



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 7 MAY 2016

RACE 1 – THE CASEY’S FLIGHT CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered an objection lodged by jockey Mansour, the rider of **Ravatak**, being declared 2nd, against **Melson**, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the final straight. After taking evidence from both riders and trainers, it was established that from leaving the 150 metres **Melson** commenced to shift out under pressure with **Ravatak**, which was improving on its outside, being taken out onto **Mojo G** and eventually became cramped for room and had to be eased for a couple of strides and taken in to continue going forward. The Stewards, taking into consideration the beaten margin of 0.65 length, together with the degree of interference, decided to uphold the objection, the placings being altered to read: 1st **Ravatak**; 2nd: **Melson**; 3rd: **Kings Advisor**; 4th **Halabaloo**. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

No Prisoners half-reared and was slow out. **Ravatak** and **Don’t Say Don’t** jumped awkwardly. **Double Dash** was slow to begin. Passing the 1365 metres **Ravatak** had to be eased when crowded for room between **Halabaloo** and **Melson** and approaching the 1300 metres **Halabaloo** had to be checked when cramped for galloping room on the inside of **Kings Advisor**. An inquiry into this incident was adjourned to Tuesday morning. Jockey Hoolash (**Halabaloo**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (g) for using his whip in an improper manner.

RACE 2 – THE AEPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CUP

Count Emmanuale was slow to begin. **Win A Million** jumped awkwardly and, after being urged forward, failed to muster speed. From its wide draw **Artful Prince** was taken across to race behind runners. **Step To Fame** came off the crossing at the 800 metres awkwardly. Approaching the 700 metres **Artful Prince** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Don’t Tell Mama**.

The Club’s Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Al Mahara** suffered a bleeding attack and an endoscopic examination of **Adi Star**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

RACE 3 – THE CHINTAMUN GUJADHUR CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered two objections lodged by jockey Ghunowa, the rider of **Racing For Fun**, being declared 3rd, against **Gharbee** and **Valerin**, the 1st and 2nd places respectively, alleging interference rounding the home turn. It was established that leaving the 250 metres **Racing For Fun** was taken out to improve on the outside of **Valerin**, carrying **Blaze Of Noon** onto the heels of **Gharbee**, which was shifting in under pressure with **Blaze Of Noon** having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Gharbee**. Following this, **Gharbee** continued to shift in, closing the gap between itself and **Valerin** before **Racing For Fun** had secured the run in between these two horses, with **Racing For Fun** then being taken in and becoming awkward on the heels of **Valerin**, which was shifting in under pressure. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Racing For Fun** was not travelling well enough to secure the run between **Gharbee** and **Valerin**, decided to dismiss the objection with respect to **Gharbee**. After having viewed the films, jockey Ghunowa realised that his objection against **Valerin** had no substance, as such he asked to withdraw the objection. However, the Stewards, by virtue of Rule 176, imposed a fine of Rs.10,000 on jockey Ghunowa for having lodged a frivolous objection.

Emerald Approach was slow out, losing considerable ground and from the 600 metres commenced to give ground, finishing tailed off. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed that **Emerald Approach** was severely lame on the off hind leg. The Stewards, considering that the performance of **Emerald Approach** was unsatisfactory, decided to ban this gelding from racing

indefinitely. **Gharbee** raced wide from approaching the 500 metres. An inquiry into an incident involving **Racing For Fun** and **Blaze Of Noon** near the 250 metres will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 4 – THE RAOUL ROCHECOUSTE CUP

Acting on veterinary advice that **Flash Drive** was suffering from a fever, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.30 p.m. on Friday.

In view of this withdrawal and, acting upon GRA direction issued on 23 July 2014, which reads as follows: “no single horse race should have less than six horses participating therein.”.., this race was cancelled.

Due to the cancellation of this race, all bets with bookmakers on the remaining five runners were ordered to be refunded. With regard to the Tote, the Win, Place, Swinger, Exacta, Trifecta and Quartet bets on the remaining five runners were ordered to be refunded. In relation to the Pick 6 and Place Accumulator, all five remaining horses were considered as winners, consequently bettors were to select at least one runner in this race. The Pick 4 bet was refunded due to the fact that the first leg was cancelled.

RACE 5 – THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC CHALLENGE TROPHY

Traianius and **Kapiti Coast** were slow to begin. **Karraar** blundered at the start. Passing the 1300 metres **Karraar** shifted out when close to the running rails, bumping **Domani** on its outside. Passing the 450 metres **Kapiti Coast** was taken out from behind **Corker Stalker**, which had commenced to give ground. Leaving the 300 metres **Colour Of Courage** shifted out badly when being ridden with the whip and raced wide rounding the home turn. Jockey Sola (**Colour Of Courage**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for riding in an incompetent manner in that he used his whip in his right hand on the home turn, causing the latter to shift out exaggeratedly and was issued with a severe warning.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Traianius** was lame on the off hind leg.

RACE 6 – THE MAURICE MARTIN CUP

Bastille Day and **Skippyjon Jones** were slow to begin. **Ashanti Gold** hesitated at the start and raced wide throughout. Approaching the 100 metres **Roman Manner** shifted out under pressure, resulting in **Francois Bernardus**, which was following, having to be taken to its inside to continue going forward. When shifting out **Roman Manner** slightly inconvenienced **Recall To Life**. Jockey Emamdee (**Roman Manner**) was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

RACE 7 – THE CHICKADEE PLATE

When cantering to the start **Canadian Club** dislodged jockey Bhundoo and ran part of the course. The gelding was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Canadian Club** at 4 p.m. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Canadian Club** were ordered to be refunded and no deductions were effected on winning bets, the average price of **Canadian Club** being 44-1 at time of withdrawal.

The start was delayed when **Brazo** proved difficult to load. Trainer Ramdin was told that the performance of **Brazo** at the start was unsatisfactory. As such, the gelding will need to pass a barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

Brazo, which was fractious in its gate, jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. **Starspangledbanner** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Mucajai** onto **Constellation** with the latter becoming inconvenienced over some distance. From its wide draw **Right To Tango** was taken across to race behind runners. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Brazo**, jockey Neisius explained that in his opinion the fact that the start being delayed by quite a long period, resulted in **Brazo** becoming increasingly uptight behind the stalls, sweating up profusely and proved difficult to load. He stated that all these factors had affected its performance.