



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

RACE 1 – THE MUZIKA SPORTS AND JAZZ BAR TROPHY

Please To Progress and **Brandewyn** contacted on jumping. **Ravatak** jumped inwards despite jockey Bundhoo trying to straighten it, crowding **Brandewyn** onto **Please To Progress**. **Absalom** was slow out. **Mighty Lion** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres **Brandewyn** was taken out and urged forward to improve its position, raced wide from then onwards and leaving the 450 metres hung out despite jockey Bhundoo's attempt to straighten it. From leaving the 450 metres **Mighty Lion** commenced to give ground and shifted in under pressure. **Bright And Blue**, which was improving on its inside, was carried in onto **Please To Progress** with **Please To Progress** having to be eased. At an inquiry into this incident, jockeys Chumun (**Mighty Lion**) and Goomany (**Bright And Blue**) were told to exercise care at all times. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Mighty Lion**, jockey Chumun explained that he was instructed to insist for the lead over the first 100 metres as this gelding tends to race better when in the lead, however after jumping well he asked his mount for an effort but **Tornado Man** proved faster, as such he was caught wide in the early stages and decided to settle just behind the pace. He added that from leaving the 1000 metres, seeing that the pace had slackened, he let **Mighty Lion** improve on the outside of the leader so as to race as per his instructions, however **Mighty Lion** dropped the bit approaching the 800 metres and, despite his urgings, his mount never quickened and faded badly. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Mighty Lion** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 2 – THE ASIA-AFRICA AIR CORRIDOR CUP

Bono Vox was slow into stride. **Wonder Kid** and **Prince Lateral** were slow to begin. **No Resistance** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Prince Lateral** onto **Wonder Kid**. Approaching the 1200 metres, when the pace slackened, **Schachar** became awkward close to the heels of **Entree** and had to be steadied. Leaving the 600 metres **Wonder Kid** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 450 metres **Entree** was taken out from behind **No Resistance** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Rebel's Game** wider on the track. Leaving the 250 metres **New Star** was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 150 metres **No Resistance** shifted out slightly under pressure. **Schachar**, which was following, was taken out to continue going forward and, in doing so, carried **Entree** outwards onto **Prince Lateral** with the latter shifting out slightly onto **Rebel's Game**. At the same time **Wonder Kid** improved on the outside of **Rebel's Game**, resulting in **Rebel's Game** becoming awkward close to its heels and having to be steadied. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Wonder Kid** was lame on its off hind leg.

RACE 3 – THE AIR MAURITIUS HOLIDAYS CUP

Kruger Rand and **Aware** jumped awkwardly with **Aware** being slow into stride. **Forward Drive** jumped outwards bumping **Dark Liability**. From their wide draws **Kimberly AI** and **Dark Liability** were taken across to race behind runners. From approaching the 1200 metres **Maestro's Salute** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously. For some distance approaching the 1000 metres **Aware** was awkward close to the heels of **Elite Class** and, when being steadied, threw its head racing ungenerously. Leaving the 450 metres **Kimberly AI** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Near the 350 metres **Kruger Rand** was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn. Passing the 200 metres **Kimberly AI** shifted in under pressure despite jockey Fayd'herbe's attempt to straighten it, slightly inconveniencing **Forward Drive**. **Dark Liability** hung in in the home straight and near the 150 metres had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Forward Drive**. Over the concluding stages **Elite Class** shifted out under pressure and had to be straightened. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Dark Liability** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

RACE 4 – THE AIR MAURITIUS KESTRELFLYER CUP

Gharbee was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon behind the starting stalls and found to be lame on its near hind leg. Acting on veterinary advice that **Gharbee** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 2.12 p.m. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Gharbee** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 12 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gharbee** being 7/1. Approaching the 900 metres **Super Glue** shifted in and bumped **Blaze Of Noon**, which had improved on its inside. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Joorawon explained that leaving the 1000 metres **Super Glue** shifted out with **Blaze Of Noon**, which was racing fiercely, pulling itself into the gap on the inside of **Super Glue**. He added that when jockey Kennedy brought **Super Glue** back to the rails, **Blaze Of Noon** became cramped for galloping room with him having to check his mount. Jockey Kennedy stated that **Super Glue** shifted out leaving the 1000 metres, catching him unaware and that he did not expect anybody to improve on

his inside at this point in time. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Down Under**, jockey Winks explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he expected a good run from it today. He said that he managed to secure a position one off the rails in mid-field with **Down Under** racing relaxed, however when asked for an effort from leaving the 400 metres **Down Under** failed to quicken and was very disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Down Under** revealed that it was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 5 – THE AIR MAURITIUS CARGO CUP

When cantering down **Door Of Deception** took off, with jockey Joorawon not being able to restrain the latter, becoming unbalanced and being dislodged. The gelding was quickly reined in, inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared fit to race. Jockey Joorawon was examined by the Club's Doctor and declared fit to ride.

Alpha Pegasi and **Split the Breeze** jumped awkwardly. From its wide draw **Door Of Deception** was taken across to race behind runners. **Donnie Brasco** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 1300 metres **Split the Breeze** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Lucky Valentine**. Passing the 1300 metres **Prince Of Thieves** and **Alpha Pegasi** were cramped for room on the inside of **Valere**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear with both horses having to be checked. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Goomany (**Valere**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding, He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. From leaving the 200 metres, **Lucky Valentine** hung out, slightly inconveniencing **Split the Breeze**. **Alpha Pegasi** shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Valere** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 6 – THE Air Mauritius MAIDEN CUP

Bulsara and **Bastille Day** were slow to begin. Approaching the 500 metres **Bulsara** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. **Parachute Man** hung out under pressure over the concluding stages. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Night In Seattle**, jockey Fayd'herbe explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he expected a good run from the latter today. He stated that after jumping from a wide draw he managed to secure a one off position in mid-field where it raced relaxed, however from entering the back straight **Night In Seattle** dropped the bit and, when urged forward, it failed to respond and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed no abnormality. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bold Inspiration** was lame on its near fore leg.

RACE 7 – THE AIR MAURITIUS HELICOPTER SERVICES CUP

Top Of The Chocs jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Bikini Billy**. In this incident, jockey Sooful (**Bikini Billy**) momentarily lost the use of his off side stirrup. **Prince George** was slow into stride and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

Leaving the 50 metres **Bikini Billy** clipped the heels of **All Magic**, stumbled badly and shifted out, bumping **Top Of The Chocs**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful explained that leaving the 75 metres he endeavoured to improve into a gap between **Count Emmanuale** and **All Magic**, however before he could secure the run between these two horses, the gap closed, he then decided to improve on the outside of **All Magic** but the latter was stopping quicker than he thought, resulting in his mount clipping the heels of **All Magic** and stumbling badly. Jockey Ghunowa (**Step To Fame**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 53 (j) for making a celebratory gesture in an excessive manner before the winning post. He was fined Rs.5,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Count Emmanuale** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 8 – THE INTERCONTINENTAL PLATE

Tobeastar raced wide without cover in the early stages. **Shield Of Thunder** raced wide throughout. On numerous occasions from leaving the 900 metres to the 500 metres **Jiggery Pokery**, which was over-racing, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being eased to avoid the heels of **Ted Bassett** and passing the 600 metres shifted in and brushed the running rails. **Tigre Libre** was taken out passing the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 300 metres **Melson** had to be checked when awkward on the heels of **Jiggery Pokery**. **Roman Express**, which was following, had to be taken out to continue going forward. Approaching the 150 metres **It's My Party** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Powder Keg**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced when close to its heels. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Tobeastar** was lame on the off fore leg and **It's My Party** was lame on its near fore leg.