

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017

Board of Racing Stewards: S. de Chalain (Chairman), S. Mahadia, P. Kalleechurn, H. Maigrot, S. Poonisamy.

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: True

GENERAL

Following the running of race 2, jockey Nolen was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 4: R. Fradd on **Maxamore**
Race 6: C. Zackey on **Seven Fountains**
Race 8: M. Guyon on **Greatfiveeight**

Following the running of race 4, jockey Lloyd was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 6: I. Chisty on **Aficionado**
Race 7: P. C. Boudot on **Everest**
Race 8: M. Barzalona on **Seeking The Dream**

RACE 1 – THE CASELA WORLD OF ADVENTURES TROPHY

Prior to the start being effected **Klopp** and **Alloy** were fractious in their gates, with **Klopp** sitting down and leaning against the back of its gate. **Klopp** was removed from its stall, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run.

Kash Is King, **Halabaloo** and **A P Strike** were slow out. **Klopp** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, unbalancing jockey Guyon with the latter's foot coming out his off side stirrup, which he quickly regained. **Klopp** raced wide in the early stages. **Right To Tango** raced wide throughout. **A P Strike** raced wide from the 600 metres. **Halabaloo** could not secure clear running in the early part of the home straight and near the 150 metres was switched to the inside of **Alloy** to obtain clear running. Near the 150 metres, when changing his whip to his right hand, jockey Chaves's (**Right To Tango**) whip got entangled in his rein. Leaving the 100 metres **Blue Jeans** shifted in away from the whip of **Right To Tango** and shied away, it was then contacted on its hindquarter by **Klopp**, which became unbalanced and had to be checked, losing its position. Over the concluding stages **A P Strike** hung in, carrying **Right To Tango** inwards. When questioned, jockey Guyon (**Klopp**) explained that his mount jumped awkwardly, shifted out with him momentarily losing his off side stirrup. He added that he managed to secure a position just behind the leader and, when asked for an effort, it only quickened fairly and had to be checked over the concluding stages.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Billy Bojangles after the race.

RACE 2 – THE AIR MAURITIUS A350-900 XWB CUP

Cantering down to the starting stalls, **Final Cup** got its head up, became uncontrollable and bolted, galloping the course. It was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Final Cup**. In view of this, all bets on **Final Cup** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 10 cents per rupee, the average price of **Final Cup** being 8/1.

Tweak The Wind was slow to begin. **Jungle Path** jumped inwards, carrying **Tweak The Wind** onto the heels of **Dark Force**. From their wide draws **Blunderbuss** and **Saracen King** were taken across to race behind runners. From approaching the 150 metres **Arctic Flyer** commenced to shift out with jockey Chaves shifting his whip to his left hand. When questioned, jockey Rama (**Gondwana**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to keep a position behind the leader. He added that he was also told that **Gondwana**, being a lazy type of horse, he had to niggler the latter to keep it in touch with the leader. He added that from leaving the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, **Gondwana** quickened nicely before tiring badly.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Dark Force** after the race.

RACE 3 –THE LONGINES WORLD- FEGENTRI MAURITIUS PANDORA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LADY RIDERS TROPHY

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that prior to the start being effected, **Lividus** turned its head sideways and got its head stuck on the left side of the stall, with the handler still attending to it when the start was effected. The Stewards, taking into consideration that **Lividus** was not in a position to jump with the rest of the field when the start was effected, decided to declare it a non runner under MTC Rule 144 (1). In view of this, all bets on **Lividus** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 12 cents per rupee, the average price of **Lividus** being 58/10.

Vintage Angel was slow to begin. **Colour Of Courage** raced wide in the early stages. **Mr Oshkosh** raced wide from the 600 metres. **Social Network** shifted in over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **St Arnault**, which was improving on its inside.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Social Network** after the race.

RACE 4 – THE BEST GROUP SOUVENIR CUP

Wow Holiday was slow to begin. Approximately 100 metres after the start, jockey Lloyd (**Chosen Path**) lost the use of his near side stirrup. Leaving the 1300 metres **Maxamore** was taken out to relieve the pressure on **Chosen Path**, which was in difficulty, at the same time **Galtero**, which was being taken in to secure a position on the rails, became awkward close to the heels of **Maxamore**. Approaching the 1200 metres **Chosen Path**, whose jockey was unbalanced, shifted in, inconveniencing **Ocean Drive South**. Leaving the 1100 metres **Chosen Path** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Le Clos** and, in doing so, carried **Maxamore** wider on the track. Leaving the 800 metres, the saddle on **Chosen Path** commenced to shift sideways with jockey Lloyd taking the gelding to the outside of the course. **Wow Holiday** was not persevered with from leaving the 400 metres and finished tailed off. When questioned, jockey Boudot (**Wow Holiday**) explained that he was instructed to settle the gelding where it felt comfortable. He added that with the fast pace he found himself racing at the rear of the field and, when asked for an effort approaching the 400 metres, the gelding failed to respond, as such he did not persevere with the latter seeing that it was already far out of its ground. Approaching the 200 metres **Ocean Drive South** was taken to the inside of **Le Clos** to secure clear running. In the final straight the saddle on **Chosen Path** turned completely sideways with jockey Lloyd being dislodged near the 100 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ocean Drive South** was lame on the off fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Gameloft** after the race.

RACE 5 – THE RAVENALA ATTITUDE CUP

Prince Of Thieves and **Black Tractor** were slow out. **Mootahadee** dipped shortly after the start. **Ernie** and **Black Tractor** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 200 metres **Belong To Me** was taken to the inside of **Captain Magpie** to secure clear running. **Charles Lytton**, which was following and endeavouring to improve on the inside of **Belong To Me**, ran out of galloping room and had to be

eased. **Charles Lytton** was not persevered with for the remainder of the race. At an inquiry into this incident, jockeys Chaves (**Belong To Me**) and Chadwick (**Captain Magpie**) were reprimanded and told to straighten their mounts when they shift ground.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Speed Limit after the race.

RACE 6 – THE ZILWA ATTITUDE CUP

Seven Fountains, **Dustan** and **Bono Vox** were slow out. Near the 1700 metres **Independence** shifted in, crowding **Kemal Kavur**. **Kemal Kavur** shifted out leaving the 1500 metres, carrying **Independence** wider on the track. **Dustan** and **Bono Vox** raced wide from approaching the 600 metres. Leaving the 400 metres **Candy Rock** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. **Netflix** hung in in the home straight. Leaving the 75 metres **Aficionado** commenced to shift out under pressure, resulting in jockey Chisty putting his whip away and straightening his mount. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Candy Rock** was lame on the off fore leg and that **Seven Fountains** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Kemal Kavur after the race.

RACE 7 – THE COCA COLA CUP

Prior to the start being effected **Tanjiro** was fractious in its gate. **Elite Class** jumped outwards. **Unbridled Joy**, **Elite Class** and **Tanjiro** raced wide in the early stages. **Everest** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 250 metres **Awesome Adam** was switched to the inside of **Ryder Cup** to obtain clear running. Approaching the 200 metres **Everest** commenced to shift in under pressure. **Tanjiro**, which was following, was taken out from behind **Everest** to continue going forward. From leaving the 150 metres **Psycho Syd** was slightly inconvenienced when attempting a run into a tight gap between **Unbridled Joy** and **Elite Class**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ryder Cup** was lame on the off fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Tanjiro after the race.

RACE 8 – THE SNOW WHITE BY MAUVILAC TROPHY

Swinging Captain and **Redwood Valley** were slow out. **Apple Jack** and **Spun Out** raced wide throughout. From leaving the 500 metres **Swinging Captain** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Spun Out** wider on the track. **Spun Out** was not persevered with and finished tailed off. Approaching the 250 metres **Imperial Dancer** tried to improve into a tight gap on the inside of **Brave Leader** and had to be checked, shortly after **Imperial Dancer** was taken to the inside of **Brave Leader** to secure clear running. Over the last 150 metres **Seeking The Dream** hung in, carrying **Greatfiveeight**, which was improving on its inside, inwards with **Greatfiveeight** having to be eased when awkward on the heels of **Brave Leader**.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Imperial Dancer after the race.

GENERAL

Blood specimens were taken from all runners prior to the race.

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