

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2019

Board of Racing Stewards: Messrs S de Chalain (Chairman), B. Daruty de Grandpré, H. Maigrot, A. Rousset & Ms J. Keevy.

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 3.75m

GENERAL

The following jockeys were randomly selected for urine testing:

J.Allyhosain
S.Rama
K.Ramsamy
R.Simons

RACE 1 – THE PIERRE NOEL CUP – 1400M

Chap Trap - Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Bells Apostle** outwards, with the latter bumping **Majestic Moon**. Leaving the 200 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards under pressure. **Bells Apostle**, which was following, was carried inwards. When questioned with regards to its apparent improved performance, trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that it was disappointing in its last two runs. For today's race, it was racing in a lower division and managed to dictate its pace, and in his opinion, this accounted for its improved performance.

Charles My Boy- Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Doyles**, with the latter shifting ground inwards, bumping **Master Silva** and crowding **Emerald Victory**. Vet Report: Bled from both nostrils.

Emerald Victory- Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Shortly afterwards, bumped and was crowded for room. It was then taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the outside of runners and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

Majestic Moon- Slow into stride. Shortly afterwards, bumped and crowded for room. Near the 1000 metres, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Charles My Boy**. Inconvenienced passing the 600 metres. Near the 400 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Valerin** for some distance.

Valerin- Near the 1200 metres, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Master Silva**. Near the 400 metres, was carried inwards by **Master Silva**, which had shifted ground inwards.

Bells Apostle- On jumping, carried outwards and bumped **Majestic Moon**. Passing the 1300 metres, crowded for room on the inside of **Master Silva**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Carried inwards leaving the 200 metres.

Master Silva- Passing the 1300 metres, cramped for room and taken inwards, crowding **Bells Apostle**. Had to be severely checked to avoid the heels of **Indian Tractor**. Taken wide for a short distance. Commenced to give ground from the 450 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. When questioned with regards to its poor performance, jockey Allyhosain explained that this colt took an awkward stride near the 700 metres, and dropped the bit over a short distance. However, leaving the 500 metres, it started to travel again, and when asked for an effort approaching the 400 metres, failed to quicken, shifted ground inwards and commenced to

give ground from approaching the home turn. He decided not to persevere with in the home straight. Vet Report: Broke down on its near fore leg.

Doyles- Bumped shortly after the start and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Master Silva** and crowding **Emerald Victory**, being unbalanced for several strides. Passing the 700 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Valerin** and raced wide for a short distance.

Got To Fly- Slow to begin. Threw its head sideways on jumping. When questioned, apprentice Teetan explained that he was instructed to hold the filly's head as it had the tendency to pig root on jumping but on jumping, the filly resented being held tight, throwing its head sideways. Vet Report: Bled both nostrils

Indian Tractor- Taken in passing the 1300 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Indian Tractor**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f), in that approaching the 1300 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of **Master Silva**, which was racing on its inside, resulting in **Master Silva** becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be severely checked. Jockey Balloo was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings

Result: 1st: **Chap Trap**, 2nd: **Bells Apostle**, 3rd: **Doyles**, 4th: **Charles My Boy**

RACE 2 – THE PETRUSMOK SOUVENIR CUP – 1650M

Duke's Domain- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, brushing the left side of its gate. Approaching the 200 metres, shifted ground inwards quickly, slightly inconveniencing **Manetheren**, which had to be taken inwards, and bumped **Uncle JB**, unbalancing the latter. Jockey De Gouveia was brought before the board, shown the films of this incident and advised to take more care when shifting ground in future.

Alssakhra- Over the concluding stages, shifted out when being ridden with the whip, carrying **Emaar** outwards, with **Black Indy**, which was racing on its outside, being slightly carried outwards.

Memphis Mafia- Jumped inwards, contacting **Eight Cities**, with the latter bumping **Black Indy**, who shifted inwards and bumped **Uncle JB**. Raced wide throughout.

Mr Hardy- Slow to begin. Shortly after, inconvenienced close to the heels of **Emaar**. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Passing the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards, and in doing so, carried **Jullidar** wider on the track. When questioned with regards to its poor performance, jockey Juglall explained that after being crowded at the start, he found himself racing further back in the field than expected, and from approaching the 450 metres, he had to take his mount out in a wide position in order to improve his position, with **Mr Hardy** not quickening as he expected it to. He also added that in his opinion, the slow pace did not suit his mount.

Uncle JB- Slow to begin. Bumped shortly after the start. Bumped and unbalanced passing the 200 metres.

Emaar- When being urged forward, shifted ground outwards, inconveniencing **Mr Hardy**. Leaving the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground under pressure. Carried outwards over the concluding stages.

Jullidar- Shortly after the start, shifted in and bumped **Manetheren**. Leaving the 600 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Carried wide leaving the 450 metres. Made the turn into the straight in a very wide position.

Black Indy- Bumped shortly after the start. Carried slightly outwards over the concluding stages.

Eight Cities- Jumped outwards, contacting **Memphis Mafia**, and bumped **Black Indy**. **Black Indy** then shifted inwards and bumped **Uncle JB**. Leaving the 1300 metres, had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Emaar**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Passing the 600 metres, was taken out from behind **Emaar** to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Manetheren- Bumped by **Jullidar** shortly after the start. Passing the 200 metres, slightly inconvenienced by **Duke's Domain** and was taken inwards, bumping **Uncle JB**.

Result: 1st: **Alssakhra**, 2nd: **Emaar**, 3rd: **Manetheren**, 4th: **Black Indy**

RACE 3 – THE GRAIN D'SEL SOUVENIR CUP – 990M

The start was delayed when the near side stirrup on **Danger Rock** broke when caught in the starting stalls. It was removed and replaced. After being reloaded, became fractious and reared. It was removed, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race. Shortly after, **Great Value** refused to load and was passed intractable. Acting on the Starter's advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. In view of this, all bets on **Great Value** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 12 cents per rupee, the average price of **Great Value** being 7-1. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur was informed that this

gelding will need to pass a barrier test and proved tractable before being allowed to race again. Jockey Plaçais was severely reprimanded and advised to exercise restraint when using his whip behind the starting stalls.

Ocean Drive South- Leaving the 100 metres, was taken outwards to secure clear running.

Superstitious- Bumped by **Antwerp** shortly after the start and shifted in, brushing with **Baron Bellet** on several occasions. Upon straightening, was switched to the inside of **Antwerp** to secure clear running. Hung in throughout.

Danger Rock- Slow into stride. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Hang in in the home straight. Vet Report: Bled from both nostrils.

Antwerp- Shortly after the start, bumped and shifted ground, bumping **Superstitious**, who in turn shifted in and brushed **Baron Bellet** on several occasions. Hung in over the concluding stages.

J J's Captain- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Antwerp**, with the latter shifting ground and bumping **Superstitious**, which in turn shifted inwards, brushed **Baron Bellet** on several occasions and became unbalanced. Vet Report: Bled from both nostrils.

Baron Bellet- Shortly after the start, brushed by **Superstitious** on several occasions. Approaching the 400 metres, for some distance, raced in restricted room on the inside of **Superstitious**.

Result: 1st: **Superstitious**, 2nd: **Antwerp**, 3rd: **Rob Roy**, 4th: **Ocean Drive South**

RACE 4 – THE BACKSTAGE CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1600M

Iditarod Trail- Raced tight on the inside of **Nordic Chant** leaving the 1365 metres, and passing the 1300 metres, was carried inwards and crowded **Divine Connection**. Brushed passing the 600 metres.

Talbec- Slow to begin.

Spring Man- Jumped inwards, bumping **Divine Connection**. Hang in in the home straight. When questioned with regards to its apparent improved performance, trainer Ricky Maingard explained that in his opinion, this gelding was badly ridden in its last two outings as jockey Holland had made an early move on it, which had resulted in the horse fading in the latter stages of its races. He added that the gelding had pleased in the lead up to this race, as such, he expected a good run from the latter, although it was racing in good company.

Consul Of War- Slow to begin and brushed the right side of its gate. Leaving the 1500 metres bumped on its hindquarters and became unbalanced. Passing the 1300 metres, was restrained for several strides to avoid the heels of **Divine Connection**, who was checked. Near the 500 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 250 metres, was taken out to secure clear running and made the turn into the straight in a very wide position.

Nordic Chant- Shifted in passing the 1300 metres. Raced wide throughout.

Divine Connection- Bumped shortly after the start. Approaching the 1365 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Iditarod Trail**, and passing the 1300 metres, had to be checked when cramped for room and lost its position.

African Pharaoh- Leaving the 1400 metres, commenced to race fiercely and when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. Near the 1000 metres, when still over-racing, got its head up for a short distance and raced ungenerously when being settled. Approaching the 600 metres, raced in restricted room on the inside of **Spring Man**, took an awkward stride and brushed **Iditarod Trail**.

The Barrister- Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. Leaving the 1500 metres, raced in restricted room between **Consul Of War** and **Iditarod Trail**, when the latter was taken inwards, shifted in and brushed the hindquarters of **Consul Of War**, unbalancing the latter, resulting in it having to be checked. Shortly after, was taken inwards to the inside of **Consul Of War**. Passing the 1000 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Consul Of War** and threw its head up for several strides. Shortly afterwards, was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Talbec**.

GENERAL

(a): On inquiry, jockey De Gouveia (**Nordic Chant**) was found guilty under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d), in that approaching the 1300 metres, he failed to ensure that he did not cause interference to runners on his inside by shifting in and cramping **Iditarod Trail** for galloping room, thereby resulting in **Iditarod Trail** shifting inwards onto **Divine Connection** and the latter having to be eased. He was fined the sum of Rs 20,000.

(b): Jockey Hoolash (**African Pharaoh**) was severely reprimanded in that approaching the 1400 metres, when his horse was over-racing, he insisted on the inside of runners, resulting in **African Pharaoh** failing to negotiate the turn properly, shifting out, carrying **Divine Connection** outwards onto the heels of **Iditarod Trail**.

(c): On inquiry, jockey Juglall (**Iditarod Trail**) pleaded guilty under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f), in that passing the 1500 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **The Barrister**, resulting in the latter running out of galloping room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

(d) Jockey Juglall (**Iditarod Trail**) signed an admission of guilt for contravening MTC Rule 160 A (h) in that he used his whip in an improper manner by striking his mount excessively in the home straight. He was fined Rs.5,000.

Result: 1st: **Spring Man**, 2nd: **Divine Connection**, 3rd: **Iditarod Trail**, 4th: **Consul Of War**

RACE 5 – THE SUNSHINE CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1600M

Inn A Million- From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Commenced to over-race passing the 1300 metres, and raced fiercely for some distance.

Mambo Rock- Slow to begin. Bumped and carried inwards shortly after. Shortly after the start, was then carried outwards onto **Turbulent Air** by **One Direction**, who had shied outwards. Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 150 metres, was inconvenienced close to the heels of **Turbulent Air**, which had shifted outwards, and had to be taken out to continue going forward. Hung in in the home straight.

Independence- Hung in in the home straight. When questioned with regards to its apparent improved performance, assistant trainer Subiraj Gujadhur explained that after leading at its second outing this season, it was caught late by **Opera Royal**. For today's race, taking into consideration that the field was a weaker one and that at track work **Independence** had improved, he expected a better showing as he was of the opinion that he might be able to lead or race close to the lead.

One Direction- Jumped inwards and shortly after, shifted out abruptly, carrying **Mambo Rock** outwards onto **Turbulent Air**.

Turbulent Air- Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Mambo Rock**. Hung in from approaching the 600 metres. Shifted outwards near the 150 metres. Jockey Balloo dropped his whip near the 150 metres.

Charleston Hero- Slow to begin. Dipped shortly after.

Result: 1st: **Independence**, 2nd: **Turbulent Air**, 3rd: **Mambo Rock**, 4th: **Charleston Hero**

RACE 6 – THE HENNESSY PARK HOTEL CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1650M

Horse Guards- Knuckled shortly after the start. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Opera Royal- Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Kazaar- Slow to begin. Commenced to over-race leaving the 1000 metres. Approaching the 800 metres, was taken out when close to the heels of **Speed Limit** and, in doing so, carried **Ready To Attack** wider on the track.

Ready To Attack- Carried out and eased to secure a position one-off the rails behind **Kazaar**. Carried out approaching the 500 metres.

King's County – When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Juglall explained that he was instructed to endeavour to secure the lead and dictate its pace. He added that after jumping well he managed to secure the lead without asking his mount for much of an effort and that from then onwards his mount over-raced and, despite his best effort, did not manage to get this gelding to drop the bit and relax. He further added that when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, **King's County** failed to quicken and was disappointing. He also said that in his opinion, in this division, the 1650 metres might prove too far for this gelding's aptitudes.

Split The Breeze- Slow to begin and shortly after, was crowded onto **Opera Royal**, which had shifted in marginally.

Sea King- Slow to begin.

Tsitsikamma Dance- When being urged forward after the start, shifted out, crowding **Split The Breeze** onto **Opera Royal**, which had shifted in marginally. Jockey Rama was brought before the board, shown the films of this incident, reprimanded, and told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Approaching the 600 metres, raced tight onto **Ready To Attack** when attempting to come out from behind **Speed Limit**. Approaching the 500 metres, was taken out from behind **Speed Limit** and in doing so, carried **Ready To Attack** wider on the track.

Result: 1st: **Opera Royal**, 2nd: **Kazaar**, 3rd: **Tsitsikamma Dance**, 4th: **Ready To Attack**

RACE 7 – THE INDIGO CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1400M

Captain Falcon- When questioned with regard to its apparent improved performance, trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that it was decided to remove the blinkers from this gelding and re-fit the citation bit. Although it had pleased in the lead up to this race, he was of the opinion that he might have needed the run today. As such, he was not confident in its chances, however in his opinion, the fact that it was able to lead and dictate its own terms, had probably accounted for its improved performance.

Captain Moss- Prior to the start being effected, became fractious and was very slow to begin.

Face The Fire- Slow to begin.

Watch Me Dad- Prior to the start being effected, threw its head sideways and was slow to begin. Inconvenienced by **Freddie Flint** shortly after. Approaching the 700 metres, was taken out from behind **Captain Moss**. Leaving the 450 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Face The Fire**, and from leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight very wide. Hang in in the home straight.

Wendylle- Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, carrying **Dealer's Charm** onto **Freddie Flint**, with the latter inconveniencing **Watch Me Dad**.

Dealer's Charm- Shortly after the start, carried onto **Freddie Flint**, with the latter inconveniencing **Watch Me Dad**.

Middle Path- Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Approaching the 700 metres, was taken out from behind **Freddie Flint** and raced wide from then onwards.

Anton Ruskin- Slipped on jumping, becoming unbalanced and shifted ground inwards. Over-raced approaching the 1000 metres and had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Captain Falcon**.

Result: 1st: **Captain Falcon**, 2nd: **Watch Me Dad**, 3rd: **Anton Ruskin**, 4th: **Wendylle**

RACE 8 – THE PACIFIC OCEAN CUP – 1500M

Chester's Wish- Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 700 metres, momentarily crowded for room on the inside of **Mambo**. Approaching the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Naizak- Slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of **Artax** to secure clear running.

Inauguration- Approaching the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Artax** to secure clear running.

Seventh Silver- Shortly after the start, shifted in and crowded **New Golden Age** onto **Mambo**, becoming unbalanced and shifting inwards, resulting in **New Golden Age** having to be eased, losing its position.

Street Byte- Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Near the 850 metres, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Chester's Wish**. Vet Report: Bled from both nostrils.

New Golden Age- Jumped awkwardly. Shortly after, was crowded for room and was eased, losing its position.

GENERAL

Trainer Jean Michel Henry signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of MTC Rule 47 (3) (d) in that he failed to ensure that jockey C. Ségeon, who was engaged to ride **Inauguration**, wore the colours assigned to him as published in the "*Programme Officiel*". He was fined the sum of Rs 5,000.

Result: 1st: **Inauguration**, 2nd: **Artax**, 3rd: **Naizak**, 4th: **Mambo**

GENERAL

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

b) Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and from Mr Hardy (Race 2), Turbulent Air (Race 5), Sea King (Race 6) and Watch Me Dad (Race 7).

SUMMARY – RM 27	
Suspensions	Race 1: A. Balloo (Indian Tractor): 2 race meetings for careless riding (1300m) Race 4: N. Juglall (Iditarod Trail): 1 race meeting for careless riding (1500m)
Fines:	Race 4: D. de Gouveia (Nordic Chant): Rs.20,000 for interference (1300m) Race 4: N. Juglall (Iditarod Trail): Rs.5,000 for using his whip in an improper manner (home straight) Race 8: Trainer J M Henry: Rs.5,000 (Inauguration) for failing to ensure that his rider wore the colours as published in the <i>Programme Officiel</i>
Reprimands	Race 3: O. Plaçais (Great Value): severely reprimanded and advised to exercise restraint when using his whip behind the starting stalls Race 4: R. Hoolash (African Pharoah): severely reprimanded for insisting on the inside of runners when his mount was over-racing (1400m) Race 6: S. Rama (Tsitsikamma Dance): and also told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion (1600m)

Vet Certificates	Race 1: a) Charles My Boy) b) Got To Fly) Race 3: a) Danger Rock) Bled – Suspended 30 days b) J J's Captain) Race 8: Street Byte)
Barrier Test	Race 3: Great Value

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