



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 2016**

**RACE 1 – THE WILLY LARCHE PLATE**

**Battle Ready** was slow to begin and came off the crossing awkwardly at the 1300 metres. Approaching the 1200 metres **Peace Keeper** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Data Controller**. From leaving the 1100 metres **Smitten** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. Approaching the 900 metres **Smitten** was taken out and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. **Fidelis** raced wide from the 600 metres. From leaving the 150 metres **Tiger Master** commenced to shift out under pressure, inconveniencing **Data Controller** passing the 100 metres, with **Data Controller** having to be steadied and taken in to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Neisius pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take all necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **Data Controller**. He was fined Rs.20,000, however taking into consideration jockey Neisius' request for a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Over the concluding stages **Tiger Master** shifted in under pressure, inconveniencing **Data Controller**. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Fyrkat**. Trainer Merven explained that he instructed jockey Marday to let this gelding jump without insisting, let it race in its pace, start moving from the 400 metres and take an inside run if possible. Jockey Marday confirmed these instructions and explained that **Fyrkat** jumped well, as such he decided to bring his mount back and inwards in order to secure the position closer to the fence. He added that passing the 1300 metres **Battle Ready** shifted in in front of him and that he did not realise how far the rest of the field was in front of **Battle Ready**. When questioned, jockey Marday explained that he clicked at his mount to get it to improve in the back straight and it did not respond. Trainer Merven was of the opinion that jockey Marday had erred in the early stages of the race. After consideration, jockey Marday pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Fyrkat** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that from approaching the 1300 metres when he had an opportunity to improve his position in order to race directly behind **Kentucky Bluegrass**, he failed to do so and instead restrained his mount, allowing **Battle Ready** to slot in in front of him, resulting in him racing further back in the field than expected, furthermore from leaving the 900 metres, when there was an opportunity for him to pull his mount out from behind **Battle Ready** and improve his position in order to race closer with the rest of the field, he failed to do so and instead sat on his mount with the rest of the field going away from him. He was suspended from riding in races for four Mauritian race meetings. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Battle Ready** lost its off fore shoe during the run and that **Peace Keeper** was coughing repeatedly after the race.

**RACE 2 – THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA CUP**

**Commodus** was slow to begin. **Moi Power** dipped shortly after the start. From leaving the 400 metres **Indaba My Children** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Dark Avenger**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced and having to be taken out. Leaving the 400 metres **Moi Power** was taken out from behind **In Your Dreams** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Dark Avenger** suffered a bleeding attack, **Isipho** was lame on its near fore leg, **Indaba My Children** was lame on its off fore leg and **In Your Dreams** was coughing after the race.

**RACE 3 – THE MAJOR PAUL HEIN CUP**

The start was delayed when **Act Of Valor** was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race. **Cash Lord** jumped awkwardly. **Moonlight Runner** was slow into stride. Approaching the 900 metres **Moonlight Runner** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Flash Drive**, which was improving on its outside, and coming in towards the running rails. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Flash Drive**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cause interference to **Moonlight Runner**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 800 metres **What's News** and **Moonlight Runner** raced tight on the inside of **Cash Lord** with **Moonlight Runner** brushing the running rails. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that when **Cash Lord** improved on the outside of **What's News**, the latter shied away and shifted in onto **Moonlight Runner**, with **Moonlight Runner** shying away from **What's News**, shifting in and brushing the running rails. Approaching the 100 metres **Chosen Dash** shifted in under pressure. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Moonlight Runner** was lame on its near fore leg and an endoscopic examination of the gelding, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

**RACE 4 – THE PHILIPPE ROUSSET CUP**

**Burg** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1300 metres **Buffalo Trip** shifted in and when being taken out, shifted out abruptly. Approaching the 1200 metres **Buffalo Trip** shifted in momentarily, resulting in **Valerin** becoming awkward close to its heels. Approaching the 300 metres **Valerin** was taken out

from behind **Buffalo Trip** and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 200 metres jockey Rama (**Valerin**) lost the use of his off side rein for a short distance. When questioned, jockey Rama explained that his whip became entangled in his reins and when trying to pull it out, his rein became looser and looser. When questioned, jockey Sturgeon (**Burg**) explained that he was instructed to place his mount where comfortable in the race. He explained that after jumping well, he got caught wide in the early and middle stages with him having to bring back his mount to be able to secure a position closer to the fence. He added that when the pace quickened approaching the 400 metres his mount was caught flat-footed and only got going over the concluding stages. He further added that in his opinion this gelding would be better suited to a fast run race.

#### **RACE 5 – THE ACKBAR GUJADHUR CUP**

Acting on veterinary advice that **Max The Man** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.45 a.m. on Friday. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Max The Man** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

**Kalinago** and **Seeking Angelo** were slow out. **Candy Rock** jumped awkwardly and shortly after was inconvenienced by **Blow Me Away**, which jumped outwards. **Seeking Angelo** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. **The Tripper** and **Blow Me Away** jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. Approaching the 300 metres **Azapel** was taken out from behind **Soweto Slew** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seeking Angelo** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Soweto Slew** was lame on its off fore leg and that an endoscopic examination of **Candy Rock**, which was coughing after the race, was clear.

#### **RACE 6 – THE CITY OF PORT LOUIS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CUP**

**Terminator** and **Chinese Gold** were slow to begin. **Desert Sheik** jumped awkwardly and shortly after the start dipped. **Captain Magpie** also dipped shortly after the start. Near the 250 metres, **Everest** shifted out when being ridden with the whip. **Tandragee**, which was following, became awkward when close to its heels and had to be steadied and taken in. Approaching the 100 metres **Tandragee** commenced to shift in under pressure and at the same time **Captain Magpie** shifted out slightly under pressure, resulting in **Tandragee** having to be taken out to continue going forward and, in doing so, **Tandragee** inconvenienced **Everest**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Roman Manner** was lame on its off fore leg and that **Everest** was lame on its near fore leg.

#### **RACE 7 – THE J. PAUL HEIN CMG CUP**

**Catwalk Model** was slow to begin. **Tembot** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Urbi Et Orbi** onto **Prince Of Arabia** and **Prince Of Arabia** onto **Anafesto**, with **Anafesto** being taken out bumping **Harba** and having to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Spin A Coin**. **Harba** was then carried out and was inconvenienced close to the heels of **Spin A Coin**. Near the 1700 metres **Spin A Coin** was bumped and carried in by **Eagle Award**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. **Tembot**, which was racing on the inside of **Spin A Coin** was inconvenienced and had to be eased to avoid its heels. An inquiry into this incident was adjourned to Tuesday morning. From leaving the 1600 metres **Kurundu**, which was racing fiercely, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being settled. **Prince Of Arabia**, which was following, became awkward close to its heels and had to be eased and, when being eased, brushed the running rails. Following this incident **Prince Of Arabia** continued to over-race, throwing its head on numerous occasions when being restrained. **Anafesto**, which was following and over-racing had to be taken out to avoid its heels. Leaving the 1100 metres **Anafesto**, which was still over-racing, had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Prince Of Arabia**. From approaching the 1000 metres **Kurundu**, which was over-racing, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Spin A Coin**. **Prince Of Arabia** and **Anafesto** also had to be steadied and raced ungenerously. From approaching the 450 metres **Catwalk Model** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

#### **RACE 8 – THE BAISER DE PAIX PLATE**

**Kings Advisor** was taken across to race behind runners. **Jullidar** and **Magic Jay** were slow out. Passing the 1300 metres **Jullidar** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Mount Fuji**. **Emaar** raced wide without cover in the early stages and passing the 1100 metres was eased to secure a position on the fence behind **Kings Advisor**. Passing the 1000 metres **Istiqraar** had to be checked when crowded for room by **League of Legends**, which was being taken in to secure a position on the fence. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Naiko (**League of Legends**) 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. **Ocean Hunter** raced wide from the 1000 metres. Approaching the 400 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Lividus** and shortly after was being taken back in, momentarily crowding **Jullidar**. Leaving the 300 metres, **Mount Fuji** was taken out from behind **Lividus** to improve its position. Near the 150 metres **Ocean Hunter** shifted in under pressure and inconvenienced **Mount Fuji**, with the latter having to be steadied and taken out to avoid its heels. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Ocean Hunter**, trainer Rameshwar Gujadhur explained that on the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the gelding was withdrawn when it was lame, it was treated accordingly and he took his time to get the gelding back to full fitness. He added that in hindsight, it was probably in need of a run. He added that **Ocean Hunter** had benefited from its run on the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, as such he expected a better showing from it today but he did not expect it to win.