



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

RACE 1 – THE TOMMY BOY PLATE

Obligation and **Dunraven** were slow to begin. **Ravatak** jumped awkwardly, unbalancing jockey Bundhoo. Shortly after the start **Arabian Empire** shifted out and **Young Royal**, when being urged forward, shifted in, resulting in **Obligation** and **Double Dash** being crowded for room. Passing the 1300 metres **Obligation** had to be checked from the heels of **Double Dash**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Callow (**Double Dash**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for the race meetings of 30 April and 7 May 2016. **Double Dash** raced wide from the 400 metres. **Ravatak** hung in in the home straight with **Dunraven**, which was improving on its inside, becoming slightly inconvenienced leaving the 100 metres. Jockey Bundhoo (**Ravatak**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and told that he should stop using his whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Young Royal**. Trainer C. Ramdin explained that this gelding was racing for the second consecutive week. He explained that last week he expected **Young Royal** to race in a forward position, however the gelding was slow at the start and after racing in mid field was disappointing. For today's race he instructed jockey Sooful to jump and endeavour to lead if possible, otherwise to settle in 2nd or 3rd position. Jockey Sooful confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he asked his mount for an effort over the first 100 metres to secure the lead, however leaving the 1500 metres he saw **Tornado Man** improving on his outside and he then decided to let **Young Royal** run in its pace until approaching the 1200 metres where he settled his mount in 2nd position to give it a breather. He added that leaving the 700 metres, seeing that the pace slackened he elected to take his mount out and improve on the outside of **Tornado Man** to challenge the latter as early as he could as **Young Royal** is a bit of a one pacer. He added that from then onwards **Young Royal** kept finding but the winner was too strong on the day. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that approaching the 1250 metres, seeing that **Tornado Man** was $\frac{3}{4}$ length in front of him and taking into consideration that he had made the latter work for the lead since leaving the 1500 metres, he decided against asking his mount for an effort. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further with the inquiry other than to tell jockey Sooful that when bringing back his mount he should do it in a softer manner.

RACE 2 – THE CHAMP DE MARS CUP

Catwalk Model jumped awkwardly, shifted out and was slow into stride. Leaving the 1300 metres **Roman Express** was cramped for galloping room and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Billy Bojangles**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Joorawon pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 1200 metres **Starsprangledbanner** was crowded for room and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Triad Of Fortune**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Callow (**Triad Of Fortune**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in the first race. From passing the 1100 metres **Billy Bojangles** had to be eased when close to the heels of **Triad Of Fortune**. **Roman Express**, which was following **Billy Bojangles**, had to be checked to avoid its heels, resulting in **Catwalk Model**, which was following, also becoming inconvenienced and having to be eased. Leaving the 1000 metres **Billy Bojangles** was taken out from behind **Triad Of Fortune** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Starsprangledbanner** wider on the track. **Starsprangledbanner** hung in in the home straight. Leaving the 300 metres, when being urged forward, **Yoda Man** shifted in, crowding **Catwalk Model** with the latter bumping against the running rails. An inquiry into the handling of **Starsprangledbanner** will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 3 – THE FASHION EDITOR CUP

Colour Of Courage was slow to begin. Leaving the 800 metres **Gharbee** was taken out and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Leaving the 600 metres **Traianius** was taken out to improve its position. **Spin A Coin** hung in in the home straight. Jockey David (**Gharbee**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and told to ensure that he rides until the finishing point. When questioned, trainer Narang explained that

in his opinion the 1650 metres could be a little bit too far for **Traianius**'s aptitudes, as such he instructed jockey Ghunowa to endeavour to jump, settle the gelding at the rear of the field and improve his position from the 600 metres. Jockey Ghunowa confirmed these instructions and added that the plan was to try to have the first run on **Gharbee**, however the latter moved up before he was able to do so, with **Traianius** quickening well from the 400 metres and getting a little bit tired over the concluding stages.

RACE 4 – THE NORBERT POUPARD CUP

Gameloft, which had been fractious prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and shifting in. Jockey Joorawon (**Elusive Love**) lost his off side rein shortly after the start. Approaching the 1300 metres **Elusive Love** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Lake Geneva**, which was being restrained. **Torotino** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 400 metres **Lake Geneva** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Nothing Compares** having to be taken out to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Elusive Love** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Bobby Bear** was not striding out properly. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Lake Geneva**. Trainer S. Jones explained that he instructed jockey Sola to endeavour to jump well and secure a position on the fence behind **Captain Magpie** and **Elusive Love**, which according to him would be the leaders in the race and save his mount to the last 400 metres as in his opinion the distance was a bit far for its aptitudes. Jockey Sola confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping very well, he realised that **Elusive Love** was slow out. He then explained that he elected to save his mount as he was of the opinion that it would over-race. When questioned, trainer Jones explained that in his opinion jockey Sola could have let his mount stride a little bit more in order to make the leader work for the lead and set a stronger pace in the race. After consideration, jockey Sola pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Lake Geneva** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that after jumping well shortly after the start, he unnecessarily, and for no apparent reason, over-restrained his mount until approximately the 1250 metres, thereby allowing a soft lead to the favorite of the race, **Captain Magpie**, and at the same time bringing back and inconveniencing one of his opponents, namely **Elusive Love**. He was suspended from riding in races for five Mauritian race meetings, from 20 April to 28 May 2016, both days inclusive.

RACE 5 – THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CUP

Emerald Approach stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start. **Tube Wave** and **Castle** jumped awkwardly, contacting shortly after the start. From its wide draw, **Dustan** was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 1300 metres **Greys Inn Control** had to be checked and taken out to avoid the heels of **Storm Dancer**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. Approaching the 800 metres **Greys Inn Control** was taken out from behind **Storm Dancer** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Tube Wave** wider. **Tube Wave** was then eased to improve its position. From approaching the 600 metres **Dustan** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 200 metres **Greys Inn Control** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Storm Dancer** becoming inconvenienced and having to be taken out to avoid its heels passing the 100 metres. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 6 – THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB CUP

Casey's War hesitated at the start. From their wide draws **One Cool Dude** and **Liquid Motion** were taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 250 metres **One Cool Dude** was taken out to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Casey's War** was not striding out properly.

RACE 7 – THE AMEDEE POUPARD CUP

Anafesto jumped outwards, unbalancing jockey Rama. **The Real Hero** hesitated at the start. **Liam** hung out from leaving the 200 metres with jockey Mansour switching his whip to his left hand.

RACE 8 – THE NOBLE HERO PLATE

Fidelis stood flat-footed, threw its head and was slow out. **Magic Jay** was slow to begin. Leaving the 1100 metres **Vigilante** had to be eased when close to the heels of **Canadian Dollar**, which had been taken in. Passing the 1000 metres, **Canadian Dollar**, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Magic Jay**. **Vigilante**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Canadian Dollar**. Following this incident, **Canadian Dollar** continued to race ungenerously, throwing its head and approaching the 900 metres was taken out from behind **Magic Jay** and, in doing so, carried **Ocean Hunter** wider on the track. **Canadian Dollar** was taken out to improve its position from leaving the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. From leaving the 100 metres **Data Controller** raced in restricted room between **Gris Cheval** and **Tobeastar**, with **Data Controller** having to be eased over the concluding stages. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. **Vigilante** could not secure clear running throughout the home straight and over the final 75 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Data Controller** and taken out.