



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018

RACE 1 – THE LEVILLE L’HOMME CUP – 990M

When being led to the barriers **Valcar** proved difficult, with its bridle and noseband becoming undone. The equipment was refitted behind the barriers with the gelding proving difficult again, backing off and then dislodging jockey Bussunt. Due to the fact that it was intractable, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 12.32 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Valcar** were ordered to be refunded and no deductions were made on winning bets with bookmakers, the average price of **Valcar** being 44-1. Trainer S. Hurchund was told that **Valcar** has been suspended until passed tractable.

One For One – Stood flat-footed, being slow to begin and losing considerable ground at the start.

Philosopher - When questioned regarding the apparent poor performance of the gelding, jockey Ramsamy explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or race close to the leader and, after jumping reasonably well, the gelding failed to muster speed and he found himself racing further back in the field than expected. He added that leaving the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, the gelding failed to quicken and was disappointing. Vet report: Not striding out properly after the race.

Sharkaholic – Slow into stride and shortly after was crowded for room when **Duffield** shifted inwards. Leaving the 250 metres was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn.

World Dreamer – Hung in in the home straight.

Raheeb – Had a tendency to lay out throughout the home straight and over the last 100 metres shifted out despite jockey Hoolash trying to straighten it. When questioned with regard to its improved performance, trainer H. Maingard explained stated that the gelding is a very difficult horse and it races better when able to obtain cover, today it was able to obtain cover, as such it was able to relax and quickened nicely.

Duffield – Shortly after the start shifted in and was bumped on its hindquarter by **Sharkaholic** became unbalanced and proved difficult to be straightened.

RACE 2 – THE HOLDEM FOUNDATION CHALLENGE CUP – 1850M

Kemal Kavur – Bumped with **Lucky At Last** at the start. Passing the 800 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

Toa Nui – Slow to begin. Shifted out over the concluding stages.

Red Line Captain – Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early stages. Carried wide passing the 450 metres.

No Resistance – From leaving the 500 metres commenced to give ground and finished tailed off. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of the gelding, trainer Nagadoo explained that according to him the gelding has lost interest in racing, as such he will retire it.

Aficionado – Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve around **No Resistance** and, in doing so, carried **Red Line Captain** and **Jama** wider on the track. From leaving the 100 metres commenced to hang out with jockey Bhaugeerothee putting his whip away and straightening his mount.

In The Loop – Slow to begin. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Jama – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres was taken out momentarily to avoid the heels of **Red Line Captain**. Carried wide passing the 450 metres.

Lucky At Last – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing the right side of its gate, bumping with **Kemal Kavur**.

RACE 3 – THE FEGENTRI HOLDEM HEALTHCARE LADY RIDERS CUP – 1500M

Bonjour Baby – Slow into stride. Leaving the 1200 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Gstaad**.

Man From Seattle – Stood flat-footed, being slow to begin and losing considerable ground. Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Anton Ruskin – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. Leaving the 1200 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Gstaad**, brushing the running rail. Had to be taken out approaching the 200 metres from behind **Refined Bachelor** to secure clear running. Leaving the 100 metres had to be taken in from behind **Valerin** to continue going forward.

Gstaad - Vet report: Bled both nostrils. The Stewards, taking into consideration that it is the 3rd time in a row that the gelding had bled, told trainer Merven that this gelding has been suspended for the remainder of the season.

Zenzero – Slow to begin. Leaving the 900 metres was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Refined Bachelor** and, when being eased, shifted in and brushed the running rail. For some distance leaving the 300 metres held up when unable to improve from behind **Refined Bachelor**.

Refined Bachelor - Vet report: Not striding out properly after the race.

Radlet – Vet report: Lameness near fore.

Valerin – Raced wide from the 900 metres.

RACE 4 – THE HOLDEM PROPERTY CUP – 1400M

Entree - Slow to begin. From leaving the 450 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Varonella**, which was giving ground. Leaving the 400 metres clipped the heels of **Varonella**, stumbled badly and lost ground. Leaving the 250 metres clipped the heels of **Varonella** and stumbled badly. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that his mount had a tendency to lay in badly during the race and that from the 600 metres commenced to over-race. He added that near the 450 metres he found himself racing behind **Varonella**, which commenced to give ground quickly with his mount running onto **Varonella's** heels, clipping its heels and stumbling badly near the 450 and 250 metres.

Varonella – Commenced to give ground from approaching the 500 metres. Vet report: Lacerations to the off hind.

Rob's Jewel – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Leaving the 200 metres shifted in under pressure. Leaving the 500 metres was taken out from behind **Varonella** to improve its position,

Everest – Raced wide from approaching the 600 metres and leaving the 500 metres carried wide on the track.

Steal A March – Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Trap Lord – Approaching the 100 metres commenced to shift in under pressure with apprentice Louis putting his whip away and straightening his mount.

Bouclette Top – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1000 metres was momentarily tightened for room on the inside of **Burg**. Leaving the 400 metres had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Entree**.

RACE 5 – THE HOLDEM EVENTS CUP – 1650M

Stonehenge – Raced wide throughout.

Seven Fountains – Slow to begin.

Jolie Roger – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Newlands – Slow into stride. Hung out leaving the 200 metres and hung in over the concluding stages.

Sea King – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground.

RACE 6 – THE HOLDEM CUP – 1850M

Acting on veterinary advice that the off fore fetlock and knee of **Moonrise Sensation** was swollen, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 3.15 p.m. today. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Moonrise Sensation** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers was paid less 15 cents per rupee, the average price of **Moonrise Sensation** being 9-2.

Dawn Raid – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners. Was taken out from the 350 metres, carrying **Our Emperor** wider on the track.

The Great One – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Our Emperor** onto **Kingmambo's Legacy** with **Our Emperor** bumping the hindquarter of **Kingmambo's Legacy**.

Kingmambo's Legacy – Bumped on its hindquarter shortly after the start. In the early part of the home straight, when being ridden with the whip, shifted out, carrying **Wild Horizon** outwards. When questioned, trainer Daby explained that he instructed apprentice Louis to endeavour to insist for the lead as the

gelding is a stayer and a strong one-pacer. Apprentice Louis explained that after jumping well he insisted on his mount so as to ride as per instructions. He added that leaving the 1500 metres, seeing that **The Great One** was insisting on his inside for the lead, he elected to settle his mount on the outside, however approaching the 1300 metres, seeing that jockey Shistl (**The Great One**) had settled his mount and that he was a neck in front of him, he elected to urge his mount forward in view to secure the lead. He then said that his mount raced relaxed and, when asked for an effort passing the 300 metres, it quickened fairly and had a tendency to lay out into the home straight. Trainer Daby added that he thought that apprentice Louis had ridden to instructions.

Our Emperor – Slow to begin. Carried wide near the 350 metres.

Wild Horizon – Fractious in its barrier prior to the start.

RACE 7 – THE HOLDEM LIVE.MU & TURF.MU CUP – 1600M

Amritsar – Near the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to hang out, inconveniencing **Tower Of Wisdom**, which was improving on its outside and again near the 65 metres, shifted out and brushed **Tower Of Wisdom**. Jockey Stewart was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that in future he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mount earlier than he did on this occasion.

Hamaan – Slow to begin. Passing the 1300 metres shifted in momentarily, resulting in **Roman Emperor** having to be steadied.

Misty Roller – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. From leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

Chester's Wish – Taken out passing the 1300 metres.

Jullidar – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **Hamaan**. Raced wide from the 800 metres. Carried wide near the 400 metres.

Pop The Question – Raced fiercely in the middle stages and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. Approaching the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted in and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Castle**.

Querari's Secret – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position, carrying **Jullidar** wider on the track.

Roman Emperor - Steadied passing the 1300 metres. **Chester's Wish**, which was following, had to be taken out to avoid its heels.

RACE 8 – THE HOLDEM RETAIL CUP – 1450M

Soweto Moon – Slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres shifted out, resulting in **British Pound** having to steady to avoid its heels. Jockey Shistl was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to show care in future. Leaving the 200 metres hung out when being ridden with the whip with jockey Shistl putting his whip away to straighten his mount.

Fury – Jumped outwards. Raced wide in the early and middle stages and from leaving the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position close to the rail.

British Pound – Was taken out passing the 800 metres to avoid the heels of **From The Ashes**. Leaving the 250 metres had to steady when **Soweto Moon** shifted out quickly. Hung in in the home straight.

Burwaaz – Slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Dealer's Charm** to secure clear running.

From The Ashes – Passing the 800 metres, when the pace slowed, became awkward close to the heels of **Fury** and had to be checked. **British Pound**, which was following, was inconvenienced and taken out to avoid the heels of **From The Ashes**. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Rebel Alliance – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Fradd (**Fury**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively reducing the pace of his mount approaching and passing the 800 metres, causing **From The Ashes**, which was following, to be eased and **British Pound** becoming inconvenienced and having to be taken out from behind **From The Ashes**. He was fined Rs.20,000.