



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

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RACE 1 – THE MAURITIUS UNION GENERAL INSURANCE CUP

Peace Keeper was slow to begin. **Epicentre** stumbled on jumping and shifted in, slightly crowding **Peace Keeper** onto **Blue Jeans**. **Answeringensis** jumped outwards, crowding **Punters King** onto **Villa Le Blanc**. **Villa Le Blanc** was then eased and was taken across to race behind runners. **Punters King** raced wide in the early stages and from leaving the 1200 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Passing the 800 metres **Sail To Paradise** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Epicentre** and, in doing so, carried **Right To Tango** wider on the track. **Right To Tango** raced wide from then onwards. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Fyrkat**, jockey Winks explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he explained that he expected a good run from the latter today and jumping from a wide barrier, he had no option than to settle the gelding at the rear of the field. He added that with the pace being a steady one, **Fyrkat** dropped the bit from the 1200 metres and despite urging the latter forward **Fyrkat** failed to respond. He also said that leaving the 1100 metres **Fyrkat** dipped. He further added that leaving the 800 metres when the pace slackened he managed to improve his position to race closer, however when the pace quickened approaching the 450 metres, despite his urgings **Fyrkat** commenced to give ground, failed to quicken, finishing last. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Fyrkat** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 2 – THE ASSOCIATED BROKERS CUP

My Man Alex was slow to begin. **Red Hot Poker** jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Leaving the 700 metres **My Man Alex** became inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Win A Million**, which was being taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. Approaching the 600 metres **My Man Alex** shied away and shifted in from **Lord Al**, which was being taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. **Don't Tell Mama** raced wide from leaving the 600 metres. Passing the 600 metres **Red Hot Poker** momentarily raced in restricted room on the inside of **Captain's Chronicle**. When questioned, jockey Kennedy explained that he was instructed to endeavour to insist for the lead in order to secure a position just off the leader, however with the pace being quick in the early stages, he realised that he would be caught wide, as such he elected to bring his mount back and settle it closer to the rails. He added that from then onwards his mount raced relaxed and, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken. He also said that in his opinion the bad draw today did not help its chances. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Don't Tell Mama**, jockey Sturgeon explained that he was instructed to endeavour to secure the lead and after jumping well, despite his urgings **Don't Tell Mama** failed to muster enough speed to secure the lead and was caught wide throughout. He added that leaving the 300 metres, when asked for an effort, **Don't Tell Mama** failed to quicken and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Don't Tell Mama** revealed that it was lame in the off fore leg. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Red Hot Poker** lost its off hind shoe during the run and that **Lord Al** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 3 – LA PRUDENCE NATIONAL MUTUAL FUND CUP

Guilty As Charged was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Bay Of Bengal** was taken across to race behind runners. **Guilty As Charged** came off the crossing at the 1300 metres awkwardly. For some distance leaving the 1300 metres **Wind Glider** raced tight on the inside of **Max The Man**. Passing the 1100 metres **Aware** commenced to race fiercely and approaching the 1000 metres, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Burg**, **Aware** threw its head and raced ungenerously. **Entree**, which was following, was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Aware** and had to be taken out. From approaching the 300 metres **Bay Of Bengal** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 4 – THE BACCHANALE CHAMPAGNE POL ROGER TROPHY

Jockey Fayd'herbe rode **Argun** ½ kg overweight. When questioned, he explained that when the nominations were out, **Argun** was handicapped at 58.5 kg and he accepted the ride. He added that after declarations, the weight was lowered by 1 kg, resulting in **Argun** being handicapped at 57.5 kg. Under these circumstances, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Maestro's Salute jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. **Dustan** was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Bandido Caballero** was taken across to secure a position on the rails. From leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Dark Liability** commenced to over-race and approaching the 800 metres was taken out from behind **Maestro's Salute** and urged forward to endeavour to secure the lead and when **Dark Liability**

improved on the outside of **Maestro's Salute**, **Maestro's Salute** then began to over-race with **Dark Liability** being caught wide. Leaving the 400 metres **Kalinago** was taken out from behind **Dark Liability**, which had commenced to give ground, to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. For some distance approaching the 250 metres **Bandido Caballero** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Down Under**. Approaching the 200 metres **Dark Liability**, which was giving ground, shifted in under pressure. At the same time **Down Under** shifted out under pressure, resulting in **Pierneef**, which was following, running onto the heels of **Down Under** and having to be taken in to continue going forward.

RACE 5 – THE BACCHANALE NEWTON JOHNSON TROPHY

After being boxed, **Candy Rock** reared in its gate and flipped over. It was removed from its stall, inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Candy Rock**. In view of this, all bets on **Candy Rock** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 15 cents per rupee, the average price of **Candy Rock** being 5/1. Trainer C. Ramdin was told that **Candy Rock** will need to pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered an objection lodged by jockey Kennedy, the rider of **Super Glue**, being declared 2nd, against **Mr Leyend**, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the home straight. After taking evidence from both riders and Assistant Trainers and viewing the video replays of the race, it was established that approaching the 200 metres **Super Glue** and **Mr Leyend** started to shift in, at the same time **Cherish The Charm** commenced to shift out under pressure, resulting in **Super Glue** becoming awkward on the heels of **Cherish The Charm** and having to be taken out and, in doing so, brushed the hindquarters of **Mr Leyend**, unbalancing the latter. The Stewards being satisfied that this incident did not materially affect the result of the race, decided to dismiss the objection. At inquiries into this incident, jockey Mansour (**Mr Leyend**) 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 intimidate **Super Glue**. He was fined Rs.20,000; jockey Rama (**Cherish The Charm**) 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 interfere with **Super Glue**. He was fined Rs.30,000.

Gharbee was slow to begin. **Blaze Of Noon** was slow into stride. Leaving the 1000 metres **Gharbee**, which was over-racing, threw its head when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Mr Leyend**. **Mr Leyend** raced wide from approaching the 400 metres. Approaching the 400 metres **Buffalo Trip** commenced to give ground, inconveniencing **Greys Inn Control**, which was following. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Soweto Slew** and **Gharbee** were not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 6 – THE Mauritius Union Group COLONEL DRAPER CUP

Recall To Life was slow to begin. **Memphis Mafia** jumped awkwardly and shortly after the start shifted in, bumping **Tandragee**. **Tandragee** then shifted in, contacting the hindquarters of **Bouclette Top** with the latter crowding **M L Jet** onto **Top Jet**. Passing the 1400 metres **Charles Lytton** was steadied and taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Nordic Warrior**, which had been taken in towards the running rails and, in doing so, **Charles Lytton** carried **Top Jet** outwards onto **Bouclette Top**, which was racing wide on the inside of **Memphis Mafia**. **Bouclette Top** then had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Top Jet** and was eventually taken in towards the running rails. Jockey Rama (**Nordic Warrior**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to endeavour to be well clear of horses before shifting ground. Approaching the 1200 metres **Bouclette Top** ducked in sharply and brushed the running rails. When questioned, jockey Kennedy explained that in the early stages of the race **Bouclette Top** kept throwing its head and raced erratically, proving difficult to control and approaching the 1200 metres shifted in abruptly, bumping the running rails. Passing the 300 metres **M L Jet** was taken out from behind **Bouclette Top** and, in doing so, carried **Sheer Trouble** wider on the track with **Sheer Trouble** racing wide rounding the home turn.

RACE 7 – THE BACCHANALE RACING DAY CHALLENGE CUP

Silver Bluff hesitated at the start and was slow out. Shortly after the start **Streetbouncer** and **Split The Breeze** came together with the latter shifting out and bumping **Chinese Gold**, pushing it outwards. At the same time **Ryder Cup**, which was being urged forward, shifted in slightly, resulting in **Chinese Gold** having to be checked to avoid its heels. **Prince of Thieves** raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1100 metres **Rear Admiral** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Streetbouncer**. Jockey Holland (**Streetbouncer**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to allow more room to horses on his inside before shifting ground. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Streetbouncer** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 8 – THE MARKET RESTAURANT TROPHY

Following the running of the race, the Stewards considered an objection lodged by jockey Bundhoo, the rider of **Prince Of Arabia**, being declared 2nd, against **Aficionado**, being declared the winner, alleging interference approaching the 100 metres. After taking evidence from both riders and viewing the video replays of the race, it was established that leaving the 250 metres **Aficionado** was taken to the inside of **Viento Magico** to secure clear running with **Prince Of Arabia**, which was following, endeavouring to improve into a gap on the inside of **Aficionado** and approaching the 100 metres **Aficionado** shifted in under pressure, resulting in **Prince Of**

Arabia, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward. The Stewards, being of the opinion that at the time **Aficionado** shifted in onto the rails, **Prince Of Arabia** had not secured the run on the inside and, as such, decided to dismiss the objection.

Catwalk Model was slow out and slow into stride. **Saarikh** jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. Shortly after the start **Prince Of Arabia** raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Aficionado**. **Dark Avenger** raced wide in the early stages. From leaving the 1500 metres **Aficionado** commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Dark Avenger**. Approaching the 1100 metres **Viento Magico** was taken out and urged forward to secure the lead. Passing the 800 metres **Aficionado** shifted out abruptly when awkward close to the heels of **Kurundu**. Leaving the 800 metres **Saarikh** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Prince Of Arabia** and in doing so bumped **Catwalk Model**, which was improving on its outside. Jockey Bussunt (**Saarikh**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to exercise care when shifting ground.

RACE 9 – THE PHILIPPE GOUPILLE CUP

Comodus was slow to begin. **Red China** dipped shortly after the start. From its wide draw **Yoda Man** was taken across to race behind runners. **Colour Of Courage** raced wide from leaving the 1100 metres. Leaving the 900 metres **Red China** and **Billy Bojangles** were badly cramped for room on the inside of **Colour Of Courage**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear, with **Billy Bojangles** being severely checked, bumping the running rails and losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sola (**Colour Of Courage**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for reckless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for five Mauritian race meetings. Approaching the 450 metres **Roy's Express** was cramped for room on the inside of **Political Power** and had to be severely checked. **Burwaaz**, which was following, had to be checked and switched out to avoid its heels, carrying **Noordhoek Ice** wider on the track. **Yoda Man**, which was following **Burwaaz**, also had to be checked, clipping its heels and stumbling badly. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.