

## **RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Board of Racing Stewards:** S. de Chalais (Chairman), H. Maigrot, S. Poonisamy, J. Zucal.

Observer: J. Awotar.

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Track: Normal 2.8

Rail position: 4m

### **RACE 1 – THE CAMILLE L. NAIRAC CUP – 1400M**

**Chap Trap** – Inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

**From The Ashes** – Jumped awkwardly and threw its head. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Redwood Valley** – Taken back from the start.

**Hoppertunity** – Approaching the 200 metres was angled out to secure clear running and inconvenienced **Succession Plan** on its outside.

**In The Trenches** – Slow to begin. Apprentice Allyhosain was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and strongly advised that, when his horse is out of contention, he should stop using the whip.

**Succession Plan** – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in from leaving the 600 metres. Inconvenienced near the 150 metres. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Trainer P. Nagadoo advised the Stewards that he would retire the gelding.

**Anton Ruskin** – Hung out from approaching the 150 metres with its rider switching his whip to his right hand.

**Klopp** – Passing the 1300 metres raced tightly and momentarily steadied on the inside of **Redwood Valley**. Approaching the 100 metres **Klopp** commenced to shift out when being ridden with the whip, carrying **Hoppertunity**, which was racing on its outside, outwards, with **Hoppertunity** inconveniencing **Chap Trap**. Jockey van der Merwe was severely reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and told that in future he should stop riding with the whip and make every effort to keep his mounts straight.

**Badawee** – Slow to begin.

### **RACE 2 – THE BUSINESS MAG CUP – 1600M**

**Eight Cities** – Jumped inwards, bumping **Tweak The Wind**. Passing the 500 metres was taken out to improve around **Tweak The Wind** and, in doing so, carried **Shafaaf** wider on the track.

**Perplexing** – Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Had a tendency to lay inwards in the early stages of the home straight.

**Tweak The Wind** – Bumped on jumping, then shifted outwards, carrying **Eight Cities** outwards onto **Star Of Kazan**, which became badly cramped for room and unbalanced.

**A Greater Power** – Jumped outwards. Approaching the 1300 metres, for some distance, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously.

**Star Of Kazan** – Badly cramped for room shortly after the start and became unbalanced. Approaching the 300 metres had to be checked and lost its position when cramped for room on the inside of **Shafaaf**.

**Fortissimo** – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Shafaaf** – Slow to begin. Raced tight between **Star Of Kazan** and **Chester's Wish** near the 1550 metres. Was carried wide leaving the 500 metres. Shifted in at the 300 metres.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Bhundoo (**Shafaaf**) was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in approaching the 300 metres when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Star Of Kazan** being cramped for galloping room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

The Stewards questioned jockey Chisty and trainer P. Merven regarding the running of **Fortissimo**. Jockey Chisty explained that the gelding was racing in blinkers today and had raced keenly in the early and middle stages and he went forward as instructed. Trainer P. Merven confirmed these instructions and advised that, since it was wearing blinkers for the first time, it was his intention to race further forward today in an attempt to make **Fortissimo** race competitively as it had been disappointing in recent runs. Trainer Merven was reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 81 (2) and advised that if he wishes to change or vary well-established racing pattern of one of his runners, he must inform the Stewards before the horse is saddled.

#### RACE 3 – THE 5-PLUS DIMANCHE CUP – 1850M

**West Coast Warrior** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages and from the 1400 metres commenced to over-race. Leaving the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail. Hung out in the home straight. Near the 75 metres brushed with **Bypass**.

**No Resistance** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted outwards, carrying **Toa Nui** onto **Netflix**.

**Netflix** – Near the 1200 metres, was momentarily eased. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Barak Lavan**. Vet report: Returned with a laceration to the near hind pastern, was lame on the near hind and lost the near hind shoe.

**Toa Nui** – Slow to begin. Carried out by **No Resistance** shortly after the start. Was taken out to improve its position approaching the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

**Aficionado** – Slow to begin and was taken across to race behind runners. Was taken out leaving the 400 metres and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

**Barak Lavan** – Jumped awkwardly. Approaching the 400 metres, for some distance, was taken out when unable to improve from behind **No Resistance**, which was tiring.

**Jama** – Jumped awkwardly and was slightly cramped for room shortly after the start. Eased near the 1000 metres to avoid the heels of **Netflix**. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

**Bypass** - Near the 75 metres brushed with **West Coast Warrior**.

#### RACE 4 – THE MC EASY FREIGHT CUP – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the start of the race. It was established that **Jambamman** was fractious prior to the start and, as the start was effected, it dropped its head and commenced awkwardly, losing ground. The Stewards, after considering the incident, were of the opinion that **Jambamman** was not denied a fair start and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Yankeedoodledandy** – Bumped at the start. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

**Ouzo** – Slow to begin and shifted out, bumping **Yankeedoodledandy**.

**Memphis Mafia** – Slow to begin.

**Silver Sails** – On jumping threw its head and was slow into stride.

#### RACE 5 – THE CARACTERE CUP – 1400M

**Alaadel** – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages and approaching the 800 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close of the heels of **Argo Solo**. Leaving the 200 metres was taken out from behind **Argo Solo** to secure clear running. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Traces of blood in the trachea.

**Argun** – Slow to begin.

**Noah's Ark** – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

**Gingerbread Man** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head on several occasions. Leaving the 800 metres was still over-racing and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Noah's Ark**. Hung in in the home straight.

**Malak El Moolook** – Shifted in at the 600 metres, brushing the running rail.

**Racing For Fun** - From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 75 metres was momentarily cramped for room on the inside of **Argun**.

#### **RACE 6 – THE L'EXPRESS TURF TROPHY – 1600M**

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video replays of the final straight and to consider an objection lodged by jockey Rama, the rider of **Dreamforest**, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, against **King's County** (R.Fradd) being declared the winner, alleging interference over the concluding stages. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that approaching the 100 metres **King's County** shifted outwards quickly, with jockey Fradd correcting it, and shortly after lay out again with jockey Fradd correcting his mount again. **Dreamforest** was then taken to the inside of **King's County** to continue going forward. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the incident did not materially affect the result of the race, dismissed the objection and declared correct weight on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Easy Lover** – Slow into stride.

**Dreamforest** – Leaving the 75 metres was taken inwards across the heels of **King's County**.

**Brilliant Crimson** – Slow to begin.

**Seven Fountains** – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Alpha Pegasi** – Slow to begin and threw its head, losing ground. Taken across to race behind runners. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Newlands** – Momentarily steadied near the 1500 metres. Leaving the 300 metres was held up for some distance when unable to improve from behind **Do Be Snappy**. Over the concluding stages lay outwards.

**King's County** – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 100 metres shifted outwards quickly, with jockey Fradd correcting it, and shortly after lay out again. When questioned, jockey Fradd explained that the gelding was still immature and may have spotted something on the inside of the track and shifted out.

#### **RACE 7 – THE MEDIATIZ CUP – 1450M**

After being placed in its barrier **Majestic Moon** became fractious, reared, striking its head on the barrier cross bar and broke through the barrier. The gelding was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to be unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.01 p.m. In view of this, all bets wagered on **Majestic Moon** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 5 cents per rupee, the average price of **Majestic Moon** being 18-1. Trainer S. Nagadoo was advised that the gelding will be required to undergo a satisfactory barrier test before being allowed to race again.

**Captain Moss** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Blue Jeans**.

**Kimberley** – Threw its head on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages. Carried wide on the track from passing the 450 metres.

**Wow Holiday** – Leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slackened, commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Captain Moss**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position. Carried wide on the track from passing the 450 metres.

**Midnight Oracle** – Shifted out on jumping. Leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and near the 950 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Wow Holiday** and was then urged forward to secure the lead. Lay out under pressure leaving the 100 metres.

**Sharkaholic** – Was fractious in its gate prior to the start and was slow to begin. Near the 1100 metres steadied away from the heels of **Mambo** and shifted outwards.

**Blue Jeans** – Brushed on jumping. Leaving the 900 metres had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Captain Moss**.

**Phoenix Rising** – Slow into stride. When questioned regarding its disappointing performance, jockey van der Merwe explained the gelding had settled well early but from approaching the 600 metres, when the field quickened, the gelding raced in a flat manner and could not accelerate, being disappointing.

**Le Clos** – Approaching the 450 metres angled outwards, carrying **Kimberley** and **Wow Holiday** wide on the track. Had a tendency to lay inwards over the concluding stages and raced tightly with **Midnight Oracle**.

### **RACE 8 – THE BLUE FLEUR PLATE – 1600M**

Acting on a report that, after analysis, the pre-race samples taken from **Uncle JB** contained a prohibited substance, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.00 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Uncle JB** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. The Stewards will inquire into this matter at a date to be fixed.

**Carson City** – Bumped at the start and shifted out.

**Mackbool** – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

**Southern Sun** – Shifted out on jumping, bumping **Carson City**. Leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slackened, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Zenzero**, carrying **Valerin** wider on the track. **Valerin** was then allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

**Zenzero** – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Made the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped.

**Silver Rock** – Slow to begin and shortly after was bumped heavily when **Carson City** was bumped by **Southern Sun**, which shifted outwards. The gelding then became unbalanced and lost ground. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Valerin** – Bumped shortly after the start by **Silver Rock**.

**Al Hamd** – Commenced awkwardly and shortly after made contact with **Southern Sun**.

**The Blue Streak** – Slow to begin. Shifted out quickly leaving the 100 metres and carried **Al Hamd** outwards.

### **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 from Phoenix Rising (Race 7).

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Race 2</b> – S. Bundhoo (Shafaaf): 1 race meeting for careless riding (300m)
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 1</b> – a) J. Allyhosain (In The Trenches): for using the whip in the straight when his horse is out of contention b) J. P. van der Merwe (Klopp): severely reprimanded for failing to stop riding and straighten his mount (100m) <b>Race 2</b> – P. Merven (Fortissimo): for failing to inform the Stewards of a change of well-established racing pattern
<b>Vet Certificate</b>	<b>Race 1</b> - Succession Plan: Bled – Suspended 30 days

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