



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2016

GENERAL

Following the running of race 4, jockey S. Bhundoo was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 5: K. Ghunowa on **Hot Rocket**

Race 7: R. Hoolash on **Bataan**

RACE 1 – THE ARMED GUARD CUP

Captain Hero was slow out. **Social Network** jumped awkwardly and got its head up, unbalancing jockey Sooful. Shortly after the start, **Social Network** knuckled and became unbalanced. Leaving the 800 metres **Data Controller** was steadied to avoid the heels of **Mediterranean Man**. **Social Network**, which was following, became awkward when close to the heels of **Data Controller** and was taken out and, in doing so, carried **Royal Performer** wider on the track. **Royal Performer** raced wide from then onwards. **Social Network** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Leaving the 200 metres **Mediterranean Man** shifted in under pressure, resulting in **Data Controller**, which was improving into a gap between **Mediterranean Man** and **Mc Naught** racing in restricted room for a short distance. **Mediterranean Man** shifted out over the concluding stages with jockey Hall shifting his whip to his left hand. Leaving the 50 metres jockey Hall (**Mediterranean Man**) dropped his whip.

RACE 2 – THE LALL SEESURRUN CUP

Dunraven was slow out. **Seven Fountains** was slow into stride. **Kurundu** raced wide without cover in the early stages. **Kurundu** hung in from leaving the 900 metres and approaching the 600 metres shifted in despite jockey Emamdee's attempt to straighten his mount. **Halabaloo**, which was racing on its inside, had to be steadied. **Seven Fountains** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Leaving the 400 metres **Triad Of Fortune** was taken out from behind **Halabaloo** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Fountains** wider on the track. When questioned with regard to poor performance of **Kurundu**, jockey Emamdee explained that from his wide draw, after jumping well, he elected to use his mount in order to obtain a forward position close to the leaders. He added that leaving the 1300 metres he found himself racing wide without cover and, as such, he elected to settle his mount just off the leaders. He also said that from leaving the 1200 metres **Kurundu** commenced to race fiercely and leaving the 900 metres had a tendency to hang in badly. He further stated that when asked for an effort approaching the 300 metres **Kurundu** failed to quicken and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Kurundu** revealed mild cuts on its near and off legs. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Viento Magico** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 3 – THE DR JOCELYN MAINGARD CUP

Colour Of Courage stood flat-footed and was slow out. **Millenimesta** jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. **Racing For Fun** threw its head on jumping. Shortly after the start **Racing For Fun** bumped the hindquarters of **Ted Bassett**, which had jumped awkwardly and shifted out. From its wide draw **Kazm** was taken back to race behind runners and raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1300 metres **Kazm** threw its head when being settled. From approaching the 700 metres **Count Emmanuale** commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Emblem Royale**. **Ted Bassett** and **Racing For Fun**, which were following, were also inconvenienced and had to be steadied. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Ted Bassett**, jockey Joorawon explained that from his good draw, he managed to secure a position just behind the leaders. His mount then travelled relaxed but, when asked for an effort at the 300 metres, **Ted Bassett** failed to quicken and hung out in the home straight. He added that in his opinion this gelding races better when coming from off the pace and the fact that today it raced closer to the lead may have contributed to its poor performance. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Ted Bassett** revealed no abnormality. When questioned, jockey Hall (**Count Emmanuale**) explained that

he was instructed to lead, however, if challenged, to endeavour to settle in second position and ride his race from thereon. He explained that after jumping well he managed to secure the lead, however leaving the 1300 metres, seeing that **Emblem Royale** improved on his outside, he elected to settle **Count Emmanuale** behind it. He added that leaving the 800 metres, when **Cula** improved on its outside, **Count Emmanuale** commenced to race fiercely and approaching the 600 metres had to be taken out from behind **Emblem Royale** to avoid its heels. He also said that when asked for an effort at the 300 metres, his mount failed to quicken and was disappointing. He added that in his opinion **Count Emmanuale** might be better suited when leading. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kazm** was lame on the near fore leg. Trainer P. Merven informed the Stewards that he would retire **Kazm**.

RACE 4 – THE PRODIGAL CUP

Carson City was slow to begin. **Elusive Love** hesitated at the start. Near the 1350 metres **Sole Mio** had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Always Flirting**, clipped its heels and stumbled when **Always Flirting** was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Hall (**Always Flirting**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for the race meetings of 9 and 16 April 2016. Approaching the 1200 metres **Always Flirting** became awkward and was eased to avoid the heels of **Lucky Valentine** when the latter slowed the pace. **Bobby Bear**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be steadied. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Mansour (**Lucky Valentine**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively slowing the pace of his mount and was fined Rs.25,000. An inquiry into the handling of **Always Flirting** was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

RACE 5 – THE GAETAN HALBWACHS CUP

Hot Rocket fly-jumped and was slow out. **Ashanti Gold** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Recall To Life** onto **Hot Rocket**. Leaving the 1200 metres **Ashanti Gold** commenced to race fiercely and was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Kremlin Captain** and, in doing so, carried **Kalinago** wider on the track. **Kalinago** raced wide from then onwards. **Hot Rocket** hung in in the home straight.

RACE 6 – THE JASON ESPITALIER NOEL CUP

Urbi Et Orbi jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Parado**. From leaving the 1250 metres **Urbi Et Orbi** raced fiercely and near the 700 metres clipped the heels of **Wind Glider**. **Gharbee** raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 250 metres **Monsieurnando** had to be steadied when unable to improve from behind **Parado**. In the early stages of the home straight **Monsieurnando** could not secure clear running and leaving the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Wind Glider** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Tiger Island** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 7 – THE ZINOVIEFF PLATE

Seven Carat jumped awkwardly unbalancing jockey Ghunowa. **Epicentre** was slow into stride. Approaching the 800 metres **Seven Carat** ducked out sharply, inconveniencing **Tobeastar**. Approaching the 400 metres **Van Der Scaler** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Epicentre** was slightly lame on the near fore leg.