



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

RACE 1 – THE CENTRAL ROUTE TRADING TROPHY – 1500M

Dickie Bird - Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Gstaad – Near the 250 metres momentarily held up when unable to improve between **Dickie Bird** and **Spin A Coin**. Vet report: Bled from both nostrils.

Royal Resolution – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Leaving the 900 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Gstaad** and from then onwards raced in restricted room on the inside of **Charles My Boy**. Approaching the 600 metres was momentarily crowded for room when **Charles My Boy** shifted in. Was taken out approaching the 300 metres to secure clear running. Vet report: Bled.

Spin A Coin – Stood flat-footed and jumped awkwardly, being slow out.

Charles My Boy – Raced wide from leaving the 500 metres and was carried wider on the track at the 300 metres by **Royal Resolution** when the latter angled out to secure clear running.

Bear Hug – Slow to begin. In the early stages of the home straight was disappointed for a run between **Royal Resolution** and **Charles My Boy**.

Seven Oceans – Raced ungenerously in the early stages, throwing its head on several occasions when being settled.

The Blue Streak – Slow to begin

RACE 2 – THE GREYVILLE RACECOURSE AND CONVENTION CENTRE TROPHY – 1365M

Wanted Man – Vet report: Not striding out freely.

Al Dangeur – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Power Of Peace**. Approaching the 1200 metres raced tightly on the inside of **Raheeb** for some distance. Passing the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Wanted Man** to continue going forward.

Power Of Peace – Bumped on jumping. Approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Philosopher**. Hung out over the concluding stages. Vet report: Not striding out freely.

One For One – Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground. Approaching the 150 metres was angled out to secure clear running.

Raheeb – Shortly after the start shifted in, carrying **Saracen King** inwards with the latter bumping **Al Dangeur**. Leaving the 1200 metres, shifted in, tightening **Saracen King** onto **Al Dangeur**, with **Power Of Peace** racing tight on the inside **Al Dangeur**. Jockey Hoolash was reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside.

Saracen King – Approaching the 1200 metres raced tightly on the inside of **Raheeb** for some distance. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Lay inwards over the concluding stages.

Final Cup – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

RACE 3 – THE PHUMELELA GAMING AND LEISURE LTD TROPHY – 1400M

Arctic Flyer – Leaving the 900 metres, when the pace slackened, was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Lay out under pressure over the concluding stages. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Desert Fighter – Shortly after the start, lay inwards and steadied away from the heels of **Buffalo Trip**. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Hithimagainchuck – Slow to begin.

Oh Behave – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Vet report: Bled.

Palladium – Vet report: Bled. Trainer Mr. J. M. Henry informed the Stewards that he will retire the gelding.

Ocean Drive South – Passing the 200 metres was angled outwards to continue going forward and leaving the 100 metres shifted to the inside.

Rock On Geordies – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Ocean Drive South**. Was taken out from leaving the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Captain My Captain – Shortly after the start when being urged forward, shifted out bumping with **Ocean Drive South** and became unbalanced.

RACE 4 – THE RACING ASSOCIATION TROPHY – 990M

Rinjani – Jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards.

Bono – Jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards. Shifted out over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **Wavebreaker**. Apprentice Louis was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that he must stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

In Your Dreams – Approaching the 450 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bono**.

Bad Attitude – Slow to begin.

Come On Sonny – Slow to begin.

Wow Holiday – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate.

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

RACE 5 – THE GOLD CIRCLE TROPHY – 1500M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Big Pleasure** was suffering from fever, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.00 a.m. on Friday 7 September. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Big Pleasure** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **Big Pleasure**, **Major Jay** became a runner and was ridden by jockey A. Balloo.

Act Of Loyalty – Taken out leaving the 900 metres and was eased back. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in passing the 100 metres with jockey Stackhouse attempting to straighten the gelding. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Alaadel – Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1100 metres threw its head when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Charleston Hero**. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

Belenos – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **The Right Road**, then shifted back out, crowding **Major Jay** onto **Aware**, which had shifted in on jumping.

Bonnie Prince – Approaching the 800 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Gingerbread Man**.

Gingerbread Man – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Jockey Steyn dropped his off side rein leaving the 150 metres, which he quickly regained.

The Right Road – Leaving the 900 metres improved to the outside of **Independence** and, in doing so, carried **Act Of Loyalty** wider on the track. **Act Of Loyalty** was then eased to secure a position behind **The Right Road**. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position, carrying **Act Of Loyalty** wider on the track. Near the 250 metres was carried out by **Aware** and had to steady to avoid the heels of **Act Of Loyalty**, which was hanging in.

Independence – Passing the 300 metres, was disappointed for a run on the inside of **Aware** and restrained, losing ground.

Charleston Hero - Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.

Major Jay – Was bumped at the start and shifted inwards, shortly after was crowded for room between **Aware** and **Belenos**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Trainer Mr. J. M. Henry informed the Stewards that he will retire the gelding.

GENERAL

The Stewards inquired into the reason for **Bonnie Prince** restraining near the 300 metres. On inquiry, it was established that at that stage of the race **Belenos** had lay in quickly for several strides with jockey Chisty immediately straightening his mount. **Bonnie Prince**, which was racing to the inside of **Belenos**, shied away and shifted in, brushing the running rail and restrained, losing ground. The Stewards proceeded no further with the inquiry apart from advising jockey Chisty to make every effort to keep his mounts straight.

RACE 6 – THE South African Airways Cargo PRINCESS MARGARET CUP – 1400M

Table Bay – Jumped awkwardly, shifted out and was slow into stride. Passing the 450 metres was angled outwards and taken wide to go forward.

Baritone – Slow to begin.

Hard Day's Night – Slow into stride. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out and, in doing so, carried **Table Bay** wider on the track.

Ernie – Was held tight and inconvenienced approaching the 100 metres when **Nottinghamshire** shifted inwards.

Tandragee – Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres was eased to secure the position one off the rail behind **Karraar**. Passing the 100 metres shifted outwards under pressure, inconveniencing **Speed Limit**, which was obliged to shift outwards.

GENERAL

At an inquiry, jockey Teeha (**Karraar**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that near the 1000 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift when insufficiently clear of **Ernie**, resulting in the latter having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 7 – THE BLOODSTOCK SOUTH AFRICA TROPHY – 1500M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Sacred Flame** was injured in its box and was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 7 September. In view of this, all bets on **Sacred Flame** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **Sacred Flame**, **Barking Irons** became a runner and was ridden by jockey T. Godden.

Acting on veterinary advice that **Schachar** was lame on its off fore leg due to a swollen tendon, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 3.15 p.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Schachar** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Jals Tiger – In the early part of the home straight, lay outwards, with jockey Fradd switching his whip to his left hand, and shortly after had a tendency to lay inwards.

Doyles – Hung in throughout.

Burwaaz – Slow to begin. Near the 150 metres shifted to the inside of **A Greater Power** to continue going forward.

Dealer's Charm – Raced wide in the early stages.

A Greater Power – Shifted outwards on jumping, bumping **Shreya's Star**, which became unbalanced and shifted out, tightening **Barking Irons**, which lost ground.

Shreya's Star – Vet report: Severely lame near fore leg.

Red Indy – Commenced awkwardly, throwing its head and shifted out, making contact with **Burwaaz**.

RACE 8 – THE NO NAME PLATE – 1400M

Bonjour Baby – Raced wide throughout.

British Pound – Was carried out near the 1100 metres by **Gondwana** and raced wide from then onwards. Near the 1000 metres commenced to race keenly and was allowed to stride forward to the lead. When questioned, jockey Ramsamy explained that turning into the home straight when it changed legs, his mount misstrode and blundered.

Emerald Victory – Lay out under pressure over the last 100 metres.

Gondwana – Commenced awkwardly and bumped the hindquarters of **Emerald Victory**. Approaching the 1300 metres commenced to over-race, getting its head up and shortly after clipped the heels of **Varside**. Following this incident, continued to over-race, throwing its head and racing ungenerously for some distance. Hung inwards in the home straight.

Sir Capers – Slow to begin and then carried inwards shortly after the start by **Very Vary**, which shifted inwards.

Varside – Passing the 450 metres was bumped and carried out by **Indian Tractor**, shifted outwards quickly at that stage of the race.

He's Got Gears – Commenced awkwardly and was slow into stride.

Indian Tractor – Was taken out from passing the 450 metres, carrying **Varside** wider on the track. When questioned, jockey Hoolash explained that he was instructed to lead and after jumping well, he managed to secure the lead and although his mount had a tendency to race keenly in the early stages, approaching

the 1000 metres it was relaxed and was racing well within itself. He added that near the 800 metres his mount commenced to over-race as **British Pound** improved on its outside, crossed and led and approaching the 450 metres he shifted his mount outwards, not wanting it to be boxed behind **British Pound**. He further added that in the straight his mount had stayed one pace.

The Judicator - Shifted outwards on jumping. Raced wide throughout. Was slightly inconvenienced over the concluding stages when **Very Vary** lay outwards away from **Varside**, which had a tendency to lay out.