

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 21 JULY 2018

Board of Racing Stewards: S. de Chalain (Chairman), G. Kishtoo, S. Poonisamy, John Zucal.

Observer: Jevin Awotar

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Track: Normal 2.8

Rail position: 4.75m

GENERAL

The Stewards approved the following replacement riders for jockey S. Bhundoo who was indisposed:

Race 2: S. Rama on **Fortissimo**

Race 3: D. Bheekary on **Aficionado**

RACE 1 – LE PRIX MAHE DE LA BOURDONNAIS – 1500M

Hoppertunity - Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Rounding the home turn shifted out momentarily and carried **Logan** outwards. Slightly inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

Logan – Carried out rounding the home turn. Switched inwards over the concluding stages.

Blazing Heart – Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted inwards and bumped **Newsman** with the latter shifting in and bumping **Hoppertunity**, which became unbalanced. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Jockey Teeha dropped his whip near the 200 metres. When questioned regarding its disappointing performance, jockey Teeha explained that the gelding was one paced and, when taken out passing the 450 metres in an attempt to go forward, the gelding showed no acceleration. Vet report: No abnormality.

Night Chapel – Raced wide in the early stages.

Radlet – Raced wide in the early stages.

Nadas – Leaving the 200 metres had to be switched to the inside of **Night Chapel** to continue going forward.

Newsman – Bumped shortly after the start. Approaching the 100 metres shifted outwards when being ridden with the whip, slightly inconveniencing **Hoppertunity**. Apprentice Allyhosain was shown the video replays of the incident and told to exercise care.

Bobby's Express – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Raced wide in the early stages.

RACE 2 – LA COUPE DE L'AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE – 1400M

Sky High Flyer – Carried out near the 400 metres.

Amritsar - Fractious in the barrier prior to the start. Reared at the start and was slow to begin.

Bad Attitude – Commenced awkwardly and, from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

Barak Lavan – Inconvenienced near the 1365 metres and shifted out, carrying **Antwerp** outwards. Momentarily steadied approaching the 200 metres close to the heels of **Mooney**.

Antwerp – Carried wide in the early stages. Near the 250 metres was taken out to improve its position and carried **Fortissimo** wider on the track.

Schachar – Was held up near the 400 metres for a short distance and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Mooney** and, when doing so, carried **Sky High Flyer** wider on the track.

Mooney – From approaching the 1100 metres, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 800 metres, when the pace slackened, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Dark Force**. Leaving the 250 metres bumped and taken inwards across the heels of **Dark Force**. Jockey Teeha advised that his saddle had slipped sideways near the 500 metres. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

Henry Tudor – Fractious in the barrier prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Barak Lavan**. Leaving the 250 metres shifted in quickly, bumping **Mooney** across the heels of **Dark Force**.

Fortissimo – Slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

General

On inquiry, the Stewards established that on straightening **Mooney** had shifted outwards slightly, making contact with **Henry Tudor** on its outside. Shortly after, **Henry Tudor** shifted in quickly with **Mooney** being carried across the heels of **Dark Force**. Jockey Teeha advised the Stewards that his saddle had slipped sideways passing the 500 metres, unbalancing his mount. The Stewards also accepted that jockey Passerat (**Henry Tudor**) had attempted to straighten his mount when that horse shifted. The Stewards proceeded no further with the inquiry.

RACE 3 – THE LADY FARQUHAR CUP – 1850M

Rap Attack – Slow into stride. Raced keenly in the middle stages and was restrained to avoid the heels of **Orange Tractor**. Near the 250 metres was momentarily held up when unable to improve from behind **Act Of Loyalty**. Over the last 100 metres made contact with **Down Under** on several occasions.

Olympic Bolt – Slow to begin. Restrained near the 800 metres when awkward close to the heels of **Rap Attack**.

Down Under – Was taken back at the start. Passing the 1200 metres was taken out to improve around **Olympic Bolt** and carried **Aficionado** wider on the track. Near the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Over the last 100 metres made contact with **Rap Attack** on several occasions and became inconvenienced over the concluding stages. When questioned, trainer Merven explained that since being a bleeder, it was decided from the beginning of the season that **Down Under** would be settled in its races and since then it has won and ran well in that manner. As such, despite being well drawn for today's race, he instructed jockey Chisty to endeavour to settle the gelding at the back. He added that despite racing keen in the early stages, **Down Under** had quickened nicely to run a good race and that he was happy with the way jockey Chisty had ridden the gelding.

Aficionado - Slow to begin. Leaving the 1200 metres was carried out by **Down Under**.

General

Apprentice Allyhosain (**Rap Attack**) was shown the video replays of the incident over the last 100 metres and reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding.

Apprentice Louis (**Act Of Loyalty**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (k) in that he made a celebrating gesture in an excessive manner passing the winning post. He was fined Rs.5,000.

RACE 4 – THE AMERICA CHALLENGE CUP – 1600M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Argun** had a swollen off fore knee and was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday 20 July. Acting on veterinary advice that **Opera Royal** had an hematoma on its tail and on the right buttock and was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 11.50 a.m. today. In view of these withdrawals, all bets on the above horses were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Belenos – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, inconveniencing **Open Heir**. Near the 500 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Charleston Hero**.

Everest – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position.

Gingerbread Man – Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Charleston Hero**, which was giving ground.

Open Heir – Slow into stride.

Charleston Hero – Stood flat footed and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. Commenced to tire and lose ground passing the 600 metres. When questioned, jockey Ramsamy explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead in the race and, after missing the start, he had to ask his mount for an effort in the early stages in view to ride as per instructions. He said that from leaving the 1200 metres he secured a position on the outside of the leader where his mount raced relaxed until leaving the 600 metres where it began to give ground despite being urged forward. He added that near the 300 metres, thinking there was something amiss with the gelding, he decided not to insist with his mount. Vet report: Scoped: No abnormality.

Jambaman – Dipped on jumping. In the early part of the home straight failed to secure clear running. Approaching the 200 metres was taken out from behind **Memphis Mafia** and then **Silver Snaffles** to continue to go forward.

RACE 5 – LA COUPE DE L'AMBASSADE DE FRANCE – 1400M

Captain Swarovski – Slow into stride. Raced wide in the early stages.

Seventh Plain – Leaving the 1200 metres momentarily tight on the inside of **Mootahadee**. Was taken out from passing the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

Yankee Captain – Near the 250 metres momentarily held up when unable to improve from behind **Overshadow** and near the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Overshadow** to continue going forward.

Dance On Air – Slow to begin.

Lee's Star – Over-raced in the middle stages, throwing its head when being settled.

Overshadow – Slow to begin.

Mootahadee – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1200 metres momentarily shifted in, tightening **Seventh Plain** onto **Overshadow**. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

RACE 6 – THE MAURITIUS DERBY CUP – 1850M

Table Bay – Taken outwards approaching the 450 metres and made the turn into the straight wide.

The Great One – Slow into stride.

RACE 7 – THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC TROPHY – 1400M

Baron Bellet – Raced wide throughout.

Dealer's Charm – Fractious in the barrier prior to the start and slow to begin. Momentarily steadied near the 900 metres when **Sacred Flame** lay inwards.

Liquid Dynamite – Slow into stride. Taken out near the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Roventas – Inconvenienced near the 1300 metres.

Sacred Flame – Commenced awkwardly, throwing its head and became unbalanced. Passing the 1300 metres shifted outwards, making contact with **It Doesn't Matter**, which then shifted outwards, inconveniencing **Roventas**. Jockey Steyn was shown the video replays of the incident and reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. On straightening, shifted inwards quickly.

It Doesn't Matter – Carried out passing the 1300 metres.

Prince Lateral – Slow to begin.

Mambo - Jockey Balloo dropped his whip near the 200 metres.

RACE 8 – THE INTERNATIONAL PLATE – 1365M

Majestic Moon – Shifted outwards on jumping, crowding **Rumbullion** which shifted out, bumping **Saracen King**. Near the 1000 metres was momentarily held tight by **Sierra Redwood**. Passing the 450 metres restrained and became unbalanced when **Zen Master** was carried in by the riderless **Mount Fuji**. Jockey Sooful said that after this incident, the gelding did not stretch out fully.

Mount Fuji – Near the 1000 metres bumped heavily by **Duffield**, becoming unbalanced and dislodging jockey Fradd. Vet report: Bled.

Sierra Redwood – Commenced awkwardly. Raced wide in the early stages. Shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages.

Zen Master – Stumbled on jumping. Near the 450 metres carried in by the riderless **Mount Fuji**. Over the concluding stages was inconvenienced and then taken inwards by the riderless **Mount Fuji** with **Majestic Moon**, which was improving on its inside, becoming cramped for room and having to be eased.

Rumbullion – Crowded for room on jumping. Steadied passing the 600 metres.

Saracen King – Bumped on jumping. Passing the 600 metres, when racing keenly, steadied when close to the heels of **Majestic Moon**. **Rumbullion**, which was following, steadied in consequence. Leaving the 450 metres was taken outwards to go forward and raced wide from then onwards.

Zenzero – Slow to begin.

Duffield – Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. Passing the 1100 metres commenced to over-race, getting its head up and near the 1000 metres shifted outwards, striking the heels of **Zenzero** and blundered, with jockey Bundhoo being dislodged. **Duffield** then shifted out, bumping heavily with **Mount Fuji**, with jockey Fradd becoming unbalanced and also being dislodged. Vet report: Minor lacerations to the off fore and off hind legs.

General

Both jockeys Fradd and Bundhoo were examined by the Club's Medical Officer after their fall and were found not to have sustained any apparent injury.

GENERAL

a) Pre-race blood specimens were taken from all runners.

b) Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and post-race blood specimen was taken for analysis from Blazing Heart (Race 1).

SUMMARY	
Reprimand	Race 3 – J. Allyhosain (Rap Attack): for careless riding (100m) Race 7 – K. Steyn (Sacred Flame): for careless riding (1300m)
Fine	Race 3 – B. Louis (Act Of Loyalty): Rs.5,000 for making a celebrating gesture in an excessive manner
Vet Certificate	Race 5 – Mootahadee: (Lame) Race 8 – Mount Fuji: Bled. Suspended 30 days

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Chief Stipendiary Steward