



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2019

RACE 1 – THE SIR J.MARC DAVID Q.C CUP – 1600M

Fortissimo- On jumping threw its head sideways. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 500 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Carried further wide by **Spun Out** near the 350 metres.

He's Got Gears- Jumped inwards, carrying **Logan** onto **Al Hamd**, with **Logan** bumping **Al Hamd** on its hindquarters. When questioned regarding the poor performance of this gelding, jockey David explained that it had pleased in the lead up to this race, as such, he expected a forward showing in the race today. He also explained that after securing a position behind the lead, his horse raced relaxed until the 600 metres, where it dropped the bit and when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointed. Vet Report: Bled both nostrils, injury to its off-fore fetlock and lame off-fore.

Seven Oceans- Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Logan- Slow to begin. Shortly after, was cramped for galloping room. Had difficulty in obtaining a clear run in the early stages of the home straight.

Al Hamd- Bumped on its hindquarters shortly after the start. Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1400 metres when steadied to avoid the heels of **He's Got Gears**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Right To Tango- Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **Fortissimo**. Raced wide in the early stages.

Spun Out- Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and carried **Fortissimo** wider on the track.

RACE 2 – THE TICKETBOX.MU CUP – 1600M

Chester's Wish- From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 150 metres, was taken out from behind **Greenstreetractor** to secure clear running.

Rasta Rebel- Carried outwards at the 1365 metres. Raced wide from the 600 metres onwards.

Winter Is Coming- Vet Report: Coughing, bled from both nostrils.

Kimberley- Raced wide in the early stages.

Star Of Kazan-

Thrust- Stumbled on jumping.

Desert Thief- Slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1365 metres, raced in restricted room and shortly after, had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Misty Roller**, and when being checked, shifted out abruptly, carrying **Rasta Rebel** outwards. Raced fiercely from the 1250 metres and near the 1100 metres, was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Misty Roller**. Near the 100 metres, was switched to the inside of **Kimberley** to continue going forward.

RACE 3 – THE TICKETING MADE EASY CUP – 1450M

Captain My Captain- Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **The Brass Bell**.

Jama- Jumped awkwardly, brushing the left side of its gate. Shortly after, raced in restricted room between **Sierra Redwood** and **A P Strike**. Approaching the 300 metres for a short distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Midnight Oracle**. Near the 250 metres, was taken out from behind **Midnight Oracle** to continue going forward.

The Brass Bell- Slow to begin. Shortly after, was bumped **Captain My Captain**. Leaving the 1100 metres, raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Captain Falcon**. Slightly inconvenienced at the 1000 metres.

A P Strike- Bumped after the start. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 900 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Midnight Oracle**. Approaching the 500 metres, was taken out and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Captain Falcon- Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **A P Strike**. Leaving the 1100 metres, commenced to race fiercely, and passing the 1000 metres, when eased to avoid the heels of **Sierra Redwood**, shifted inwards, slightly inconveniencing **The Brass Bell**. Hung in throughout the race.

Captain Ram- Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Vet Report: Breathing noise

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When questioned, jockey Sooful (**Oh Behave**) explained that the blinkers were removed from this gelding today, as such, he was instructed if he could get to the lead without asking his mount for an effort to lead, otherwise endeavor to race where comfortable. He added that after jumping well, he found himself in the lead, however, seeing that jockey Aucharuz (**Captain My Captain**) was insisting for the lead, he decided to settle his mount behind the leader. When further questioned, he said in his opinion, **Captain My Captain** was racing too hard in the back straight and that he would have had to ask his mount for an effort to bridge the gap on the leader. He also said that although he could have asked his mount for an effort early on, he decided against doing so, as in his opinion, it would have been detrimental to its chances. He also added that by saving his mount for as long as possible, he expected it to quicken, however, when asked for an effort, it quickened over a short distance before remaining one-paced.

RACE 4 – THE OUR GROOM’S CUP – 1400M

Henry Tudor- Ducked in sharply over the concluding stages.

Jals Tiger- Slow to begin.

Galtero- Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early stages. Near the 1100 metres, got its head up and steadied to avoid the heels of **Northern Rebel** and was taken out shortly after. Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide rounding the home turn.

Mr Crumford- Jumped the crossing at the 1000 metres.

Silver Sails- Leaving the 200 metres, was disappointed for a run into a tight gap on the inside of **Jals Tiger**.

Northern Rebel- Slow to begin. Passing the 1100 metres, shifted in when having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Silver Sails** and brushed the running rails. Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 5 – THE CURLY – 1500M

I Travel Light- Slow to begin.

Belenos- Slow to begin. Near the 750 metres, was cramped for room and had to be checked, losing its position.

Perplexing- Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Top Of The Rock- Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 1000 metres, was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead.

Promissory- Near the 200 metres when being ridden with the whip on the left hand, shifted in away from it, with jockey David having to take his mount out away from the heels of **Red Line Captain**.

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On inquiry, jockey Horil (**Top Of The Rock**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that approaching the 750 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Belenos**, which was racing on its inside, becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be checked, losing its position. He was suspended from riding for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 6 – THE GEETANJALEE NARANG MEMORIAL CUP – 1500M

Overshadow- Near the finish, was eased to avoid the heels of **King’s County**, which had shifted in under pressure. Vet Report: Lameness on its near-fore leg.

Summer Sky- Crowded on jumping. Approaching the 1400 metres, shifted in on its own accord and became awkward close to the heels of **Opera Royal** and threw its head when being taken out. Hung in throughout.

King's County- Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Summer Sky** onto **Dance On Air**. Hesitated and jumped the crossing at the 1300 metres, unbalancing jockey Aucharuz. Near the 200 metres, shifted in away from the whip, with jockey Aucharuz switching his whip to his right. Leaving the 75 metres for some distance, shifted out away from the whip and over the concluding stages, shifted back in, inconveniencing **Overshadow**. Jockey Aucharuz was shown video replays of this incident, and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

Rap Attack- Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 600 metres onwards. When questioned with regards to the poor performance of this gelding, jockey Ramsamy said that he was instructed to settle his mount at the rear of the field and start his move gradually from the 1000 metres. He added that after jumping only fairly, he settled his mount at the rear of the field and from entering the back straight, he had to encourage his mount to keep up with the rest of the field. He also added that approaching the 600 metres, he angled his mount outwards to start improving as per to instructions, and although quickening for some distance, when entering the home straight, his mount stayed one-paced and was extremely disappointing. Vet Report: Not striding out.

RACE 7 – THE HALABALOO CUP – 1600M

Prior to the start of this race, **Apollo Star** became extremely fractious, with its bridle becoming undone. It was quickly refitted.

Apollo Star- Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly, being slow out. Leaving the 250 metres, was carried out by **Avail** and near the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Avail** to continue going forward. Hung in over the last 150 metres.

Avail- Switched out for a run leaving the 250 metres.

Bouclette Top- Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate. Shortly after, was crowded for room. Carried wide at the 1200 metres, clipped heels at the 1100 metres. Leaving the 1100 metres, was carried out by **Charleston Hero**.

Sacred Flame-

Charleston Hero- Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start. Near the 1000 metres, was taken out from behind **Emaar** and in doing so carried **Bouclette Top** wider on the track. Passing the 300 metres, was taken out and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

Edisson- Bumped on jumping, then shifted in, crowding **Bouclette Top** onto **Emaar**. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1200 metres, when over-racing, was eased and taken out in an abrupt manner to avoid the heels of **Emaar** and in doing so, carried **Bouclette Top** outwards, with **Bouclette Top** clipping its heels and stumbling. Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out and raced wide from then onwards.

Emaar- Passing the 1200 metres, commenced to over-race, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Sacred Flame**, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Kapteinspandiseile- On jumping, came together with **Edisson**, with **Edisson** shifting inwards, crowding **Bouclette Top** onto **Emaar**. Near the 150 metres, jockey Aucharuz's whip got entangled in its reins over a short distance.

Middlemarch- Slow to begin.

RACE 8 – THE DODSON & HORRELL HORSE FEED SPECIALISTS CUP – 1450M

The start was delayed when **Dealer's Charm** proved difficult to load.

Captain Snell- Slow to begin and shortly after, was cramped for room.

Dealer's Charm- Crowded after jumping.

Rebel Alliance- Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Captain Snell**.

Taranaki- Hesitated at the start and was slow to begin.

What A Fizz- Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly. Passing the 100 metres, was switched to the inside of **Starsky** to continue going forward. When questioned regarding the poor performance of this gelding, jockey Plaçais explained that after jumping well, he managed to find a position along the rails behind the leaders, and from the 1100 metres when **Dealer's Charm** improved on its outside, **What A Fizz** hung in badly away from that horse, brushed the rails on several occasions. He added that the gelding raced green from then onwards, came off the crossing the 450 metres in an awkward manner, and when approaching the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken, being extremely disappointing. Vet report: No significant abnormality.

Starsky- Jumped inwards.

Ice Emperor- Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin.

Mr Vengeance- Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Dealer's Charm** onto **Starsky**, which had jumped inwards.

RACE 9 – THE TRAIANIUS CUP – 1400M

Mr Bombastic- Slow to begin. Hung out in the home straight.

Play Another Tune- Jumped outwards. Raced wide in the early stages.

Sir Capers- Slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres, was taken out and made the turn into the straight very wide. Over the concluding stages, switched to the inside of **Play Another Tune** to continue going forward and in doing so, slightly inconvenienced **Spin A Coin**.

Blazing Heart- Dipped approaching the 1000 metres. Raced wide in the middle stages.

Master Silva- Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride.

Spin A Coin- Passing the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.