

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Observers: G. Kishtoo, J. Awotar.

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

GENERAL

The Stewards approved the following replacement riders for jockey T. Godden who was indisposed:

S. Rama on **Magic Jay** (Race 1), **Heart Of Darkness** (Race 3) and **Rodney** (Race 6)

V. Sola on **Plain Of Wisdom** (Race 7)

I. Chisty on **Napoli** (Race 8)

RACE 1 – THE RENE MAIGROT CUP – 1450M

Blunderbuss – Jumped awkwardly and dipped, thereafter was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 400 metres was taken wide to improve its position and carried **Gondwana** wider on the track.

Dante's Rock – Over-raced in the early and middle stages, getting its head up when being settled. Vet report: Returned coughing. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

First Crusade – Had to be re-saddled prior to the start. Carried outwards and inconvenienced over the final 150 metres.

Sir Capers – From near the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted out and carried **First Crusade** outwards.

Two Moon Junction – Jumped awkwardly and shortly after was bumped by **Al Firenze** and afterwards shifted back and was awkward close to the heels of **First Crusade**. Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 400 metres was inconvenienced for a short distance behind **Varside**.

Varside – Had to be re-saddled prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Was slow to begin. Leaving the 400 metres was held up when disappointed for a run between **First Crusade** on its inside and **Dante's Rock** on its outside. When questioned, jockey Nunes explained that his mount was travelling very well at that stage but had no room to improve between runners. Near the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Al Firenze** to secure clear running and leaving the 100 metres was taken outside **Al Firenze** to continue going forward.

Gondwana – Shortly after the start, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for a short distance. Leaving the 1200 metres got its head up and commenced to over-race, proving difficult to control and shifted out wide on the track. Carried wide leaving the 400 metres.

Al Firenze – Shifted in under pressure over the concluding stages.

Radlet - Raced wide throughout. Gave ground from the 300 metres.

Magic Jay – Raced wide in the early stages.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Sir Capers**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift out over the final 100 metres, resulting in **First Crusade** (R. Stewart) being carried outwards. Jockey Chisty was suspended from riding in one Mauritian race meeting, effective Saturday 6 October 2018.

RACE 2 – THE DOMINIQUE GALEA CUP – 990M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Seven Wood** was unfit to race (swollen off fore tendon), the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday 28 September. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Seven Wood** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Henry Tudor – Shifted in shortly after the start when being urged forward, momentarily inconveniencing **Freddie Flint**.

In Your Dreams – Fractious in its barrier prior to the start and jumped awkwardly. Leaving the 800 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ku Du Tu**. Raced wide from the 500 metres. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. Vet report: Bled from both nostrils.

Zodiac Jack – Stood flat footed, losing considerable ground at the start. When questioned, jockey Ségeon explained that the gelding had been standing well but had been reluctant and was slow to begin. Was taken out away from **Ku Du Tu** rounding the home turn and carried **Freddie Flint** outwards.

Freddie Flint – Inconvenienced shortly after the start. On straightening carried outwards by **Zodiac Jack** and shortly after was steadied and taken inwards to go forward.

Atahada – Threw its head and was slow to begin.

RACE 3 – THE SIS ONLINE HORSE RACING CHANNEL TROPHY – 1400M

Glorious Goodwood – Shortly after the start inconvenienced on the inside of **Heart Of Darkness**. Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1200 metres was restrained and taken in to secure a position closer to the rail. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Vet report: Blood in trachea.

Pride Rock – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Top Of The Rock**. Dipped near the 500 metres. On straightening was angled to the inside to obtain clear running. Vet report: Not striding out freely.

Promissory – Raced wide throughout and taken wider passing the 400 metres when **Mutzi** shifted out.

Choir Of Angels – Slow to begin.

Apollo Star – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Near 250 metres was taken out from behind **Greenflashsunset** to improve its position, slightly inconveniencing **Hililyhililyhilo**, which was giving ground.

Greenflashsunset – Passing the 1300 metres was inconvenienced and carried inwards. Hung out rounding the home turn, slightly inconveniencing **Pride Rock**, which was following.

Hililyhililyhilo – Approaching the 1300 metres ran out of galloping room and had to be restrained and taken in and, in doing so, carried **Greenflashsunset** inwards. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 400 metres.

Mutzi – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve around **Hililyhililyhilo** and, in doing so, carried **Promissory** wide. **Top Of The Rock**, which was following, was taken out and raced very wide around the home turn.

Top Of The Rock – Brushed on jumping. Inconvenienced passing the 1300 metres. Taken outwards passing the 400 metres and made the turn into the straight very wide.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Rama (**Heart Of Darkness**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift in approaching the 1300 metres when insufficiently clear of **Hililyhililyhilo**, with the latter having to be checked and taken, carrying **Greenflashsunset** inwards onto **Top Of The Rock** which had to be steadied. Jockey Rama was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, effective as from Saturday 6 October 2018.

RACE 4 – THE BROLL INDIAN OCEAN PRIVILEGE TROPHY – 1850M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video replays of the final straight and to consider objections lodged by jockey Chisty, the rider of **Talbec**, placed 4th, against **Independence** (B.Louis) placed 3rd, alleging interference in the home straight and by jockey Ségeon, the rider of **Sea King**, placed

5th, against **Talbec**, placed 4th and **Independence** (B.Louis) placed 3rd, alleging interference in the home straight. Evidence was taken from all riders and trainers concerned. It was established that leaving the 100 metres **Sea King** had improved to the inside of **Talbec** and shortly after **Independence** had commenced to shift in over the final stages, resulting in both **Talbec** and **Sea King** being interfered with. In considering these objections, the Stewards were not satisfied that had the interference not occurred, **Sea King** and **Talbec** would have finished in front of **Independence**, accordingly all objections were dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Everest - Jumped awkwardly, was slow into stride and bumped shortly after the start.

Independence – From the 150 metres commenced to shift in under pressure with **Talbec** shying away from it and shifting in onto **Sea King**, which became cramped for room and having to be eased. Leaving the 100 metres continued to shift in with **Talbec** having to be eased to avoid its heels.

Sea King – Slow to begin and was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 250 metres was taken to the inside of **Talbec** to secure clear running.

Cool At Heart – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in shortly after the start, bumping **Everest**.

Talbec – Over-raced in the early stages. Near the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Independence** to continue going forward. Near the 100 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Independence**.

Orange Tractor – Shortly after the start was bumped heavily by **Greys Inn Control** on its outside and then bumped heavily with **Opera Royal** on its inside. Was taken out from leaving the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, apprentice Louis (**Independence**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that approaching the 100 metres he allowed his mount to shift in when not clear, resulting in **Talbec** (I. Chisty) being inconvenienced and carried in onto **Sea King** (C. Ségeon), which restrained and lost ground. Apprentice Louis was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, effective as from Saturday 6 October 2018.

RACE 5 – THE BROLL'S HERITAGE CUP – 990M

Purple Tractor – Fractious in the barrier prior to the start.

Belong To Me – Fractious in the barrier prior to the start. Commenced awkwardly getting its head up and then shortly after was impeded when **Great Value** lay inwards.

Entree – Slow into stride and bumped shortly after the start. Shied away from **Wall Tag** and shifted out near the 75 metres.

Great Value – Shifted in shortly after the start with jockey Stackhouse making every effort to keep it straight. Inconvenienced and carried out over the concluding stages.

Rogue Runner – Slow to begin and shortly after brushed with **Entree** on its outside.

Wavebreaker – On jumping threw its head. Raced wide from the 400 metres.

Wall Tag - Approaching the 400 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Trap Lord**. Taken out over the concluding stages to continue going forward.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sooful pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Entree** to the finish of the race, costing it the 4th place in the opinion of the Stewards. He was fined Rs.15,000.

RACE 6 – THE BACCHANALE RACING DAY CHALLENGE CUP – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video replays of the start and to question jockey Nunes (**Budapest**). It was established that as the start was effected **Budapest** reared and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. The Stewards being satisfied that it was the gelding's fault, declared it a runner. Trainer A. Sewdyal was advised that **Budapest** will need to pass a satisfactory barrier test before being allowed to race again.

Captain Swarovski – Vet report: Lameness off hind.

Maximizer – Raced wide throughout.

Chili Con Carne – Shortly after the start shifted in and bumped **Recall To Life**. Raced wide in the early stages.

Rodney – Passing the 1400 metres, when being steadied, threw its head. Vet report: Bled from both nostrils.

Stonehenge – Leaving the 100 metres was inconvenienced when **Captain Swarovski** lay inwards away from **Budapest**.

Easy Lover – Slow to begin. From approaching the 1200 metres refused to race despite the urgings of jockey Ségeon and from leaving the 1100 metres shifted outwards and stopped, taking no further part in the race. Trainer J. M. Henry informed the Stewards that he will retire the gelding.

Ideal Secret – Taken out leaving the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Recall To Life – Bumped shortly after the start. Passing the 450 metres was taken out and raced wide on the track.

Tanjiro – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out carried **Seventh Plain** wider on the track. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

RACE 7 – THE BACCHANALE “SASSICAIA” SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Mambo Rock – Dipped on jumping. Over-raced in the middle stages. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Asyouplease – Taken out from the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Lay inwards in the home straight.

Dealer's Charm – Slow to begin. Could not secure clear running in the home straight and approaching the 100 metres steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Trojan Quest**.

Ready For Take Off – Raced wide throughout.

Plain Of Wisdom – Slow to begin.

Rasta Rebel – Commenced awkwardly.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Chisty was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Asyouplease** to the finish of the race, costing it the 2nd place in the opinion of the Stewards. He was fined Rs.30,000.

RACE 8 – THE CHICKADEE PLATE – 1650M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Stackhouse, rider of **Power Of Peace**, placed 2nd, against **Querari's Secret** (J. P. van der Merwe), being declared the winner, alleging interference in the home straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that **Querari's Secret** had shifted out slightly away from **Cool Water** and raced closely with **Power Of Peace** for a short distance. After consideration, the Stewards were of the opinion that the incident did not materially affect the result of the race, therefore the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Napoli – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Cool Water – Commenced awkwardly and shifted out, making contact with **Napoli** and lost ground. Lay outwards near the 150 metres.

Eight Cities – Approaching the 1500 metres was carried inwards by **Cool Water**. Passing the 100 metres was carried out by **Student Grant** and steadied away from the heels of **Querari's Secret** close to the winning post.

Power Of Peace – Raced tightly at the 150 metres.

Student Grant – Lay outwards over the final 75 metres. Jockey Nunes was strongly advised to keep his mounts straight in future.

Querari's Secret – Lay out near the 150 metres and raced tightly.

Bear Hug – Slow to begin and was taken across to race behind runners.

Seeking The Dream – Over-raced in the middle stages.

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.

SUMMARY	
Suspensions	Race 1 – I. Chisty (Sir Capers): 1 race meeting for careless riding (100m) Race 3 – S. Rama (Heart Of Darkness): 2 race meetings for careless riding (1300m) Race 4 – B. Louis (Independence): 2 race meetings for careless riding (100m)
Fines	Race 5 – B. Sooful (Entree): Rs.15,000 for failing to ride out to the finish Race 7 – I. Chisty (Asyouplease): Rs.30,000 for failing to ride out to the finish
Vet Certificates	Race 2 - In Your Dreams: Bled – Suspended 30 days Race 6 – Rodney: Bled – Suspended 30 days

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