



**THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB**  
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 16 AVRIL 2016**

**GENERAL**

At an inquiry, jockey Chumun pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 53 (k) for being in possession of a mobile telephone without the Stewards' permission in the Jockeys' Room. He was suspended from riding in three races reserved for Mauritian riders.

**RACE 1 – THE WOODLEIGH PLATE**

**Captain Hero** and **Young Royal** were slow to begin. **Young Royal** raced wide without cover in the early stages. **Fort Noble** raced wide from approaching the 450 metres. **Generous Gent** hung in over the concluding stages. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Mediterranean Man**. Trainer J. M. Henry explained that he instructed jockey Goomany to jump and follow close to the leader without asking much of an effort if possible. He added that he also asked jockey Goomany to be in a striking position and wait as long as possible to take the inside run in the home straight. Jockey Goomany confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he managed to secure a position following the leader without doing much effort. He added that from then onwards he sat on his mount and waited before asking it for an effort as per his instructions. When questioned, jockey Goomany explained that he did not improve his position from leaving the 800 metres as he thought the leader was going too fast and he was also saving his mount for the latter stages. Mr. Henry stated that there was an opportunity for jockey Goomany to bridge the gap and race closer to the leader from leaving the 800 metres. After consideration, jockey Goomany pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Mediterranean Man** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that from leaving the 800 metres to the 450 metres, when there was an opportunity for him to improve his position and race closer to **Mc Naught** without asking much of an effort of his mount and as per his instructions, he instead sat on his mount with a tight hold, thus failing to bridge the gap on the leader. Jockey Goomany was suspended from riding in races for the race meetings of 23 and 30 April 2016.

**RACE 2 – THE SHARP PIP CUP**

**Mighty Lion** jumped awkwardly. **Wing Man** and **Don't Say Don't** were slow out. Approaching the 1300 metres **Kings Advisor**, which was racing fiercely, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Lord Wellington**. **Mighty Lion**, which was following, was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Kings Advisor** and also had to be steadied. Approaching the 1000 metres **Kings Advisor** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Wonderlaine**, which was laying in. Approaching the 800 metres **Kings Advisor**, which was still over-racing, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Lord Wellington**. **Don't Say Don't** raced wide from the 400 metres. Leaving the 900 metres **Melson** was taken out from behind **Wonderlaine** to improve its position and race closer to the lead. When questioned, jockey Sooful (**Wonderlaine**) explained that he was instructed to insist over the first 50 metres, settle his mount where comfortable and move from leaving the 450 metres. He further explained that leaving the 900 metres he decided against improving on the outside of **Lord Wellington** when in a position to do so as his mount had a tendency to lay in and it was racing over 1600 metres for its first outing this season, so he decided to save it for the concluding stages. Trainer Jones confirmed these instructions and concurred. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Sooful that his ride had come under notice and that he was to ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query.

**RACE 3 – THE EDMÉ GAUTHIER CUP**

The track was upgraded to 2.9 before the running of this race.

**Harryhopeithappens**, **Al Capitano** and **Win A Million** were slow to begin. Approaching the 800 metres **Al Capitano** was inconvenienced when racing in restricted room for a short distance between **Win A Million** and **Count Emmanuale**. **Cash Lord** raced wide without cover throughout. **Win A Million** raced wide from the 600 metres. From near the 150 metres **Act of Valor** commenced to shift out under pressure, resulting in **Top Of The Chocs** becoming slightly inconvenienced when close to its heels. Jockey Naiko (**Act of Valor**) was severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (e) and told that he is to stop riding with

the whip and straighten his mount in future. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Al Capitano** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Count Emmanuale** was lame on the off fore leg.

#### **RACE 4 – THE DAY TO REMEMBER CUP**

**Bay of Bengal** jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. From its wide draw, **Parado** was taken across to race behind runners. Shortly after the start, **Blow Me Away** and **Valerin** bumped. **Valerin** came off the crossing at the 1300 metres awkwardly. **Blow Me Away** raced wide in the early stages and from leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward. From leaving the 1300 metres **Gida** shied away from **Valerin**, which was improving on its outside despite jockey Callow's attempt to straighten it, shifted in and crowded **Wonder Kid** on its inside. From leaving the 200 metres **Phiri E Kwatile** hung in under pressure and was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Blow Me Away**, which shifted out marginally under pressure near the 100 metres. Jockey Mansour (**Blow Me Away**) was shown the video replays of the incident, issued with a severe reprimand under MTC Rule 160 A (e) and told that he is to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mount in future. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bay Of Bengal** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Silver Dice** was lame on the off fore leg and **Gida** on the near hind leg.

#### **RACE 5 – THE DR. J. EDOUARD BRUNEL CUP**

**Carson City** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, being slow out. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Scorecard**, jockey Emamdee explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or secure a position close to the lead, however after jumping moderately, he urged his mount forward with **Scorecard** failing to muster speed. He further added that from then onwards his mount hung in throughout the race and when asked for an effort from approaching the 400 metres, it failed to quicken and was very disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Scorecard** revealed no abnormality. An inquiry into the handling of **Max Rapax** was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

#### **RACE 6 – LA COUPE DU CENT-CINQUANTENAIRE**

**Reim** and **Desert Sheik** jumped awkwardly. From its wide draw **Ashanti Gold** was taken across to race behind runners. **Reim** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. **Desert Sheik** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1300 metres was eased back to secure a position closer to the rails. **Desert Sheik** raced wide rounding the home turn, hung out in the early stages of the home straight and was taken back in leaving the 200 metres.

#### **RACE 7 – THE DEMDYKE MEMORIAL CUP**

Upon jumping, jockey Neisius (**Artful Prince**) lost his off side stirrup, which he regained shortly after. **Karraar** raced wide throughout. **Illusionaire** was slow into stride. Passing the 1100 metres **Roventas** became awkward when close to the heels of **Karraar**, which was being carried out by **Artful Prince**, and had to steady and taken in and, in doing so, crowded **Monarchs Emblem** on its inside with the latter bumping its hindquarters and turning it sideways. Leaving 1100 metres **Artful Prince**, when being settled, raced ungenerously and shifted out, carrying **Karraar** outwards. **Monarchs Emblem** could not secure clear running in the early stages of the home straight and near the 150 metres was taken to the inside of **Artful Prince** to continue going forward. Jockey Rama dropped his whip leaving the 100 metres.

#### **RACE 8 – THE BEVERLY HILLS PLATE**

Jockey Horil was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved jockey S. Bundhoo as the replacement rider on **Mr Oshkosh**.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered an objection lodged by jockey Sooful, the rider of **Straight Jab**, being declared 3<sup>rd</sup> against **Smitten** being declared 2<sup>nd</sup>, alleging interference in the home straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that from leaving the 100 metres **Smitten** commenced to shift in under pressure, brushing **Straight Jab** on its inside, with the latter becoming unbalanced. Shortly after, **Smitten** was taken out to relieve the pressure, shifted out, bumping **Al Mahara**, shifted back in onto **Straight Jab** and near the 50 metres bumped **Al Mahara**, shifted back in and inconvenienced **Straight Jab** close to the winning post. Taking into consideration the margin at the finish, the fact that **Smitten** came from behind **Straight Jab** and improved past it, the Stewards could not be satisfied that but for this interference **Straight Jab** would have beaten **Smitten**, as such the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

**Ruby Rocker** and **Mr Oshkosh** were slow at the start. Approaching the 600 metres **Epicentre** shifted in abruptly, brushing the running rails. Passing 600 metres **Kapiti Coast** shifted in abruptly, crowding **Epicentre** despite jockey Bussunt's attempt to straighten it.