



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 15 JULY 2017

RACE 1 – THE ALPHA CUP

The Stewards, in consultation with trainer S. Narang, allowed jockey Khathi to ride **Jack Dempsey** at ½ kg overweight. Jockey Khathi pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 111 (3) in that he accepted a ride whilst he was overweight. He was fined Rs.10,000.

Jack Dempsey was slow to begin, losing some ground. Shortly after the start **Wing Man** was taken back to race back in the field. The saddle on **Bridegroom Bertie** slipped forward shortly after the start placing the rider in difficulty. Near the 1200 metres, when the pace slowed, **Aficionado** shifted away from the heels of **Saariikh**. **Wing Man** shifted outwards passing the 900 metres. Trainer C. Daby was questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **Aficionado**. Mr. Daby explained that **Aficionado** had shown improvement at track work since its last run on 17 June 2017 and today, with the small and weak field and a stronger jockey, he expected an improved performance.

RACE 2 – THE BETA CUP

Son Of Sardar commenced awkwardly, striking the inside of its barrier, losing ground. **Sierra Redwood** commenced awkwardly, throwing its head. When questioned, jockey Bundhoo (**Sierra Redwood**) explained that in this incident his left stirrup became misplaced and he readjusted it passing the 600 metres. Passing the 1200 metres **Gold Medalist** steadied, getting its head up. Approaching the 1000 metres **Gondwana**, when over-racing, steadied away from the heels of **Charleston Hero**, shifted outwards and carried **Swinging Captain** wide on the track. Shortly after, **Swinging Captain** was eased back and across to the rails. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Charleston Hero** had a minor cut on its near hind leg.

RACE 3 – THE DELTA CUP

Glorious Goodwood was slow into stride. Passing the 100 metres **Glorious Goodwood** lay outwards and was straightened by its rider. When questioned regarding the riding instructions of **Rumbullion**, Trainer S. Jones explained that he had instructed jockey B. Bhaugerothee from its good barrier position to jump well and go forward as, in his opinion, **Rumbullion** has natural gate speed and he wanted to take a forward position. He further explained that this is the racing pattern best suited to the gelding and on past occasions, due to poor barrier draws, he was not able to do this. Mr. Jones explained that wherever possible this would be the racing pattern of **Rumbullion**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **All Magic** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 4 – THE GAMMA CUP

Cavallino jumped awkwardly, losing considerable ground. Shortly after the start **Our Jet** shifted out and bumped with **Act Of Loyalty**. **Moi Power** commenced to over-race in the middle stages and shifted outwards away from the heels of **Maestro's Salute**, carrying **Our Jet** wide. **Our Jet** raced wide from then onwards. **Cavallino** was awkward across the 800 metre-crossing. Leaving the 150 metres **Our Jet**, when struck with the whip, lay inwards quickly, making contact with **Moi Power**, unbalancing that gelding which then shifted in and inconvenienced **Maestro's Salute**. On inquiry, the Stewards accepted that jockey Ghunowa (**Our Jet**) had stopped and attempted to straighten his mount when it shifted in quickly near the 150 metres and accordingly proceeded no further with the inquiry. Near the 75 metres **Melson** was held up behind **Act Of Loyalty** and shifted out to obtain clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Cavallino** and **Nordic Storm** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 5 – LA COUPE DE L'AMBASSADE DE FRANCE

Mystical Twilight shifted out on jumping, making contact with **Entrée**. On jumping **Donnie Brasco** threw its head upwards. Passing the winning post the first time **Psycho Syd** momentarily steadied when **Lucky Valentine** was taken in. **Jama** raced wide throughout.

RACE 6 – THE FAM MAURITIUS DERBY CUP

New Hampshire was slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Paladin** shifted inwards, inconveniencing **Kemal Kavur**. **New Hampshire** was also inconvenienced in this incident. Leaving the 100 metres **New Hampshire** shifted outwards to improve and, over the concluding stages, steadied when **Netflix** rolled inwards. Jockey Wiggins (**Netflix**) was shown the video replays of this part of the race and advised that he must make every effort to keep his mount straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Paladin** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 7 – THE THETA CUP

On jumping **Rock On**, **Political Power** and **Jungle Path** bumped. **My Boy Willie** was slow into stride and taken back across to the rails. Passing the winning post the first time **My Boy Willie** was held tight on the inside of **Political Power**. Passing the 1300 metres **Declarator** lay inwards, bumping **Rock On**, which had steadied and shifted outwards slightly. Shortly after this **Rock On** shifted inwards, crowding **Jungle Path**, which restrained. Passing the 1200 metres **My Boy Willie** commenced to race keenly and restrained. Approaching the 1000 metres **Shield Of Thunder** was held tight by **Kimberly** on its outside. Approaching the 900 metres **Jungle Path** shifted out, carrying **Political Power** wide. **Chap Trap** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 600 metres **My Boy Willie**, which was continuing to race keenly, steadied and shifted outwards and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Political Power**, obliging that gelding to race wide. Over the final 100 metres **My Boy Willie** and **Jungle Path** raced tightly. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Declarator** was not striding out properly after the race and that an endoscopic examination of **Rock On**, which was coughing after the race, revealed traces of blood in its trachea.

RACE 8 – LE PRIX DU CENTENAIRE DE L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Acting on veterinary advice that the near fore fetlock of **What's News** was swollen, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.30 p.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **What's News** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **What's News** being 24-1.

Caracal stood flat-footed, losing ground at the start. **Mojo G** shifted outwards on jumping. **Logan** was slow into stride. **Craftsman** raced wide throughout. Near the 1000 metres **Marine Sky** commenced to over-race and shifted out, carrying **Logan** wider on the track. Leaving the 200 metres **Mojo G** lay inwards, holding **Newsman** tight. Shortly after this **Newsman** commenced to hang outwards and eventually made contact with **Mojo G** on its outside. Jockey Sooful (**Newsman**) was shown the video replay of this part of the race and told that in future he is to stop riding and straighten his mounts when they start to hang. Passing the 150 metres **St Arnault** lay inwards, carrying **Ramaas** in as **Logan** angled outwards for a clear run. In this incident **Ramaas**, which was tiring, was inconvenienced. Jockey Bardottier (**St Arnault**) was reprimanded for not making a greater effort to keep his mount straight. Jockey Khathi (**Logan**) was reminded that he is to ensure he is clear when shifting ground. Leaving the 150 metres **Caracal**, which had improved to the inside of **Roy's Express**, steadied when that horse rolled inwards. Jockey Vaibhav (**Roy's Express**) was told that he is to make every effort to keep his mount straight. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **St Arnault**, jockey Bardottier explained that his mount had travelled well in the early and middle stages but passing the 450 metres, when placed under pressure, the gelding had failed to quicken and commenced to tire, as such the gelding had been disappointing.

GENERAL

An inquiry will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 19 July 2017 into a report received from the MTC Security Manager into an incident involving trainer V. Allet on the premises of the MTC.

