



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018

RACE 1 – THE RACETIME INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1600M

Dante's Rock – Leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slackened, was taken out from behind **Majestic Moon** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Zenzero** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards.

Xanthus – Slow into stride. Raced wide from the 350 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Majestic Moon – Slow to begin. Passing the 1300 metres momentarily steadied when crossed by **Starsky**.

Redwood Valley – Leaving the 450 metres was held up for some distance when unable to improve from behind **Majestic Moon**, which had commenced to give ground. Was taken out from **Majestic Moon** to improve its position approaching the 300 metres.

Zenzero – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Line Of Sight – Half-reared and was slow to begin.

RACE 2 – THE MAURITIUS TOURISM PROMOTION CUP – 1400M

Afdeek – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Gameloft – Slow to begin.

Come On Sonny – Slow to begin. Leaving the 700 metres, when over-racing, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Aspara**.

Middle Path – Raced wide in the early stages.

Winter Is Coming – Was taken out from passing the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Antwerp – Raced wide in the early stages.

A P Strike – Raced wide from leaving the 900 metres.

RACE 3 – THE LONGINES WORLD FEJENTRI CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LADY RIDERS MAURITIUS PANDORA TROPHY – 1500M

Acting on veterinary advice that **A Greater Power** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.15 a.m. on Friday 30 November. In view of this, all bets on **A Greater Power** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **A Greater Power**, **He's Got Gears** became a runner and was ridden by lady rider S. M. Schou.

Captain's Command – Shortly after the start shifted in and bumped **Magic Jay**.

Fortissimo – Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide from the 500 metres. Hung out in the home straight and over the concluding stages shifted in quickly.

Kash Is King – Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 400 metres.

Magic Jay – The Stewards gave permission to lady rider N. Heller to ride the gelding at 54.5kg instead of 54kg. Bumped shortly after the start. Hung in in the home straight and proved difficult to be properly assisted.

He's Got Gears – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Lady Rider Ms Schou dropped her whip approaching the 100 metres.

RACE 4 – THE BEST GROUP SOUVENIR CUP – 1850M

Avail - Slow to begin and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 250 metres, for a short distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Seven League Boots**, which had commenced to give ground. Was then switched outwards to secure clear running. Lay in under pressure over the last 150 metres.

Red Line Captain – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and approaching the 1300 metres had to restrain when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Seven League Boots**.

Emaar – Raced wide throughout. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Olympic Bolt – Slow to begin.

Seven League Boots – Commenced awkwardly and shortly after was bumped and shifted out, brushing **Red Line Captain**. Passing the 700 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Edisson**.

Jama – Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide throughout.

Netflix – Slow to begin and shortly after shifted out, bumping **Seven League Boots**.

Overdose – Raced wide from the 500 metres and passing the 400 metres was taken further out to improve its position. Lay in under pressure over the last 150 metres.

RACE 5 – THE AIR MAURITIUS CARGO TROPHY 2018 – 1450M

Belenos – Shifted in shortly after the start, making contact with **Trap Lord** and became unbalanced. Lay inwards near the 1300 metres. Jockey Martinez was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to make every effort to keep his mount straight. Near the 600 metres restrained when **Mutzi** on its outside lay inwards.

Alshibaa – Bumped heavily on jumping. Jockey Nunes lost the use of his right iron and quickly regained it shortly after the start. Passing the 1300 metres commenced to over-race, throwing its head and was tightened when **Mutzi** was carried in by **Belenos**. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres.

Entree – Near the 150 metres was held up behind **Mutzi** and was taken out to go forward.

Trap Lord – Commenced awkwardly, then lay inwards and was buffeted between **Belenos** and **Mutzi** on its inside. Approaching the 600 metres was held tight and brushed the running rail.

Burg – Shifted outwards on jumping, bumping heavily with **Alshibaa**, which in turn bumped with **Mutzi** on its outside. Passing the 1300 metres raced in restricted room and restrained.

Bad Attitude – Slow to begin. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres. Hung in over the last 150 metres.

Mutzi – Passing the 1300 metres was held tight by **Belenos** on its outside, bumped with **Alshibaa** and restrained. Raced wide in the middle stages.

RACE 6 – THE AIR MAURITIUS 'PAILLES EN QUEUE' TROPHY 2018 – 1400M

Horse Guards – Lay outwards over the concluding stages. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Seventh Plain – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Carried wide on the track approaching the 450 metres.

Speed Limit – Jumped awkwardly with its head sideways and shifted out, bumping **Horse Guards**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Step To Fame** and carried **Seventh Plain** wider on the track.

The Thinker – Stumbled on jumping.

Al Mariachi – Jumped awkwardly, crowding **Seventh Plain** onto **Aware**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages, proving difficult to settle.

Ernie – Lay inwards near the 50 metres.

Victory Team – Was re-saddled behind the barriers. Near the 150 metres commenced to shift out under pressure and carried **Al Mariachi** outwards. **The Thinker**, which was improving on their outside, was inconvenienced and had to be taken out

Prince Of Thieves – Leaving the 300 metres, for some distance, held up when unable to improve from behind **The Thinker**. Near the 50 metres raced in restricted room and steadied when **Ernie** had a tendency to lay inwards.

Aware – Was bumped, with jockey Nunes losing the use of his off side iron, which he quickly regained. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Passing the 100 metres commenced to shift in under pressure.

Step To Fame – Over-raced in the middle stages and near the 800 metres threw its head when steadied to avoid the heels of **Al Mariachi**.

Following the running of this race, apprentice T. See became indisposed and was replaced by apprentice B. Louis on **Greatfiveight** (Race 7) and **Jet Path** (Race 8).

RACE 7 – THE TULAWAKA CUP – 1500M

Burwaaz – Slow to begin.

Kimberley – Hung in in the home straight.

Biometric– Approaching the 1300 metres lay in and bumped the hindquarters of **Rebel Alliance** and shifted out quickly, restraining away from the heels of **Bonjour Baby**.

Greatfiveight – Stumbled on jumping. Over-raced in the early stages. Taken out to improve its position near the 400 metres.

Prince Lateral – Slow to begin. Had to steady away from the heels of **Greatfiveight** approaching the 1000 metres. Leaving the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and lay out rounding the home turn.

Rebel Alliance – Bumped near the 1300 metres.

Desert Thief – Jumped awkwardly. Passing the 1300 metres commenced to race ungenerously, throwing its head.

RACE 8 – THE RETIRED RACEHORSES COMMITTEE TROPHY – 1400M

Ashfords Legacy – Slow to begin.

Kali's Champ – Raced wide from the 900 metres.

Mr Hardy – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Two Moon Junction**.

Napoli – Slow to begin. At the 1100 metres steadied when **Saracen King** shifted in slightly away from **Jet Path** on its outside. Over the concluding stages could not secure clear running and had to be switched to the inside of **Two Moon Junction**.

One For One – Stood flat-footed at the start and was slow to begin.

Two Moon Junction – Bumped on jumping.

Golden Ball – Leaving the 450 metres broke down and was pulled out of the race. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that the gelding broke down on its off fore fetlock.

Saracen King – Over-raced in the middle stages and near the 800 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Jet Path**.