

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2019

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 3m

RACE 1 – THE MALARTIC PLATE – 990M

Acting on veterinary advice that **In The Trenches** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday 29 March. In view of this, all bets on **In The Trenches** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **In The Trenches**, **Master Silva** became a runner and was ridden by jockey K. Ramsamy.

Acting on veterinary advice that **Got To Fly** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Got To Fly** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Anza-Borrego - Jumped awkwardly. Approaching the 800 metres, when racing green, ducked out sharply, crowding **Bobby's Express** onto **The Border War**, carrying the latter wider on the track. Near the 600 metres had difficulty in negotiating the turn and shifted out.

Majestic Moon - Passing the winning post jockey Aucharuz became unbalanced when saluting in a celebratory gesture. Jockey Aucharuz was shown the video replays of the home straight, severely reprimanded for the manner in which he used his whip in the straight and for his celebratory gesture after the winning post.

Refined Bachelor - Hung in in the home straight.

Gondwana – Shortly after jumping, shifted out and brushed **Master Silva**. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

The Border War – Carried wide on the track approaching the 800 metres.

Bobby's Express – Had to be re-saddled behind the barriers. Slow to begin. Crowded near the 800 metres. Raced wide from the 400 metres. Angled inwards for a run near the 250 metres. Near the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Refined Bachelor** to continue going forward.

Master Silva - Slow into stride. Brushed shortly after the start. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Anza-Borrego** to secure clear running.

RACE 2 – THE OWNERS CUP – 1400M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video footage of the home straight. It was established that passing the 100 metres **Till Dawn**, which was being ridden with the whip in the left hand, commenced to shift in away from the whip with **Mind Blowing** then shifting in towards **Till Dawn** with both horses shifting ground. The Stewards, being satisfied that there were no contact between the two horses and that jockey Zechner (**Till Dawn**) did not stop riding, decided not to proceed further. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Chester's Wish – Approaching the 1200 metres, when being steadied, threw its head with jockey Bhaugeerothee becoming momentarily unbalanced, falling back in his saddle. Was taken out approaching the 300 metres to improve its position.

Captain Moss – Reared and brushed the right side of its gate, was slow to begin. Passing the 1300 metres raced tight on the inside of **Chester's Wish** for a short distance. Dipped near the 1200 metres. Hung in over the concluding stages.

Mind Blowing – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Rebel Alliance** outwards.

Till Dawn – For some distance leaving the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Varside**. Hung in from near the 100 metres.

Gold Medalist– Threw its head and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages and from the 400 metres. Near the 300 metres was taken wider by **Chester's Wish**.

Al Firenze – Hung in leaving the 100 metres and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Dealer's Charm**.

Rebel Alliance – At the start eased from **Mind Blowing** and was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Captain Moss** to secure clear running, at the same time **Captain Moss** commenced to shift in and, over the concluding stages, had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Captain Moss**, which had shifted in under pressure.

RACE 3 – THE JOSEPH MERVEN CUP – 1500M

Melson – Inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

Power Tower – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Hung in in the straight.

Amritsar – Shortly after the start shifted out, inconveniencing **Middlemarch**. Entering the home straight hung out despite jockey David's attempt to straighten it, carrying **Melson** onto **Bypass**. Approaching the 100 metres shifted out away from the whip, resulting in **Melson**, which was giving ground, being momentarily inconvenienced. Shortly after, jockey David switched his whip to his left hand.

Jama – Near the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Melson** and **Midnight Oracle** to secure clear running.

Middlemarch – Slow to begin and shortly after, inconvenienced between **Amritsar** and **Melson**.

Midnight Oracle - Passing the 1300 metres was checked and taken out to avoid the heels of **Amritsar** and, in doing so, carried **Power Of Peace** onto **Melson** with **Power Of Peace** having to be checked.

Power Of Peace – Inconvenienced leaving the 1300 metres and was checked. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 300 metres. Vet report: Dry coated.

Bypass – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out from behind **Power Of Peace** to improve his position and, in doing so, carried **Uncle JB** wider on the track.

Uncle JB – Slow into stride. Approaching the 900 metres commenced to over-race and, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Bypass**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Was taken out from the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey David (**Amritsar**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that near the 1300 metres he carelessly took his mount in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Midnight Oracle** having to be checked and taken out to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 4 – THE VATEL LIFT PROGRAMME TROPHY – 990M

Mutzi - Slow to begin and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Streetbouncer** to continue going forward.

Newlands – Shortly after the start shifted out and bumped **Choir Of Angels**. Approaching the 900 metres refused to gallop and shifted out, nearly brushing the outside rail and near the 700 metres was taken out of the race. The Stewards, being of the opinion that this horse is a source of danger to itself and to other runners, decided to suspend the gelding.

Ocean Drive South – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Riding Shotgun – Slow to begin.

Choir Of Angels – Slow to begin. Was bumped at the start.

Maxamore – Slow to begin.

RACE 5 – THE 10th ANNIVERSARY VATEL BS TROPHY – 1450M

Act Of Loyalty – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Passing the 1400 metres ran out of galloping room and had to be checked when **Racing For Fun** was taken in when insufficiently clear. Leaving the 1200 metres, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Racing For Fun**, got its head up

and raced ungenerously for a short distance. Approaching the 450 metres momentarily tightened on the inside of **Dance On Air**. Passing the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Opera Royal** to secure clear running.

Opera Royal – Passing the 100 metres shifted out and brushed **Charleston Hero**.

Charleston Hero – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Hung in in the straight. Brushed near the 100 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sola (**Racing For Fun**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that near the 1400 metres he carelessly took his mount in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Act Of Loyalty** having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 6 – THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF MAURITIUS–ALAIN SEBBAN-VATEL TROPHY – 1400M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Ten Gun Salute** was suffering from a swollen hock, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Ten Gun Salute** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Baritone – Near the 200 metres was taken out to secure clear running and, in doing so, carried **Karraar** outwards.

Karraar – Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and in doing so carried **Seventh Plain** wider on the track. Near the 200 metres carried outwards by **Baritone**.

Seventh Plain – Slow to begin.

Al Mariachi – In the early stages of the home straight shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Baritone**.

Dreamforest – Slow into stride. Steadied when tightened near the 1300 metres. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Ségeon (**Baritone**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Dream Forest**. He was fined Rs.20,000.

RACE 7 – THE VATEL MARCO POLO TROPHY – 990M

The start was delayed when after being boxed **Vision Of Trust** became fractious, broke through its gate. It was quickly reined in, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run. Meanwhile all other horses were removed from their gates and after being reloaded **Ku Du Tu** became fractious with jockey David losing the use of his off side stirrup iron, resulting in the start being further delayed.

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the video footage of the home straight. It was established that leaving the 200 metres, whilst attempting a run on the inside of **Sharkaholic**, **What A Fizz** shied away and shifted in from the latter when it was being taken in to continue going forward. **What A Fizz** then had to be taken out away from the heels of **Vision Of Trust**. Over the concluding stages, whilst endeavouring a run into a tight gap between **Gordonstoun** and **Sharkaholic** **What A Fizz** had to be eased when awkwardly placed on the heels of **Gordonstoun**, which had shifted in slightly and **Sharkaholic**, which had shifted out slightly. The Stewards, being of the opinion that near the 200 metres **What A Fizz** shifted in of its own accord and that over the concluding stages it had not yet established a run between **Gordonstoun** and **Sharkaholic** and forced its way into a closing gap, decided to proceed no further. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Wow Holiday – Slow into stride. Shortly after the start shifted out and bumped the hindquarters of **Sharkaholic**, unbalancing the latter. Vet report: Not striding out.

Ku Du Tu – Jumped inwards, bumping **World Dreamer**.

World Dreamer – Bumped at the start. Near the 600 metres commenced to race fiercely and when being eased to avoid the heels of **Ku Du Tu**, shifted in and brushed the running rail. It then shifted out, carrying **Sharkaholic** wider on the track with both horses racing wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight. Over the concluding stages had to be taken out from behind **Ku Du Tu** to continue going forward.

Ashfords Legacy – Slow to begin.

Hometown Hero – Approaching the 900 metres shifted out, was bumped on his hindquarter by **What A Fizz** and became momentarily unbalanced.

What A Fizz – Jumped the crossing at the 450 metres.

RACE 8 – THE STUD MASTER PLATE – 1500M

Cyber Special - Carried outwards approaching the 200 metres.

Sir Capers - Raced wide throughout.

Xanthus – Slow to begin. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Bumped near the 200 metres.

Red Indy – Slow into stride. Shortly after the start shifted in and brushed with **Blazing Heart**. Raced in restricted room for some distance leaving the 1400 metres between **Blazing Heart** and **Charles My Boy**.

Man From Seattle – Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground.

Blazing Heart – Slow to begin. Shortly after the start, shifted in slightly when racing tight on the inside of **Red Indy**. Raced tight on the inside of **Charles My Boy** for some distance near the 1300 metres. From leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race. Approaching the 900 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Risky Rambo**.

Charles My Boy – Leaving the 1300 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Cyber Special**. Shifted out from near the 200 metres. Shifted in over the concluding stages.

Never Fear – Hung out from near the 400 metres. Leaving the 250 metres shifted out quickly, carrying **Cyber Special** outwards with the latter bumping **Xanthus**, which was improving on its outside, unbalancing the latter.

Risky Rambo – Brushed the rail at the 600 metres.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, it was established that leaving the 1300 metres **Blazing Heart** and **Charles My Boy** shifted out into the first turn at the same time **Cyber Special** was being taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Blazing Heart** and **Charles My Boy** had a bearing on this incident, decided not to proceed further, however advised jockey Teeha that he should show care at all times.

b) On inquiry, it was established that from leaving the 400 metres **Never Fear** hung out despite jockey Zechner's attempt to straighten it and, leaving the 250 metres, shifted out quickly when jockey Zechner attempted to switch his whip to his left hand, carrying **Cyber Special** outwards onto **Xanthus**. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the gelding shifted out of its own accord, decided not to proceed further however advised jockey Zechner to exercise care at all times.

c) On inquiry it was established that shortly after the start **Red Indy** (Y.Emamdee), which had jumped awkwardly, shifted in away from **Charles My Boy** (D.David) near the 1450 metres and brushed **Blazing Heart** (P.Horil) and became unbalanced over a short distance. Shortly after, **Charles My Boy** commenced to shift in when shying away, despite jockey David's attempt to straighten it, from **Risky Rambo** (R.Hoolash), which improved on its outside, resulting in **Red Indy** racing in restricted room for some distance and eventually having to be eased. The Stewards, being of the opinion that jockey David did endeavour to relieve the pressure from **Red Indy**, decided not to proceed further, however advised both jockeys David and Hoolash that they should exercise care at all times.

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 Mutzi (Race 4).

SUMMARY	
Suspensions	Race 3 – D. David (Amritsar) : 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m) Race 5 – O. Sola (Racing For Fun) : 1 race meeting for careless riding (1400m)
Fine	Race 6 – C. Ségeon (Baritone): Fined Rs.20,000 for failing to ensure that his mount did not interfere with another runner
Reprimand	Race 1 – G. Aucharuz (Majestic Moon) severely reprimanded for the manner in which he used his whip in the home straight

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