



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

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RACE 1 – THE BLACK TULIP CUP

Brandewyn was slow out. **Tornado Man** jumped awkwardly. Approaching the 800 metres, when the pace slackened **Jullidar** was urged forward to secure the lead. For some distance approaching the 600 metres **Jullidar** raced tight on the inside of **Duke The Duke**. Jockey Joorawon (**Duke The Duke**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to allow more room to horses on his inside. Leaving the 400 metres **Jullidar** was taken out from behind **Duke The Duke** to improve its position and carried **Tornado Man** wider on the track. Approaching the 200 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out from behind **Tornado Man** to continue going forward. For some distance near the 150 metres **Jullidar** raced in restricted room between **Duke The Duke** and **Tornado Man** and over the concluding stages was slightly inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Tornado Man**, which had shifted in. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **The Blue Streak**, trainer Narang explained that at its 2nd last outing, this gelding had improved when running on to finish 3¾ lengths behind **Viento Magico**. He added that after this race he was quite confident of a good run at its last start, however **The Blue Streak** was inconvenienced over the concluding stages by horses that were stopping in front of it. For today's race, the gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he was also confident of an improved performance from the latter. In his opinion, the fact that the pace was a steady one from leaving the 800 metres and the fact that the field was a smaller one had accounted for its win.

RACE 2 – THE ASIAN RACING FEDERATION CUP

Battle Ready and **Alberts Day** were slow out. **Mighty Lion** jumped awkwardly. From approaching the 1500 metres **Agincourt** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously. **Alberts Day** raced wide from 500 metres. When questioned, jockey Mansour explained that **Agincourt** pulled throughout the race and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, commenced to give ground half way up the straight and hung in under pressure. He added that leaving the 50 metres he sat up but feeling that a horse was improving on his inside, he urged his mount forward again. He added that in his opinion **Agincourt** would not have finished closer. After consideration, jockey Mansour was told that he should ride all his mounts out to the finish.

RACE 3 – THE JEROME TENNANT CUP

Burwaaz was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Al Firenze** was taken across to race behind runners. **Lord Al** and **Brachetto** raced wide without cover in the early stages. From leaving the 400 metres **Brachetto** commenced to give ground. **Captain's Cronicle**, which was following, was slightly inconvenienced when close to his heels. **Sunset Breeze** was taken out from the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Al Capitano** suffered a massive bleeding attack. Trainer Henry informed the Stewards that he would retire **Al Capitano**. An inquiry into the handling of **Brachetto** was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

RACE 4 – THE RENE MAIGROT CUP

Antwerp jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Cash Lord** and **A P Strike** jumped outwards. Passing the 1300 metres **A P Strike** had to be checked when cramped for room on the inside of **Jambamman**, which had been taken in by **The Real Hero** when the latter was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Fayd'herbe was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000. Approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Antwerp** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Cash Lord**. **A P Strike**, which was following, was inconvenienced and when being steadied, threw its head, racing ungenerously. Leaving the 700 metres **Prince Of Wings**, which was over-racing, became awkward and had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Jambamman**. Approaching the 300 metres **Jambamman** was taken out from behind **The Real Hero** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. From approaching the 100 metres **The Real Hero** commenced to shift in under pressure, with jockey Fayd'herbe switching his whip to his right hand and, whilst switching his whip, jockey Fayd'herbe lost the use of his off side rein.

RACE 5 – THE RAM RUHEE OBE MEMORIAL CUP

Blow Me Away jumped outwards, crowding **Alpha Pegasi** onto **Door Of Deception**. From leaving the 1200 metres **Awesome Power** had difficulty in negotiating the turn and leaving the 1000 metres shifted out abruptly. When questioned, jockey Kennedy explained that at track work **Awesome Power** had a tendency to grab the bit and pull on one side. He said that today, from approaching the 1100 metres it grabbed the bit on the left side and, despite his attempt to straighten it, **Awesome Power** shifted out, becoming uncontrollable. He added that this gelding usually races with a crossed dropped nose band, which it did not wear today, and according to him it should be refitted with this equipment. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that as **Awesome Power** was racing over a shorter distance today, he was of the opinion that there would be a lot of pace in the race, as such he decided to remove the crossed dropped nose band but said that in future he would refit the gelding with this equipment. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Awesome Power** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 6 – THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY CUP

Parachute Man was slow into stride. From leaving the 1000 metres **Parachute Man** was urged forward to secure the lead. Leaving the 450 metres **Vettel** commenced to give ground. **Bulsara**, which was following, had to be taken out to secure clear running. From approaching the 400 metres **Everest** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 7 – THE GOINSAMY T. NAIDOO MEMORIAL TROPHY

Parado ducked out sharply at the start. When questioned, jockey Fayd'herbe explained that after being slightly slow out, **Parado** suddenly shifted out abruptly. He added that this gelding had already done something similar at track work at the pull up and in his opinion it would probably benefit from running with a softer bit. The Stewards not being satisfied with **Parado's** performance at the gates, informed trainer Rousset that this gelding will have to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. **Ritmo Total** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Prince Lateral**. Approaching the 1500 metres **Seeking The Dream** was crowded for room and had to be eased on the inside of **Phiri E Kwatile**, which was being taken inwards to secure a position on the rails. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Joorawon (**Phiri E Kwatile**) 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. From leaving the 450 metres **Seeking The Dream** was taken out from behind **Wind Glider** to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

RACE 8 – THE COMPENDIUM PLATE

Halabaloo, **Eagle Award** and **Nadas** were slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Lividus** shifted out, carrying **Eagle Award** onto **Nadas** with **Eagle Award** bumping **Nadas**. **Nadas** was then taken across to race behind runners. **Lividus** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 450 metres **Shoddy Nick** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Ravatak**. Near the 250 metres **Nadas** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 200 metres **Ravatak** was taken to the inside of **Eagle Award** and shortly after to the inside of **Mount Fuji** and **League Of Legends** to secure clear running and, in doing so, slightly inconvenienced **Freedom**. When questioned, jockey Joorawon (**Nadas**) explained that from its wide draw he was instructed to jump and secure a mid field position if the horse jumps well, otherwise settle the gelding at the back. When questioned, jockey Joorawon explained that had he urged his mount forward, he would have found himself racing in a 3-wide position. He added that approaching the 300 metres, seeing that he would not be able to secure an inside run, he decided to take his mount out to secure clear running and hence raced wide rounding the home turn. He further added that in the home straight **Nadas** did not quicken as expected and, in his opinion, it was not striding out properly. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Nadas** revealed no abnormality.