and spun around, throwing itself down in its barrier, becoming caste. All other horses were removed from the barrier and, when **Commodus** was removed, the gelding galloped riderless around the track. The Stewards directed the withdrawal of **Midnight Man**, **The Judicator** and **Commodus**. In view of these withdrawals, winning bets with bookmakers were paid less a total of 25 cents per rupee, the average price of these horses being as follows: **Midnight Man**: 10/1, **The Judicator**: 5/1 and **Commodus**: 24/1. The Stewards, acting under MTC Rule 27 (j) and, after considering the gelding's history, directed that **Midnight Man** be banned from racing. **Commodus** and **The Judicator** will be required to complete a satisfactory barrier test before starting in a race again. As barriers 1, 2 and 4 were damaged, the Starter did not use these barriers for race 1. Following a medical examination, jockey R. Mullen was stood down for the remainder of the day.

**Apres Ski** – Near the 1100 metres had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Klopp**. Was taken out from leaving the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Dark Liability** – Jockey Segeon's whip was struck out of his hand by jockey Bussunt's (**Masaar**) whip.

**Klopp** – Inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon at the barrier and passed fit to start. Slow into stride. Approaching the 1100 metres ducked out sharply. When questioned, apprentice Allyhosain explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and after securing the lead the gelding was reluctant to stride forward and shifted out with him having to urge it forward to keep his position. He added that from leaving the 500 metres his mount dropped the bit and then was hard ridden to keep in touch with the leaders. When questioned, Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur advised that in future he will endeavour to race this gelding from further back in the field.

**Masaar** – Slow to begin and dipped shortly after. From approaching the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Apres Ski** and was allowed to stride forward to race close to the lead. Hung in in the home straight.

**Tigre Libre** – Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres was eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the rail. Approaching the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Blue Jeans** to secure clear running.

## **RACE 2 – LE PRIX DU CENTENAIRE DE L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE – 1500M**

As barriers 1, 2 and 4 were damaged, the second set of stalls was utilized.

**Toa Nui** – Slow to begin. Was taken out approaching the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in over the concluding stages.

**Duke The Duke** – Was taken out from behind **Interferometer** leaving the 300 metres.

**Mambo Rock** – Raced wide in the early stages and from leaving the 1200 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Lay out under pressure over the final 100 metres. From leaving the 1400 metres commenced to over-race and when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. When questioned, jockey Fradd explained that the gelding raced fiercely, proving difficult to settle. He added that now that it jumps on terms with the other horses he is of the opinion that the gelding would be better suited racing over less ground where it would easily find cover.

**Ouzo** – Shortly after the start shied away from **Eight Cities** and shifted in despite jockey van der Merwe's attempt to straighten it, inconveniencing **Swinging Captain**.

**Swinging Captain** – Inconvenienced shortly after the start. Leaving the 1200 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head. Leaving the 1000 metres was still over-racing and was taken out from behind **Eight Cities** and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead.

**Asyouplease** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1300 metres was crowded for room on the inside of **Shereya's Star** and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Lucky At Last**.

**Interferometer** – Commenced to give ground leaving the 300 metres.

**Lucky At Last** – Slow to begin. Bumped near the 1300 metres.

**Shereya's Star** – Vet report: Lameness near fore.

### General

Jockey C. Passerat (**Shereya's Star**) was reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift in near the 1300 metres, causing **Asyouplease** to restrain and shift in, bumping the hindquarters of **Lucky At Last**.

## **RACE 3 – THE LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR CUP – 1850M**

**Misty Roller** – Shortly after the start shifted in, crowding **Top Of The Rock** onto **Hamaan**.

**Top Of The Rock** – Shortly after the start was inconvenienced and buffeted when **Misty Roller** shifted inwards.

**Castle** – Slow to begin.

**Chester's Wish** – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Near 1650 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Hamaan**, shifted in, inconveniencing **Roman Emperor**.

**Hamaan** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Was allowed to stride forward near the 1100 metres to secure a position closer to the lead. When questioned, jockey Stackhouse explained that approaching the 1600 metres the gelding commenced to hang outwards and from there onwards, despite his efforts, did not manage to get the gelding come back and race closer to the fence with it getting caught wide throughout.

**Roman Emperor** – Slow to begin. Near the 1650 metres was inconvenienced on the inside of **Chester's Wish**.

**Gold Medalist** – Approaching the 1600 metres momentarily tight on the inside of **Misty Roller**, which had shifted in, shifted in and tightened **Castle**. Passing the 500 metres, when angling out to go forward, was held tight by **Top Of The Rock** on its outside.

**Imperial Dancer** –

**Kimberley** - Slow to begin.

## **RACE 4 – THE SIR DONALD MACKENZIE KENNEDY CUP – 1450M**

**Greenflashsunset** – Raced wide throughout. From approaching the 450 metres commenced to hang out and had difficulty in negotiating the turn properly, resulting in it racing very wide.

**Pride Rock** – Tightened by **Buffalo Trip** leaving the 1300 metres and carried inwards onto **Elysian Park**.

**Thrust** – Shortly after the start bumped **Gimme Green**, which had shifted in marginally, on its hindquarter unbalancing the latter and shifting in further, resulting in it being tightened and having to be eased.

**West Coast Warrior** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Elysian Park** outwards onto **Pride Rock**.

**Apple Pie** – Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground from approaching the 450 metres and was not persevered with.

**Elysian Park** – Leaving the 1300 metres crowded for room on the inside of **Pride Rock**, which in turn was taking in by **Buffalo Trip**, having to be eased and losing its position. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

#### General

On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Buffalo Trip**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Pride Rock**, resulting in the latter being taken inwards and crowding **Elysian Park**, which had to be eased and lost its position. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

#### RACE 5 – THE LORD DUFFERIN CUP – 1650M

**Do Be Snappy** – From approaching the 1300 metres raced tight on the inside of **Tanjiro**. Leaving the 1300 metres had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Tanjiro**.

**Recall To Life** – Slow to begin.

**Brilliant Crimson** – Slow to begin.

**Tanjiro** – From the 500 metres commenced to give ground, falling back throughout the field and was not persevered with in the home straight. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, jockey Passerat advised that he had been instructed to position the gelding forward, however after passing the 1300 metres the gelding had commenced to make respiratory noises and from thereon did not race competitively and eventually being eased down. Trainer C. Daby expressed disappointment with the performance and advised that he would monitor the recovery of the gelding and report to the Stewards of any developments. Vet report: Lacerations to both hind legs.

**Bouclette Top** – Jumped inwards. Over-raced and approaching the 1300 metres, for some distance, threw its head when being settled.

**Talbec** – When questioned with regard to its improved performance, trainer P. Merven explained that after being disappointing when racing during the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting he decided to spell and freshen up the gelding.

#### General

On inquiry, jockey Passerat (**Tanjiro**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Do Be Snappy**, resulting in the latter having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

#### RACE 6 – THE LIGHTNING CUP – 990M

**Ernie** – Hung in in the home straight.

**Budapest** – Slow to begin. Shortly after the start shifted out and bumped the hindquarter of **Victory Team**. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the home straight. Was not persevered with over the concluding stages.

**Step To Fame** – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**Rodney** – Slow to begin.

#### General

On inquiry, jockey van der Merwe (**Nottinghamshire**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish. He was fined Rs.15,000.

On inquiry, jockey Stackhouse pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 111 (3) for being unable to make the weight on **Reim**. He was fined Rs.5,000.

#### RACE 7 – THE GAETAN ROLAND LAGESSE CUP – 990M

**Risky Rambo** – Raced in restricted room passing the 700 metres and steadied. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**Final Cup** – Shifted out on jumping and lay outwards over the concluding stages.

**Refined Bachelor** – On jumping was tightened for room between **Final Cup** and **Raheeb**, which lay inwards. Taken outwards passing the 700 metres.

**Royal Resolution** – Slow into stride. Passing the 700 metres steadied and shifted outwards when close to the heels of **Risky Rambo** and, in doing so, carried **Refined Bachelor** out.

**Raheeb** – Shifted in on jumping. Shifted in momentarily leaving the 450 metres, inconveniencing **Brachetto**. Jockey Hoolash was shown the video replays of this incident and advised to ensure that he always leaves enough room to horses on his inside.

**Brachetto** – Leaving the 450 metres steadied when **Raheeb** lay inwards.

**King's Salute** – Passing the 500 metres steadied.

## **RACE 8 – THE SAINT MALO CUP – 1500M**

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Ramsamy, the rider of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter **Charles My Boy** against **Spin A Coin** (K.Steyn) being declared the winner, alleging interference in the final straight. After taking evidence from all parties concerned, viewing the films of this incident and acting on their own observations, the Stewards dismissed the objection and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. The Stewards determined that in the early stages of the home straight **Charles My Boy** had never secured the run between **Spin A Coin** and **Social Network** when **Spin A Coin** was taken out for its run.

**Spin A Coin** – Leaving the 200 metres was taken out from **Bridegroom Bertie** to secure clear running and leaving the 100 metres shifted in under pressure. Jockey Steyn was advised that he is to make every effort to keep his mounts straight in future.

**Zap** – Stood flat-footed. Slow to begin, losing considerable ground.

**Charles My Boy** – Failed to secure a run on straightening and leaving the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Spin A Coin** to continue going forward.

**Kash Is King** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Anton Ruskin** to secure clear running.

**Street Boy** – Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide throughout.