



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2019

GENERAL

(a): Being medically indisposed, jockey Aucharuz was unable to fulfill his riding engagements. The Stewards approved the following replacements.

Race 2: B.Sooful (**Head Of The Pack**)

Race 4: B.Sooful (**Potawatomi**)

Race 8: S.Bussunt (**Lady's Knight**)

(b): The following jockeys were randomly selected for urine testing:

D.David

M.Nunes

S.Rama

K.Ramsamy

RACE 1 – THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CUP – 1400M

Anton Ruskin- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Chap Trap**. Had difficulty in obtaining clear running in the early stages of the home straight. Near the 100 metres, was taken to the outside of **Chap Trap** to continue going forward, and over the concluding stages, raced in restricted room between **Chap Trap**, which had shifted out, and **Fury**, which had shifted in marginally.

Chap Trap- Contacted shortly after the start. Shifted ground inwards in the early stages of the home straight, resulting in **Anton Ruskin**, which was being angled to its inside to secure clear running, having to be taken back out to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages, shifted out away from the whip, racing tight onto **Anton Ruskin**. Jockey Placais was shown video replays of the home straight, and advised to make more of an effort to keep his mounts on a straight course in future.

Fortissimo- Slow to begin. Taken out from the 500 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Fury- In the early stages of the home straight, shifted out away from the whip, with jockey Nunes switching his whip to his left hand, and over the concluding stages, shifted in away from the whip, with jockey Nunes putting his whip away and straightening his mount. Jockey Nunes was shown video replays of the home straight, and advised to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Senor's Guest- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, carrying **Star Of Zeus** onto **Apple Jack**, with these two horses making contact. Approaching the 300 metres, when being urged forward, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Silver Heritage**. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Juglall explained that leaving the 850 metres, his mount started giving ground to the field, and leaving the 600 metres, had to encourage it to keep up with the pace. He added that near the 300 metres, had to steady when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Silver Heritage**, and entering the home straight, **Senor's Guest** appeared to pick up its pace and thereafter, stayed one-paced. He also said that in his opinion, the gelding might be suited to racing over a longer distance. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed no apparent abnormality.

Special Force- Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Star Of Zeus- Hesitated at the start, being slow to begin. Shortly after, was carried onto **Apple Jack**, and made contact with the latter. Leaving the 1200 metres, had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Silver Heritage**. Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Apple Jack- Slow to begin. Shortly after, was crowded for room and made contact with **Star Of Zeus**. Approaching the 900 metres, threw its head when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Senor's Guest**.

Red Indy- From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

Silver Heritage- Jumped outwards, making contact with **Special Force**, then shifted back inwards, making contact with **Apple Jack**. Raced fiercely in the early stages, and when being settled, got its head up, racing ungenerously. Near the 250 metres, was taken out from behind **Anton Ruskin** to improve its position.

RACE 2 – THE RAM RUHEE OBE MEMORIAL CUP – 1450M

Memphis Mafia- Slow to begin. Came off the crossing at the 1300 metres awkwardly.

Captain Gone Wild- Jumped awkwardly, being slow to begin. Passing the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide rounding the home turn. Shifted in over the concluding 100 metres, with jockey De Gouveia switching his whip to his right hand.

Streetbouncer- From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 150 metres, was switched to the outside of **Arctic Flyer** to continue going forward.

Arctic Flyer- Leaving the 1100 metres, commenced to race fiercely, and passing the 1000 metres, was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Seventh Rule**. Leaving the 900 metres, was taken out away from the heels of **Seventh Rule**, and raced wide until passing the 500 metres.

Iron Wolf- Raced wide in the early stages.

Cape Horn- Slow to begin.

Sand Path- Leaving the 1100 metres, commence to over-race, and leaving the 1000 metres, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Hithimagainchuck**. Approaching the 800 metres, when still over-racing, was taken out away from the heels of **Hithimagainchuck**. Leaving the 300 metres, was switched to the outside of **Seventh Rule**, which had commenced to give ground to improve its position, raced wide rounding the home turn.

Seventh Rule- Over-raced in the middle stages. Leaving the 300 metres, commenced to give ground, resulting in **Sand Path**, which was following, being switched to its outside to improve its position. **Sand Path** then raced wide rounding the home turn. Vet Report: Bled both nostrils.

RACE 3 – LE GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE TAMPON – ILE DE LA REUNION – 1500M

Blow In The Box- Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in in the home straight, and leaving the 200 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Down Under**.

Borya- Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Hung in in the home straight. Vet Report: Lost near-fore shoe.

Mr Crumford- Threw its head and was slow to begin. Approaching the 1100 metres, commenced to over-race. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and commenced to give ground from the 400 metres onwards. When questioned, jockey Bussunt explained his mount raced fiercely in the early stages and that it came off the 450 metre crossing awkwardly, shifting ground inwards, bumping the rails and from then onwards failed to improve when asked for an effort. He did not persevere with his mount from then onwards. Vet report: Coughing post-race.

Sentido- Passing the 1200 metres, for some distance, was inconvenienced when tight on the inside of **Pride Rock**. Hung in throughout.

Skip The Red- Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and from shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of **Sentido** to secure clear running.

Gunston- Near the 1000 metres, commenced to race fiercely and when being restrained, its saddle moved forward, placing jockey Nunes at a disadvantage to properly assist his mount, resulting in it increasing its lead and stretching the field.

Cyber Special- Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out from behind **Mr Crumford**, which was giving ground, and in doing so, carried **Pride Rock** wider on the track. In the early stages of the home straight, shifted out away from the whip, resulting **Pride Rock**, which was following, having to be switched to its inside to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages, shifted in away from the whip.

Down Under- Slow to begin.

Pride Rock- Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 450 metres, was carried outwards by **Cyber Special**, which was being taken out from behind **Mr Crumford**, which was giving ground, and raced wide rounding the home turn. In the early stages of the home straight, was switched to the inside of **Cyber Special**, which had shifted out away from the whip.

RACE 4 – LE GRAND PRIX DE LA VILLE SAINT PIERRE – ILE DE LA REUNION – 1600M

Rap Attack- Slow into stride. Passing the 700 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

One Direction- Slow to begin.

Red Mars- Slow into stride.

Potawatomi- Raced wide throughout. Commenced to give ground from the 400 metres and was not persevered with for the remainder of the race.

Racing For Fun- Slow to begin. Approaching the 1000 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Turbulent Air** for some distance. Near the 350 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Turbulent Air- When the start was effected, pig-rooted and threw its head, losing considerable ground.

Charleston Hero- Slow to begin.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Bardottier (**Racing For Fun**) was strongly advised against the practice of forcing his way into tight gaps in future.

RACE 5 – LE TROPHEE OFFICE DE TOURISM – DESTINATIONS SUD REUNION – 1400M

Budapest- Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 1100 metres, commenced to over-race. Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out and carried **Perovskia** outwards, inconveniencing the latter.

Perovskia- Eased leaving the 800 metres. Inconvenienced leaving the 450 metres. Vet Report: Cardiac Arrhythmia.

Woljayrine- Crowded for room approaching the 1300 metres. Raced fiercely in the early stages. Passing the 800 metres, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Kazaar**, with **The Thinker**, which was following, having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Woljayrine**, resulting in **Perovskia**, which was following **The Thinker**, having to be eased, with **Seventh plain**, which was following **Perovskia**, having to be taken out to avoid its heels.

Kazaar- Approaching the 1300 metres, when being urged forward, shifted ground inwards, crowding **Woljayrine** onto **The Thinker**, with **The Thinker** subsequently shifting ground inwards onto **Ernie**, with **Ernie** having to be eased, when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **King's County**. Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 1000 metres, was allowed to stride forward to secure the position on the outside of the leader.

Ernie- Passing the 1300 metres, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **King's County**.

The Thinker- Crowded for room approaching the 1300 metres, and shifted ground inwards onto **Ernie**, with the latter having to be eased. Eased leaving the 800 metres.

King's County- Half-reared on jumping, being slow to begin.

Seventh Plain- Jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards, being slow to begin. Taken out leaving the 800 metres.

Split The Breeze- Slow to begin.

GENERAL

(a): On inquiry, jockey Allyhosain (**Kazaar**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of 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 1300 metres he failed to straighten his mount when the latter shifted in carrying **Woljayrine** inwards onto **The Thinker** with **The Thinker** being carried inwards onto **Ernie** with the latter having to be eased to avoid the heels of **King's County**. He was fined Rs25 000.

(b): An inquiry into an incident at the 800 metres was adjourned till Tuesday morning.

(c): On inquiry, jockey Nunes (**Budapest**) was advised to ensure that he is clear of runners when taking his mounts out to improve his position.

RACE 6 – L'AEROPORT DE PIERREFONDS – ILE DE LA REUNION – LA COUPE DES PRESIDENTS – GROUP 2 – 2100M

Ten Gun Salute- Taken back at the start and settled behind runners. Raced fiercely in the early stages, and when being restrained, threw its head up and raced ungenerously. Leaving the 1500 metres, when still over-racing, was taken out and allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Leaving the 400 metres, commenced to give ground, and passing the 300 metres, clipped the heels of **Perplexing** and stumbled. It was not persevered with for the remainder of the race. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

Opera Royal- Crowded shortly after the start.

Overshadow- On jumping, shifted ground outwards, crowding **Opera Royal** onto **Perplexing**.

Alshibaa- Raced fiercely in the early stages.

Perplexing- Slow to begin. Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

GENERAL

(a): An inquiry into an incident suffered by **Ten Gun Salute** near the 300 metres will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 7 – THE JEROME TENNANT CUP – 1600M

Tiger's Bond- Jumped awkwardly, threw its head and was slow to begin.

Jet Path- Approaching the 700 metres, shifted out, with **Inauguration** improving on its outside. Approaching the 600 metres, shifted back inwards, with **Inauguration** becoming awkwardly placed close to its heels and having to be eased.

Midnight Oracle- Near the 250 metres, was inconvenienced and carried wide.

Inauguration- Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out from behind **Jet Path** and **Carlton Heights** to improve its position, and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Flying Arrow- Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages, and had difficulty in negotiating the turn at the 900 metres, shifting out abruptly.

Middle Path- Prior to the start, kicked the back gate several times. Slow to begin. Near the 150 metres, commenced to shift in away from the whip, with jockey De Gouveia switching his whip to his right hand. Vet Report: Lost off-fore shoe.

Tyrandeus- Slow to begin.

GENERAL:

(a): An inquiry into an incident passing the 300 metres was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

RACE 8 – THE LIONS CLUB OF RIVIERE NOIRE CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1850M

Prior to the beginning of this race, **Ice Emperor** refused to leave the paddock. In view of this, it was withdrawn from this race. All bets on **Ice Emperor** were ordered to be refunded. With the average odds of **Ice Emperor** being 36-1, all winning bets with bookmakers were paid 2 cents less per rupee. Trainer P.Nagadoo was informed that this horse was declared intractable and suspended until the end of the racing season.

In The Loop- Slow to begin, and from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

All Aboard- Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out from behind **Lucky At Last** and **Netflix** to improve its position, and in doing so, carried **Lady's Knight** wider on the track.

Lady's Knight- Carried wide leaving the 400 metres.

Netflix- Over-raced in the early stages. Approaching the 700 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Man From Seattle- Slow to begin. Approaching the 500 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Chester's Wish- Slow to begin.