



**THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB**  
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

**INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019**

**RACE 1 – THE FRANTZ MERVEN CUP – 1650M**

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Holland, the rider of **Lady's Knight** which was declared 2<sup>nd</sup>, against **Eight Cities** (D.David), which was declared the winner, alleging interference over the concluding stages. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that approaching the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, **Eight Cities** commenced to shift ground outwards, with jockey David shifting his whip to his left hand near the 75 metres and over approximately the final 50 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the left hand, **Eight Cities** commenced to shift ground inwards quickly, carrying **Lady's Knight** inwards and inconveniencing the latter with jockey Holland being unable to use his whip over the concluding stages. The Stewards, taking into consideration the degree of interference together with the beaten margin of 0.02 length, decided to uphold the objection and the placings were altered to read: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Lady's Knight**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Eight Cities**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Spin A Coin**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Doyles**.

**Lady's Knight** - Passing the 1300 metres had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Spin A Coin**. Passing the 100 metres carried in and was inconvenienced, with jockey Holland being unable to use his whip.

**Spin A Coin** – Passing the 1300 metres had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Misty Roller**. Passing the 250 metres was taken out and switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running.

**Eight Cities** – From passing the 100 metres commenced to shift out under pressure with jockey David switching his whip to his left hand and over the concluding stages shifted in abruptly, carrying **Lady's Knight**, which was improving on his inside, inwards, inconveniencing the latter.

**Big Smoke** – Slow to begin.

**Doyles** – Slow to begin. From the 700 metres was taken out to the one off position, carrying **Ice Emperor** wider on the track.

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**RACE 2 – THE INDIANOIL PETROCARD CUP – 990M**

**A P Strike** - Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Emaar** - Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Cape Horn** – Approaching the 700 metres momentarily raced in restricted room on the inside of **Captain My Captain**. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Was inconvenienced leaving the 100 metres.

**Epic Sword** – Fractious in its gate prior to the start and was slow into stride.

**Freddie Flint** – Leaving the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift ground, inconvenienced **Cape Horn**, which was giving ground.

**Hadarat** – Leaving the 300 metres, for some distance, was unable to improve from behind **Sierra Redwood**. Hung in in the home straight.

**Midnight Messenger** – Approaching the 700 metres momentarily raced in restricted room on the inside of **Captain My Captain**. Near the 700 metres raced in restricted room between **Cape Horn** and **Sierra Redwood**.

**Sharkaholic** – Slow to begin, losing considerable ground.

**GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey David (**Rob Roy**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (k) for making a celebrating gesture in an excessive manner approaching and passing the winning post. He was fined Rs.5,000.

### RACE 3 – THE INDIANOIL 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY – 1400M

Jockey David expressed concerns with the way **Ku DuTu** cantered to the start. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

After being loaded **Arctic Flyer** became fractious and, whilst it was attended to, **Secret Idea** also became fractious, broke through its gate and was immediately reined in. **Secret Idea** was examined the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

**Heart Of Darkness** – Near the 1250 metres clipped the heels of **Ku Du Tu** and stumbled badly.

**Black Indy** – Slow to begin. Near the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Flower Blue** to secure clear running and leaving the 75 metres to the outside of **Hithimagainchuck**.

**Ku Du Tu** – Near the 1250 metres shifted in, resulting in **Heart Of Darkness** becoming cramped for galloping room, clipping its heels and stumbling badly.

#### GENERAL

The Stewards will inquire into an incident involving **Ku Du Tu** and **Heart Of Darkness** near the 1250 metres on Tuesday.

### RACE 4 – THE INDIANOIL SERVO LUBRICANT CUP – 1500M

**Mutzi** – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages. In the early stages of the home straight was switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running.

**Tower Of Wisdom** – Was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 450 metres had to be checked when **Royal Ginger** was taken out. Jockey Jugall dropped his whip near the 100 metres.

**Afdeek** – Jumped awkwardly.

**Royal Ginger** – Slow to begin. From leaving the 1100 metres commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mutzi**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Sky High Flyer** to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Sky High Flyer** – Was taken across to race behind runners. Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Mutzi** to secure clear running.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Hoolash (**Royal Ginger**) was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that approaching the 450 metres he carelessly took his mount out when insufficiently clear of **Tower Of Wisdom**, resulting in the latter having to be eased and taken in to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

### RACE 5 – THE INDIANOIL SERVO FUTURA CUP – 1450M

**Huyssteen** - Leaving the 450 metres dipped. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Strydom explained that from entering the back straight his mount dropped the bit with it having to be urged to stay in touch with the leader. He added that from leaving the 450 metres his mount dipped and, when put under pressure leaving the 400 metres, hung out slightly and never felt comfortable. He also said that in the home straight it stayed one pace and was very disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed nothing untoward.

**Lickerio** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in. Hung out over the concluding stages.

**Burg** – Raced wide from the 450 metres.

**Ocean Drive South** – Slow to begin.

**Skip The Red** – Was taken back to race behind runners from the start.

**Promissory** – Near the 450 metres was taken out from **Ocean Drive South** to improve its position and carried **Burg** wider on the track.

### RACE 6 – THE IndianOil BARBE CUP – 1600M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Bardottier, the rider of **Black Cat Back**, being declared 3<sup>rd</sup>, against **Cool At Heart**, being declared 2<sup>nd</sup>, alleging interference shortly after the start. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the alleged incident had no bearing on the result, overruled the objection and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Enaad** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 900 metres, whilst over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Baritone** and raced wide from then onwards.

**Table Bay** – Carried out from leaving the 1200 metres and leaving the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

**Hard Day's Night** – Slow to begin. Passing the 1500 metres, after having been urged forward at the start, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Baritone**. Leaving the 1200 metres, when the pace slackened, whist over-racing, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Baritone** and was taken out and carried **Table Bay** wider on the track, with both these horses racing wide from then onwards. Taken out from leaving the 1200 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

**Ten Gun Salute** - Leaving the 1450 metres, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

**White River** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Nebula** - Passing the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Procal Harum**, which had commenced to give ground. Near the 250 metres shifted in under pressure.

**Procal Harum** – Approaching the 800 metres jockey Gomez adjusted his off side stirrup. Commenced to give ground approaching the 450 metres. Near the 250 metres had to steady momentarily when close to the heels of **Nebula**, which had shifted in momentarily.

**Black Cat Back** – Approaching the 1300 metres raced tight on the inside of **Cool At Heart**. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday.

### **RACE 7 – THE INDIANOIL BRINGING ENERGY TO LIFE TROPHY – 1400M**

**Mr Hardy** – Slow to begin. Hung in in the home straight.

**Falkland** – Approaching the 450 metres commenced to give ground quickly and near the 400 metres shifted in, crowding **Special Force**. **Star Of Zeus**, which was following, was inconvenienced, had to be checked and taken out to avoid its heels. The gelding was not persevered with in the final straight. When questioned, jockey Ramsamy explained that from the start of the race the gelding was not striding out properly and, leaving the 450 metres when asked for an effort, lost its action and started hanging in badly. Thinking that there was something amiss with his mount, he decided not to proceed further approaching the 250 metres. The Stewards, not being satisfied with its performance, informed Assistant Trainer Y. Perdrau that this gelding has been suspended and should trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

**Special Force** – Leaving the 1300 metres was momentarily tightened on the inside of **Superstitious**.

**Phoenix Rising** – Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Apple Jack** – Lost near fore shoe.

**Sarah's Secret** – Jumped inwards, inconveniencing **Star Of Zeus**. Leaving the 1300 metres, when over-racing, had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Jet Path**. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

**Star Of Zeus** – Was standing awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Was inconvenienced shortly after the start. Approaching the 450 metres was checked and taken out to avoid the heels of **Falkland**. Leaving the 100 metres was switched to the outside of **Apple Jack** to secure clear running.

### **RACE 8 – THE RADLET PLATE – 1450M**

The start was delayed when **Got To Fly** proved difficult to load.

**Al Firenze** – Slow to begin.

**Carlton Heights** – Leaving the 1400 metres shifted in abruptly despite being straightened. From the 1200 metres commenced to race fiercely with jockey Gomez having difficulty in restraining the latter. Leaving the 900 metres, when being restrained, shifted in and brushed **Master Of Spain**. Over the concluding stages shifted ground outwards onto **Al Firenze**, inconveniencing the latter.

**Street Byte** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1400 metres was cramped for room and had to be eased when **Carlton Heights** shifted in. Near the 100 metres shifted ground outwards. Over the concluding stages came together with **Seventh Silver**.

**Seventh Silver** – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Near the 100 metres, shifted ground inwards. Over the concluding stages came together with **Street Byte**.

**Got To Fly** – Pig rooted at the start and was slow to begin. Near the 100 metres had to be eased when attempting a run into a tight gap between **Seventh Silver** and **Street Byte** when both horses shifted ground.