



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016

RACE 1 – THE SPECIAL IDOL PLATE

When the start was effected **No prisoners** refused to jump, losing considerable ground. Trainer J. M. Henry was told that the performance of this gelding was unsatisfactory; as such it will need to trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. From leaving the 400 metres **Kentucky Bluegrass** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Passing the 200 metres **Eastward Bound** was taken to the inside of **Captain Matthew** to secure clear running, at the same time **Bright And Blue**, which was taken in to secure a run on the inside of **Eastward Bound**, was inconvenienced and had to be taken out to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Mansour (**Eastward Bound**) explained that it was his intention to secure an inside run, however from approaching the 250 metres **Captain Matthew** commenced to give ground, forcing him to have to take his mount to the outside and leaving the 250 metres, when asked for an effort, **Eastward Bound** commenced to hang in, and seeing that there was a run on the inside of **Captain Matthew**, he let his mount drift inwards. He added that he never stopped riding in doing so. When questioned, apprentice Ramgopal (**Captain Matthew**) explained that he was instructed to bounce his mount out and secure a position close to the pace. However, since this gelding jumped very well, he let it stride to the lead and once in front he decided to bring back his mount to give it a breather. He acknowledged that he might have done too much in restraining his mount when in front. After consideration, apprentice Ramgopal was reprimanded and told that in future he is to let his mount run in its pace when in the lead.

RACE 2 – THE RACETIME 25TH ANNIVERSARY CUP

Carson City and **New Star** were slow to begin. **Trackmaster** slipped on jumping. Leaving the 1100 metres **New Star** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Indian Striker**. From approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Carson City** was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Passing the 600 metres **Indian Striker** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Trackmaster** and leaving the 600 metres, when taken back in towards the rails, inconvenienced **New Star**, which was following. Leaving the 450 metres **Karraar** was taken out from behind **Unbridled Joy** and, in doing so, carried **Carson City** wider on the track. **Karraar** hung in in the home straight, proving difficult to be properly assisted. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that an endoscopic examination of **Indian Striker**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea. An inquiry into the handling of **New Star** will be held on Tuesday morning.

RACE 3 – THE T-PRINTERS CUP

Harba jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. **Lividus** knuckled on jumping. **Tembot** raced wide without cover in the early stages. From leaving the 1200 metres **Anafesto** commenced to over-race and approaching the 1100 metres had to be steadied and taken out to avoid the heels of **Cula** and, in doing so inconvenienced **Harba**, which was racing on its outside. Approaching the 450 metres **Blue Lord** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. For some distance leaving the 300 metres **Anafesto** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Cula**. **Anafesto** was then taken out from behind **Cula** leaving the 250 metres. From approaching the 250 metres **Harba** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Tembot**. Leaving the 250 metres **Harba** was taken to the inside of **Tembot** to secure clear running. **Anafesto** had difficulty in securing clear running in the early stages of the home straight and leaving the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Lividus** to continue going forward. Near the 150 metres **Tembot** shifted out away from the whip, bumping **Spin A Coin**, which was improving on its outside, unbalancing the latter. From approaching the 100 metres **Anafesto** hesitated to improve into a tight gap between **Rebel's Game** and **Cula** and leaving the 50 metres **Rebel's Game** hung out under pressure, resulting in **Anafesto** improving into the gap.

RACE 4 – THE FULL CHARGE CUP

Leaving the 900 metres **Step To Fame** improved on the outside of **Power Dive** with the latter shying away from it and shifting in despite jockey Naiko trying to straighten it, crowding **King's Soldier** and **Yoda Man**, which were racing on the inside of **Power Dive**. Near the 850 metres **Step To Fame** was taken in when insufficiently clear of **Power Dive**, resulting in **Power Dive** having to be eased and taken in onto **King's Soldier** and the latter onto **Yoda Man** with both horses having to be checked. **Adi Star** which was racing on their inside was inconvenienced and had to be eased. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Ramgopal (**Step To Fame**) 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. Leaving the 500 metres **King's Soldier** shifted in momentarily, inconveniencing **Count Emmanuale**, which was racing on its inside. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Adi Star** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 5 – THE L. EDGARD ADOLPHE OBE CUP

Groen Gevaarte jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Maestro's Salute** onto **Aware**. **Maestro's Salute** then contacted the hindquarters of **Groen Gevaarte** with the latter being turned sideways over some distance. Leaving the 1300 metres **Allenby Park** was crowded for room on the inside of **Bobby Bear** and had to be checked, losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that after having been tightened between **Groen Gevaarte** and **Aware**, jockey Bardottier (**Maestro's Salute**) insisted to keep his position on the inside of **Aware** and raced tight onto **Bobby Bear**. **Bobby Bear** shifted in and was bumped on its hindquarter by **Allenby Park**, which was racing on its inside with **Bobby Bear** becoming unbalanced and being turned sideways. **Bobby Bear** then bumped **Maestro's Salute**, pushing the latter outwards onto **Aware**, which had shifted in when **King's Knight** improved on its outside. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the fault could not be attributed to any particular rider, decided not to proceed further. **Aware** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 1100 metres **King's Knight** was eased to secure a position on the fence behind **Groen Gevaarte**. Leaving the 1000 metres **Maestro's Salute**, which was over-racing, had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **King's Knight** and in doing so carried **Aware** wider on the track. **Aware** was then allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Leaving the 300 metres **Maestro's Salute** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 150 metres **Allenby Park** was taken to the inside of **Bobby Bear** to continue going forward and near the 100 metres was again taken to the inside of **Groen Gevaarte** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Joorawon (**King's Knight**) explained that shortly after entering the home straight, **King's Knight** hung in under pressure and near the 150 metres, shifted out under the whip, forcing him to change his whip to his left hand and for the remainder of home straight **King's Knight** raced green, pricked its ears and wanted to stop. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Allenby Park** was lame on the near fore leg and an endoscopic examination of **Groen Gevaarte**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

RACE 6 – THE RAOUL HALBWACHS CUP

The Stewards considered an objection lodged by jockey Rama, rider of **Donnie Brasco**, which was declared 5th, against **Charles Lytton**, which was declared 3rd, alleging interference at the finish, alleging severe interference passing the 1000 metres. It was established that passing the 1000 metres **Charles Lytton** 1 was taken in when insufficiently clear of **Donnie Brasco**, resulting in **Donnie Brasco** having to be severely checked. **Top Jet**, which was following, also had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Donnie Brasco**. **Ashanti Gold**, which was following **Top Jet**, was also inconvenienced, and had to be eased. After taking into consideration the gravity of the incident and the margin at the finish, the Stewards decided to uphold the objection, the placings being amended to read: 1st: **Lucky Valentine**; 2nd: **Top Jet**; 3rd: **Silver Bluff**; 4th: **Donnie Brasco**; 5th: **Charles Lytton**. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Ramgopal (**Charles Lytton**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for reckless riding and was suspended from riding in races for four race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in the 4th race. Passing the 600 metres **Top Jet** was taken out from behind **Charles Lytton** and, in doing so, carried **Kalinago** wider on the track. **Kalinago** raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 200 metres **Lucky Valentine** shifted out under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Donnie Brasco**.

RACE 7 – THE STRIDENT CUP

Monarchs Emblem and **Mojo G** jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of their gates. **Direct Approach** was slow out. **Urbi Et Orbi** threw its head on jumping and was taken across to race behind runners. From leaving the 1500 metres **Monarchs Emblem** commenced to over-race and passing the 1400 metres had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Mojo G**. **Direct Approach**, which was following, was inconvenienced and also had to be steadied. Following this incident **Direct Approach** commenced to over-race and leaving the 1300 metres had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Monarchs Emblem**. Leaving the 1000 metres **Mojo G** clipped the heels of **Freedom**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Neisius explained that leaving the 1000 metres the pace slowed drastically causing his mount to become awkward on the heels of **Freedom**, clipping its heels and having to be checked. When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and if in front save his mount as much as possible as it was racing over 1600 metres, a distance somewhat far for its aptitudes. He added that approaching the 1000 metres **Freedom** shifted in and brushed the running rails, forcing him to have to take his mount outwards. After consideration, jockey Bardottier was reprimanded and told to ensure that when leading he does not over-restrain his mount.

Approaching the 200 metres **Wonderlaine** was taken to the inside of **Monarchs Emblem** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Direct Approach** was lame on the off fore leg.

RACE 8 – THE WORLD FOCUS PLATE

Leaving the 1300 metres **Mount Fuji** came off the crossing awkwardly, shifted in and bumped **Kapiti Coast**. **Mount Fuji** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. **Kapiti Coast** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 1200 metres **Kapiti Coast** was eased to secure a position closer to the running rails. Leaving the 150 metres **Kapiti Coast** commenced to hang in and shifted in under pressure with jockey Bardottier having to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mount when close to the heels of **Data Controller** passing the 100 metres. Approaching the 100 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out from behind **Domani** and shortly after from **Mount Fuji** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Port Albert** was lame on the off fore leg.