

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 3.5m

RACE 1 – THE LALL SEESURRUN CUP

The start was delayed when **Roman Silvanus** kicked the wall in its saddling box and removed its near hind shoe, which had to be replaced.

Roman Silvanus – Slow to begin. Commenced to give ground from the 600 metres and was pulled out of the race leaving the 100 metres. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that from the start the gelding felt sluggish and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, failed to quicken and passing the 150 metres changed legs, striding awkwardly, giving him the impression that it was going to collapse, as such he elected to pull it out of the race. Vet report: Trotting sound. Scoped: No abnormality. The Stewards, not being satisfied with its performance, advised trainer Narang that this gelding has been suspended for one month and will need to pass a barrier trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

St Arnault – Hung in in the home straight. Bumped by **Black Gambit** near the 250 metres. Leaving the 100 metres, shifted in and slightly inconvenienced **Black Gambit**. Jockey Horil was shown the video replays of the incident and severely reprimanded.

A P Strike - Slow to begin. Was taken out from approaching the 600 metres, raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight. When questioned regarding its improved performance, trainer Hurchund explained that at its last outing the gelding might not have enjoyed the rain affected going and that it had benefited from last week's run.

The Deacon – Slow to begin.

Black Gambit – Endeavoured to come out from behind **Social Network** approaching the 200 metres, at the same time **Social Network** came out under pressure, with **Black Gambit** having to be taken out when close to its heels and bumped **St Arnault**.

Colour of Courage – Raced wide throughout. Shifted in approaching the crossing at the 800 metres, bumping **Anton Ruskin**.

Anafesto – Rider dropped whip near the 100 metres.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from A P Strike after the race.

RACE 2 – THE DOMAINE DES ALIZEES TROPHY

Flower Blue - Withdrawn at 12.40 p.m. today acting on veterinary advice that it was lame. In view of this, all bets on this gelding were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Melson - For some distance leaving the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Wanted Man**. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Wanted Man** to secure clear running.

Together Forever - Threw its head on jumping, unbalancing jockey Bhaugerothee, who momentarily lost his off side stirrup. Dipped passing the 1000 metre-crossing. Near the 75 metres became awkward close to the heels of **Phoenix Rising** and was taken out to continue going forward. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Pride Rock - Leaving the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Melson**. In the early stages of the home straight had difficulty to secure clear running and leaving the 100 metres was taken to the outside of **Wanted Man** to continue going forward.

Raheeb - Raced fiercely in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Wanted Man**. Hung out away from the whip leaving the 100 metres, carrying **Phoenix Rising** outwards, resulting in **Together Forever**, which was hanging in under pressure, becoming awkward close to the heels of **Phoenix Rising** and having to be taken out. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Oliver explained that after jumping well it raced fiercely in the early stages and that from the 800 metres raced within itself; turning into the home straight he was still expecting it to win, however it stayed one pace when asked for an effort.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Melson and Pride Rock after the race.

RACE 3 – THE OASIS TROPHY

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to determine whether **Maestro's Salute** had been afforded a fair start. After taking evidence from rider D. Holland and viewing the footage of the start, it was found that the gelding reared as the start was effected, brushing the right side of its gate, being slow out. As such, correct weight was declared.

Cape Horn - Shifted out under pressure leaving the 100 metres with jockey Theriot switching his whip to his left hand.

Captain My Captain - Jumped inwards, brushing **Cape Horn**. Hesitated near the 950 metres close to the heels of **Sierra Redwood**. Raced greenly and raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the straight, inconveniencing **Sierra Redwood** near the 150 metres.

Sierra Redwood - Raced wide throughout.

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

RACE 4 – THE ATHENA TROPHY

Bono Vox - Slow to begin.

Elysian Park - Jumped awkwardly and shortly after was taken across to race behind runners. Was taken to the inside of **Le Clos** leaving the 200 metres to secure clear running.

Emaar - Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

New Star - Slow to begin. Was taken out leaving the 600 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Prince Lateral - From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

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

RACE 5 – THE CLOS DU LITTORAL TROPHY

Netflix - Knuckled on jumping. Shortly after the start came together with **Rap Attack**.

Mountain Master - Carried out 800 metres.

Rap Attack - Slow to begin. Shortly after the start came together with **Netflix**. Was taken out leaving the 900 metres when close to the heels of **Netflix** and carried **Mountain Master** wider on the track. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Greys Inn Control - Slow to begin.

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

RACE 6 – THE NOBLE SALUTE Evaco 17th Anniversary CUP

Tandragee – When questioned, jockey Theriot explained that on entering the home straight his mount had a tendency to lay in and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Step To Fame**, which had shifted out under pressure. He added that over the concluding stages when **Nottinghamshire** improved on his outside, his mount wanted to lay in further.

Captain Swarovski – Slow to begin.

Charles Lytton – Hung in in the home straight and passing the 100 metres had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Nordic Warrior**, which had shifted out under pressure. Jockey Horil explained that his saddle slipped backwards on jumping and leaving the 250 metres it slipped sideways, placing him at a disadvantage to assist his mount.

Step To Fame – Jockey Sooful reported that his saddle slipped backwards at the start. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Psycho Syd – Slow to begin and shortly after had to steady to avoid the heels of **Tandragee**, which had jumped inwards. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Oliver explained that the gelding had shown its best form over longer distances, however he expected his mount to finish strongly but it was totally outpaced in the middle stages, quickening somehow when asked for an effort, and never managed to make up ground over the concluding stages. Vet report: No abnormality.

Nottinghamshire – Slow into stride. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

On inquiry jockey Sola, rider of **Nordic Warrior**, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish. He was fined Rs.15,000.

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

RACE 7 – THE HILLS TROPHY

Emblem Royale – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Zagazig** outwards with the latter bumping **Blazing Heart**. Momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Blazing Heart**, which shifted in approaching the 1200 metres despite jockey Horil's attempt to straighten his mount.

Zagazig – Was taken out near the 1250 metres when close to the heels of **Duke The Duke**. Raced tight on the inside of **My Boy Willie** approaching the 400 metres despite jockey Balloo's attempt to straighten it.

Duke The Duke – Crowded for room shortly after the start. Was taken out from behind **Emblem Royale** when the pace slackened near the 1000 metres.

My Boy Willie - Raced fiercely in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Noordhoek Ice** and raced wide from then onwards. Was allowed to stride forward from leaving the 900 metres to secure a position closer to the rails. Hung in from leaving the 500 metres.

Noordhoek Ice - Steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Zagazig** passing the 1200 metres. Commenced to over-race near the 1000 metres when **My Boy Willie** improved on its outside. It was then taken out to avoid the heels of **Zagazig** and carried **My Boy Willie** wider on the track.

Blazing Heart – Was bumped by **Zagazig**, then shifted out, crowding **Duke The Duke** onto **Noordhoek Ice**.

Wing Man – Slow to begin.

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

RACE 8 – THE PONDICHERY CUP

Birds Eye View – Jumped inwards, crowding **Radlet**.

Klopp – Raced wide leaving the 450 metres.

Nadas – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

Halabaloo – Slow to begin. Shortly after the start was bumped by **Radlet**, then shifted in, bumping **Klopp**. Passing the 1300 metres had to be checked when awkward close to the heels of **In The Trenches**.

Radlet - Slow to begin. Cramped for room shortly after the start between **Birds Eye View**, which shifted in, and **Halabaloo**, which shifted out. Leaving the 450 metres had to be eased when close to the heels of **Halabaloo**. When questioned, jockey Theriot explained that his mount raced greenly throughout and that, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointing. He added that this gelding might be better racing without side winkers.

On inquiry, jockey Bheekary, rider of **In The Trenches**, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in approaching the 1300 metres when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Halabaloo** having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one race meeting.

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

GENERAL

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

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