



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 18 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: S. Gujadhur & R. Joorawon (**Flowerscape**)

Race 2: S. Narang & G. Aucharuz (**High Key**)  
P. Seesurrin & N. Juglall (**Senor's Guest**)

Race 3: S. Narang & G. Aucharuz (**Gordonstoun**)

Race 4: P. Seesurrin & N. Juglall (**Cyber Special**)

Race 5: P. Seesurrin & N. Juglall (**Red Line Captain**)  
S. Hurchund & N. Teeha (**Gunston**)

Race 6: S. Gujadhur & R. Joorawon (**Kamadeva**)

Race 7: A. Sewdial & B. Deenath (**El Patron**)  
S. Narang & D. Bheekary (**Toro Bravo**)

**RACE 1 – THE TRUMP – SOLIDARITE MARYE PIKE CUP – 1650M**

**Eagles Vision** – Leaving the 1400 metres, when being restrained to secure a position on the rail behind **Flowerscape**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 400 metres had to be steadied and shifted out from the heels of **Flowerscape**. **Lady's Knight**, which was following, became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be taken out, **The Riddler** which was following **Lady's Knight** was also inconvenienced and had to be eased to avoid its heels, with jockey Aucharuz becoming unbalanced and falling back in the saddle.

**Flowerscape** - Approaching the 200 metres was hanging in and shifted ground inwards, inconveniencing **Lady's Knight**, which had to be switched out to continue going forward. Jockey Joorawon was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

**The Riddler** – Approaching the 400 metres eased with jockey Aucharuz becoming unbalanced and falling in the saddle. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running.

**Glitterrock** – Stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. Commenced to give ground in the middle stages of the race. When questioned, apprentice Deenath explained that his mount was slow away, losing considerable ground and throughout the race was not striding out freely and, when asked for an effort at the 400 metres, failed to quicken, being disappointing.

**Lucky At Last** – Stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. Raced wide from approaching the 400 metres. When questioned regarding the improved performance of this gelding, trainer Daby explained that, in his opinion, **Lucky At Last** needed a longer trip and today he had fitted it with blinkers, which may have accounted for its improved performance. He further added that **Lucky At Last** had dropped a class and that he had expected an improved run.

**Sir Capers** – Slow into stride.

**Daredevil Aviator** – Approaching the 1100 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **The Riddler** and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for a short distance.

**Lady's Knight** – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Eagles Vision**, shortly after **Eagles Vision** was taken out to improve around **Flowerscape** with **Lady's Knight** then being taken back in onto the rail. **The Riddler**, which was following, became awkwardly placed close to its heels, had to be checked, throwing its head, losing its position. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the

inside of **Flowerscape** to secure clear running, at the same time **Flowerscape** commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Lady's Knight** having to be switched to its outside to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Orffer explained that turning into the home straight, seeing that **Flowerscape** was going on a straight course and that the outside horses commenced to shift ground inwards, he elected to switch his mount to the inside of **Flowerscape** to obtain a clear run, at the same time **Flowerscape**, which was hanging in, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in him having to shift his mount outwards to continue going forward.

### **RACE 2 – THE ICE AXE CUP – 1600M**

On its way to the start **Mr Green Street** bolted on entering the course for 300 metres and was then restrained into a trot. On arrival at the start, the Club's Veterinary Surgeon examined this gelding and passed it fit to race.

**Mr Green Street** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

**Siberian Husky** – When attempting a run between **Star Of Zeus** and **Emaar** ran out of galloping room and had to be severely checked when **Emaar** shifted ground inwards.

**Emaar** – Leaving the 500 metres was switched to the outside of **Declarator** to improve around it and on the inside of **Artax**, which had shifted ground outwards. Leaving the 250 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards, carrying **Mr Green Street**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track. Jockey Chisty was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Near the 150 metres jockey Chisty switched his whip to the left hand with **Emaar** then shifting ground inwards near the 65 metres.

**High Key** – Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance near the 800 metres. Hung in in the home straight and near the 100 metres was switched to the inside of **Star Of Zeus** to continue going forward.

**Jet Path** – Leaving the 400 metres was switched to the outside of **Artax** to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

**Artax** – Passing the 450 metres, when asked for an effort, shifted ground outwards. Apprentice Deenath was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to maintain his position on the turn when asking for an effort.

**Senor's Guest** – Slow to begin.

**Star Of Zeus** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shy away from the whip and shift ground outwards, carrying **Siberian Husky**, which was racing on its outside, outwards. Jockey Ségeon 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.

### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Emaar**) was found guilty of a contravention under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to prevent his mount from interfering with another runner in that leaving the 65 metres when using his whip in the left hand, his mount shifted ground inwards with him carrying on using his whip instead of putting it away and straightening his mount, resulting in **Siberian Husky**, which was improving on his inside, running out of galloping room and having to be eased. He was fined Rs.20,000. In arriving at that decision, the Stewards took into consideration that **Star of Zeus** had shifted out marginally and had contributed to the incident.

### **RACE 3 – THE VILLIERS CUP – 1365M**

**Duke Of York** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate. When questioned, jockey Orffer explained that he was instructed to endeavour to jump well and get a forward position, even lead without asking much of an effort from his mount. He added that after jumping awkwardly, his saddle slipped sideways, placing him at a disadvantage to assist his mount in the early stages. He added that the pace was a good one in the early stages and decided to ask his mount for an effort and settle it on the outside of the leader. He further added that his mount raced keen in the middle stages.

**Jals Tiger** – When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of this gelding, trainer G. Rousset explained that **Jals Tiger**, having lost its form since the beginning of the season, has dropped in rating and, in his opinion, it is a horse that does better in summer. As such, leading up to this race **Jals Tiger** had improved at track work and he expected a better showing from the gelding but did not expect it to win. In his opinion, the fact that it was able to lead and set its own pace and the fact that it was racing in a lower division, probably accounted for its improved performance.

**What A Kid** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Greatfiveeight**, then shifted back outwards and bumped **Loosen Your Tie**, then shifted back inwards, bumping **Greatfiveeight** and unbalancing the latter.

**Gordonstoun** – Over-raced in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1000 metres, when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Jals Tiger**, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Jals Tiger** to secure clear running.

**King's Story** – Was taken across to race behind runners from the start.

**Loosen Your Tie** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate and, shortly after, shifted ground inwards. Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

**Greatfiveeight** – Slow to begin and shortly after the start was bumped. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Gordonstoun** to secure clear running.

#### **RACE 4 – THE SIR RAYMOND HEIN QC CUP – 1850M**

**Charleston Hero** – Near the 1800 metres was eased and taken in to secure a position on the rail.

**Cyber Special** – Shifted in passing the 400 metres.

**Dreamforest** – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners.

**Eight Cities** – Shortly after the start shifted ground outwards, carrying **Uncle Frank** outwards onto **Charleston Hero**. Hung out in the home straight.

**Uncle Frank** – Passing the 600 metres took an awkward stride with jockey Aucharuz becoming unbalanced and falling in his saddle. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly. Passing the 400 metres ran out of room on the inside of **Cyber Special** and had to be eased when the latter shifted ground inwards when insufficiently clear.

**Confessional** – Stumbled on jumping and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **Cyber Special**. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Charleston Hero** to secure clear running.

#### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey Juglall (**Cyber Special**) was found guilty of a contravention under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that passing the 400 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Uncle Frank**, which was racing on his inside, running out of room and having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.30,000.

#### **RACE 5 – THE SIR GAETAN DUVAL QC CUP – 1500M**

**Hubble** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Jockey Bhaugeerothee dropped his whip near the 300 metres.

**Gunston** – Near the 300 metres was eased out of the race. When questioned, jockey Teeha explained that approaching the 400 metres he felt his mount falter from behind and commenced to give ground shortly after despite his urgings. Being of the opinion that it might have been run into and feeling something amiss with the gelding, he decided not to persevere with the latter and eased it out of the race. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no significant findings.

**Dollar Tractor** – Approaching the 600 metres shifted ground inwards and, when racing in close proximity to the running rail, hesitated and took an awkward stride.

**Yankeedoodledandy** – Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

**Viking Trail** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow out. An inquiry into the handling of this gelding was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

**Wordbuster** – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and was slow to begin. Shortly after the start jockey Sooful adjusted his right stirrup iron.

#### **RACE 6 - THE RAJCOOMAR GUJADHUR CUP – 1450M**

**Palace Chapel** – Leaving the 150 metres commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Tower Of Wisdom**, which was following, having to be switched to its outside to continue going forward and, when being switched, **Tower Of Wisdom** bumped **Ideal Secret**, which was improving on its outside with **Ideal Secret** shifting out and bumping **Kamadeva**, which became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Marauding**, which was shifting ground inwards. Jockey Bhaugeerothee was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

**Elusive Path** – Brushed shortly after the start.

**Ideal Secret** – Slow to begin. Bumped near the 65 metres and carried out.

**Tower Of Wisdom** – Approaching the 400 metres was urged into a tight gap on the inside of **Kamadeva** and raced in restricted room for some distance. Jockey Juglall was shown the video replays of the incident and advised against the practice of urging his mounts into tight gaps in future.

**Big Mistake** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Hung in throughout. Commenced to give ground from the 400 metres.

**Arabian Air** - Slow to begin. Passing the 300 metres was inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Big Mistake**.

**Kamadeva** – Hung in throughout. Passing the 450 metres dipped and shifted ground outwards, carrying **Big Mistake** wider on the track, was then taken back in. Hung in badly in the home straight and proved difficult to be properly assisted. Bumped near the 65 metres and carried outwards onto the heels of **Marauding**.

**Marauding** – Stood awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and brushed **Elusive Path**.

**Roll Of Drums** – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

### **RACE 7 – THE NIPPY REGEN CUP – 990M**

The Stewards approved jockey K. Ghunowa as the rider of **Arctic Flyer**.

**Ocean Drive South** – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**Arctic Flyer** – Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Toro Bravo** – Slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and near the 700 metres had to be eased and taken in when awkwardly placed on the heels of **Arctic Flyer**. From approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight very wide. Hung in in the home straight.

**Trojan Quest** – Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**El Patron** – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and shortly after shifted ground inwards and bumped the hindquarters of **Arctic Flyer** and thereafter shifted back outwards and bumped **Trojan Quest** on its hindquarters, unbalancing the latter. Dipped passing the 600 metres. Leaving the 250 was switched to the inside of **Travelin Man** to secure clear running.

### **RACE 8 – THE EDOUARD DESBLEDS PLATE– 1400M**

**Blow In The Box** – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Leaving the 1100 metres became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Romanus** and was taken out to avoid its heels.

**Supreme Orator** – Slow to begin.

**Nao Faz Mal** – Raced wide throughout.

**The Right Stuff** – Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to race fiercely and, when being restrained, the saddle slipped forward, placing jockey Chisty at a disadvantage to properly assist his mount. Passing the 400 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Divine Connection** and, in doing so, carried **Vision Of Trust** wider on the track.

**Vision Of Trust** – Raced wide throughout. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and threw its head when being settled. Carried wide leaving the 450 metres.

**Romanus** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin and shortly after the start was crowded for room between **Vision Of Trust** and **The Right Stuff**. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Divine Connection** to secure clear running.

**Silver Heritage** – Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **King Of Tara** to secure clear running.