



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2016**

**RACE 1 – THE BICENTENARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT LOUIS CUP**

**Mc Naught** threw its head at the start and was slow out. **Mount Fuji** and **Kapiti Coast** were slow into stride. **Fyrkat** raced wide without cover throughout the race. **Marine Sky** raced wide from approaching the 450 metres. Near the 400 metres **Mount Fuji** was steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Fidelis**. **Kapiti Coast**, which was following, was inconvenienced and had to be steadied. Leaving the 300 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out from behind **Fidelis** to secure clear running and carried **Tiger Master** wider on the track. When questioned, jockey Chumun (**Fyrkat**) explained that he was instructed to insist over 50 metres, to endeavour to secure a position where comfortable and ride his mount out from the 400 metres. He added that approaching the 1300 metres he found himself racing wide, as such he elected to take his mount back to secure a position behind **Wonderlaine**, however **Marine Sky**, which was following, insisted, resulting in him being caught wide. He added that when asked for an effort leaving the 500 metres, **Fyrkat** failed to respond and was disappointing. A veterinary examination of **Fyrkat** revealed that it was not striding out properly after the race.

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

**RACE 2 – THE RENE LINCOLN CUP**

**Mount Hillaby** jumped awkwardly and shifted out shortly after the start. **Ready For Take Off** shifted in on jumping, crowding **Cosmic Code** onto **Prince Lateral**. **Accountability** was slow into stride and was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 1300 metres **Jambamman** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Harryhopeithappens**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama (**Harryhopeithappens**) 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, however taking into consideration his good record under this rule, he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Passing the 1300 metres **Ferdnand The Bull** was crowded for room and had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Fleetfox**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Joorawon (**Fleetfox**) 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, however taking into consideration his good record under this rule, he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 1200 metres **Mount Hillaby** commenced to over-race and passing the 1200 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Navistar** and, in doing so, carried **Fleetfox** and **Ferdnand The Bull** wider on the track. **Ferdnand The Bull** raced wide in the early stages and from leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward. Passing the 1100 metres **Fleetfox**, which was over-racing, shifted out when awkward close to the heels of **Mount Hillaby** and bumped **Ferdnand The Bull** on its hindquarter, unbalancing the latter. Leaving the 900 metres **Harryhopeithappens**, which was over-racing, shifted in when awkward close to the heels of **Ready For Take Off**, bumping **Jambamman** on its inside. Near the 150 metres **Jambamman** was taken out from behind **Mount Hillaby** to secure clear running and over the last 100 metres shifted out away from the whip. Jockey Sturgeon (**Jambamman**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that both **Mount Hillaby** and **Prince Lateral** were lame on their near fore leg and that an endoscopic examination of **Navistar**, which was not striding out properly and was coughing after the race, revealed mucus in its trachea.

**RACE 3 – THE WEEK-END SCOPE CHALLENGE TROPHY**

**Parker** jumped awkwardly and was slow out. From its wide draw **Argun** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1000 metres **Parker**, which was over-racing, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Red Hot Poker**. **Parker** raced wide from the 400 metres. Near the 250 metres **Argun** was taken out from behind **Castle** to secure clear running. **Argun** hung in in the home straight. Leaving the 100 metres **No Resistance** shifted away from the whip, slightly inconveniencing **Castle**. Jockey Guillambert (**No Resistance**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to put his whip away and straighten his mounts as soon as they shift ground. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Parker** lost its off fore shoe during the run and that it had a cut on the near hind leg above the hock.

#### RACE 4 – THE WEEK-END CHALLENGE TROPHY

This race was run in rain.

**Nothing Compares** stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. **Burg** jumped awkwardly and shifted out and, from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. **Forward Drive** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 700 metres **Burg** was taken out from behind **Moonlight Runner** and, in doing so, carried **Bobby Bear** wider on the track. Approaching the 400 metres, when being urged forward, **Moonlight Runner** shifted out slightly and, when being taken back in, inconvenienced **Nothing Compares**, which was endeavouring to improve on its inside. **Aware** raced wide from the 450 metres. From the 150 metres **Speed Limit** shifted in under pressure. Leaving the 200 metres **Moonlight Runner** shifted in abruptly, resulting in jockey Bardottier putting his whip away and straightening the latter.

#### RACE 5 – LE MAURICIEN CENTENARY SOUVENIR TROPHY

From its wide draw **Down Under** was taken across to race behind runners. **Gharbee** over-raced from leaving the 1800 metres and threw its head, racing ungenerously when being settled. Passing the 1300 metres **Independence** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Cherish The Charm** and, in doing so, bumped **Gharbee** on its outside, with the latter being taken out wider on the track. From the 950 metres **Gharbee** was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the leader **Gray's Champ** commenced to give ground from the 450 metres and was not persevered with. A veterinary examination of **Gray's Champ** revealed that it was lame on the near hind leg. Near the 350 metres **Independence** was taken out from behind **Cherish The Charm** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Gharbee** wider on the track. Approaching the 300 metres **Trackmaster** was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn. When questioned, jockey Fayd'herbe (**Gharbee**) explained that he was instructed to bounce his mount and place it on the fence in front of the two horses on his inside, however after jumping well and asking his mount for an effort, **Blaze of Noon** and **Silver Dice**, which were drawn inside, were faster than his mount, as such he elected to settle **Gharbee** behind them, at the same time the pace slowed with **Gharbee** commencing to over-race. He added that he then decided to try and improve around these two horses in view to secure a position on the fence close to the leader, however could not do so with **Gharbee** being caught wide without cover and over-racing. He further added that passing the 1300 metres, **Gharbee** was bumped and carried wider on the track by **Independence**. He also said that from leaving the 1000 metres, seeing that the pace had slowed down and that his mount was over-racing, he elected to let it improve on the outside of horses to race closer to the leader hoping that the leader would then increase the pace and that his mount would settle but **Gharbee** failed to settle. Jockey Fayd'herbe concluded by saying that in hindsight it might have been better for him to settle **Gharbee** behind **Silver Dice** shortly after the start but having received strict instructions he decided against doing so.

#### RACE 6 – THE TURF MAGAZINE GOLDEN TROPHY

This race was run in rain.

Prior to the start **Vettel** was fractious in its gate and threw its head on jumping. **Diamond Light** jumped awkwardly and shortly after the start was cramped for room between **Night In Seattle** and **Man To Man**, which had been taken in by **Bouclette Top**, which had jumped inwards. From approaching the 1800 metres **Parachute Man**, which was endeavouring to secure the position one off the fence behind **Vettel**, commenced to over-race and was taken out and allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the leader. Approaching the 1600 metres, when the pace slackened, **Diamond Light** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Man To Man**. **Rampart Ice**, which was following, had to be taken out to avoid its heels. From leaving the 700 metres **Vettel** dropped the bit and despite being urged forward commenced to give ground. When questioned, jockey Joorawon (**Parachute Man**) explained that he managed to secure a good position in the early stages, however the gelding commenced to over-race with his saddle shifting sideways slightly and once he managed to put it back, **Parachute Man** raced relaxed and when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres **Parachute Man** stayed one pace and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Parachute Man** revealed no abnormality. When questioned, jockey Guillambert (**Vettel**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and, after jumping well and urging his mount forward, **Vettel** could not muster enough speed to secure the lead, as such he elected to settle his mount just behind the pace. He added that from leaving the 1000 metres **Vettel** dropped the bit and shortened its stride and, when urged forward, the gelding refused to do so, as such he did not persevere with the latter. An endoscopic examination of **Vettel** revealed mucus in its trachea. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bold Inspiration** was lame on the near fore leg.

### **RACE 7 – THE RAOUL RIVET CUP**

Acting on veterinary advice that **Step For Fame** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Step For Fame** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

**Nadas** and **Power To Please** were slow to begin. **Brchetto** was slow into stride. **Power To Please** and **Power Dive** raced wide from leaving the 600 metres.

An inquiry into the handling of **Count Emmanuale** was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

### **RACE 8 – THE STUD MASTER PLATE**

After being loaded **Vintage Angel** became fractious, reared and fell back in its gate, injuring jockey Bhaugerothee. Since jockey Bhaugerothee was injured, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Vintage Angel** at the start. In view of this, all bets on **Vintage Angel** were ordered to be refunded and no deduction was made on winning bets with bookmakers, the average price of **Vintage Angel** being 79-1.

**Noordhoek Ice** jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Smitten** was slow out and shortly after was cramped for room between **Criss Cross Man** and **Var's Dream**, which had jumped inwards. Leaving the 1200 metres **The Deacon** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Var's Dream**. **Sail To Paradise** raced wide in the early stages. **Freedom** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 1100 metres **The Deacon** shifted in abruptly, carrying **Tigre Libre** inwards onto **Right To Tango** with the latter becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be checked. When questioned, jockey Fayd'herbe (**The Deacon**) explained that leaving the 1200 metres his mount grabbed the bit on one side, shifted out abruptly and leaving the 1100 metres shifted back in and when he heard calling on his inside he had to take evasive actions to take his mount out. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the incident occurred due to the behaviour of **The Deacon**, decided not to proceed further. Trainer Rousset stated that he was concerned about the gelding's behaviour in its races and that he will take appropriate measures to ensure that **The Deacon** stops racing erratically in future as it has shown potential. Leaving the 250 metres **Right To Tango** was taken out from behind **Tigre Libre** and in doing so carried **Sail To Paradise** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **The Deacon** was lame on the off fore leg.