



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

RACE 1 – THE SIR GAETAN DUVAL Q.C. CUP – 990M

The Stewards approved jockey V. Bundhoo as the replacement rider for jockey B Sooful on **Bishops Crown**.

Ashfords Legacy - Slow to begin.

The Great Victory – During the run the head band on this gelding shifted upwards. Trainer J. M. Henry was advised that he should ensure that the gears be properly fitted on his horses at all times. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Dickie Bird – Jumped awkwardly.

Patrol Mission – Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **King's Salute** to secure clear running. Near the 65 metres slightly inconvenienced when **Dickie Bird** shifted out under pressure.

Duffield – Was fractious in the barrier prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **King's Salute**.

Bishops Crown – Slow to begin.

Gondwana – Had a tendency to lay in in the early stages.

King's Salute – Brushed on jumping.

RACE 2 – THE MONIN CHALLENGE CUP – 1500M

Antwerp – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing the right side of its gate and was slow to begin. Was inclined to lay in in the home straight.

Apple Jack – Slow to begin.

Kapteinspandiseile – Dipped passing the 1000 metres.

Swinging Captain – From approaching the 1300 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Trojan Quest – When questioned, jockey Ségeon explained that he had been instructed to race forward and, from its wide barrier, he has to ask his mount for an effort to do so. He added that from leaving the 1300 metres the gelding commenced to over-race, throwing its head. He continued to endeavour to settle the gelding and passing the 800 metres the gelding had settled but had over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Asyouplease – Slow to begin and shortly after was inconvenienced when **Ready For Take Off** shifted in. When questioned, jockey Chisty explained that the gelding had never travelled at any stage of the race and approaching the turn into the straight had hung inwards. Further, in the early stages, he had urged the gelding along to stay in touch with the leading division and, in his opinion, had been disappointing. Vet report: No apparent abnormality.

Ready For Take Off - On jumping apprentice Allyhosain's left foot came off his iron, which he regained shortly after. Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground leaving the 500 metres.

Roventas – Slow to begin.

RACE 3 – THE ROUGIE CHALLENGE CUP – 1400M

Arctic Flyer - Vet Report: Lamé near fore.

Mambo Rock – Passing the 1300 metres steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greatflashsunset**. Approaching the 300 metres for some distance was held up when unable to improve from behind **Greatflashsunset**.

Sunset Breeze – Came together with **Barak Lavan** on jumping. Approaching the 100 metres, attempted to take a forward run on the inside of **Arctic Flyer**, which was giving ground quickly and made contact with

Greatflashsunset on its inside. Jockey Ramsamy was severely reprimanded and told to make sure that he has sufficient room when attempting to take inside runs.

Captain Falcon – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out with jockey Schistl losing the use of both irons, which he quickly regained. Leaving the 500 metres shied away from **Arctic Flyer** on its outside, shifted in towards the running rail, then got unbalanced, losing its momentum.

Barak Lavan – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in.

Middle Path – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

The Stewards inquired into the riding of **Arctic Flyer** and **Captain Falcon** in the early and middle stages. Jockey Schistl explained that he had been instructed to race forward and, if challenged, to take a position behind the leader. On jumping he had lost the use of both irons, which he quickly regained and this placed him at a disadvantage, **Captain Falcon** had then commenced to over-race and consequently race forward. Despite his efforts, he could not settle the gelding and it had raced fiercely until the 800 metres where **Arctic Flyer** had crossed to the lead.

When questioned, jockey Sweeney (**Arctic Flyer**) explained that he had been instructed to lead if possible and after commencing well and going forward, the gelding had commenced to race extremely keenly when **Captain Falcon** went forward to his inside. He had attempted to settle **Arctic Flyer** back behind **Captain Falcon**, however **Arctic Flyer** was racing too keenly and he could not settle his mount until crossing **Captain Falcon** at the 800 metres.

After consideration, the Stewards noted the explanations of jockeys Schistl and Sweeney.

RACE 4 – THE STURIA CHALLENGE CUP – 990M

Henry Tudor – Crowded shortly after the start.

Silver Bluff – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Henry Tudor** onto **Wavebreaker**. Carried in near the 150 metres.

Streetbouncer – Near the 950 metres raced tightly with **Hililyhililyhilo** for some distance. Was taken out passing the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Wall Tag – Passing the 200 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, carrying **Silver Bluff** inwards. Jockey Stewart was shown the video replays of this incident, reprimanded and told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Wavebreaker – Hung in in the home straight.

Hililyhililyhilo – Near the 950 metres raced tightly with **Streetbouncer** for some distance.

RACE 5 – THE GOURMET EMPORIUM CHALLENGE CUP – 1600M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Entree** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday 19 October. In view of this, all bets on **Entree** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Bouclette Top – Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages, throwing its head and raced ungenerously when being settled.

Friend Request – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Vet Report: Lameness off fore.

New Hampshire – Approaching the 1500 metres shied away from **Declarator**, which was improving on its outside, shifted in and bumped **Talbec**.

Talbec – Bumped near the 1500 metres. Leaving the 1100 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Declarator** and, in doing so, carried **New Hampshire** wider on the track. Carried wide from the 600 metres.

King's County – Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Declarator – Hung in throughout. Leaving the 600 metres was taken out from behind **King's County** and, in doing so, carried **Talbec** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards.

RACE 6 – L'EPICERIE CHALLENGE CUP – 1500M

Chili Con Carne – Commenced awkwardly. Had a tendency to lay in in the straight.

Turbulent Air – Shifted in on jumping, brushing the right side of its gate and was slow to begin.

Aware – Slow into stride and shortly after, when being steadied, got its head up. Passing the 1000 metres, when racing keenly, threw its head on a number of occasions and raced wide.

Ideal Secret – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners.

Act Of Loyalty – Near the 950 metres, when the pace steadied, over-raced and threw its head.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Dance On Air**) explained that although at its first start in Mauritius, it quickened well from off the pace to finish third, thereafter it was disappointing racing in the same manner. However, when racing close to the winner on the 24th meeting, it improved on that occasion. As such, for today's race, seeing that there was only one front runner, he was instructed to endeavour to jump well and race close to the leader. After jumping better than expected, he found himself in front, however passing the 1300 metres, seeing that apprentice Allyhosain (**Chili Con Carne**) was insisting to secure the lead, he elected to bring his mount back. Trainer Merven was strongly advised that if he is in doubt concerning any form of instructions he should inform the Stewards regardless. Jockey Chisty was told that his ride had come under notice and that he is to ride his horses so as to leave no room for query.

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Dance On Air**) was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (b) in that passing the 1000 metres he reduced the pace of his mount, resulting in **Act Of Loyalty**, which was following, having to be eased to avoid its heels and **Aware**, which was following, also having to be eased to avoid its heels. He was fined Rs.20,000.

On inquiry, apprentice Allyhosain (**Chili Con Carne**) was severely reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (b) for having reduced the pace of his mount passing the 1000 metres.

RACE 7 – THE CHAMPAGNE BILLECART SALMON CHALLENGE CUP – 1450M

Greatfiveeight – Was fractious in its gate prior to the start and commenced awkwardly, throwing its head.

Al Firenze – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Passing the 900 metres was eased to secure a position closer to the rail.

Biometric – Slow to begin. Vet Report: Lost off fore shoe.

Varside – Had to be re-saddled behind the barriers.

GENERAL

An inquiry into the handling of **Al Firenze** was adjourned at a date to be fixed.

An inquiry into the handling of **Greatfiveeight** will be heard at a date to be fixed.

RACE 8 – THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CUP – 1600M

Brave Leader – Raced wide throughout.

Royal Resolution – Stumbled shortly after the start.

Silver Rock – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the middle stages.

Hoppertunity – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Passing the 1400 metres had to be checked when awkward close to the heels of **Royal Resolution**, which had been taken in. An inquiry into this incident will be held at a date to be fixed.

Charles My Boy – Taken out from behind **Radlet** near the 65 metres.

Radlet – Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1500 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Charles My Boy**. From leaving the 100 metres commenced to shift in under pressure with **Charles My Boy** having to be taken out to continue going forward passing the 65 metres.

Roman Silvanus – Slow to begin and shortly after bumped by **Silver Rock**, which commenced awkwardly.

GENERAL

On inquiry, Trainer A. Sewdyal was found guilty under the provisions of MTC Rule 47 (3) (f) for failing to give proper instructions to jockey Nunes to ride **Brave Leader**. He was fined Rs.20,000.