



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018**

**RACE 1 – THE LALDHEER PLATE – 990M**

**Emerald Victory** - Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. From approaching the 450 metres commenced to hang out under pressure. When questioned, jockey Hoolash advised that passing the 600 metres the gelding had commenced to change stride regularly and had hung out badly from then onwards.

**A P Strike** – Momentarily raced tight shortly after the start for a short distance. Jockey Teeha was severely reprimanded for failing to ride his mount out to the finish. When questioned regarding its apparent improved performance, trainer S. Hurchund explained that the gelding had been disappointing at its last two performances but in hindsight, in his opinion, these last two runs had been close together and he had decided to space its next performance and consequently did not start for one month. In his opinion, this, together with the shorter distance today, contributed to the improved performance of the gelding.

**Dickie Bird** – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Passing the 450 metres was taken outwards to avoid the heels of **The Border War** and raced wide from thereon.

**Jet Path** – Jumped awkwardly, shifted in and bumped **In The Trenches**. When questioned regarding its disappointing performance, jockey Bussunt explained that the gelding had not commenced well, had not felt comfortable throughout and hung inwards during the race.

**In The Trenches** – Bumped on jumping.

**The Border War** – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 450 metres. When questioned, jockey Oliver explained that the gelding had been fractious in the barrier prior to the start and had been caught wide. Further, he had not been happy with the gelding's action throughout and that passing the 600 metres had commenced to tire.

**Polar Rock** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Leaving the 450 metres steadied and was taken inwards when close to the heels of **Dickie Bird**.

**Right To Tango** – Leaving the 75 metres was taken out from behind **Shield Of Thunder** to continue going forward.

**Shield Of Thunder** – Vet report: Lamé near fore.

**RACE 2 – THE COMMONWEALTH CUP – 1600M**

**Jals Tiger** – Hung in in the early stages of the home straight, slightly inconveniencing **Imperial Dancer**. Jockey Fradd was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

**Pop The Question** – Bumped at the start. Near the 150 metres was taken to the inside of **Swinging Captain** to continue going forward.

**Roman Emperor** – Bounded on jumping.

**Swinging Captain** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate. Raced wide in the early and middle stages and over-raced in the early stages. From approaching the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails.

**Cool Water** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out.

**In The Loop** – Leaving the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding its apparent improved performance, trainer P. Merven explained that this gelding arrived in Mauritius with a higher rating and had been disappointing so far. He added that he had tried it over various distances without much success and further stated that at its last start, when wearing blinkers it had raced fiercely and failed to quicken. He also said that he had been surprised by its today's performance and, in his opinion, the gelding had been suited by the fast pace and the fact that it raced without blinkers probably contributed to its improved performance.

**Imperial Dancer** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Brave Leader**, which shifted out contacting **Pop The Question**, which had jumped inwards. Momentarily inconvenienced leaving the 200 metres.

**Euroklidon** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding its disappointing performance, jockey Passerat explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or race close to the lead. He said that there was a

good pace in the race and he managed to secure a position following the leaders. He added that leaving the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, the gelding stayed one paced and faded in the home straight, being disappointing.

**Brave Leader** – Bumped at the start. Raced wide throughout.

### **RACE 3 –THE RAOUL HALBWACHS CUP – 1450M**

**Northern Rebel** – Stood flat footed and was slow to begin. Approaching the 1300 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Soweto Moon** and steadied, becoming unbalanced. Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to over-race and passing the 1000 metres steadied when close to the heels of **Soweto Moon**.

**Bad Attitude** – Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground approaching the 450 metres.

**Ouzo** – Hung in in the home straight. Brushed with **Heart Of Darkness** passing the 100 metres.

**Glen Coco** – Very fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

**Come On Sonny** – Slow to begin. When being ridden with the whip, shifted in sharply near the 150 metres and was straightened to avoid the heels of **Buffalo Trip**. Shortly after, was slightly inconvenienced close to the heels of **Glen Coco**, which shifted in.

**Schachar** – Was standing awkwardly and got its head up at the start. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight, brushing **Soweto Moon**.

### **RACE 4 – THE GUY DESMARAIS CUP – 1365M**

**Choir Of Angels** - Leaving the 200 metres, lay inwards and, after shifting onto the rail, shifted outwards over the concluding stages. Jockey Chisty was reprimanded for allowing his mount to shift ground and advised that he must make every effort to keep his mounts straight in future.

**Greenflashsunset** – Was slow to begin and was taken across to race behind runners. From leaving the 1100 metres hung out.

**Friend Request** – Hung in leaving the 100 metres, slightly inconveniencing **Mutzi**. Jockey Stackhouse was cautioned and advised that he must make a greater effort to keep his mounts straight when they commenced to shift. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**Mutzi** – Approaching the 600 metres was over-racing and had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Galtero**.

**Wall Tag** – Approaching the 100 metres angled outwards when **Choir Of Angels** shifted in, shortly after the gelding commenced to lay outwards over the concluding stages. Apprentice Allyhosain explained that the gelding had commenced to tire and then shift ground out. Apprentice Allyhosain was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to make every effort to keep his mounts straight in future.

**Desert Fighter** – Leaving the 1300 metres momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Mutzi**.

**Seven Wood** – Bounded on jumping, unbalancing its rider.

**Galtero** – Raced wide in the early stages. When questioned, jockey Rama explained that he had been caught wide in the early and middle stages but approaching the 300 metres the gelding could not improve and commenced to tire. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: traces of blood in its trachea.

### **RACE 5 – THE SIR BEDE CLIFFORD CUP – 1400M**

**Bonnie Prince** – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1000 metres had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Malak El Moolook**.

**Ideal Secret** – Slow to begin. Raced tight on the inside of **Racing For Fun** and had to steady passing the 1200 metres. From leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in over the concluding stages.

**Answeringgenesis** – From leaving the 200 metres hung out under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Ice Run** on its outside.

**Independence** – Slow into stride.

**The Right Road** – Unsettled in the barrier prior to the start and was slow to begin. Made the turn into the straight wide. From approaching the 300 metres was taken out and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Ice Run** – Inconvenienced leaving the 200 metres.

**Kapitan** – Was brushed at the start. Raced wide in the early stages. Vet report: Very lame on its near fore leg.

**Purple Tractor** – Commenced awkwardly, shifted outside and brushed **Kapitan**. From leaving the 200 metres was brushed on its hindquarter by **Racing For Fun**. From near the 150 metres commenced to shift out under pressure, carrying **Racing For Fun** outwards.

**Racing For Fun** - Approaching the 200 metres forced its way into a tight gap between **Purple Tractor** and **Answeringgenesis**, brushing the hindquarters of **Purple Tractor**. Leaving the 150 metres was carried out by **Purple Tractor**.

#### **RACE 6 – THE HINTERLAND CUP – 1400M**

**Speed Limit** was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon at the barriers and found not to be stretching out freely. Acting on this report, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 3.24 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Speed Limit** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **Speed Limit** being 26-1.

**Nottinghamshire** – Approaching the 1300 metres shifted inwards, inconveniencing **Budapest**. Jockey van der Merwe was shown the video replays of this incident and strongly advised that he is to make every effort to keep his mounts straight. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. From approaching the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Nordic Warrior** to improve its position. Hung in over the last 100 metres.

**Budapest** – Approaching the 1300 metres steadied, carried inwards and inconvenienced by **Nottinghamshire**. After this, got its head up, commenced to over-race and shifted outwards. Near the 150 metres commenced to hang out under pressure.

**Elusive Path** – Commenced awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced wide from the 450 metres. Vet report: Not stretching out freely after the race.

**The Thinker** – Slow to begin.

**Yankee Captain** – Hung in over the concluding stages.

**Victory Team** – Hung in leaving the 200 metres.

#### **RACE 7 – THE VICTOR DUVIVIER CUP – 1850M**

**Jullidar** – Was taken out from the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

**Kimberley** – Threw its head at the start. Shifted out over the concluding stages and was inconvenienced.

**Overdose** – Slow to begin.

**Biometric** – Over-raced leaving the 1100 metres and passing the 1000 metres had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bear Hug**.

**Kapteinspandiseile** – Over the concluding stages hung in under pressure, inconveniencing **Kimberley** which commenced to shift out.

**Nightingale Lane** – Shortly after the start shifted out, making contact with **My Boy Willie**. Was taken out leaving the 500 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

**Zenzero** – Shortly after the start, when being steadied, threw its head and became unbalanced. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1500 metres, when racing keenly, momentarily steadied when held tight by **Kapteinspandiseile** on its outside.

**Uncle JB** – Jumped and baulked and, shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Was taken out near the 350 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Bear Hug** – Slow to begin.

#### **RACE 8 – THE GREAT GUSTO PLATE – 1650M**

**Sea Pass** – Was taken out approaching the 400 metres to improve its position, carrying **Anafesto** wider on the track. Hung in in the home straight.

**Spun Out** – Slow to begin and, shortly after, was crowded for room.

**Beretta Bobcat** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Spun Out** onto **Bobby's Express**.

**Halabaloo** – Raced wide throughout and leaving the 1100 metres was urged forward in view to improve and secure a position closer to the rail. Commenced to give ground leaving the 450 metres.

**Bobby's Express** – Slow to begin and shortly after was bumped by **Spun Out**.

**Kash Is King** – Slow to begin. When questioned, jockey Passerat explained that the gelding at no time travelled well and when put under pressure, could not accelerate.

**Wing Man** – Slow to begin.

**Social Network** – When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance, trainer A. Sewdyaal explained that the gelding had an inside draw today and was racing over further distance, as such he instructed jockey Balloo to endeavour to obtain a forward position and move from the 300 metres. He added that although the gelding was working well, he did not expect it to win. He is of the opinion that having been able to follow the leader, which set a regular pace, suited it and might have accounted to its improved performance.

**Anafesto** - Raced wide from the 800 metres.