



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017**

**RACE 1 – THE WORLD FOCUS CUP**

**Agincourt** was slow to begin. **Lividus** commenced awkwardly and shifted inwards, inconveniencing **Battle Ready**. **Pageantry** was also inconvenienced in this incident. **Brave Leader** made the 800 metre-crossing in an awkward manner. Near the 1200 metres **Bright Shining** steadied when it was unable to hold its position. **Lord Wellington** lay in throughout and approaching the 75 metres was taken in to obtain clear running. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **Montante**, apprentice Allyhosain explained that the race was run at a fast pace and he believed the gelding would run on, however when asked for an effort **Montante** had failed to accelerate.

**RACE 2 – THE WHITE HORSE CUP**

Prior to the start being effected **Storm Clipper** was fractious in its barrier. **My Man Alex** reared on jumping. **Brachetto** shifted outwards on jumping. Shortly after the start **Storm Clipper** was steadied and taken back and across to race in the field. **Storm Clipper** over-raced in the middle stages and on straightening was taken to the outside to obtain clear running. **Secret Idea** was slow into stride. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Nation Glow** was lame on the off hind leg.

**RACE 3 – THE RAOUL ROCHECOUSTE CUP**

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the final straight. It was established that the interference at the 150 metres had no bearing on the placings, therefore correct weight was declared on the Judges' numbers.

**Sunset Breeze** had to have the left stirrup leather refitted behind the barrier. **Cash Lord** was slow to begin. **Promissory** stumbled on jumping. **In Your Dreams** was restrained when crossed by **Strum** near the 800 metres. In this incident **In Your Dreams** struck the running rails. On inquiry, apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Passing the 150 metres **Strum** shifted outwards when being ridden along, making contact with **In Your Dreams** on its outside. **In Your Dreams** was bumped heavily, became unbalanced and shifted out, striking the hindquarters of **No Resistance**, which was turned inwards. Both **In Your Dreams** and **No Resistance** were significantly interfered with. On inquiry, apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the first one. Shortly after this **Strum** then shifted inwards, causing **Polar Palace** to be restrained. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) was reprimanded and told that he should stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

**RACE 4 – THE GOLD LABEL CUP**

**Parker** had to be re-saddled at the barrier. **Dustan** shifted out on jumping, bumping with **Bandido Caballero**, at the same time **Do Be Snappy** shifted inwards quickly, crowding **Trackmaster** onto **Down Under**, those horses being unbalanced. Near the 1700 metres **Bandido Caballero** was cramped for racing room when **Dustan** shifted outwards as **Trackmaster** lay inwards away from **Do Be Snappy**. Near the 1600 metres **Parker** steadied when **Jay Jay's Wild** went forward and across. Jockey Ghunowa (**Jay Jay's Wild**) was shown the video replays of the incident and advised that he must make greater efforts to allow room to horses on his inside when crossing. **Down Under** over-raced in the early and

middle stages, throwing its head. Approximately 20 metres from the finish **Do Be Snappy** was disappointed for a run behind **Parker** when that gelding lay inwards. Jockey Bhaugerothee (**Parker**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told that he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Jay Jay's Wild** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Down Under** was lame on the off fore leg.

#### **RACE 5 – THE NICOLAS CUP**

**Ole Gunnar** commenced awkwardly, striking the inside of its barrier. **Tabreek** was slow to begin. **Tabreek** made the turn into the straight wide. **Le Clos** lay outwards under pressure in the straight. **Tabreek** lay inwards approaching the 100 metres with the jockey changing his whip through to his right hand. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Top Jet**, apprentice Ramsamy advised that his mount had travelled well in the early and middle stages but, when put under pressure at the 350 metres, did not accelerate and was disappointing. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Everest** was not striding out properly after the race.

#### **RACE 6 – THE Blue Label BARBE CUP**

On the way to the barrier, the tongue-tie on **Captain Magpie** and **M L Jet** worked loose and had to be refitted at the barrier. Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur was advised that in future he must ensure that all tongue-ties are properly fitted.

**Awesome Adam** was slow to begin. **Prince Of Thieves** raced wide throughout. **Easy Lover** over-raced in the middle stages. **Parachute Man** was taken outwards and went forward passing the 900 metres. Approaching the 150 metres **One Cool Dude** shifted inwards and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Recall To Life**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Captain Magpie** was not striding out properly after the race. Trainer Maingard reported apprentice Ramsamy for not riding **Parachute Man** to instructions. An inquiry into this matter will be held on Tuesday morning.

#### **RACE 7 – THE GREEN LABEL CUP**

**Spirit Of Dover** was fractious in the barrier prior to the start and was slow to begin. **Greatfiveeight** was fractious in the barrier prior to the start, commenced awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Lee's Star**. **Lee's Star** over-raced in the early stages, getting its head up. **Spirit Of Dover** raced wide from the 400 metres. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Greatfiveeight**, jockey Ghunowa advised that his mount commenced awkwardly but then took a forward position as instructed and that he was satisfied to race outside the leader. He added that passing the 600 metres he commenced to urge his mount along but shortly after the gelding commenced to tire and showed no acceleration from thereon. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Greatfiveeight** revealed that it was lame on the off hind leg.

#### **RACE 8 – THE CASEY'S FLIGHT CUP**

Acting on veterinary advice that **Black Parrot** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 11.30 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Black Parrot** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

**Cape Horn** threw its head on jumping. **Al Firenze** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Cula** was taken out and raced wide from the 1000 metres. **A P Strike** and **Cape Horn** over-raced in the middle stages. Leaving the 400 metres **Al Firenze**, when racing between **Cape Horn** on its inside and **Rock Hard** on its outside, struck the heels of **Rock Hard** and stumbled. On inquiry, it was established that passing the 400 metres **Cape Horn** shifted out slightly from the rail, at the same time **Rock Hard** rolled inwards slightly, resulting in **Al Firenze**, which was following, clipping the heels of **Rock Hard** and stumbling. The Stewards could not hold any one rider responsible but advised jockey Wiggins (**Rock Hard**) to make sure that he allows sufficient room to runners on his inside.