



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 28 JULY 2018**

Communique of 26.7.18

Following the drawing of barrier positions but prior to the official publication of the race fields for the race meeting of 28 July 2018, Assistant Trainer Dr. Hemant Kumar Gujadhur for the Gujadhur stable contacted the Racing Stewards and queried the omission of racehorse **Bouclette Top** from Race 4 Benchmark 61 (1400 metres).

After reviewing the declarations for this race, it was confirmed that **Bouclette Top** had in fact been inadvertently over-looked as a declared runner.

Accordingly, acting under Rules 12 (b) and 13 the Racing Stewards directed that **Bouclette Top** be included in the declarations for Race 4 and that the barrier positions be redrawn.

Consequently, with **Bouclette Top** rightfully obtaining a run in Race 4, **Our Jet**, Trainer S. Narang's second runner in the race, was declared first emergency.

**RACE 1 – THE HANDLERS CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1600M**

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the final straight of the race. It was established that passing the 100 metres **Volatile Energy** commenced to shift inwards under pressure as **Bear Hug** was improving to its inside. Over the concluding stages **Bear Hug** was inconvenienced and over the final 25 metres raced in restricted room. The Stewards, being satisfied that when **Volatile Energy** shifted in, **Bear Hug** had not secured the run on its inside, as such they decided not to proceed further and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**From The Ashes** – Shortly after the start, shifted out when being urged forward, inconveniencing **Red Line Captain**. When being ridden with the whip shifted out near the 150 metres, resulting in **Red Line Captain**, which was following, becoming slightly inconvenienced. Apprentice Allyhosain was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that in future he should stop using the whip and straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

**Ice Emperor** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing the outside of its gate, being slow to begin.

**Red Line Captain** – Inconvenienced shortly after the start. Slow into stride. Approaching the 1300 metres over-raced, getting its head up for a short distance.

**Stock Broker** – Approaching the 1000 metres was momentarily held tight when **Midnight Oracle** lay inwards. Leaving the 600 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Man From Seattle**. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position, raced wide rounding the home turn and carried **Midnight Oracle** wider on the track.

**Volatile Energy** – Passing the 1500 metres, when being taken inwards, inconvenienced **Man From Seattle**, carrying the latter inwards. Jockey Teeha was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that he must make every effort to keep his mounts straight. Commenced to shift in from approaching the 150 metres and over the final 25 metres held **Bear Hug** tight to its inside. Jockey Teeha was severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and advised that he must make every effort to keep his mounts straight.

**Xanthus** – Raced wide throughout.

**Bear Hug** – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

**Man From Seattle** – Inconvenienced passing the 1500 metres. From approaching the 1400 metres commenced to over-race, throwing its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

**Midnight Oracle** – Raced wide throughout and was carried out very wide near the 250 metres.

## **RACE 2 – THE ALFRED GELLE CUP – 1850M**

**Bono Vox** – Slow to begin and shortly after shifted in and bumped **Rasta Rebel**, which then bumped **In The Loop**, which was carried in onto the heels of **Napoli** and had to be eased.

**In The Loop** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, was bumped and carried inwards, having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Napoli**. From leaving the 900 metres, when the pace slackened, commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Napoli** and bumped **Rasta Rebel**. From leaving the 800 metres, when still over-racing, became awkward between **Napoli** on its inside, which was racing keenly and shifting out slightly, and **Rasta Rebel** on its outside, and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Bypass**. Leaving the 600 metres, when still over-racing, was restrained.

**Greatfiveeight** – Raced fiercely in the early stages, throwing its head when being settled. In the early stages of the home straight shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Bypass**.

**Napoli** – Leaving the 800 metres commenced to over-race and approaching the 700 metres had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Pop The Question**.

**Rasta Rebel** – Near the 1000 metres received a bump from **In The Loop** on its inside, which was over-racing. Near the 350 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Traces of blood in the trachea.

## **RACE 3 – THE CHINTAMUN GUJADHUR CUP – 990M**

**Mutzi** – Carried in near the 950 metres.

**Wavebreaker** – Slow into stride. Near the 950 metres raced in restricted room. From leaving the 800 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres.

**Crazy Vision** – Reared on jumping. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: No abnormality.

**Riding Shotgun** – Leaving the 900 metres raced tight on the inside of **Ku Du Tu** for some distance.

**Ku Du Tu** – Jumped inwards. Shortly after, when being urged forward, continued to lay in. From leaving the 250 metres hung in under pressure and had to be switched to the inside of **Mutzi**, which had been taken out for a run, to obtain clear running.

**Wow Holiday** – Near the 950 metres shied away from **Ku Du Tu** and shifted in, crowding **Mutzi** onto **Wavebreaker**.

## **RACE 4 – THE CHILI DATA CUP – 1400M**

**The Tripster** – Commenced to give ground from the 450 metres. Near the 250 metres bumped by **Bouclette Top**, which was endeavouring to improve on its inside, then shifted out and bumped **Belong To Me**.

**Alpha Pegasi** – When questioned, jockey Steyn explained that this gelding always had a tendency to hang out in the home straight. He added that leaving the 300 metres he had to angle his mount out to avoid **The Tripster**, which was giving ground, as such made the turn into the straight wider than he had expected to. He added that he had a tighter hold of his off side rein as he had expected the gelding to hang out with him and that it caused his mount to shift to the inside. He also said that there was an opportunity for him to improve into a gap between **Al Mariachi** and **Entree** but did not want to change his hold, being apprehensive his mount would hang out at that stage of the race. Jockey Steyn was told that he should ride his mounts so as to leave no room for query in future.

**Belong To Me** – Commenced extremely awkwardly, unbalancing its rider.

**Bouclette Top** – Slow to begin. When making ground near the 250 metres, was significantly inconvenienced by the tiring **The Tripster**.

**Door Of Deception** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 100 metres was switched to the inside of **Al Mariachi** to continue going forward and over the concluding stages carried out by **Alpha Pegasi**, which shifted out under pressure.

### **General**

An inquiry into the handling of **The Tripster** was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

## **RACE 5 – THE CHILI E-SHOP CUP – 1500M**

**Prince Of Thieves** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Captain Magpie** and **Charles Lytton** wider on the track.

**Elusive Path** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

**Chili Con Carne** – Approaching the 900 metres misstrode and blundered and then shifted out. Shortly after, made the crossing at the 800 metres awkwardly. Jockey van der Merwe explained that after the incident at the 800 metres he thought that the gelding had gone amiss and subsequently he shifted it outwards. He explained that shortly after this the gelding got back into its stride but never felt fully comfortable from thereon and hung inwards in the home straight.

**Wild Horizon** - When placed in its barrier stall, reared and put its head in the adjacent stall and had to be corrected before the start was effected.

#### **RACE 6 – THE CHILI BY MTML CUP – 1600M**

Prior to the start being effected **Perplexing** forced its gate open and was quickly reigned in. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race. At the same time **Cool At Heart** forced its gate open.

**Cool At Heart** – Made the crossing at the 1000 metres awkwardly, lay inwards and made contact with **Captain Ram**.

**Zodiac Jack** – On straightening, was taken to the inside to obtain clear running.

**King's County** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Hung in from leaving the 100 metres.

**Blow In The Box** – Slow to begin and then raced in restricted room for a short distance. Vet report: Laceration near fore fetlock.

**Why Wouldn't Yew** – Commenced awkwardly, getting its head up. Approaching the 1400 metres commenced to over-race, throwing its head and shifting ground. Raced wide in the middle stages and, when continuing to over-race, was allowed to stride forward approaching the 1000 metres.

**Perplexing** – Raced wide from the 450 metres.

**Barking Irons** – Slow to begin.

**Overdose** - Passing the 450 metres angled outwards to go forward and was held tight by **Perplexing** on its outside.

#### **RACE 7 – THE CHILI ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CUP – 1500M**

After being loaded, **Querari's Secret** reared, became fractious and dislodged jockey van der Merwe who was injured. Jockey van der Merwe was examined and declared unfit to ride. The Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Querari's Secret** at 4.01 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Querari's Secret** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 15 per rupee, its average price being 47/10. Assistant Trainer Subiraj Gujadhur was told that **Querari's Secret** should pass a barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

**Sir Cliff** – Slow to begin.

**Captain Moss** – Unsettled in its barrier prior to the start, stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Apprentice Louis dropped his whip near the 75 metres. when questioned, apprentice Louis explained that he had been instructed to ride the gelding forward, however he was unable to follow these instructions after missing the start.

**Student Grant** – Leaving the 1300 metres had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Rock Hard**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Hung in badly in the home straight.

**Chap Trap** – Jumped awkwardly and was inconvenienced. Shortly after the start momentarily inconvenienced when **Blunderbuss** shifted outwards slightly.

**Blunderbuss** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, inconveniencing **Chap Trap**.

**Rock Hard** – Raced wide in the early stages.

#### **RACE 8 – THE KING SWEEP PLATE – 1365M**

Jockey van der Merwe, having been stood down by the Club's Medical Officer, the Stewards approved jockey R. Fradd as the replacement rider for **It's My Party**.

**Billy Bojangles** – Commenced awkwardly, striking the inside of its barrier and was slow to begin.

**Right To Tango** – Bumped at the 1300 metres.

**Anton Ruskin** – Near the 1300 metres was tightened and restrained when **Bridegroom Bertie** shifted inwards.

**Charles My Boy** – Passing the 1300 metres raced tightly in restricted room and bumped with **Right To Tango** on its inside.

**Masaar** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 800 metres commenced to over-race and pulled hard.

### General

The Stewards inquired into the reason **Anton Ruskin** restraining near the 1300 metres. It was established that **Bridegroom Bertie** at that stage had shifted in despite the efforts of jockey Chisty who had attempted to keep his mount straight and tightened **Anton Ruskin**, which restrained and shifted in, holding **Charles My Boy** tight, which in turn made contact with **Right To Tango**.

### GENERAL REPORT

Jockey R. Mullen advised the Stewards that following an MRI, it was discovered that he had three fractures to bones in his left foot and a fracture of the left thumb. Consequently, he would be indisposed for a further month.