



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2020

Board Of Racing Stewards: Messrs S de Chalain (Chairman), H.Maigrot, P.Kalleechurn, A.Rousset & Ms J Keevy.

Weather: Sunny
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 2m50

GENERAL

The Stewards approved the following replacement riders for jockey D.Bheekary who was injured prior to the running of the 2nd race:

Race 3: V.A.Bundhoo on **Fariha**
Race 4: J.Bardottier on **Mr Crumford**
Race 5: V.A.Bundhoo on **Burg**
Race 7: R.Joorawon on **Opera Royal**
Race 8: R.Hoolash on **Napoli**

Jockey Marday was stood down by the Course medical officer prior to the running of race 4. The Stewards approved Jockey K.Kalychurun as the replacement rider for **J J's Captain**.

RACE 1 – THE STUD MASTER – CANCER SUPPORT CUP – 1450M

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry siren and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that **Chester's Wish** jumped, was slow into stride and thereafter, refused to gallop. The Stewards, being of the opinion that no blame could be apportioned to any factor, other than the horse' own behaviour, decided not to proceed further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers, however, trainer A.Sewdyl was informed that this gelding has been suspended from racing indefinitely.

Kali's Champ- Leaving the 1300 metres, clipped the heels of **Phoenix Rising** and stumbled badly. Raced wide from the 400 metres.

Hit The Green- Near the 250 metres, steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Valerin**. Entering the home straight, was switched to the inside of **Valerin** to secure clear running.

Midnight Messenger- Carried onto **New Golden Age** shortly after the start. Passing the 1300 metres, was cramped for room and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Phoenix Rising**. Leaving the 1300 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Phoenix Rising**, resulting in **Kali's Champ**, which was following, clipping its heels and stumbling badly. An inquiry will be held into this incident on Tuesday morning.

Phoenix Rising- Carried inwards approaching the 1300 metres. Brushed the running rails at the 600 metres. Near the 50 metres, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Valerin**, which shifted ground outwards when being ridden with the whip.

Seven Carat- Taken in passing the 1300 metres.

Chester's Wish- Slow to begin. When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that after jumping, this gelding lost interest in the race, and despite his urgings, kept losing ground and eventually near the 900 metres, stopped completely and refused to gallop. The Stewards informed trainer A.Sewdyl that **Chester's Wish** has been declared intractable, as such, has been suspended indefinitely.

He's Got Gears- Passing the 1300 metres, was carried inwards by **Seven Carat**. Hung inwards from the 600 metres. At the 75 metres, ran out of galloping room and had to be eased.

New Golden Age- Threw its head at the start and was slow to begin. Shortly after, was inconvenienced and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Midnight Messenger**. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. Leaving the 200 metres, had to be switched to the outside of

He's Got Gears to continue going forward, and leaving the 100 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards under pressure, resulting in **He's Got Gears**, which was racing on its inside, running out of galloping room at the 75 metres and having to be eased.

Valerin- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, carrying **Midnight Messenger** onto **New Golden Age**, inconveniencing the latter. Over the concluding stages, shifted ground outwards when being ridden with the whip.

Bear Hug- Slow to begin.

GENERAL

(a) On inquiry, jockey Sola (**Valerin**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere another horse in that from leaving the 100 metres, when riding with the whip in his right hand, he allowed his mount to shift ground outwards, and near the 50 metres, crowded **Phoenix Rising**, which had to be steadied to avoid its heels. Following jockey Sola's request for a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

(b) On inquiry, jockey Bussunt (**New Golden Age**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross another horse in that from the 100 metres, he allowed his mount to shift inwards and near the 75 metres, crossed **He's Got Gears** when insufficiently clear, resulting in **He's Got Gears** having to be eased to avoid its heels. Following jockey Bussunt's request for a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 2 – THE RETIRED RACEHORSES COMMITTEE CUP – 1500M

After being loaded, **High Key** became fractious and kicked its back gate open, backed out, injuring jockey Bheekary's ankle. **High Key** was subsequently withdrawn from this race. In view of this, all bets on **High Key** were ordered to be refunded and 10 cents per rupee was deducted on fixed-odd betting winning bets – the average odds of **High Key** being 8-1.

Head Of The Pack was re-saddled behind the gate.

Black Indy- Jumped awkwardly, being slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres, was taken out from behind **Emaar** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Carlton Heights** wider on the track. Carried outwards passing the 200 metres.

All Aboard- Jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate. Approaching the 400 metres, was momentarily tightened on the inside of **Jet Path**.

Carlton Heights- Carried wide passing the 300 metres.

Emaar- Approaching the 200 metres, when being urged forward, shifted ground outwards, carrying **Black Indy**, which was improving on its outside, outwards. Jockey Sola was shown the video replays of this incident, reprimanded and advised to straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

Head Of The Pack- Reared and jumped outwards.

Jet Path- Leaving the 1100 metres, commenced to race fiercely and approaching the 1000 metres, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Carlton Heights**. Raced wide throughout.

Man From Seattle- Slow to begin. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Black Indy**. **Top Of The Rock**, which was following, became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be eased, and when being eased, **Top Of The Rock** got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Top Of The Rock- Slow to begin. Eased leaving the 1000 metres, and threw its head up, racing ungenerously for some distance.

GENERAL

Apprentice Roy (**Jet Path**) was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and told that he is not to use his whip on horses that are out of contention.

RACE 3 – THE LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR CUP – 1400M

Whilst being loaded, **Stockbridge** became fractious and broke the back gate of its stall. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon, and upon veterinary advice that it had injured its left hip, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal. All bets on **Stockbridge** were ordered to be refunded and 7 cents per rupee was deducted on fixed-odds winning bets – the average odds of **Stockbridge** being

12-1. This gelding will be required to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

It Doesn't Matter was re-saddled behind the gates.

Apollo Star- Fractious prior to the start. From the start, was taken across to race behind runners. Carried wide leaving the 450 metres.

It Doesn't Matter- Bumped on several occasions shortly after the start.

Marauding- Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate. Shortly after, shifted ground inwards and bumped **Jullidar** on its hindquarter, with the latter becoming unbalanced.

Fariha- Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Apollo Star** wider on the track.

Sentido- Bumped at the start. Shortly after, raced in restricted room between **Skip The Red** and **Stolen Paradise**. Near the 1300 metres, was eased and taken across to race behind runners. Hung in throughout. Approaching the 900 metres, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Fariha**, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. In the early stages of the home straight, was switched inwards to secure clear running.

Jullidar- Bumped at the start and became unbalanced.

Stolen Paradise- Bumped shortly after the start, shifted out, bumping **It Doesn't Matter**.

Skip The Red- Fractious prior to the start. Slow to begin. Shortly after, shifted ground outwards, bumping **Sentido**.

RACE 4 – THE DAY TO REMEMBER CUP – 990M

Mr Crumford- When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that at passing the 600 metres, the gelding had difficulty in negotiating the turn, thereby carrying **Great Stohvanen** outwards, and approaching the crossing at the 450 metres, his mount hesitated and tried to jump the crossing, landing awkwardly and losing momentum.

Varside- Carried wide passing the 400 metres.

Candy Apple- Slow into stride. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped, and approaching the 400 metres, was taken out from behind **Vision Of Trust** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Varside** wider on the track.

Arctic Flyer- Bumped shortly after the start, and shifted ground inwards, crowding **Ocean Drive South**.

Captainofthesea- Jumped inwards and bumped **Arctic Flyer**, with the latter shifting ground inwards, crowding **Ocean Drive South**.

Great Stohvanen- Jumped awkwardly and when being urged forward, shifted ground outwards, bumped with **Vision Of Trust** and became unbalanced, then shifted ground outwards, crowding **Vision Of Trust** onto **Ocean Drive South**.

Ocean Drive South- Badly cramped for room shortly after the start. Near the 100 metres, could not secure clear running and was switched to the outside of **Trojan Winter** to continue going forward.

Vision Of Trust- Bumped at the start. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped, and shortly after, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mr Crumford**.

J J's Captain- Slow to begin.

Trojan Winter- Slow to begin. Hang in in the home straight. Passing the 100 metres, was switched to the outside of **Mr Crumford** to continue going forward.

GENERAL

(a) Jockey David (**Captainofthesea**) signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (h) in that he used his whip in an excessive manner over the concluding stages. He was fined Rs.5,000.

RACE 5 – THE FRANCE ANTELME CUP – 1500M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Dreamforest** was lame on its off-hind, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 12h00 today. In view of this, all bets on **Dreamforest** were ordered to be refunded.

Patrol Officer was re-saddled behind the gates.

Viking Trail- Shifted in near the 1365 metres.

From The Ashes- Carried wide leaving the 450 metres.

Patrol Officer- Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out from behind **Edge Of The Sun** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **From The Ashes** and **Lemon Drop Shot** wider on the track.

Lemon Drop Shot- Near the 1365 metres, had to be eased and taken out to avoid the heels of **Viking Trail**, which shifted in and was restrained. Raced wide throughout. Carried wide leaving the 450 metres.

One Direction- Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate, and was slow to begin.

Burg- Slow to begin. Near the 400 metres, was momentarily inconvenienced on the inside of **Viking Trail**.

Talbec- Leaving the 1300 metres, shifted out marginally and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Viking Trail**.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Aucharuz (**Viking Trail**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in passing the 1365 metres, when insufficiently clear of **Lemon Drop Shot**, with the latter becoming cramped for room on its inside, and having to be checked and taken out to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 6 – THE COMMONWEALTH CUP – 1400M

Virtue- Bumped shortly after the start. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Passing the 400 metres, shifted ground inwards momentarily and bumped **Purple Tractor**, resulting in the latter becoming unbalanced.

Ideal Secret- Slow to begin. Shortly after the start, bumped with **Afdeek**, then shifted ground inwards, bumping with **Virtue**, and raced in restricted room between **Afdeek** and **Virtue** for a short distance. It was then taken across to race behind runners. Bumped leaving the 250 metres.

Purple Tractor- Bumped and unbalanced passing the 400 metres.

Aware- Slow to begin.

Afdeek- Bumped shortly after the start.

Arabian Air- Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres, when endeavoring to improve on the inside of **Trippi's Express**, bumped **Ideal Secret**, became unbalanced and shifted ground inwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that near the 400 metres, when **Virtue** improved past **Purple Tractor**, it shifted in abruptly and bumped **Purple Tractor**, with jockey Segeon straightening his mount straight away. In this incident, **Purple Tractor** became unbalanced and commenced to give ground. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further, other to report it as a racing incident.

RACE 7 – THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB CUP – 1500M

Following the running of this race, the Stewards held all clear to review the start of the race. It was established that after being loaded, **Ten Gun Salute** became fractious and threw its head sideways, with a barrier attendant attempting to straighten its head. At the same time, the gates were released, with the handler still having hold of its left side rein, with **Ten Gun Salute** throwing its head on jumping, and being slow out. The Stewards being of the opinion that this gelding was denied a fair start, acting under Rule 144 (1), declared it a non-runner. All bets on **Ten Gun Salute** were ordered to be refunded and 3 cents per rupee was deducted on fixed-odds winning bets – the average odds of **Ten Gun Salute** being 24-1.

Opera Royal- Cramped for room at the 600 metres, and brushed the running rails.

Baritone- Approaching the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight in a very wide position. Carried outwards over the concluding stages.

Hard Day's Night- Raced wide throughout.

Alshibaa- Over the concluding stages, when being ridden with the whip, shifted ground outwards and carried **Baritone** outwards. Jockey Rama was shown video replays of the concluding stages, reprimanded and advised to put his whip away and straighten his mount when they shift ground.

Tsitsikamma Dance- Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 400 metres, shifted ground outwards and was bumped on its hindquarter by **Hard Day's Night**, which was improving on its outside.

RACE 8 – THE PROFESSOR HASSAN RAFFA CUP – 1500M

Duke's Domain- Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Over the concluding stages, shifted ground inwards, with **Sky High Flyer**, which was racing on its inside, becoming inconvenienced. Jockey David was shown video replays of the concluding stages of the race, severely reprimanded and advised that he should straighten his mount when they shift ground.

Well Connected- Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Raced wide in the early stages, and leaving the 1300 metres, momentarily crowded **Jals Tiger**.

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

Sky High Flyer- Slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Duke's Domain** to secure clear running. Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

Jals Tiger- Momentarily crowded leaving the 1300 metres.

Sand Path- Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres, was eased to secure a one-off position off the fence behind **Mr Hardy**.

Glitterrock- Stood flat-footed, being slow to begin. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide into the home straight.

Napoli- Slow to begin.

Volatile Energy- Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted ground inwards, with jockey Aucharuz shifting his whip to his right hand.

RACE 9 – THE MANGALKHAN PLATE – 990M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Poinciana** was lame on its near hind leg, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 12h00 today. In view of this, all bets on **Poinciana** were ordered to be refunded.

Minnesota Dream- Slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres, jockey Teeha's whip became entangled in its rein.

Very Vary- Bumped on jumping. Carried outwards leaving the 700 metres.

Icebreaker- Slow to begin.

Delusional- Slow to begin.

Pick Eight Captain- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Very Vary**. Approaching the 700 metres, commenced to race fiercely and passing the 700 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Streetbouncer** and in doing so, carried **Very Vary** outwards for a short distance. Leaving the 500 metres, commenced to race greenly and dropped the bit, resulting in **Icebreaker**, which was following, becoming awkwardly close to its heels and having to be steadied.

GENERAL

The following jockeys, R.K.Chumun, K.Kalychurun, S.Rama and C.Segeon, passed a breathalyzer test and urine specimens were taken for analysis.