



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2016**

**GENERAL**

Jockey K. Ghunowa was injured during the running of race 1 and was unable to fulfill his further riding engagements. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 2: P. Horil on **Red Hot Poker**

Race 3: J. Bardottier on **Seven Oceans**

Race 4: S. Bussunt on **Racing For Fun**

Race 7: S. Rama on **Wing Man**

Race 8: R. Hoolash on **Lord Wellington**

**RACE 1 – THE PET LOVERS ASSOCIATION CUP**

**Gris Cheval** jumped inwards. **Tobestar** jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. **Punters King** and **Captain Matthew** threw their heads and jumped awkwardly. From near the 1250 metres **Gris Cheval** was eased and taken in to secure a position behind **Pageantry** and, in doing so, cramped **Mr Oshkosh**, which was following, resulting in **Mr Oshkosh** clipping its heels and stumbling. **Right To Tango**, which was racing on the outside of **Mr Oshkosh**, had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Gris Cheval**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Gris Cheval**) 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. **Punters King** raced wide in the early stages and, when being eased to secure a position on the rails behind **Captain Matthew**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. When questioned, jockey Mansour (**Punters King**) explained that it was his intention to race closer to the pace, however after jumping awkwardly he found himself further back in the field than expected in a 3-wide position. He added that seeing that jockey Bardottier, on his inside, was insisting to keep his position, he then decided to bring his mount back to secure a position on the rails. Approaching the 800 metres **Mr Oshkosh** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Pageantry**, which had been eased. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. Approaching the 450 metres **Punters King** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From approaching the 300 metres **Right To Tango** was taken out from behind **Captain Matthew** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Punters King** wider on the track.

**RACE 2 – THE FREDERICK STAUB CUP**

When the gates opened **Pimpernel** stood flat-footed and refused to jump. **Red Hot Poker** jumped awkwardly. **Data Controller** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. From approaching the 1100 metres **All Magic** was taken back. **Red Hot Poker**, which was following, became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be eased. **Ready For Take Off**, which was following **Red Hot Poker**, was also inconvenienced and had to be checked to avoid its heels. **Headstrong Harry**, which was following **Ready For Take Off**, also had to be checked for some distance, to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sturgeon (**All Magic**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively reducing the pace of his mount, thereby causing interference directly to **Red Hot Poker** and indirectly to **Headstrong Harry** and **Ready For Take Off**. He was fined Rs.25,000. From approaching the 300 metres **Laughistheanswer** was taken out from behind **It's My Party** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. In the early stages of the home straight **Rumbullion** had difficulty in securing clear running and had to be taken out from behind **Red Hot Poker** and **Ready For Take Off** near the 100 metres to secure clear running. Approaching the 200 metres **Red Hot Poker** was taken to the inside of **All Magic** and, in doing so, slightly inconvenienced **Ready For Take Off**, which had to be taken in to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Headstrong Harry** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Rumbullion** lost both fore shoes.

**RACE 3 – THE GUNNESS GUJADHUR CUP**

**Dawn Raid** threw its head on jumping. **Seven Oceans** was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Viento Magico** was taken across to race behind runners. **Dark Liability** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 1500 metres **Dawn Raid** was taken out to improve its position on the outside of **Rebel's Game** and, in doing so, carried **Rebel's Game** outwards. **Emaar**, which was following, was also taken out, crowding **Seven Oceans** onto **Prince Lateral**. Approaching the 1000 metres **Viento Magico** was taken out from behind **Prince Lateral** and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the pace. Approaching the 900 metres **Viento Magico**, which was over-racing, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being settled. From passing the 450 metres **Dark Liability** commenced to give ground. Leaving the 200 metres **Kurundu** had to be taken out from behind **Guilty**

**As Charged** to continue going forward. Near the 200 metres **Emaar** was taken to the inside of **Rebel's Game** to continue going forward. **Seven Oceans** hung in in the home straight. Over the concluding stages **Viento Magico** hung in under pressure and was difficult to be properly assisted. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Dawn Raid**. Trainer Rousset explained that he instructed jockey Fayd'herbe to endeavour to jump and take a position on the fence behind the leaders. Jockey Fayd'herbe confirmed the instructions and explained that after jumping awkwardly, although he had the opportunity to secure the position behind the leader on the fence, he decided against it as he wanted to ensure that the pace would suit his mount before committing himself behind the leader. He also said that leaving the 400 metres when he realised that jockey Joorawon (**Rebel's Game**) would set a good pace, he then elected to take his mount back to secure the position behind **Rebel's Game**, however his mount threw its head and proved difficult to be restrained, with **Emaar** improving on his inside to secure the position behind the leader. After consideration, jockey Fayd'herbe pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Dawn Raid** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that after jumping awkwardly, when there was an opportunity for him to secure a position on the fence behind the leader, he took his mount in a one off position to improve around **Rebel's Game**, resulting in his mount covering more ground than expected. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Guilty As Charged** was not striding out properly after the race and that **Kurundu** and **Emaar** lost their off hind shoe during the run.

#### **RACE 4 – THE GUY DESMARAIS CUP**

**Burg** and **Racing For Fun** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Ferdnand The Bull** onto **Max Rapax** with **Ferdnand The Bull** bumping the hindquarter of **Max Rapax**, turning it sideways and unbalancing the latter. **Ferdnand The Bull** raced fiercely in the early stages and, approaching the 1200 metres, threw its head when being settled and raced ungenerously for some distance. **Max Rapax** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. From leaving the 1100 metres **Antwerp**, which was racing fiercely, had to be steadied on a couple of occasions when awkward close to the heels of **Ferdnand The Bull**. Leaving the 200 metres **Elusive Love** shifted in slightly under pressure, resulting in **Racing For Fun**, which was following, having to be taken out from behind it approaching the 100 metres to continue going forward. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Max Rapax**, trainer Rousset explained that although being extremely disappointing since the beginning of the season, **Max Rapax** has always shown good work at track work and has always been sound. He added that for today's race, it was ridden by jockey Fayd'herbe for the first time and had pleased in the lead up to the race, therefore he was hoping for a good run from the latter but did not expect it to win. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ferdnand The Bull** and **Antwerp** were lame on the off fore leg and that **Burg** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

#### **RACE 5 – THE DISA LEADER CUP**

Prior to the start being effected, **Argun** turned its head sideways and jumped awkwardly, being slow out. **Bandido Caballero** was slow to begin. **Seven Fountains** was taken out from approaching the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From approaching the 200 metres **Argun** hung in under pressure with jockey Fayd'herbe taking his mount inwards near the 150 metres to secure a position on the inside of **Unbridled Joy** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Naiko (**Kalinago**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to secure a position behind the leaders and after jumping moderately he asked his mount for an effort in view to ride as per instructions and approaching the 1400 metres, seeing that **Unbridled Joy** was going better than him and that he was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  length behind **Unbridled Joy**, he decided to settle his mount behind the leaders. He added that from then onwards, his mount raced relaxed and when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, failed to quicken and was disappointing. When questioned, jockey Fayd'herbe (**Argun**) explained that he was instructed to secure a position on the fence just behind the leader, however **Argun** jumped awkwardly, as such he found himself further back in the field than expected with him having to urge his mount forward to secure a position close to the lead. He added that from then onwards he managed to secure a position behind **Down Under** and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres to go around **Down Under**, his mount hung in under pressure with him eventually taking it to the inside of runners to continue going forward. He further added that when allowed to go inwards, **Argun** quickened nicely but did not manage to catch the leader in time. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Down Under** suffered a bleeding attack.

#### **RACE 6 – ABC GROUP AUSTRALIA CUP**

Jockey Bardottier could not ride **Azapel** at the carded weight of 57 kg. The Stewards, in consultation with trainer Hurchund, allowed jockey Bardottier to ride **Azapel** at  $\frac{1}{2}$  kg overweight.

**Jambaman** was slow into stride. **Zhan Hu** jumped outwards, brushing **King's Knight**. From approaching the 1000 metres, when **The Tripster** improved on its outside, **Chosen Dash** commenced to over-race and proved difficult to settle. **Chosen Dash** was then allowed to stride forward. Near the 350 metres **The Tripster** was taken out from behind **Chosen Dash** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Zhan Hu** wider on the track. From approaching the 300 metres **Azapel** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. An inquiry into the handling of **Chosen Dash** was adjourned to Tuesday morning. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Soweto Slew** was lame on the off fore leg.

### **RACE 7 – THE PAUL CLARENC CUP**

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and acting under Rule 172 lodged an objection on behalf of jockey Fayd'herbe, the rider of **Mount Fuji**, which was declared 3<sup>rd</sup>, against **Tornado Man**, being declared 2<sup>nd</sup>, alleging interference in the home straight. After taking evidence from both riders and assistant trainers, it was established that from the 150 metres **Tornado Man** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Mount Fuji**, which was improving into a gap on its inside, becoming cramped for room and having to be eased near the 100 metres for over approximately three strides and taken out to continue going forward. The Stewards, being satisfied, taking into consideration the degree of interference and the beaten margin at the finish, that without the interference **Mount Fuji** would have finished in front of **Tornado Man**, upheld the objection with the placings being amended to read: 1<sup>st</sup>: Avail; 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Mount Fuji**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Tornado Man**; 4<sup>th</sup>: **Eagle Award**.

**Wing Man** and **Halabaloo** were slow to begin. Passing the 1400 metres **Vintage Angel** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Tornado Man**. Leaving the 1300 metres **Mount Fuji**, which was over-racing, had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Avail**. Leaving the 900 metres, when the pace slackened, **Spin A Coin** became awkward and had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Eagle Award**. **Avail**, which was following **Spin A Coin**, was also inconvenienced and had to be eased and **Mount Fuji**, which was following **Avail**, was badly inconvenienced and had to be checked to avoid its heels and, when being checked, threw its head and shifted out, bumping **Wing Man**. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. Leaving the 500 metres **Halabaloo** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

### **RACE 8 – THE ROBINSON CUP**

**Burwaaz** was slow to begin. **Anafesto** and **Corker Stalker** were slow into stride. Leaving the 1200 metres **Brave Leader**, which had been urged forward, commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Social Network**.