

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 4.50m

RACE 1 – THE DR. V. PIERRE GOUPILLE CUP – 1500M

Desert Thief - Leaving the 1200 metres, commenced to race fiercely and shifted out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Logan**. Continued to over-race leaving the 800 metres. Over the concluding stages, shifted out away from the whip.

Middlemarch – Slow to begin.

Misty Roller – Brushed leaving the 1000 metres. Hung in in the home straight. Vet report: Cast its off fore shoe.

Doyles – Raced wide in the early stages.

He's Got Gears – Jumped outwards.

Logan – Leaving the 1300 metres, shifted in and brushed the running rail. Passing the 1000 metres, commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mr Vengeance**. When being eased, shifted out and brushed **Misty Roller**. Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Blunderbuss – Slow to begin. Crowded shortly after. Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, shifted ground outwards, with jockey Ramsamy losing the use of his off side rein for a short distance near the 100 metres when endeavouring to switch his whip to his right hand. Jockey Ramsamy was shown the video replays of the home straight and advised that in future he is to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Space Agent – Slow to begin.

Vintage Angel – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, crowding **Blunderbuss** onto **Middlemarch**. Leaving the 300 metres, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Desert Thief** and had to be eased over some distance. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Desert Thief** to secure clear running.

Result: 1st: **He's Got Gears**, 2nd: **Misty Roller**, 3rd: **Vintage Angel**, 4th: **Desert Thief**

RACE 2 – THE IMPERIAL WHITE CUP – 1400M

Come On Sonny – Carried wide passing the 1000 metres. Inconvenienced and carried outwards passing the 200 metres.

Gordonstoun – Stumbled on jumping. Restrained passing the 1200 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Sierra Redwood – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, bumping **Seventh Silver**.

Bypass – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and carried **Rocketeer** wider on the track.

Sacred Night – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

After The Order – Near the 1200 metres, was inconvenienced and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Gordonstoun**, which had been eased.

Manolete – Slow to begin and crowded for room shortly after. Approaching the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of **Sierra Redwood** to secure clear running and, in doing so, carried **Come On Sonny** outwards onto the heels of **Seventh Silver**, which was shifting ground inwards.

Seventh Silver – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Sierra Redwood**. Passing the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight wide. Leaving the 200 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Come On Sonny**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced and having to be switched outwards to continue going forward.

Rebel Alliance – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, crowding **Manolete** onto **Rocketeer**, with the latter being carried outwards and having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Sierra Redwood**. Leaving the 1350 metres, was steadied off the heels of **After The Order** to secure a position on the rails.

Rocketeer - Slow to begin and crowded for room shortly after. Commenced to over-race passing the 1200 metres, and approaching the 1000 metres, shifted out and carried **Come On Sonny** wider on the track. Hung out from approaching the 450 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Mudhoo (**Gordonstoun**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (b) in that near the 1200 metres, he excessively reduced the speed of his mount, resulting in **After The Order**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced and having to be eased over approximately four strides to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one week.

Result: 1st: **Gordonstoun**, 2nd: **Rebel Alliance**, 3rd: **After The Order**, 4th: **Manolete**

RACE 3 – THE MAUVILAC CRISTAL CUP – 1600M

Avail – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate, with jockey Allyhosain having to readjust his off side stirrup near the 1400 metres. Carried out near the 1000 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Bouclette Top – Contacted on jumping. Hung out under pressure over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **Kings Empire**, which was shifting ground inwards. Jockey Plaçais was shown the video replays of the final 100 metres, reprimanded and advised that he should straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Perfect Pursuit – Slow to begin, losing considerable ground.

Kings Empire – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Leaving the 1300 metres, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight wide. Approaching the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards, despite jockey Nunes' attempts to straighten it, carrying **Netflix** inwards onto **Winter Is Coming**, resulting in the latter racing in restricted room between **Netflix** and **Bouclette Top**, which had shifted ground outwards.

Midnight Oracle – Dipped on jumping and shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Bouclette Top**. Approaching the 1100 metres, commenced to race fiercely and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Tyrian** and, in doing so, carried **Middle Path** wider on the track. Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Bouclette Top** to secure clear running.

Tyrian – Approaching the 150 metres, was switched to the inside of **Bouclette Top** to secure clear running.

Why Wouldn't Yew – Reared on jumping and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Thereafter, was then taken across to race behind runners. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1000 metres, when over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Perfect Pursuit** and, in doing so, carried **Avail** wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Winter Is Coming – Passing the 200 metres, commenced to shift ground outwards, brushing **Netflix**, which had shifted in marginally.

Middle Path – Carried out near the 1100 metres.

GENERAL

Jockey Plaçais (**Bouclette Top**) signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (h) in that he used the whip in an excessive manner over the concluding stages. He was fined Rs.5,000.

Result: 1st: **Bouclette Top**, 2nd: **Kings Empire**, 3rd: **Midnight Oracle**, 4th: **Tyrian**

RACE 4 – THE MAUVILAC SIGNATURE CUP – 1400M

On arriving at the start, jockey David (**Streetbouncer**) expressed concerns regarding the soundness of his mount. The gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run.

Nordic Chant – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

The Right Stuff – Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of horses to secure clear running. When questioned, jockey Rama explained that it was his intention to secure an inside run into the home straight, however the gelding had difficulty in negotiating the turn and proved reluctant to improve on the inside of **Streetbouncer** leaving the 250 metres. He added that he then elected to let his mount drift outwards in order to secure a run between **Heart Of Darkness** and **Antwerp**, however as **Antwerp** had a tendency to shift outwards, he decided to angle his mount outwards and improve on its inside. He also stated that his mount took more time than expected to get into its stride and quickened well at the finish but was unable to catch the eventual winner.

Heart Of Darkness - When questioned as to the apparent improved performance of this gelding, trainer Narang stated that this gelding has run its best races in Mauritius when leading. He added that since the beginning of the season it had not been able to lead and also dropped 7 points in rating. He also said that the gelding had improved at track work, was racing in a weak field and in his opinion the fact that it was able to lead and dictate its terms in this field accounted to its improved performance.

Top Of The Rock – Was taken out from passing the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Antwerp – Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 700 metres, jockey Allyhosain readjusted his near side stirrup iron.

Black Indy – Slow into stride.

Greenflashsunset – Threw its head on jumping and was slow into stride. Raced fiercely from leaving the 1300 metres up to the 600 metres, proving difficult to restrain. Passing the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Nordic Chant** to secure clear running.

Sandy Sport – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Freddie Flint – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Mudhoo (**Heart Of Darkness**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (i) in that he failed to ride his mount out to the finish whereby he sat up approximately two strides before the finish and saluted the public. He was fined Rs.15,000.

Result: 1st: **Heart Of Darkness**, 2nd: **The Right Stuff**, 3rd: **Black Indy**, 4th: **Streetbouncer**

RACE 5 – THE SNOWWHITE CUP – 1650M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Gat Henshaw** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.15 a.m. on Friday 22nd November. In view of this, all bets on **Gat Henshaw** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Turbulent Air – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground.

Jals Tiger – Hung in in the home straight.

Riding Shotgun – Leaving the 1450 metres, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 400 metres, hung out despite jockey Rama's attempt to straighten it.

Slightly Scottish – Slow to begin.

Result: 1st: **It dawned on me**, 2nd: **Talbec**, 3rd: **Pride Rock**, 4th: **Jals Tiger**

RACE 6 – THE ONE FOR ALL CUP – 1500M

Racing For Fun – Slow to begin and thereafter was taken across to race behind runners.

Senatla – Passing the 500 metres, was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Potawatomi** and **Subtropical** wider on the track. Leaving the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Sentido**, which had been bumped and carried out by **Rock On Geordies**, being awkwardly placed close to its heels and having to be eased and taken out to avoid its heels. **Potawatomi**, which was following, had to be switched to the outside of **Sentido** to continue going forward.

Potawatomi – Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Passing the 600 metres, was taken out from behind **Senatla**, crowding **Skip The Red** onto **Subtropical**, with **Skip The Red** having to be eased to avoid its heels. Raced wide from approaching the 500 metres. Switched to the outside of **Sentido** to continue going forward passing the 100 metres.

Subtropical – Raced wide throughout.

Rock On Geordies – Slow to begin. Raced in restricted room between **Zodiac Jack** and **Sentido** for a number of strides passing the 200 metres. Hung in over the concluding stages.

Sentido – Approaching the 600 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Approaching the 200 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Rock On Geordies**,

which was attempting a run into a tight gap between **Sentido** and **Zodiac Jack**, being carried inwards and bumping **Zodiac Jack** on its hindquarters, with the latter becoming unbalanced and shifting ground outwards.

Zodiac Jack – Bumped on its hindquarters passing the 200 metres.

Skip The Red – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1300 metres, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Sentido** and, when being eased, shifted out, carrying **Subtropical** wider on the track. Crowded passing the 600 metres. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Zodiac Jack** to secure clear running.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry into an incident in the home straight, jockey David (**Sentido**) was severely reprimanded and advised that he is to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Jockey Bussunt (**Rock On Geordies**) was severely reprimanded and advised against the practice of forcing his way into tight gaps.

b) On inquiry, it was established that **Potawatomi**, which was racing fiercely and awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Senatla**, had to be taken out approaching the 600 metres, when **Senatla** was steadied away from the heels of **Declarator**, and in doing so, crowded **Skip The Red**. After consideration, the stewards decided not to proceed further, other than to advise jockey Sooful (**Potawatomi**) to exercise care at all times.

Result: 1st: **Senatla**, 2nd: **Declarator**, 3rd: **Rock On Geordies**, 4th: **Zodiac Jack**

RACE 7 – THE PROFLON CUP – 1400M

The Stewards approved jockey N. Juglall as the rider of **The Tripster** in replacement of jockey N. Marday, who was medically indisposed.

Kazaar – Slow to begin. Passing the 1100 metres, momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Zud Wes**. Approaching the 1000 metres, commenced to race fiercely and approaching the 900 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Big Mistake**, and, in doing so, carried **Zud Wes** and **The Tripster** wider on the track. **The Tripster** was then eased to secure a position one off the rail and crowded **Dreamforest**, which had improved on its inside, resulting in **Dreamforest** running out of galloping room and having to be checked severely.

Wild Horizon – Fractious in its gate and reared prior to the start being effected. Slow into stride. Passing the 1365 metres was taken across to race behind runners. Dipped near the 75 metres.

Big Mistake – Forced its gate open and was quickly restrained. Raced wide in the early stages. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Speed Limit – Knuckled on jumping. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the outside of **Big Mistake** to secure clear running. When questioned, Mr. Maingard stated that this gelding, after having won 7 races in Mauritius, had been running against stronger company and had not won a race since December 2017. He added that its rating has dropped by 14 points and was today racing against weaker company. He also said that in his opinion the circumstances of today's race contributed to enabling the gelding's improved performance. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Dreamforest – Slow to begin and from its wide draw, was thereafter taken across to race behind runners. Commenced to race fiercely from the 1000 metres. Ran out of galloping room and had to be severely checked passing the 900 metres. Leaving the 700 metres, continued to race fiercely and approaching the 600 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Wild Horizon**.

The Tripster – Carried wide passing the 900 metres. Shortly after, was eased to secure a position one off the rail and crowded **Dreamforest**, which had improved on its inside, resulting in **Dreamforest** running out of galloping room and having to be checked severely. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Zud Wes – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. Carried out leaving the 1000 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that after being carried out into a three-wide position leaving the 1000 metres jockey Mudhoo (**Zud Wes**) attempted to regain a position closer to the rail, at the same time jockey Juglall (**The Tripster**) had improved on his inside and was carried in, resulting in **Dreamforest**, which was improving on the inside of **The Tripster**, to check severely and switch out to avoid the heels of **The Tripster**. Jockey Mudhoo explained that he did not expect jockey Juglall to improve on his inside at that stage of the race. Jockey Sooful (**Dreamforest**) explained that anticipating what was going to happen, he started easing his mount, however **Dreamforest** got its head up and raced ungenerously, forcing its way into the gap when **The Tripster** was being carried inwards. After consideration, the Stewards, being of the opinion that the blame could not be apportioned to any one rider, decided to take no further action, other than to reprimand jockeys Mudhoo and Juglall and advise them to exercise care in future.

Result: 1st: **Speed Limit**, 2nd: **Big Mistake**, 3rd: **Kazaar**, 4th: **The Tripster**

RACE 8 – LE PRIX MAHE DE LABOURDONNAIS – 1400M

Two Moon Junction – Dipped on jumping. Had to ease off the heels of **Bells Apostle** passing the 1300 metres. Vet report: Lamé off fore.

Biometric – Slow to begin. Near the 350 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Blue Jeans – Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Plain Of Wisdom – Stumbled leaving the stalls. Vet report: Severely lame off fore.

Line Of Sight – Fly-jumped.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Mudhoo (**Bells Apostle**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that passing the 1300 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Two Moon Junction**, resulting in the latter being cramped for galloping room and having to be checked to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one week and fined Rs.25,000.

b) Jockey Mudhoo (**Bells Apostle**) signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (h) in that he used the whip in an excessive manner over the concluding stages. He was fined Rs.5,000.

Result: 1st: **Bells Apostle**, 2nd: **Hit The Green**, 3rd: **Biometric**, 4th: **Line Of Sight**

RACE 9 – THE NOBLE HERO PLATE – 990M

Wendylle – Leaving the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Star Of Zeus**, which was improving on its inside, becoming inconvenienced, having to be eased and taken out to avoid its heels.

Sarah's Secret – Jumped awkwardly. Bumped shortly after.

Philosopher – Bumped with **Night Chapel** shortly after the start.

Star Of Zeus – Half reared. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted ground outwards, bumping **Sarah's Secret**. Near the 75 metres, had to be eased and switched to the outside to avoid the heels of **Wendylle**.

Midnight Messenger – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate.

Night Chapel – Bumped with **Philosopher** shortly after the start. Raced wide from the 600 metres onwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Allyhosain (**Wendylle**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **Star Of Zeus** in that passing the 100 metres, he allowed his mount to shift in, resulting in **Star Of Zeus** having to be eased near the 75 metres and be switched to the outside of **Wendylle** to continue going forward. He was fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1st: **Wendylle**, 2nd: **Very Vary**, 3rd: **Sarah's Secret**, 4th: **Italian Way**

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 Blunderbuss (Race 1), Kings Empire (Race 3), Jals Tiger (Race 5) and Kazaar (Race 7).

c) Urine specimens were taken for analysis from the following riders: J. R. Boutanive, O. Plaçais, A. Roy & K. Teetan.

SUMMARY – RM 36

Fines

Race 3: O. Plaçais (Bouclette Top): Rs.5,000 for excessive use of the whip

Race 4: K. Mudhoo (Heart Of Darkness): Rs.15,000 for failing to ride out to finish

Race 8: K. Mudhoo (Bells Apostle): Fined Rs.5,000 for excessive use of the whip

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| | Race 9: J. Allyhosain (Wendylle): Rs.25,000 for crossing (100m) |
| Suspension | Race 2: K. Mudhoo (Gordonstoun): 1 week for excessively reducing the pace of his mount (1200m) |
| Suspension & Fine | Race 8: K. Mudhoo (Bells Apostle): Suspended 1 week & fined Rs.25,000 for careless riding (1300m) |
| Reprimands | <p>Race 3: O. Plaçais (Bouclette Top): Reprimanded and advised that he should straighten earlier (100m)</p> <p>Race 6: a) D. David (Sentido): severely reprimanded and advised that he should straighten earlier (home straight) b) S. Bussunt (Rock On Geordies): severely reprimanded and advised against forcing his way into tight gaps (home straight)</p> <p>Race 7: a) K. Mudhoo (Zud Wes): reprimanded and advised to exercise care (1000m) b) N. Juglall (The Tripster): reprimanded and advised to exercise care (1000m)</p> |
| Vet Certificates | <p>Race 4: Sandy Sport: OVE</p> <p>Race 4: Nordic Chant)</p> <p>Race 7: Big Mistake & Speed Limit) Bled – Suspended 30 days</p> <p>Race 7: The Tripster: OVE</p> <p>Race 8: Two Moon Junction & Plain Of Wisdom: OVE</p> |

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