



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

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GENERAL

Since jockey B. Sooful was indisposed, the Stewards approved jockey R. Hoolash as the replacement rider for **Thrust** (Race 5) and **Starspangledbanner** (Race 8),

RACE 1 – THE HOLDALL CUP

Political Power was fractious in the barrier prior to the start. **Colour Of Courage** was taken across to race behind runners. **Masaar** was slow into stride. On jumping **Port Albert** stumbled badly, unbalancing its rider and thereby losing its position. Shortly after this **Port Albert** and **Lecture D** raced tightly and shortly after **Lecture D** commenced to race keenly. Passing the 1300 metres **Magic Jay** shifted inwards when not clear, carrying **Captain's Orders** in onto **Agincourt**, which restrained. On inquiry, jockey Khathi (**Magic Jay**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for interference. He was fined Rs.20,000. Passing the 1000 metres **Lecture D** steadied and was taken outwards and became unbalanced. After this incident **Agincourt** commenced to race ungenerously, throwing its head. Passing the 1000 metres **Political Power** shifted inwards, crowding **Masaar** onto **Ruby Rocker**, which stumbled and in turn shifted in onto **Agincourt**. On inquiry, jockey Vaibhav (**Political Power**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. **Political Power** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Port Albert** raced wide from the 1000 metres. **Colour Of Courage** raced wide throughout. Prior to the winning post **Varational** turned its head inwards and attempted to savage **Magic Jay**.

RACE 2 – THE NORBERT POUPARD CUP

Le Clos reared on jumping, losing ground. **Do Be Snappy** and **New Star** were slow to begin. **Le Clos** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Do Be Snappy** was taken outwards and raced wide from the 450 metres.

RACE 3 – THE DHANKUWAR GUJADHUR CUP

Kruger Rand and **Seven Oceans** were slow into stride. Approaching the 1300 metres **Mexican Sun** momentarily steadied when **Ready For Take Off** rolled inwards. **Bellicosity** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Mexican Sun** made the turn into the straight awkwardly. **Bellicosity** restrained on the turn into the straight when **Prince Lateral** was taken out to improve its position. On inquiry, jockey Bardottier (**Prince Lateral**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for interference. He was fined Rs.25,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Prince Lateral** sustained an injury on its near fore leg.

RACE 4 – THE AMEDEE POUPARD CUP

The Stewards, in consultation with trainer S. Hurchund, allowed jockey Vaibhav to ride **Prince George** at ½ kg overweight. Jockey Vaibhav pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 111 (3) for accepting a ride whilst he was overweight. He was fined Rs.10,000. The start was delayed when **Apple Pie** was fractious and proved difficult to load. **Jambaman** stood flat-footed and lost considerable ground at the start. **Prince George** was slow to begin. **Apple Pie** was slow into stride and shortly after was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 1200 metres **Forward Drive** had to be checked when awkward on the heels of **Five Star Rock**, which was taken back to secure a position behind **Victory Team**. On inquiry, jockey Bardottier (**Five Star Rock**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for two

Mauritian race meetings. **Prince George** raced wide approaching the 800 metres. Approaching the 600 metres **Five Star Rock** was taken out from behind **Victory Team** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Forward Drive** wider on the track. Approaching the 75 metres **Mr Bond** was taken in to the inside of **Victory Team** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Victory Team** was lame on the off fore leg due to an injury and that **Mr Bond** was lame on the near fore leg.

RACE 5 – THE EUGENE ROUSSET CUP

The Stewards, in consultation with trainer A. Perdrau, allowed apprentice Ramsamy to ride **Black Tractor** at 1 kg overweight. Apprentice Ramsamy pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 111 (3) for accepting a ride whilst he was overweight. He was fined Rs.10,000.

On jumping **Mountain Master** shifted out, contacting **Thrust**, which in turn shifted out, contacting **Argun** and turning it sideways. **Belong To Me** was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 1000 metres **Black Tractor**, which was over-racing, threw its head when being settled. **Argun** lay in in the home straight. Approaching the 150 metres **Belong To Me** started to hang in under pressure, carrying **Alpha Pegasi** inwards. Following this incident **Belong To Me** continued to hang in and approaching the 75 metres ran out of galloping room, clipped the heels of **Silver Bluff** and stumbled. **Thrust**, which was following, was also inconvenienced. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Goomany (**Belong To Me**) was strongly advised that when his mounts commence to shift ground he is to stop riding and make every attempt to straighten them.

RACE 6 – THE AECL ImproChem LIGHTNING CUP

Executive Power and **Beat The Retreat** were slow into stride. **Beat The Retreat** raced wide from the 600 metres and made the turn into the straight wide. Leaving the 150 metres **Reim** was held up for a clear run.

RACE 7 – THE DR. V. PIERRE GOUPILLE CUP

The Stewards, in consultation with trainer S. Hurchund, allowed jockey Vaibhav to ride **Prince Ariano** at ½ kg overweight. Jockey Vaibhav pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 111 (3) for accepting a ride whilst he was overweight. He was fined Rs.10,000.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the incident near the 25 metres. It was established that the incident had not affected the placings, therefore correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Soweto Moon was slow to begin. On jumping **Rogue Runner** shifted outwards, inconveniencing **The Deacon**. **Rogue Runner** raced wide throughout. **Wanted Man** raced greenly in the straight. At 25 metres from the finish **Wanted Man** struck the heels of **Antwerp** and blundered, nearly unseating jockey Bussunt. On inquiry, it was established that on entering the straight **Wanted Man** had commenced to race greenly, shifting ground. Passing the 75 metres **Antwerp** had shifted in slightly, holding **Soweto Moon** tight and passing the 50 metres had commenced to lay out under pressure, at the same time **Baron Bellet** shifted in marginally. **Wanted Man** struck the heels of **Antwerp** and blundered, nearly dislodging its rider. The Stewards were of the opinion that there are a number of contributing factors and proceeded no further with the inquiry apart from advising jockey Ghunowa (**Antwerp**) to make every effort when his mounts shift. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Soweto Moon** and **Antwerp** were not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 8 – THE HANDLERS CHALLENGE TROPHY

Purple Rock was fractious in the barrier prior to the start and commenced awkwardly. **New Golden Age** was slow to begin. Passing the 1300 metres **Starspangledbanner** steadied when **Varadiso** shifted across. Jockey Chisty (**Varadiso**) was shown the video replays of this part of the race and advised that he must make greater effort when shifting across the field. **Starspangledbanner** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Laughistheanswer**, when racing keenly, steadied approaching the 600 metres. **The Brass Bell** made the turn into the straight wide. Leaving the 150 metres the whip of jockey Sola came entangled in his reins momentarily. When questioned, apprentice Ramsamy advised that **Mighty Hash** had stumbled passing the 600 metres and changed legs consistently throughout. In his opinion, the gelding did not feel right in its action and that's the reason he stopped riding in the straight.