



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2016

RACE 1 – THE JACQUES VALLET CUP

Obligation was slow to begin. **Kaafel** threw its head on jumping and was slow out. From its wide draw **Marine Sky** was taken across to race behind runners. **The Blue Streak** was slow into stride. Approaching the 1300 metres **Kaafel** and **Battle Ready** raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Black Gambit**. **Bright Shining** raced wide in the early stages. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that **Black Gambit** changed legs passing the 1300 metres, shifted in, momentarily crowding **Battle Ready** onto **Kaafel**. **The Blue Streak**, which was following, became awkward close to the heels of **Battle Ready**, shifted in, inconveniencing **Obligation**. From approaching the 800 metres **Obligation**, which was over-racing, had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Marine Sky**. Passing the 700 metres **Obligation** shifted in to avoid the heels of **Marine Sky**, crowding **The Blue Streak** on its inside. Passing the 300 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. When questioned, Mr. Ramdin, the trainer of **Brazo**, explained that after going through the card he realised that there were no fast horses in the race, as such he instructed jockey Sooful to make use of his first draw in order to keep his position over the first 75 metres and then settle his mount where comfortable. He added that it was not his intention to lead but he expected his horse to be more forward in the field today.

RACE 2 – THE MEDINE DISTILLERY 90TH ANNIVERSARY CUP

The start was delayed when **Emblem Royale**, which had cantered down to the 1600 metres, proved difficult to be taken back to the 1365-metre start. **Political Power** threw its head on jumping and was slow out. **My Man Alex** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping the hindquarter of **Brachetto**. **Ted Bassett** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, it was then restrained and taken across to race behind runners. **Emblem Royale** raced wide throughout. From approaching the 700 metres **Ted Bassett**, which was over-racing, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being restrained close to the heels of **Billy Bojangles**. From passing the 400 metres **Count Emmanuale** commenced to give ground, **Political Power**, which was following, became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be taken in. Passing the 400 metres, Ted Bassett was checked when cramped for room on the inside of **Political Power** and lost its position. An inquiry will be held into this incident on Tuesday morning. From leaving the 400 metres, when being urged forward, **My Man Alex** hung in and brushed the running rails on a couple of occasions. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Count Emmanuale** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 3 – LES JARDINS DE MEDINE CUP

National Approval was slow into stride. Near the 450 metres **Bellicosity** raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Act Of Valor**, which had shifted in. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Bellicosity**) explained that he was instructed to secure a position close to the lead, however after jumping well, when asked for an effort in the early stages, **Bellicosity** failed to muster speed and near the 950 metres had to be steadied close to the heels of **Beluga**. He added that **Bellicosity** was not striding well throughout the race and that over the concluding stages he did not persevere with his mount. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Bellicosity** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 4 – THE TAMARINA CUP

From its wide draw, **Kimberly AI** was restrained and taken across to race behind runners. **Polar Palace** was slow to begin. **Forward Drive** jumped awkwardly. From approaching the 400 metres, **Strum** commenced to give ground, with jockey Emamdee not persevering with his mount over the concluding stages. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Strum**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or race close to the leader. He said that after jumping well, he managed to secure a position behind the leader in the one off position with **Strum** racing relaxed and commencing to give ground from approaching the 450 metres. He added that when asked for an effort from then onwards, the gelding failed to quicken and was disappointing. He also said that after pulling up, **Strum** made a breathing noise, which was confirmed by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon. **Step To Fame** and **Forward Drive** shifted out over the concluding stages. Jockey Horil (**Kimberly AI**) reported that his saddle slipped backwards at the 400 metres, placing him at a disadvantage to assist his mount

over the concluding stages. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Allenby Park** was lame on the near fore leg.

RACE 5 – THE CASELA WORLD OF ADVENTURES CUP

Speed Limit, which had been restless in its gate prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Bastille Day**. **Bastille Day** was slow to begin.

RACE 6 – THE MEDINE CUP

Reim jumped awkwardly and shifted out. For some distance leaving the 1100 metres **Reim**, which was over-racing, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being settled. From leaving the 250 metres **Clifton Surf** shifted in under pressure and leaving the 200 metres **Silver Bluff** was taken out from behind **Reim** to secure clear running, carrying **Clifton Surf** outwards. Approaching the 100 metres **Clifton Surf** shifted in under pressure, bumping **Silver Bluff**. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Reim**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to save **Reim** in the early stages, improve from the 600 metres with his best effort as from the 300 metres. He added that after jumping awkwardly, he managed to secure the position behind **Nordic Warrior**, however leaving the 1100 metres **Reim** commenced to over-race, throwing its head when being settled. He further added that approaching the 600 metres he improved his position but when asked for an effort at the 400 metres, his mount failed to quicken and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Reim** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 7 – THE CASCAVELLE SHOPPING MALL CUP

From its wide draw **Rum Tum Tugger** was taken across to race behind runners. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ocean Hunter** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 8 – THE WINKING CUP

Jockey Sturgeon was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved jockey Sooful as the replacement rider for **Epicentre**.

Blizzard Of Ozz was slow to begin. **Port Albert** raced wide without cover in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position on the rails behind **Kingdom's Key**. From leaving the 600 metres **Kingdom's Key** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Port Albert**, which was following, being held up when unable to improve from behind it. Approaching the 500 metres **Colour Of Courage**, which was awkward close to the heels of **Port Albert**, was taken out and, in doing so, carried **Epicentre** wider on the track. **Epicentre** raced wide from then onwards. From near the 450 metres **Colour Of Courage** became awkward when close to the heels of **Villa Le Blanc** and had to be eased. **Ek Tha Tiger**, which was following, was inconvenienced and had to be taken in. Near the 250 metres **Ek Tha Tiger** was taken out from behind **Colour Of Courage** and **Epicentre** to secure clear running. From passing the 100 metres **Villa Le Blanc** commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Blizzard Of Ozz**, which was improving on its inside, being carried in onto **Kingdom's Key**, bumping **Kingdom's Key** onto **Port Albert**, with jockey Horil having to take his mount outwards. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama pleaded not guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding. After taking further evidence from jockey Rama, who stated that **Blizzard Of Ozz** shied away from his whip when entering the gap between **Villa Le Blanc** and **Kingdom's Key**, the Stewards found him not guilty, but told him that in future he should straighten his mounts sooner than he did on this occasion. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kingdom's Key** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Epicentre** lost its off fore shoe during the run.