



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019

RACE 1 – THE FRANCE ANTELME CUP – 990M

The start was delayed when, after being boxed, **Polar Rock** became fractious and was cast. It was removed from the gate, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to be lame on the off hind leg and unfit to race. The Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. In view of this, all bets on **Polar Rock** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **Polar Rock** being 27-1. **Hit The Green** also became fractious in its gate, was removed, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Hit The Green – Raced green and shifted in near the 800 metres.

Watch Me Dad - Slow to begin. Near the 750 metres was taken out from behind **Watch Me Dad** and for some distance leaving the 600 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Anza-Borrego**.

Artax – Approaching the 800 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted in. Approaching the 700 metres was crowded for room and shifted in, brushing the running rail. Taken out over the concluding stages.

Plain Of Wisdom – Slow into stride. Crowded for room and had to be checked near the 400 metres.

Shafaaf – Slow to begin.

Anza-Borrego - The saddle had to be readjusted behind the barriers.

Romanus – Slow to begin.

Zenzero – Hung in from near the 900 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted in. Approaching the 700 metres was carried inwards and raced in restricted room on the inside of **Duffield**. Shifted in leaving the 100 metres with **Artax** having to be taken out to continue going forward.

Duffield – Approaching the 800 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted. Approaching the 700 metres carried in by **Hit The Green**, crowding **Zenzero**. Approaching the 400 metres shifted in, carrying **Watch Me Dad** inwards onto **Plain Of Wisdom** with the latter running out of galloping room and having to be severely checked.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Holland (**Hit The Green**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with another runner in that near the 750 metres he allowed his mount to shift in, brushing **Duffield** with the latter then shifting in, bumping **Zenzero**, which was hanging in with **Zenzero** shifting in and bumping **Artax**. He was fined Rs.20,000.

b) On inquiry, jockey Bussunt (**Duffield**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that approaching the 300 metres he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Watch Me Dad** with the latter being taken in onto **Plain Of Wisdom** with the latter running out of galloping room and having to be checked. In mitigation, jockey Bussunt asked for a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was therefore suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 2 – THE DR. JOCELYN MAINGARD CUP – 1400M

Desert Fighter - Slow to begin. Leaving the 1300 metres shifted out, momentarily carrying **Gameloft** outwards onto the heels of **Over Sure**, which was being taken in by **Afdeek** with **Gameloft** racing in restricted room over a short distance. Hung in in the home straight.

Over Sure – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Passing the 1200 metres, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 1000 metres commenced to over-race when being eased to avoid the heels of **Borya** got its head up and raced ungenerously, passing 900 metres clipped the heels of **Borya**, blundered badly. Raced wide from the 450 metres. Commenced to give ground passing the 400 metres and was not persevered with. Vet Report: Bled heavily.

Afdeek – Raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

British Pound – Raced wide from the 450 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Gameloft – Raced in restricted room over a short distance leaving the 1300 metres.

Come On Sonny – Hung in in the home straight.

Melson – Slow to begin.

Aspara – Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1100 metres was eased and taken out to avoid the heels of **Over Sure** and in doing so carried **Afdeek** wider on the track.

Borya – From leaving the 900 metres, when **Afdeek** improved on its outside, commenced to over-race and proved difficult to control.

RACE 3 – THE FANNY CUP – 990M

Greenflashsunset – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Approaching the 700 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head and shifted in, racing ungenerously.

Perfect Jay – Reared, fly-jumped and was slow to begin. Approaching the 700 metres had to be eased and taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greenflashsunset**.

Trojan Quest – Jumped awkwardly and shortly after was carried in by **Barrack Street**, shortly after shifted in and bumped **Greenflashsunset**. Approaching the 600 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Zen Master**. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. From near the 150 metres carried out and near the 75 metres taken in to continue going forward.

Hithimagainchuck – Raced wide throughout.

Apple Jack – Slow into stride.

Zen Master – Near the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift out, carrying **Trojan Quest** outwards. Over the concluding stages shifted in.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Bussunt was found guilty to a charge under Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish when in a position to do so. He was fined Rs.5,000.

b) On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Zen Master**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Trojan Quest** in that when his mount started shifting ground, he failed to straighten it but instead used the whip on two occasions, carrying **Trojan Quest** outwards. He was fined Rs.20,000.

The track was upgraded to 3.0 after the running of this race.

RACE 4 – THE CHANG FONG MARINE & SHIPPING LTD TROPHY – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider two objections lodged by jockey Placais, the rider of **Yankeedoodledandy**, which finished 3rd, against **Crazy Vision**, being declared the winner, and **Tower Of Wisdom**, being declared 2nd, alleging interference in the home straight (**Tower of Wisdom**: 0.20 length and **Yankeedoodledandy**: 0.50 length). Evidence was taken from the riders and trainers concerned. It was established that near the 150 metres **Crazy Vision** was taken to the inside of **Pride Rock** to secure clear running and brushed **Yankeedoodledandy** with the latter then shifting inwards onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom**. **Yankeedoodledandy** then had to be taken to the inside of **Tower Of Wisdom** to continue going forward. The Stewards, being of the opinion that albeit there was contact between **Crazy Vision**, which had improved from behind and **Yankeedoodledandy**, forcing the latter inwards onto the heels of with **Tower Of Wisdom** with **Yankeedoodledandy** having to be switched to the inside of **Tower Of Wisdom** to continue going forward. The Stewards were satisfied that **Yankeedoodledandy** had secured clear running from the 100 metres until the finish, and that this horse failed to make sufficient ground onto the winner for the objection to be upheld in the closing stages. In relation to 2nd placed horse, the Stewards being of the opinion that **Yankeedoodledandy**, after having been brushed by **Crazy Vision**, shifted in onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom**, which at that point had kept a straight line, as such regarded this part of the objection as unwarranted and decided to dismiss it; correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Crazy Vision – Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Harlan County – From leaving the 400 metres commenced to give ground. Vet report: Not striding out.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Horil (**Crazy Vision**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 200 metres he carelessly took his mount to the inside of **Pride Rock** and, in doing so, brushed **Yankeedoodledandy**, carrying the latter inwards onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom** with **Yankeedoodledandy** having to be taken further in to secure clear running. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 5 – THE PENG & CO. LTD TROPHY – 1450M

Ready To Attack – Slow to begin.

Ernie – Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Bonnie Prince** to secure clear running. Near the 150 metres inconvenienced and had to stop riding momentarily.

Chili Con Carne – For some distance approaching the 1100 metres raced tight on the inside of **Bonnie Prince**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Bonnie Prince** and, in doing so, carried **Ready To Attack** wider on the track.

Tanjiro – Leaving the 600 metres was taken wider on the track and raced wide from then onwards.

Ideal Secret – Approaching the 900 metres, when the pace slowed, commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ernie**. Leaving the 600 metres was taken out from behind **Ernie** and carried **Tanjiro** wider on the track. Shortly after entering the home straight was held up when unable to improve behind **Chili Con Carne**.

Turbulent Air – Was fractious in its gate prior to the start being given, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Bonnie Prince – Near the 150 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Ernie** becoming inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Horil (**Bonnie Prince**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not intimidate **Ernie**, resulting in the latter being inconvenienced and its rider having to stop riding for one stride. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in race 4.

RACE 6 – THE NOBLE SALUTE – Yu Lounge Race To Excellence - CUP – 990M

Yankee Captain – Near the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Prince Of Thieves** to secure clear running.

The Thinker – Shortly after the start shifted in, bumping **Zud Wes**.

Speed Limit – Approaching the 900 metres shifted out momentarily, crowding **Yankee Captain** onto **Prince Of Thieves**. Vet report: Clipped into near hind fetlock.

Zud Wes – Slow into stride. Over the concluding stages was switched to the inside of **Woljayrine** to secure clear running.

RACE 7 – THE GOAL LEAF HOTEL CO. LTD TROPHY – 1500M

It Doesn't Matter – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Iron Wolf – Jumped awkwardly, crowding **Bear Hug** onto **Seven Carat**. Over the concluding stages had to be eased.

Pop The Question – Threw its head on jumping.

Misty Roller – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Rasta Rebel – Stumbled on jumping. Passing the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Royal Resolution** to secure clear running.

Space Agent – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced wide in the early stages and near the 1200 metres was eased and taken in.

Bear Hug – Slow to begin and shortly after was carried out. From the 75 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the left hand, shifted in, inconveniencing **Iron Wolf** over the concluding stages.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Ségeon (**Bear Hug**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that over the concluding stages he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **Iron Wolf**, resulting in the latter having to be eased. He was fined Rs.20,000.

RACE 8 – THE MIRABEAU CUP – 1400M

Bells Apostle – Raced wide throughout.

Kali's Champ – Was taken from the 350 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Mr Hardy – Was standing awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres was eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the rail, clipped the heels of **Silver Rock** and stumbled.

Napoli – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

New Golden Age – Slow to begin.

Silver Rock – Threw its head down as the start was effected and was slow to begin.