



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2020

GENERAL

The following trainers and jockeys appeared before the Stewards to confirm their instructions and discuss their intentions in their respective races:

- Race 1: V. Allet & B. Fayd'herbe (**Fairbanks**)
Race 2: S. Narang & D. Bheekary (**Volatile Energy**)
V. Allet & B. Fayd'herbe (**Double Games**)
V. Allet & A. Roy (**Internet Kid**)
Race 3: P. Seesurun & N. Juglall (**Paddingtons Luck**)
Race 4: S. Jones & B. Bhaugeerothee (**Savvy**)
S. Jones & K. Kalychurun (**Badawee**)
Race 5: S. Jones & B. Bhaugeerothee (**Northern Spy**)
S. Gujadhur & N. Teeha (**Huyssteen**)
Race 7: S. Jones & B. Bhaugeerothee (**Bold Phoenix**)
P. Nagadoo & B. Sooful (**Stockbridge**)

RACE 1 – THE PRETTY MOLLIE – JMLS CANCER SUPPORT CUP – 1400M

Amandla – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **Fairbanks**. Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages.

Come On Sonny – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Shortly after the start shifted ground inwards and bumped **Amandla**. Leaving the 1300 metres was momentarily awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bouclette Top**, was then steadied and taken in to take the position behind **Bouclette Top**. When questioned, jockey Aucharuz explained that he was instructed to endeavour to jump well and settle the gelding where comfortable, preferably on the rail or in a one off position. He added that after jumping fairly well, he urged his mount forward in the early stages and passing the 1300 metres, seeing that he was caught in a wide position, he restrained his mount so as to secure a position on the rail, from then onwards the pace being a good one in the early stages and his mount not showing much early speed, he found himself racing further back in the field than expected. He further added that from leaving the 1000 metres he had to niggle his mount to be able to keep in touch with the field, at the same time he elected not to ask too much of an effort to **Come On Sonny**, expecting the pace with the rest of the field to come back over the concluding stages. From leaving the 450 metres he asked his mount for an effort, **Come On Sonny** moved up to the rest of the field and quickened nicely but stayed one paced over the concluding stages to finish 3rd. In his opinion this gelding was beaten by two better horses on the day.

Bouclette Top – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and shortly after brushed **Captain Moss**. Passing the 400 metres was steadied and switched to the inside of **Captain Moss**, which was taken out to improve around horses.

Temp The Tiger – Jumped outwards and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Hung in in the home straight and over the concluding stages was switched to the outside of **Amandla** to continue going forward.

Captain Moss – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the left side of its gate and was slow into stride. Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

RACE 2 – THE FLAMING AXE CUP – 1500M

The start was delayed when **Kemal Kavur** was re-saddled behind the starting gates.

Double Games – Approaching the 800 metres, when **Tyrian** improved on its outside, commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Volatile Energy**. Passing the 700 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Volatile Energy** and, in doing so, carried **Internet Kid** wider on the track. Near the 250 metres was switched to the outside of **Tyrian** to secure clear running and made the turn into the home straight in a wide position.

Internet Kid – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Approaching the 1300 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Kemal Kavur**. Carried wide passing the 700 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Tyrian – Leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and approaching the 900 metres was taken out and allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead.

Volatile Energy – Approaching the 700 metres was angled out to endeavour to improve on the outside of **River Thames** and bumped with **Tyrian**, then shifted back in, resulting in **Double Games** having to be taken back out to avoid its heels. Jockey Bheekary was shown the video replays of the incident and severely reprimanded.

Kemal Kavur – Slow to begin and thereafter was slow into stride. Passing the 1300 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Barking Irons**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. Vet report: Not striding out.

Barking Irons – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 900 metres commenced to race fiercely and near the 700 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Double Games**.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sola (**Barking Irons**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps that he did not interfere with another horse in that approaching the 1400 metres, he allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Kemal Kavur** with the latter having to be eased. In mitigation, jockey Sola requested a suspension in lieu of a fine. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 3 – THE LORD DUFFERIN CUP – 1650M

Moschino – Near the 1300 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Keiko**. Approaching the 1100 metres was taken out from behind **Keiko** and allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the outside of **Paddingtons Luck** to secure clear running.

Paddingtons Luck – Approaching the 800 metres was taken out to improve around **Bonnie Prince** and, in doing so, carried **Moschino** wider on the track, **Moschino** was then eased to secure the position behind **Paddingtons Luck**. In the early stages of the home straight shifted ground inwards, **Keiko**, which was following, was inconvenienced and taken inwards to continue going forward.

Keiko – Leaving the 900 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Paddingtons Luck**, at the same time **Moschino** improved on its outside and pushed it back inwards. Inconvenienced and taken in in the early stages of the home straight.

Epic Sword – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1200 metres had to be eased and taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Moschino** and raced wide for some distance.

Stolen Paradise – Slow to begin.

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On inquiry, apprentice Roy (**Bonnie Prince**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (b) in that leaving the 1400 metres he excessively reduced the pace of his mount, resulting in **Paddingtons Luck**, which was following **Bonnie Prince**, having to be eased and **Keiko**, which was following **Paddingtons Luck**, having to be eased, with **Moschino**, which was following **Keiko**, having to be eased and taken out to avoid **Keiko**'s heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 4 – THE J. PAUL HEIN CMG CUP – 1365M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Kingsman** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 9.45 a.m. on Friday 16 October. In view of this, all bets on **Kingsman** were ordered to be refunded and fixed odds betting was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **Kingsman**, emergency acceptor **Badawee** became a runner and was ridden by jockey K. Kalychurun.

Bye Bye Rocket – Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1300 metres, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Great Stohvanen**. Leaving the 1200 metres had difficulty in negotiating the turn properly and shifted ground outwards and, in doing so, carried **Ninotto** wider on the track. Continued to shift ground, inconveniencing **Savvy**, which was racing on its outside, **Savvy** was then eased to secure the position behind **Bye Bye Rocket**. When questioned, jockey Bheekary explained that from shortly after the start his mount grabbed the bit on one side and hung out badly, proving extremely difficult to control and did so throughout the race, then commenced to give ground from leaving the 400 metres with its action shortening drastically over the concluding stages. Feeling something amiss with the gelding, he decided not to persevere with his mount and pulled it out of the race entering the home straight. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Bye Bye Rocket** revealed that it was not striding out freely on both fore legs. The Stewards, not being satisfied with the performance of this gelding, informed trainer S. Hurchund that it has been suspended for 60 days, following which it will have to perform a barrier trial to their satisfaction and pass a veterinary examination before being allowed to race again.

Great Stohvanen – Approaching the 1100 metres, when **Badawee** improved on its outside, commenced to race fiercely with apprentice Deenath having difficulty in settling his mount, with both these horses racing away from the rest of the field.

Ninotto –

Borya – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Leaving the 400 metres, whilst attempting a run into a tight gap between **Watch Me Dad** and **Ninotto**, clipped the heels of **Ninotto** and stumbled badly. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Ninotto** to improve its position and carried **Savvy** wider on the track.

Savvy – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected and reared. Passing the 1200 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ninotto** and raced wide for a short distance. Near the 600 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bye Bye Rocket** and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 300 metres was inconvenienced and carried wider, was then eased to secure the position behind **Bye Bye Rocket**. Hung in in the home straight.

Promissory – Raced wide in the early stages.

Watch Me Dad – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Badawee – Raced wide in the early stages.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that from leaving the 600 metres **Borya** (S. Rama) commenced to race fiercely and was taken out from behind **Watch Me Dad** to avoid its heels, at the same time **Ninotto** (R. Joorawon) commenced to shift ground outwards, with jockey Joorawon bringing it back inwards. **Borya** then forced its way into a tight gap between **Watch Me Dad** and **Ninotto** despite jockey Rama's attempt to restrain it, resulting in **Borya** clipping the heels of **Ninotto** and stumbling with jockey Rama becoming momentarily unbalanced on his mount. The Stewards, being of the opinion that no blame could be apportioned to any one rider, decided not to proceed further other than to report it as a racing incident.

RACE 5 – THE RENE DE C. DU MEE CUP – 1400M

Mambo Rock – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased and taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Sea Air** and, in doing so, carried **Hooves Of Thunder** wider on the track. Carried wide from the 300 metres. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight and was disappointed for a clear run. Leaving the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Northern Spy** to secure clear running.

Prince Of Persia – Carried in near the 1300 metres. Passing the 1000 metres was steadied, resulting in **Huyssteen**, which was following, having to be steadied with **Sea Air**, which was following, becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Huyssteen** and having to be eased. Passing the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Chili Con Carne** and near the 250 metres clipped the heels of **Chili Con Carne**, was then switched to the inside of **Chili Con Carne** to obtain clear running.

Huyssteen – Jumped awkwardly and shortly after was inconvenienced when **Northern Spy** shifted ground inwards.

Northern Spy – Leaving the 1300 metres was inconvenienced and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Prince Of Persia**, was carried inwards by **Chili Con Carne**. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Over the final 150 metres

hung in. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. As it was its second episode, the gelding has been suspended for 60 days.

Hooves Of Thunder – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1000 metres carried wider.

Sugoi – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Raced wide in the early stages.

Sea Air – Stood awkwardly in its gate and was slow to begin. Near the 1000 metres was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Huyssteen**. Passing the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Mambo Rock**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Huyssteen** to secure clear running.

Clouded Hill – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sola (**Chili Con Carne**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that near the 1000 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Prince of Persia**, which was racing on his inside, resulting in the latter having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in race 2.

RACE 6 - THE MAJOR PAUL HEIN CUP – 1500M

Vascostreetractor – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, brushing **The Sultans Bazaar**.

Fools Gold – Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

Iditarod Trail – Approaching the 1100 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Triple Fate Line**. Approaching the 450 metres was switched to the outside of **The Sultans Bazaar** and in doing so, carried **The Sultans Bazaar** wider on the track. Hung in in the home straight.

The Sultans Bazaar – Was carried wide from the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. As it was its second episode, the gelding has been suspended for 60 days.

Triple Fate Line – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Commenced to give ground from the 450 metres.

Rap Attack – Slow to begin.

RACE 7 – LE PRIX PIERRE HUGNIN – 1450M

After being loaded **Minnesota Dream** became fractious in its gate and reared up, getting its right leg caught in the adjacent stall. The gelding was unloaded, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to have injured itself. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. All bets on **Minnesota Dream** were ordered to be refunded and fixed odds winning bets were paid less 10 cents per rupee, the average price of **Minnesota Dream** being 72-10. Trainer G. Rousset was informed that this gelding will need to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

Bold Phoenix – Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, commenced to shift ground inwards, carrying **Sacred Night** inwards. Commenced to shift ground inwards approaching the 200 metres, resulting in **Sacred Night**, which was improving on its inside, becoming inconvenienced and having to be switched outwards to continue going forward. Jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Bold Phoenix**) was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised to do more of an effort to straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

Sacred Night – Carried inwards shortly after the start. Had difficulty in negotiating the turn leaving the 1300 metres and shifted ground outwards. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Passing the 1000 metres, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Stockbridge**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Stockbridge – Leaving the 800 metres, when the pace slackened, commenced to race fiercely, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Bold Phoenix** and, in doing so, carried **Manetheren** wider on the track. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Kalgoorlie – Leaving the 300 metres became cramped for room on the inside of **Skip The Red** and hit the rail, becoming unbalanced for a number of strides, having to be checked and losing its position. Passing the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards, inconvenienced **Ruby Spirit**, which was improving on its outside, with the latter being carried wide onto the heels of **Stockbridge**, which was shifting ground inwards and giving ground. **Ruby Spirit** then had to be switched to its outside to continue going forward.

Skip The Red – Slow to begin.

Manetheren – Raced wide in the early stages. Carried wide leaving the 700 metres.

Ruby Spirit – Threw its head at the start and was slow to begin. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Bheekary (**Manetheren**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps that he did not interfere with another horse in that approaching the 250 metres he allowed his mount to shift in, resulting in **Skip The Red**, which had improved on his inside, being cramped for room and shifting inwards, causing interference to **Kalgoorlie**. In mitigation, jockey Bheekary requested a suspension in lieu of a fine. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 8 – THE ELAINE PLATE– 1450M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to review the home straight and to consider an objection lodged by jockey Sooful, the rider of **Top Of The Rock**, being declared 2nd, against **Italian Way** (B. Fayd'herbe), being declared the winner, alleging interference in the home straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that shortly after entering the home straight, when being switched to the inside of **Italian Way**, **Top Of The Rock** shifted ground inwards and had to be taken out to improve on the outside of **Manolete** to secure the run into a gap between **Manolete** and **Italian Way**, at the same time **Italian Way** shifted ground inwards, resulting in **Top Of The Rock** becoming awkwardly placed close to its heels and having to be switched to its outside to continue going forward. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Top Of The Rock** had not secured the run into the gap before **Italian Way** started to shift ground and after considering the margin at the finish, decided to dismiss the objection and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Manolete – Raced wide in the early stages.

Top Of The Rock – Near the 1200 metres, when being eased to secure a position on the fence, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 250 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Italian Way** and in the early stages of the home straight shifted ground inwards. Leaving the 200 metres had to be switched to the outside of **Manolete** to secure clear running and shortly after became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Italian Way**, which had shifted ground inwards and had to be switched to its outside to continue going forward.

Double Gratitude - From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 150 metres was switched to the inside of **Sarah's Secret** to continue going forward.

Sarah's Secret – Raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Italian Way** passing the 100 metres. Over-raced in the middle stages and leaving the 900 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Italian Way**.

Tiger's Bond – Half reared and was slow out, losing considerable ground at the start.

Kimberley– Raced wide in the early stages.