



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018

RACE 1 – THE GEORGE EDMUND SINATAMBOU CHALLENGE CUP – 1400M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the video replays of the start. It was established that as the start was effected **Silver Rock** became fractious and shortly after the blindfold was removed and the gelding was consequently slow to begin. In the opinion of the Stewards, **Silver Rock** was not denied a fair start, therefore correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Apres Ski - Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted outwards, crowding **Friday On My Mind** onto **The Border War**. **Friday On My Mind** then bumped **The Border War** on its hindquarters and unbalanced the latter. Leaving the 1300 metres momentarily raced tight on the inside of **The Border War** and **Friday On My Mind**. Vet report: Was not striding out freely.

Dark Liability – Raced wide throughout.

Ice Emperor – Slow to begin.

Refined Bachelor – Commenced awkwardly. Approaching the 600 metres the saddle slipped sideways, placing apprentice Khoody at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

Silver Rock – Hung in in the home straight and leaving the 300 metres was taken to the outside of **Radlet** to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages shifted in quickly, bumping **Radlet**.

Radlet – Over the concluding stages was bumped by **Silver Rock**, which shifted in quickly.

The Border War – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Started to give ground from approaching the 500 metres.

Friday On My Mind – Slow to begin and threw its head. Cramped for room shortly after the start.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Rama (**Midnight Oracle**) was severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (k) for making a celebratory gesture in an excessive manner.

RACE 2 – THE VELLEYN CUP – 1450M

Burwaaz – Slow to begin and shortly after was taken across to race behind runners. From approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Duke The Duke**. On straightening, was angled outwards to obtain clear running.

Sacred Flame – Slow to begin. From passing the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Trojan Quest**.

Duke The Duke – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Captain Ram**.

Eight Cities – Shifted in at the start, crowding **A P Strike** onto **Captain Ram**. Steadied approaching the 150 metres when **Burwaaz** shifted outwards. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Trojan Quest – Momentarily tight on the inside of **Sierra Redwood** leaving the 1300 metres. Following this incident, put its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 1200 metres, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Sierra Redwood**, shifted out momentarily, crowding **Sacred Flame** onto **Captain Ram**. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Traces of blood in the trachea.

Plain Of Wisdom - Vet report: Was not striding out freely.

A P Strike – Slow to begin and was crowded shortly after. Raced wide in the early stages.

Captain Ram – Slow to begin and was crowded shortly after the start. Raced wide throughout. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

GENERAL

An inquiry into the handling of **Captain Ram** will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 3 – THE BAZAR VEERAPEN CUP – 1365M

Riding Shotgun – Near the 150 metres shifted in abruptly when being ridden with the whip.

Flower Blue – Approaching the 450 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Middle Path**. From passing the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Middle Path** and raced wide from then onwards.

Ku Du Tu – Slow to begin.

Northern Rebel – Stood flat-footed, slow into stride and threw its head.

Middle Path – Raced wide in the early stages. From the 1000 metres was urged forward to endeavour to take a position closer to the rail.

Penultimate – Jumped awkwardly. Came off the crossing at the 1300 metres awkwardly. Raced wide in the early stages.

GENERAL

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

RACE 4 – THE ANJALAY CARPAYE CUP – 1400M

Burg - Raced wide in the early stages.

Avail – Leaving the 250 metres, jockey Chisty dropped his whip.

Jambamman – Slow to begin and shortly after the start dipped.

Netflix – Slow to begin.

West Coast – Raced wide from the 800 metres.

Yankeedoodledandy – Was taken out from the 400 metres to improve its position.

RACE 5 – THE KMK CUP – 1450M

Steal A March – Shifted in on jumping.

Aware – Slow to begin. Jockey Godden was advised that he should not make a celebratory gesture in an excessive manner even after the winning post.

Great Value – From approaching the 200 metres commenced to shift in, resulting in **Memphis Mafia**, which was endeavouring to improve on its inside, having to be taken out to continue going forward. Jockey Bussunt was shown the video replays of the incident and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

Silver Bluff – Raced wide throughout.

Memphis Mafia – Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside, at the same time **Great Value** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in it being taken out to continue going forward.

Big Pleasure – Made the 450 metre-crossing awkwardly.

Down Under – Slow to begin.

Amritsar - Jumped outwards. Taken out approaching the 300 metres and raced very wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 6 – THE ONEX ENTERTAINMENT 10TH ANNIVERSARY CUP – 1400M

Seventh Plain – Carried out over the final 150 metres.

Turbulent Air – Passing the 1300 metres lay inwards, bumping **Overshadow**. Raced wide in the early stages. Vet report: Was not striding out freely.

Lee's Star – Commenced awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Overshadow** onto **Ideal Secret**. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Overshadow – Slow to begin and shortly after bumped with **Ideal Secret**. Passing the 1300 metres bumped with **Turbulent Air** and became unbalanced.

Stonehenge – Commenced awkwardly and bumped with **Var's Dream**.

Ideal Secret – Slow to begin and shortly after the start was crowded by **Turbulent Air** on its outside. Approaching the 600 metres steadied and held tight by **Turbulent Air** on its outside and when racing close to the heels of **Dance On Air**.

Var's Dream – From 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift out, carrying **Seventh Plain** outwards.

Al Mariachi – Lay out under pressure over the last 150 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, apprentice Louis (**Var's Dream**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that from approaching the 150 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to

shift out, making contact with **Seventh Plain** on several occasions, carrying the latter outwards over approximately 75 metres. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 7 – THE VN 3K CUP – 1400M

Prince Lateral – Stood flat-footed and missed the start considerably.

Red China – Commenced awkwardly.

Risky Rambo – Commenced awkwardly and shifted outwards. Raced wide in the early and middle stages and from leaving the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

Valerin – Passing the 900 metres, carried outwards by **Le Clos** and then commenced to over-race, throwing its head and racing wide on the track. Passing the 600 metres restrained and blundered away from the heels of **Majestic Moon**.

Captain Moss – Slow to begin.

Le Clos – Approaching the 900 metres commenced to over-race and shifted outwards, making contact with **Valerin** on its outside.

Majestic Moon – Restrained at the 600 metres.

Volatile Energy – Leaving the 100 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Captain Moss**, which was improving, having to be taken out to continue going forward.

Dark Force – Approaching the 600 metres lay inwards and steadied away from the heels of **Volatile Energy**.

GENERAL

The Stewards inquired into an incident near the 600 metres. It was established that at that stage of the race, **Le Clos** (S. Bhundoo) shifted inwards and **Dark Force** (R. Oliver) shifted outwards with **Majestic Moon** (N. Teeha) restraining and **Valerin** (J. Allyhosain), which was following, being inconvenienced. The Stewards were of the opinion that the contributing factors of **Dark Force** shifting out as **Le Clos** shifted inwards and, as such, advised all riders to show care in future.

RACE 8 – THE RADLET PLATE – 1500M

The start was delayed when **From The Ashes** proved difficult to load. Trainer Sewdial was told that the gelding should pass a barrier test before being allowed to race again.

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video replays of the final straight. It was established that over the concluding stages **Carson City** raced in restricted room when **Hoppertunity** lay outwards and **Newsman** shifted inwards. The Stewards being of the opinion that this incident did not affect the result of the race, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Carson City – Held tight and inconvenienced over the concluding stages when **Newsman** shifted in and **Hoppertunity** lay outwards.

Chap Trap – Bumped at the start. Hung in throughout.

First Crusade – Bumped at the start. Near 150 metres was taken out off the heels of **Hoppertunity** to continue going forward.

From The Ashes – Vet report: Returned distressed.

Newsman – Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 1200 metres was taken in to secure a position closer to the rail. Shifted in under pressure over the last 75 metres.

The Byzantine – Fractious in the barrier prior to the start. Leaving the 200 metres shifted out away from the whip. **Xanthus**, which was following, was switched to its inside to continue going forward. Shortly after, shifted back in with **Xanthus** having to be taken back out to continue going forward. Jockey Chisty was shown the video replays of the incident and advised strongly that he must make every efforts to keep his mounts straight in future.

Xanthus – Was taken out from approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Inconvenienced at the 200 metres and again shortly after.

Hoppertunity – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out bumping **First Crusade**, with the latter shifting out and bumping **Chap Trap**. Shifted out over the concluding stages.

Succession Plan – Stood flat-footed, missing the start significantly. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Mucus in the trachea.

Logan – Slow to begin.