

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 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: 4.25m

RACE 1 – LA SNOW WHITE CUP – 1650M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Seven Oceans** was suffering from colic, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.00 a.m. on Friday 12 October. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Seven Oceans** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

The start was delayed when the surcingle on **Kash Is King** had to be replaced.

The Stewards, in consultation with Trainer C. Daby, allowed jockey Ramsamy to ride **Kash Is King** at ½kg overweight. An inquiry will be held into this matter.

Social Network – Carried out shortly after the start by **Line of Sight**, inconveniencing **Spun Out**. When questioned, jockey Bheekary explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead but settle his mount if someone insisted to go forward. He added that after jumping reasonably well, he asked his mount for an effort, however as **Line Of Sight** was urged forward to lead, he elected to settle his mount on the outside of the leader. Further, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres his mount only responded fairly to his urgings and felt flat. When questioned, trainer A. Sewdyl explained that the gelding could not obtain the lead and consequently raced outside the leader and with its heavy weight this had affected the gelding's performance. He further advised that he would consider giving the gelding a short break.

Line Of Sight – Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted out and carried **Social Network** outwards. Approaching the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift out with jockey Joorawon putting his whip away and near the concluding stages continued to shift outwards, slightly inconveniencing **Social Network**. Near the 50 metres jockey Joorawon dropped his whip.

Al Hamd – Hung out over the last 150 metres.

Beretta Bobcat – Over-raced in the early stages. Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Kash Is King** wider on the track.

Spun Out – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin and shortly after was bumped by **The Blue Streak**, which had shifted in on jumping. Slightly inconvenienced shortly after the start.

Kash Is King – Slow to begin. Carried wide from leaving the 400 metres and made the turn into the home straight wide.

The Blue Streak – Jumped inwards, bumping **Spun Out**.

RACE 2 – THE SUSIE FREEMAN TROPHY – 1400M

Come On Sonny – Slow into stride. From leaving the 1200 metres had to be restrained when awkward close to the heels of **Sarah's Secret**, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Had a tendency to lay inwards in the early stages of the home straight.

Freddie Flint – Shortly after the start brushed with **The Brass Bell**, thereafter shifted out, inconveniencing **Galtero**. Jockey Balloo was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that he should straighten his mounts as soon as they shift ground in future.

Cape Horn – Shortly after arriving at the barriers was bumped by **Freddie Flint**. It was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to take its place in the field. Jumped awkwardly.

Galtero – Near the 1365 metres was inconvenienced, then shifted out, carrying **Gold Medalist** onto **King's Empire**. Near the 500 metres clipped the heels of **Tweak The Wind** and stumbled. From near the 350 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Tweak The Wind** and in the early stages of the home straight had difficulty in obtaining clear running. Hung in over the concluding stages.

King's Empire – Raced fiercely and wide in the early stages.

Gold Medalist – Near the 1365 metres carried out onto the heels of **King's Empire** and had to be restrained. Raced wide throughout.

Purple Rock – Raced wide in the early and middle stages and leaving the 800 metres was urged forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

Sarah's Secret – Over-raced in the middle stages and, when restrained to avoid the heels of **Freddie Flint**, raced ungenerously for some distance.

The Brass Bell – For some distance leaving the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Sarah's Secret** and passing the 250 metres was angled to the inside to secure clear running.

RACE 3 – LA MAUVITOP CUP – 1500M

Down Under – Raced tight on the outside of **It Doesn't Matter** near the 800 metres.

Nordic Chant – From leaving the 1100 metres had to be eased and taken out to avoid the heels of **Bad Attitude**. On inquiry, it was established that when **Bad Attitude** secured the lead, it wanted to lay out with jockey Nunes having to bring it back in and **Nordic Chant**, which was over-racing, becoming awkwardly placed close to its heels and having to be eased and taken out. Approaching the 100 metres was angled out from behind **Blow In The Box** and **Bad Attitude** to secure clear running.

Duke The Duke – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Kalinago – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Bypass**, thereafter shifted in and brushed with **Bad Attitude**. Raced wide throughout.

Blow In The Box – Slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres shifted in under pressure.

Bad Attitude – Shortly after the start, shifted out and brushed with **Kalinago**. When questioned regarding its apparent improved performance, trainer A. Sewdial explained that at its last start the gelding raced a distance not suited and in a higher bracket range and following that run it had improved at track work, as such he was hoping for a forward showing today. He added that according to him the fact that it managed to get to the front together with the increase in distance might have accounted to its improved performance.

Gameloft – Slow to begin. Vet report: Not striding out.

Bypass – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

Soweto Moon – Slow to begin. Near the 1250 metres ran out of galloping room and had to be checked.

It Doesn't Matter – Near the 800 metres eased when awkward close to the heels of **Nordic Chant** and shifted out, tightening **Down Under**. Vet report: Laceration to off hock.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Teeha (**It Doesn't Matter**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear near the 1250 metres, resulting in **Soweto Moon** running out of galloping room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

RACE 4 – LA CASHMERE CUP – 1450M

Riding Shotgun – Shifted in from leaving the 150 metres.

Sky High Flyer – Slow to begin. Near the 500 metres momentarily cramped for room on the inside of **Heart Of Darkness**.

Heart Of Darkness – Shifted in quickly near the 500 metres despite jockey Godden's attempt to straighten it.

Mutzi – Hung in in the home straight.

Desert Fighter – Had to be re-saddled prior to the start. Slow to begin. Could not obtain clear running over the concluding stages.

Rock On Geordies – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Fradd (**Riding Shotgun**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish, costing it the third place. He was fined Rs.20,000.

RACE 5 – LA MAUVACRYL CUP – 1600M

I Travel Light – Had a tendency to lay in in the home straight.

Belenos – Over-raced in the early stages.

Newlands – Raced wide throughout.

The Right Road – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Newlands** wider on the track. Tendency to lay inwards in the home straight. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Gingerbread Man – Commenced awkwardly and was slow into stride. Approaching the 300 metres shifted outwards and made the turn into the home straight very wide. Had a tendency to lay in in the home straight.

Independence – Commenced awkwardly and was slow into stride. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Rap Attack – Slow to begin. Near the 150 metres was taken to the inside of **Belenos** and **Independence** to secure clear running.

Sea King – Slow to begin.

RACE 6 – LA IMPERIAL WHITE CUP – 1400M

Karraar – Passing the 1300 metres had to be restrained and taken in to avoid the heels of **Horse Guards**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear.

Yankee Captain – Over-raced in the middle stages. Raced tightly on the inside of **Ernie** at the 600 metres.

Ernie – Raced tightly with **Yankee Captain** at the 600 metres.

Tandragee – Crowded for room passing the 1300 metres and had to be restrained. Near the 300 metres steadied when unable to improve from behind **The Thinker**.

The Thinker – Approaching the 1200 metres, when being steadied away from **Horse Guards**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Near the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Horse Guards**. **Tandragee**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to steady.

Charles Lytton – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate, was slow to begin and raced tightly shortly after.

Split The Breeze - Slow to begin. When questioned, jockey Godden advised the Stewards that in his opinion the gelding was not suited by the distance of today's event.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Horse Guards**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear passing the 1300 metres, resulting in **Karraar** having to be restrained and taken in. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 7 – LA ONE FOR ALL CUP – 1850M

Roman Emperor – Dipped on jumping.

Mambo – Slow to begin and was then taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Power Of Peace – Slow to begin. Had difficulty in obtaining a clear run in the home straight and near the 150 metres was angled to the inside of **Kimberley** to secure clear running.

Kimberley – Commenced awkwardly, throwing its head. Raced wide in the early stages.

Overdose – Was taken out approaching the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

GENERAL

The Stewards questioned trainer S. Narang and jockey Godden in regards to the riding of **Overdose** in the early stages of the race. Jockey Godden explained that he had been instructed to be mid-field and to try to improve early. Jockey Godden further explained that in the straight on the first occasion he had been mid-field, however **Power Of Peace** had shifted in front of him quickly and consequently he was placed further back than anticipated. Trainer S. Narang confirmed these instructions and explained that he had been satisfied with the riding of **Overdose**, especially considering that he had told his jockey to save his horse in the early stages in order to finish well. The Stewards noted their explanations.

RACE 8 – THE REYNOLDS COQUET CUP – 1450M

Atahada – Slow to begin.

From The Ashes – Near the 1200 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Klopp**.

New Golden Age – Slow into stride. Leaving the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position. Approaching the 200 metres was held up behind **Klopp**, was taken to the inside to obtain clear running and was momentarily held up again shortly after.

Chap Trap – Passing the 1300 metres was crowded for room on the inside of **Valerin**, clipped its heels, unbalancing jockey Bussunt. Over-raced in the middle stages, throwing its head.

Fortissimo – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

Klopp – On straightening, brushed **From The Ashes**. Had a tendency to lay out in the home straight. Over the concluding stages lay out, at the same time **From The Ashes** shifted in away from the whip, inconveniencing **Klopp**.

Redwood Valley – Wide in the early stages and near the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position closer to the rail.

Valerin – Raced keen in the middle stages.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Bheekary (**Valerin**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear passing the 1300 metres, resulting in **Chap Trap** becoming cramped for room, having to be restrained with jockey Bussunt becoming extremely unbalanced. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

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	
Fine	Race 4 – R. Fradd (Riding Shotgun): Rs.20,000 for failing to ride his mount out to the finish for 3 rd place
Suspensions	Race 3 – N. Teeha (It Doesn't Matter): 2 race meetings for careless riding (1250m) Race 6 – A. Balloo (Horse Guards): 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m) Race 8 – D. Bheekary (Valerin): 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m)
Reprimand	Race 2 – A. Balloo (Freddie Flint): severely reprimanded for careless riding shortly after start

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