

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Weather: Cloudy
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 4.75m

GENERAL

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

Race 1: S. Hurchund & J. Allyhosain (**Kings Empire**)
Race 4: S. Gujadhur & D. David (**Duke's Domain**)
Race 5: S. Gujadhur & D. David (**Captainofthesea**)
P. Merven & C. Ségeon (**Tripod**)
Race 6: G. Rousset & N. Juglall (**Mambo Rock**)

RACE 1 – THE ALEXEI – JMLS CANCER SUPPORT CUP – 1400M

Come On Sonny – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres, had to be switched to the outside of **Italian Way**, which had shifted ground inwards under pressure. Hanging inwards in the home straight. Shifted ground inwards over the concluding stages.

Double Gratitude – Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide throughout. Carried wide near the 1200 metres.

Secret Idea – Taken in passing the 1200 metres. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages, proving difficult to settle.

Chap Trap – Passing the 1300 metres, was cramped for room and had to be checked on the inside of **Secret Idea**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear, and brushed the running rail. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Secret Idea** to secure clear running. Jockey Joorawon dropped his whip near the 200 metres.

Tiger's Bond – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Leaving the 1200 metres, commenced to race fiercely and was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Nightingale Lane** and, in doing so, carried **Kings Empire** outwards onto **Double Gratitude**.

Captain Moss – Slow to begin, shifted ground outwards and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Italian Way**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Near the 450 metres, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Kings Empire**.

Italian Way – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve around **Secret Idea** and, in doing so, carried **Northern Rebel** wider on the track. Shifted ground inwards under pressure passing the 200 metres. Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards with jockey Fayd'herbe switching his whip to his left hand. Shifted ground inwards over the concluding 75 metres.

Kings Empire – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Northern Rebel**. Carried wide near the 1200 metres.

Northern Rebel – Bumped at the start. Carried wide from the 400 metres.

Nightingale Lane – Leaving the 900 metres, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Chap Trap**. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Chap Trap** to secure clear running.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Secret Idea**) 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 **Chap Trap**, which was racing on his inside, resulting in the latter becoming cramped for galloping room and

having to be eased. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1st: **Come On Sonny**, 2nd: **Italian Way**, 3rd: **Secret Idea**, 4th: **Northern Rebel**

RACE 2 – THE AFFICIONADO CUP – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the video replays of the start and to hear evidence from jockey Aucharuz and trainer S. Narang (**Heart Of Darkness**). It was established that **Heart Of Darkness** had turned its head momentarily to the side prior to the gate opening and had jumped awkwardly. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed any further and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Do Or Dare – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Inconvenienced and steadied passing the 450 metres. In the early stages of the home straight, failed to secure clear running, and near the 100 metres, was taken to the inside of **Bound By Duty** to secure clear running.

Heart Of Darkness – Jumped awkwardly. Shortly after the start, was crowded for room on the inside of **Apollo Star**, which had shifted ground inwards despite jockey Rama's attempt to straighten it. Carried wide near the 600 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out to secure clear running, and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

Rock On Geordies – Carried wide passing the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Bound By Duty – Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Sentido** to secure clear running. Approaching the 100 metres, commenced to shift ground outwards and leaving the 65 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted out abruptly, resulting in **Tyrian**, which was improving on its outside, becoming awkwardly placed close to its heels, having to be checked, clipping heels and stumbling. Apprentice Batchameah was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised to make more of an effort to straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

Jals Tiger – Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 600 metres, was taken out to improve around **Do Or Dare** and, in doing so, carried **Heart Of Darkness** wider on the track.

Sentido – En route to the start, the gelding brushed the outside rail. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run. Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 800 metres, was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Hung in in the home straight.

Tyrian – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 450 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bound By Duty**. **Do Or Dare**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be steadied. Leaving the 450 metres, was switched to the outside of **Bound By Duty** and, in doing so, carried **Rock On Geordies** wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres, for some distance, raced in restricted room when endeavouring to improve into a tight gap between **Bound By Duty** and **Apollo Star**. Leaving the 65 metres, had to be checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bound By Duty**, which had shifted out abruptly when being ridden with the whip.

Result: 1st: **Bound By Duty**, 2nd: **Do Or Dare**, 3rd: **Heart Of Darkness**, 4th: **Apollo Star**

RACE 3 – THE SIR DONALD MACKENZIE KENNEDY CUP – 1400M

Candy Apple – From the start, was taken across to race behind runners.

Cash Call – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Affranchi** wider on the track.

Hubble – Jockey Bhaugerothee was shown the video replays of the concluding stages, severely reprimanded, reminded of his obligation to ride his mount out to the finish and refrain from making celebratory gestures.

Roman Dancer – Raced fiercely throughout. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Acting on veterinary advice, this gelding has been suspended for 30 days.

Affranchi – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Steadied for a stride passing the 1200 metres when racing tight on the inside of **Bonnie Prince**.

Blow In The Box – Slow to begin. Leaving the 250 metres was switched to the inside of **Candy Apple** to secure clear running.

Bonnie Prince – Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 1200 metres, shifted in momentarily, tightening **Affranchi**. Apprentice Batchameah was shown the video replays of this incident and advised to exercise care at all times. Near the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards with apprentice Batchameah putting his whip away to straighten his mount.

Result: 1st: **Hubble**, 2nd: **Candy Apple**, 3rd: **Cash Call**, 4th: **Bonnie Prince**

RACE 4 – THE LIONS CLUB OF RIVIERE NOIRE CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1600M

Consul Of War – Restless in its gate prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Sir Bernadini – Leaving the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Unbelievable Lad – Leaving the 1200 metres, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Red Line Captain**.

Drop Kick – Leaving the 1500 metres, was taken across to race behind runners.

Duke's Domain – Leaving the 1500 metres shifted inwards.

Yankeedoodledandy – Leaving the 1400 metres, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Duke's Domain** after having been urged forward. Jockey Joorawon was shown the video replays of the incident and advised against the practice of insisting into tight gaps.

Big Voice Jack – Stumbled badly on jumping.

Result: 1st: **Big Voice Jack & Consul Of War**, 3rd: **Duke's Domain**, 4th: **Sir Bernadini**

RACE 5 – THE GAETAN ROLAND LAGESSE CUP – 990M

Lickerio - Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards. Near the 600 metres, was steadied for a number of strides when racing on the inside of **Rob Roy**.

Rob Roy – Passing the 600 metres, shifted inwards to secure a position closer to the rail. **Lickerio**, which was following, had to be steadied to avoid its heels. Jockey Fayd'herbe was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to show more care when shifting ground in future.

Tripod – Bumped on jumping.

Sugoi – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, brushing **Rob Roy** and was then slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and, when being settled, threw its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Lickerio** to secure clear running.

Captainofthesea – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Approaching the 600 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Lickerio** and, in doing so, carried **Mac' N Scar** wider on the track. Passing the 450 metres, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Tripod**. Passing the 300 metres, was taken out from behind **Tripod** to improve its position and made the turn into the straight wide.

Mac'N Scar – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, making contact with **Tripod**. Near the 950 metres, was brushed by **Tripod**, shifted ground inwards and became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Lickerio**. Carried wide passing the 600 metres. Near the 450 metres, was taken out to obtain clear running. Hung out in the home straight, with jockey Rama switching his whip to his left hand.

Result: 1st: **Rob Roy**, 2nd: **Lickerio**, 3rd: **Tripod**, 4th: **Sugoi**

RACE 6 - THE SIR RADHAMOHUN GUJADHUR CUP – 1365M

Elusive Path – Carried out leaving the 1300 metres. Shifted ground outwards over the concluding stages.

Big Mistake – Jumped awkwardly and made contact with **Mambo Rock** shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Pera Palace** to secure clear running.

Pera Palace – Raced fiercely in the early stages.

Mambo Rock – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and was slow to begin. It was then shifted across to secure a position closer to the rail. Near the 1250 metres, was momentarily crowded for room on the inside of **Ernie**. Jockey Rama (**Ernie**) was shown video replays of this incident, reprimanded, and advised that he ensures he leaves enough room for horses on the inside in future. Raced fiercely in the early stages. Hang in in the home straight.

Ernie – Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Leaving the 1300 metres, shifted ground outwards, carrying **Elusive Path** outwards onto **Big Mistake**. Leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Mambo Rock** to secure clear running.

Result: 1st: **Trippi's Express**, 2nd: **Mambo Rock**, 3rd: **Elusive Path**, 4th: **Pera Palace**

RACE 7 – THE ROYAL DEED CUP – 1600M

The Right Stuff - Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Hung in the home straight.

Confessional – Slow to begin.

Man From Seattle – Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

Olmecca Black – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. When questioned, jockey Juglall explained that this gelding had raced twice in Mauritius, being disappointing both times. He added that it has proved to be a difficult horse in that it does not settle in its work, as such for today's race, he was instructed, from its bad draw, to endeavour to drop the gelding at the rear of the field, get it settled and finish his race. He further added that after jumping awkwardly, he secured a position at the rear of the field, however his mount raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and, when the pace quickened leaving the 400 metres, it could not quicken with the rest of the field. In his opinion, **Olmecca Black** would be better suited racing in a lower division.

Result: 1st: **Charleston Hero**, 2nd: **Potawatomi**, 3rd: **Confessional**, 4th: **The Right Stuff**

RACE 8 – THE PRESIDE PLATE– 1500M

The Riddler – Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of runners to secure clear running.

Lucky At Last – Raced wide in the early stages.

Trojan Winter – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, bumping **Delusional**, with **Delusional** shifting ground inwards and inconveniencing **Gimme A Swinger**. Leaving the 200 metres, shifted ground inwards. Hung in from leaving the 150 metres and, when being straightened in the closing stages, became unbalanced.

Top Of The Rock – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 250 metres, shifted ground outwards, clipped the heels of **Seventh Silver** and stumbled.

Gimme A Swinger – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. Inconvenienced shortly afterwards. Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Delusional – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Shortly after, was bumped and shifted ground inwards, inconveniencing **Gimme A Swinger**. Approaching the 1300 metres, after having been urged forward from the start, commenced to race fiercely and had to be taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Sacred Night**. Leaving the 1300 metres, raced fiercely for some distance. Raced wide from near the 400 metres and leaving the 400 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards and made the turn into the home straight very wide. Jockey Boutanive was shown video replays of this section of the race, severely reprimanded and advised against the practice of using his whip in the right hand when entering the home straight in a wide position.

Result: 1st: **Sacred Night**, 2nd: **Trojan Winter**, 3rd: **Mr Mogambo**, 4th: **The Riddler**

GENERAL (1)

- Pre-race blood specimens were taken from all runners.
- Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and from Secret Idea (Race 1), Mambo Rock (Race 6) and Potawatomi (Race 7).
- Jockeys B. Bhaugeerothee, D. David, N. Juglall and O. Sola passed a breathalyzer test and urine specimens were taken for analysis.

SUMMARY (17-20)		
Suspension & Fine	1	I. Chisty (Secret Idea): 1 race meeting & Rs.25,000 for careless riding (1300m)
Reprimands	2	N. Batchameah (Bound By Duty): severely reprimanded and advised to straighten his mounts when they shift ground (65m)

	3	B. Bhaugerothee (Hubble): severely reprimanded and advised to ride his mount out to the finish and refrain from making celebrating gestures.
	6	S. Rama (Ernie) severely reprimanded and advised to leave enough room to horses on his inside in future (1250m)
	8	R. Boutanive (Delusional) severely reprimanded and advised against using his whip in the right hand when entering the home straight wide.
Horse Suspension	3	Roman Dancer - Bled (30 days)
OVE	2	Rock On Geordies: Lamé

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