



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020**

**RACE 1 – THE RADLET – CANCER SUPPORT CUP – 1600M**

**Redwood Valley** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Valerin** to obtain clear running.

**Sir Capers** – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Slightly Scottish** – Raced wide throughout.

**Daredevil Aviator** – Approaching the 1300 metres, whilst racing fiercely, had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Phoenix Rising**. Near the 600 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Sir Capers**.

**Come On Sonny** - Slow to begin. Leaving the 1450 metres commenced to race fiercely and, when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Valerin**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

**Valerin** – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate.

**Doyles** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1500 metres commenced to race fiercely and near the 1400 metres, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Blunderbuss**, threw its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

**Blunderbuss** – Passing the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Come On Sonny** to continue going forward.

**GENERAL**

On inquiry, trainer J. M. Henry explained that he had instructed jockey Bheekary (**Daredevil Aviator**) to endeavour to bounce his mount from the start, clear the horses on his inside and settle it behind **Valerin**, which he thought would be the leader in the race. Jockey Bheekary confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping reasonably well he urged his mount forward, found himself racing on the outside of **Come On Sonny**, he then waited for the latter to be taken to the rail so as to secure a one off position following **Phoenix Rising**, he added that approaching the 1300 metres **Daredevil Aviator** commenced to race keenly with him having to steady his mount to avoid the heels of **Phoenix Rising**. At the same time **Sir Capers**, which was racing in a 3-wide position, improved on the outside of **Phoenix Rising** with a gap creating itself between **Phoenix Rising** and himself, being happy of the pace of the race and taking into consideration that for him to bridge that gap he would have had to ask his mount for an effort going uphill, he decided against doing so, resulting in **Sir Capers** the position one off the rail in front of him. Trainer Henry stated that according to him jockey Bheekary would have bridged the gap without asking his mount for an effort and added that he should have done so. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed any further.

**RACE 2 – THE ZILLAH CUP – 1850M**

**Midnight Oracle** – Stood flat-footed, was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Carried wider passing the 1000 metres. Was switched to the inside of **Biometric** leaving the 450 metres to secure clear running. Shifted ground outwards over the concluding stages. Jockey Rama was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and advised to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

**Netflix** - Leaving the 1100 metres, whilst racing in the lead, lost interest in the race and slowed down with jockey Joorawon urging his mount forward to maintain pace. **Biometric**, which was following, was taken out to improve around **Netflix**. Stumbled coming off the crossing at the 450 metres. When questioned regarding the poor performance of this gelding, jockey Joorawon explained that leaving the 1000 metres his mount started to lose interest in the race and approaching the 1000 metres pinned its ears backwards and attempted to stop. He added that the gelding only picked up pace again when another horse improved on its outside. He further added that from the 800 metres onwards his mount took no interest in the race and compounded over the concluding stages. Trainer V. Allet informed the Stewards that **Netflix** has been retired.

**Bypass** – Was switched to the outside of **Desert Thief** leaving the 250 metres to secure clear running. Carried inwards over the concluding stages.

**Desert Thief** – Leaving the 1000 metres became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Netflix** and was taken out to improve around it and, in doing so, carried **Midnight Oracle** wider on the track. Over the concluding stages shifted out under pressure, inconveniencing **Bypass**, which was racing on its outside. Jockey David was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and advised to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

**Bear Hug** – Over the concluding stages shifted ground inwards, becoming slightly inconvenienced by **Bypass**, which was being carried inwards.

**Biometric** – Passing the 1650 metres shifted ground inwards and bumped the running rail. Approaching the 600 metres, when **Desert Thief** improved on its outside, commenced to hang in with jockey Sooful assisting his mount for it to remain on the outside of **Desert Thief**. Dipped coming off the crossing at the 450 metres. When questioned, trainer Nagadoo explained that going through the field, he noticed that there were no patterned front runner, thus he instructed jockey Sooful, from his first draw, to endeavour to jump, make use of his mount and secure a good position in the field and, if the pace slowed down in the back straight, to endeavour make an early move as **Biometric** is a one pace horse. Jockey Sooful explained that after jumping well he urged his mount forward to take advantage of his good draw and found himself racing just behind the leader and, when the leader stopped passing the 1000 metres, he had no other option than to go around and lead.

### **RACE 3 –THE J. HENRY YTHIER CUP – 1850M**

**Eight Cities** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, brushing the right side of its gate, crowding **Manetheren** onto **Jullidar**. Leaving the 250 metres shifted ground outwards and raced tight with **All Aboard**. Carried inwards over the final 100 metres.

**Power Tower** – Jumped inwards, making contact with **Deer Park**. Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Deer Park** to secure clear running.

**All Aboard** – Stood awkwardly in its gate prior to the start and was slow into stride. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Manetheren** outwards with the latter carrying **Deer Park** wider on the track. Approaching the 200 metres hung in and over the final 100 metres, whilst being ridden with the whip, shifted ground inwards, carrying **Eight Cities** inwards and inconveniencing the latter.

**Deer Park** – Leaving the 500 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Was carried wider on the track approaching the 400 metres.

**Manetheren** – Slow to begin.

**Glitterrock** – Slow to begin.

### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey Allyhosain (**All Aboard**) pleaded guilty to a contravention 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 from leaving the 150 metres when there was an opportunity for him to continue riding hands and heels and straighten his mount, he changed his hold and started riding with the whip, allowing his mount to shift ground inwards, carrying **Eight Cities** inwards for approximately 50 metres. He was fined Rs.15,000.

### **RACE 4 – THE ROBERT DE SENNEVILLE CUP – 1365M**

Prior to being loaded **Roman Dancer**'s bridle became dislodged and was refitted.

The start was delayed when **Roman Dancer** became fractious after being loaded, reared and sat back in its gate. The gelding was removed and examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported that it was not suitable to race. Thereafter, **Arctic Flyer** proved difficult to load and, after being loaded, reared over, dislodging its rider. It was removed and examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported that the gelding was not suitable to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of both horses. In view of this, all bets on **Roman Dancer** and **Arctic Flyer** were ordered to be refunded and fixed odds winning bets were paid less 15 cents per rupee, the average price of **Roman Dancer** being 19/1 and that of **Arctic Flyer** being 9-1.

**Keiko** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres became crowded for room, took an awkward stride and stumbled, dislodging jockey Bundhoo. An inquiry into this incident will be held when jockey Bundhoo will be available. Following this incident **Zodiac Jack** was taken out and raced wide for some distance.

**Arctic Flyer** – Trainer S. Nagadoo was advised that this gelding needs to pass two barrier trials to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

**Watch Me Dad** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Dark Force** to secure clear running.

**Ku Du Tu** – Stumbled shortly after jumping.

**Roman Dancer** – Trainer R. Gujadhur was advised that this gelding needs to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

**Zodiac Jack** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres was taken out and raced wide for some distance. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Dark Force** – Hung out leaving the 450 metres.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Bussunt (**Great Stohvanen**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish over at least four strides when it was possible for him to do so. He was fined Rs.15,000.

#### RACE 5 – THE DHANKUWAR GUJADHUR CUP – 1650M

**The Grey Crusader** – Hung out in the early stages of the home straight with jockey David switching his whip to his left hand.

**Why Wouldn't Yew** – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and was slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and, when being restrained leaving the 1000 metres, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Near the 400 metres was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Charleston Hero**. Near the 100 metres was switched to the inside of **Charleston Hero** to continue going forward.

**Wordbuster** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and, when being restrained, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Consul Of War**, carrying **Why Wouldn't Yew** wider on the track. Approaching the 100 metres was switched to the inside of horses to continue going forward.

#### RACE 6 - THE J. SERGE HENRY CUP – 1600M

**Iditarod Trail** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and turned into the home straight in a wide position.

**Sir Bernadini** – Commenced to give ground approaching the 300 metres.

**Spring Man** – Passing the 700 metres steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Yankeedoodledandy**.

**Crazy Vision** – Half-reared and was slow to begin. Was then taken across to race behind runners. Hung in in the final straight.

#### RACE 7 – THE WINTER STAKES – 1850M

**Opera Royal** – Approaching the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift ground outwards with jockey Allyhosain switching his whip to his left hand.

**Alshibaa** – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 900 metres was switched to the outside of **Opera Royal**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift ground outwards with jockey David switching his whip to his left hand. Near the 75 metres ducked in sharply with jockey David straightening his mount.

**Perplexing** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

**Morning Catch** – Raced fiercely in the middle stages and leaving the 700 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ten Gun Salute**.

### **RACE 8 – THE ARMED GUARD CUP – 1850M**

**Black Indy** - Leaving the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift ground outwards, resulting in **Confessional**, which was following, becoming awkwardly placed close to its heels and having to be steadied. Jockey Ségeon was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to put his whip away and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

**Cyber Special** – Was brushed shortly after the start, then shifted ground inwards despite jockey Juglall's attempt to straighten it. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Barak Lavan** to secure clear running.

**One Direction** – Slow to begin.

**Overdose** – Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

**Siberian Husky** – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Approaching the 1400 metres had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Black Indy**.

**West Coast Warrior** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Barak Lavan** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, brushing **Cyber Special** with the latter shifting ground inwards and inconveniencing **Moschino**.

**Confessional** – Leaving the 1500 metres commenced to race fiercely and near the 1400 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Cyber Special**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. This gelding has been suspended from racing for a period of 30 days on veterinary advice.

**Moschino** – Slow to begin. Was inconvenienced shortly after the start. Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1400 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Siberian Husky**.

### **RACE 9 – THE ZINOVIEFF PLATE – 1400M**

Jockey Y. Emamdee was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer after the running of the 7<sup>th</sup> race. The Stewards approved jockey B. Sooful as the replacement rider for **Jet Storm**.

**Emaar** – Slow into stride. Approaching the 1000 metres was carried out and raced wide until the 800 metres. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

**Jet Storm** – Shifted ground outwards shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages. Came off the crossing at the 1000 metres awkwardly and dipped shortly after. Vet report: Distressed post race.

**Newsman** – Passing the 1100 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Icebreaker** and, in doing so, carried **Emaar** wider on the track.

**The Riddler** – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. Hung in in the home straight.

**King Of Tara** – Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped shortly after.

**Icebreaker** – Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground inwards and was slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early stages and from the 1200 metres had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Amandla** and, when being restrained, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.