

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Weather: Cloudy
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 4m

GENERAL

A) The following trainers and jockeys appeared before the Stewards to confirm their instructions and discuss their intentions in their respective races:

Race 1: S. Jones & B. Bhaugeerothee (**Bold Phoenix**)
S. Narang & G. Aucharuz (**Gordonstoun**)

Race 2: V. Allet & B. Sooful (**Eight Cities**)

Race 3: A. Sewdyal & N. Teeha (**Shadowing**)
P. Nagadoo & R. Boutanive (**Vision Of Trust**)

Race 4: A. Sewdyal & N. Teeha (**Edge Of The Sun**)
S. Jones & B. Sooful (**Northern Spy**)

Race 5: A. Sewdyal & N. Teeha (**Lickerio**)

Race 9: J. M. Henry & S. Bussunt (**Amandla**)

B) Jockey R. Joorawon was medically indisposed. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

J. Allyhosain on **Lit** (Race 1), R. Boutanive on **Siberian Husky** (Race 2), I. Chisty on **Marauding** (Race 5) and **Arabian Air** (Race 7).

RACE 1 – THE ROAD TO GOLD – SOLIDARITE MARYE PIKE CUP – 1500M

The start of this race was delayed when **River Thames** proved difficult to load, and when loaded, reared, broke open its front gate and was restrained. **River Thames** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run. At the same time, **Gordonstoun** became fractious in its gate, threw its head down and caught its neck under the starting gate. The gelding was released, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to be unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal. In view of this, all bets on **Gordonstoun** were ordered to be refunded and fixed odds winning bets were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gordonstoun** being 29/1. Trainer S. Jones was advised that **River Thames** will be required to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

Bold Phoenix – Jumped inwards.

Lit – Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and near the 1000 metres, was restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bold Phoenix**. **Fairbanks**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be steadied.

River Thames – Hung in in the home straight.

Fairbanks – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Inconvenienced and steadied near the 1000 metres. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and, shortly after, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Silver Song – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Was taken out from approaching the 300 metres and raced wide into the home straight.

Result: 1st: **Bold Phoenix**, 2nd: **River Thames**, 3rd: **Lit**, 4th: **Fairbanks**

RACE 2 – THE CASEY’S FLIGHT CUP – 1850M

Dreamforest – Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground outwards and brushed the hindquarters of **Eight Cities**. Passing the 1600 metres, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of **Siberian Husky** to obtain clear running and in doing so, carried **West Coast Warrior** wider on the track.

Potawatomi – Raced wide in the early stages.

Iron Wolf – Over-raced in the early stages and when being restrained passing the 1500 metres, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

All Aboard – Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Eight Cities – Stood awkwardly in its gate and jumped awkwardly, being slow into stride. Near the 1300 metres, whilst racing fiercely, shifted ground marginally and became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Iron Wolf**. Near the 1100 metres, raced tight on the inside of **All Aboard**. Approaching the 400 metres, commenced to give ground. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that **Eight Cities**, being a one pacer, he was instructed to endeavor to secure the lead and, if not possible, keep his mount in a one-off position so that if the pace slowed down in the back straight, he would be in a position to make an early move on this gelding. He added that after having jumped awkwardly, he urged his mount forward in order to ride as per his instructions, however **Eight Cities** failed to muster the necessary speed to get to the front. He further added that passing the 1400 metres, **All Aboard** improved on his outside and when endeavoring to keep the one-off position, he was kept tight by the latter.

One Direction – Slow to begin. Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide into the home straight.

Siberian Husky – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, brushing **Burg**.

West Coast Warrior – Passing the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Carried wide leaving the 250 metres.

Burg – Brushed shortly after the start.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Chumun (**Potawatomi**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish for approximately four strides when in a position to do so, possibly costing his mount 4th place. After consultation with regard to an option of a monetary penalty, he elected a suspension and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Result: 1st: **All Aboard**, 2nd: **Burg**, 3rd: **Dreamforest**, 4th: **One Direction**

RACE 3 –THE WORLD VETERINARY DAY CUP – 990M

Emerald Band – Leaving the 200 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards.

Raheeb – Jumped inwards. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted ground outwards, carrying **Emerald Band** onto **Ticket Holder**, with the latter having to be checked and shortly after, bumped **In Your Dreams** outwards onto **Mr Crumford**.

In Your Dreams – Bumped shortly after the start and became unbalanced for a number of strides. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Ticket Holder – Checked severely shortly after the start, losing considerable ground. Shifted inwards entering the home straight.

Mr Crumford – Bumped and cramped shortly after the start, becoming unbalanced for a number of strides. Shifted out passing the 450 metres and raced wide on the turn.

Shadowing – Jumped inwards and, when being urged forward, shifted ground inwards, crowding **Vision Of Trust** onto **Subtropical**, with both horses being carried inwards and both of them being cramped for room and having to be checked. Approaching the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards despite jockey Teeha’s attempt to straighten it.

Subtropical – Checked and became unbalanced for a number of strides shortly after the start. Passing the 450 metres, was taken out and raced wide from then onwards.

Vision Of Trust – Severely checked and became unbalanced for a number of strides shortly after the start.

Rochester – Slow to begin.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Teeha (**Shadowing**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that approaching the 900 metres, he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not

interfere with **Vision Of Trust**, resulting in the latter having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

b) On inquiry, jockey Hoolash (**Raheeb**) was found guilty of a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that shortly after the start, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift out, carrying a number of runners outwards onto **Subtropical**, with **Subtropical** and **Vision Of Trust** both being cramped for room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1st: **Shadowing**, 2nd: **Emerald Band**, 3rd: **Raheeb**, 4th: **In Your Dreams**

RACE 4 – THE RAOUL ROCHECOUSTE CUP – 1450M

Wavebreaker – Approaching the 100 metres, commenced to shift ground outwards and over the concluding stages, was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Northern Spy**.

All About The Bass – Slow to begin. Near the 350 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide into the home straight.

Northern Spy – Passing the 1300 metres, shied away and shifted ground inwards from **Edge Of The Sun** when the latter improved on its outside and raced tight with **Dollar Tractor**. Near the 1250 metres, ran out of galloping room and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Edge Of The Sun**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear. Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight. Hung in in the home straight.

Dollar Tractor – Approaching the 1100 metres, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Wavebreaker**. **Steak And Ale**, which was following, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to its heels. Passing the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Wavebreaker**. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Wavebreaker** to secure clear running. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Steak And Ale – Jumped outwards and was slow to begin. Near the 1100 metres, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Dollar Tractor**.

Viking Trail – Jumped inwards and shortly after, made contact with **Edge Of The Sun**. Approaching the 1000 metres, commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Steak And Ale**.

Edge Of The Sun – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Viking Trail**.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Teeha (**Edge Of The Sun**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that near the 1250 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Northern Spy**, which was racing on his inside, having to be checked to avoid **Edge Of The Sun**'s heels. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in race 3.

Result: 1st: **Northern Spy**, 2nd: **All About The Bass**, 3rd: **Dollar Tractor**, 4th: **Viking Trail**

RACE 5 – THE HOOMESHWAR CHUMMUN MEMORIAL CUP – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the concluding stages of the race. It was established that from approaching the 150 metres, **Lickerio** commenced to shift ground outwards towards **Marauding**, which was improving on its outside, and at the same time, **Iditarod Trail** improved on the outside of **Marauding**, with the latter shying away and shifting in marginally. **Marauding** brushed the hindquarters of **Lickerio**, and shifted back outwards onto **Iditarod Trail**, which in turn had shifted ground inwards marginally, with **Iditarod Trail** brushing **Marauding**. Assistant Trainer Dr. H. K. Gujadhur (**Marauding**) viewed the video replays and did not proceed further. The Stewards did not proceed any further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Iditarod Trail - Approaching the 500 metres, was taken out from behind **Wild Horizon** to improve around that gelding. Approaching the 100 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards and was brushed by **Marauding**.

Lickerio – Hung out in the home straight, making contact with **Marauding** near the 100 metres.

Marauding – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 100 metres, when **Iditarod Trail** improved on its outside, shied away from the latter and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **Lickerio**, then shifted ground outwards and was brushed by **Iditarod Trail**.

Sacred Flame – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight wide.

Gunston – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Passing the 600 metres, raced tight on the inside of **Marauding** for a short distance.

Inn A Million – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

Result: 1st: **Iditarod Trail**, 2nd: **Marauding**, 3rd: **Lickerio**, 4th: **Sacred Flame**

RACE 6 - THE RENE MAIGROT CUP – 1400M

Kazaar – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate, making contact with **Ideal Secret** and was subsequently slow to begin. Passing the 1365 metres, had to be taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom**.

Ideal Secret – Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Palace Chapel** to secure clear running.

Overshadow – Slow to begin. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Ten Gun Salute – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Half-reared and was slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Taken out from approaching the 450 metres to improve its position, and raced wide from then onwards. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

Result: 1st: **Palace Chapel**, 2nd: **Ideal Secret**, 3rd: **Tower Of Wisdom**, 4th: **Kazaar**

RACE 7 – THE MAURITIUS GUINEAS CUP – GROUP 2 – 1600M

Alyaasaat – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. It was then taken across to race behind runners. Taken out to improve its position near the 500 metres.

The Sultans Bazaar – Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly, then shifted ground inwards, brushing the running rail.

Arabian Air – When questioned with regard to the apparent poor performance of this gelding, jockey Chisty explained that he managed to find a position just off the lead leaving the 1200 metres where his mount raced in a relaxed manner. He added that leaving the 450 metres, when asked for an effort, **Arabian Air** quickened for a short distance before compounding. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed no abnormality.

Senatla – Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

Result: 1st: **Alyaasaat**, 2nd: **Lemon Drop Shot**, 3rd: **Senatla**, 4th: **The Sultans Bazaar**

RACE 8 – THE TOMMY BOY CUP – 1365M

Jockey G. Aucharuz was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer following the running of race 7. The Stewards approved jockey J. Allyhosain as the replacement rider for **Donnan**.

Sandy Sport – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Commenced to give ground leaving the 400 metres and compounded over the concluding stages. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Zodiac Jack – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages.

Ruby Spirit – Threw its head on jumping and was slow to begin.

Minnesota Dream – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Donnan – Jumped outwards. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. When questioned with regard to the apparent improved performance of this gelding, trainer S. Narang explained that after its last run, **Donnan** had suffered a respiratory infection, which was treated. Thereafter, it had started improving at track work. He added that last year, this gelding had shown promise in its races and today he expected an improved run.

Fundraiser – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Slow to begin.

Result: 1st: **Donnan**, 2nd: **Ocean Drive South**, 3rd: **Double Games**, 4th: **Minnesota Dream**

RACE 9 – THE TEN CENTS PLATE – 1450M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the concluding stages of the race. It was established that leaving the 250 metres, **Amandla** was switched to the inside of **Middle Path** to secure clear running and approaching the finish, shied away from **The Forerunner**, which had shifted inwards abruptly, then hesitated for a number of strides and shifted inwards. Trainer J. M. Henry and jockey S. Bussunt viewed

the video replays of the race and decided not to proceed any further. The Stewards, considering the winning margin, did not proceed any further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Perfect Pursuit – Half-reared and was slow to begin.

Amandla – Jumped awkwardly and shortly after the start, was crowded for room between **Special Force** and **The Forerunner**. Raced fiercely in the early stages and approaching the 1300 metres, when being restrained to avoid the heels of **The Forerunner**, got its head up and raced ungenerously, it then shifted ground outwards and carried **Xanthus** onto the heels of **Manolete**. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Middle Path** to secure clear running. Leaving the 100 metres, commenced to shift ground outwards. Over the concluding stages, when improving on the inside of **The Forerunner**, shied away and shifted ground inwards.

Middle Path – Kicked the course wall while parading at the start. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run. Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1000 metres, was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Leaving the 450 metres, when being urged forward, shifted ground outwards and near the 300 metres, bumped **The Forerunner**.

Groban – Threw its head and brushed the left side of its gate on jumping.

Manolete – Knuckled on jumping. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the outside of **The Forerunner** to secure clear running.

Xanthus – Passing the 1300 metres, was inconvenienced and carried outwards and bumped **Head Of The Pack**.

Head Of The Pack – Bumped near the 1300 metres.

The Forerunner – Shortly after the start, shifted ground inwards and was bumped on its hindquarters by **Amandla**, it was turned sideways and became unbalanced over a short distance. Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out from behind **Middle Path** and carried **Manolete** wider on the track. Bumped near the 300 metres. Leaving the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards.

Special Force – Threw its head on jumping. Shifted ground outwards shortly after the start, crowding **Amandla** onto the **The Forerunner**.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sooful (**The Forerunner**), pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that from leaving the 100 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in abruptly, resulting in **Middle Path**, which was racing on his inside, being inconvenienced and having to be steadied to avoid the heels of **The Forerunner** and shortly after **Amandla** shying away and shifting in abruptly with jockey Bussunt having to stop riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1st: **The Forerunner**, 2nd: **Manolete**, 3rd: **Amandla**, 4th: **Xanthus**

GENERAL (1)

- 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 Eight Cities (Race 2) and Emerald Band (Race 3).

SUMMARY (16-20)		
Suspensions	2	R. Chumun (Potawatomi) : 1 race meeting for failing to ride his mount out to the finish
	3	N. Teeha (Shadowing): 1 race meeting for interference (900m)
	4	N. Teeha (Edge Of The Sun): 2 race meetings for careless riding (1250m)
Suspensions &	3	R. Hoolash (Raheeb): 2 race meetings & Rs.25,000 for careless riding (1300m)

Fines	9	B. Sooful (The Forerunner): 1 race meeting & Rs.25,000 for careless riding (100m)
Horse Suspensions	2 6 8	In Your Dreams) Overshadow) Bled (30 days) Sandy Sport)
Barrier Test	1	River Thames
OVE	4 6	Dollar Tractor - Lamé Ten Gun Salute - Lamé

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