



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2017

RACE 1 – THE BICENTENARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT LOUIS CUP

Alberts Day, **Sea Pass** and **Swinging Captain** were slow to begin. **Caracal** commenced awkwardly. **Mojo G** and **Swinging Captain** raced wide in the early stages. **Roy's Express** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Sea Pass** with the latter having to be steadied. Approximately 250 metres after the start **Sea Pass** was steadied and taken inwards to avoid being obliged to race wide. Turning into the straight the first time **Caracal** was awkward on the heels of **Sea Pass** and had to be checked. Passing the 1000 metres **Alberts Day** raced keenly and shifted out, carrying **Sea Pass** wide on the track. Approaching the 400 metres **Jullidar** was taken out to improve its position, making the turn into the straight wide. **Caracal** made the turn into the straight awkwardly. When questioned, jockey Khathi (**Swinging Captain**) explained that approaching the 400 metres **Noordhoek Ice**, which was travelling better than him and had progressed to his inside, carried him wider on the track. Approaching the turn into the straight **Noordhoek Ice**, which was travelling well improved to the inside of **Swinging Captain**, which shortly after rolled inwards, carrying **Noordhoek Ice** in onto **Roy's Express**, which restrained and lost ground. **Mojo G**, which was following, was inconvenienced and had to be steadied. Following an inquiry, the Stewards were of the opinion that it was a racing incident and did not proceed further. Over the concluding stages **Noordhoek Ice** and **Swinging Captain** lay in under pressure.

RACE 2 – THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL CUP

After being placed in its barrier, **Secret Idea** became fractious with the barrier springing open. **Succession Plan** stood flat-footed, losing significant ground. **Patrol Mission** threw its head on jumping and shortly after was taken across to race behind runners. Shortly after the start **Storm Clipper** commenced to over-race and passing the winning post the first time restrained across the heels of **Secret Idea**. **Storm Clipper** commenced to race keenly from thereon. Jockey Emamdee (**Sierra Redwood**) was shown the video replays of the final straight and advised that he must make sure he is clear of runners before shifting in.

When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **Sierra Redwood**, Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur explained that on the previous two occasions, the gelding had drawn wide and there had been pace in those races but today, in his opinion, there was a lack of pace in the race and in the circumstances he decided to race forward and, in his opinion, these circumstances had contributed to its improved performance.

RACE 3 – THE WEEK-END SCOPE CHALLENGE TROPHY

Guilty As Charged stood flat-footed and was slow to begin. **Glorious Goodwood** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Emaar** was slow into stride and approaching the 600 metres was taken out to improve its position. **Guilty As Charged** over-raced in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 300 metres **Lee's Star** was taken out from behind **Our Jet** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Emaar** wider on the track. **Dealer's Charm** was held up for a clear run approaching the 150 metres and then shifted outwards to obtain a clear run.

RACE 4 – THE WEEK-END CHALLENGE TROPHY

Dustan was slow into stride and shortly after was taken across to race behind runners. **Dawn Raid** was slow to begin. **Independence** dipped on jumping. Approaching the 1850 metres **Dawn Raid** was steadied and taken out when **Independence** was taken in. **Independence** brushed the running rail at the 600 metres. Approaching the 450 metres **Dustan** was taken out to improve its position. Approaching the 150 metres **Rap Attack** and **Down Under** brushed with **Rap Attack** becoming unbalanced. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Trackmaster**) was shown the video replays of the

home straight and advised that he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Rap Attack**, jockey Wiggins explained that at no stage of the race did the gelding feel comfortable and, when put under pressure near the 400 metres, failed to quicken. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Rap Attack** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 5 – LE MAURICIEN CENTENARY SOUVENIR TROPHY

Bouclette Top was slow to begin, shifted in and bumped **Speed Limit**. Shortly after the start **Captain Magpie** dipped. **Bouclette Top** raced wide throughout. **Dreamforest** over-raced in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1300 metres **Dreamforest** had to be checked when **Sheer Trouble** was taken in when insufficiently clear. On inquiry, jockey Rama (**Sheer Trouble**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 600 metres **Easy Lover** rolled in, slightly inconveniencing **Dreamforest**, which was racing on its inside. Over the concluding stages **Easy Lover** hung out under pressure with jockey Ségeon shifting his whip to his left hand.

RACE 6 – THE TURF MAGAZINE 40TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN TROPHY

Open Heir was slow to begin. **Tabreek** commenced awkwardly and was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Parachute Man** raced in restricted room for some distance near the 2000 metres. Approaching the 1850 metres **Qatar Springs** was taken in when insufficiently clear from **Parachute Man**, resulting in the latter being cramped for galloping room. In this incident **Disco AI** was forced to check and struck the running rail. On inquiry, jockey Ghunowa (**Qatar Springs**), 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. **Solar Star** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Qatar Springs** became awkward on the heels of **Netflix** and shifted outwards, making contact with **Parachute Man**. Leaving the 1000 metres **Tabreek** was awkward on the heels of **Netflix**, had to be steadied and shifted outwards. **Tabreek** raced wide until approaching the 600 metres when it was taken in. Leaving the 1000 metres **Solar Star**, which was over-racing, became awkward on the heels of **Scotsnog** and shifted out. **M L Jet** and **Tabreek**, which were following, were also inconvenienced. Rounding the home turn **Enaad**, which was attempting a run between **Parachute Man** and **Scotsnog**, raced in restricted room for some distance, with **Enaad** contacting the hindquarters of **Parachute Man** and becoming unbalanced. **Tabreek** was held up at the turn into the straight and shifted out to obtain clear running.

RACE 7 – THE RAOUL RIVET CUP

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign, viewed the video replays of the start and took evidence from trainer P. Merven and jockey Emamdee. It was established that **Avail** which was fractious, was being held and steadied by the Stall Handler when the start was effected. As such, the Stewards were of the opinion that **Avail** was denied a fair start and, acting under MTC Rule 144 (1), declared **Avail** a non runner. In view of this, all bets on **Avail** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 40 cents per rupee, the average price of **Avail** being 6/4.

Seven Oceans, when racing keenly near the 1850 metres, was taken back. Approaching the 1600 metres **Spin A Coin** was urged forward to secure the lead. Passing the 1300 metres **Seven Oceans** threw its head and raced ungenerously for a short distance. Leaving the 800 metres **Seven Oceans** was taken out to improve its position to race closer to the lead. Shortly after, **Aficionado** was taken out from behind **Spin A Coin** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Oceans** wider on the track. **Silver Dice** made the turn into the straight wide.

RACE 8 – THE STUD MASTER CUP

Prior to the start **My Man Alex** became fractious and reared up. **Blue Jeans** shifted out on jumping. **Prince Of Arabia** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, contacting **Logan**. **Ocean Hunter** and **Rebel Alliance** bumped shortly after the start. **Right To Tango** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Ocean Hunter** over-raced in the early stages. **Right To Tango** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 1300 metres **Golden Ball** was taken in, carrying **Starsky** inwards onto **Logan**. **Blue Jeans**, which was racing on the inside of **Logan**, became cramped for galloping room and had to be checked. On inquiry, apprentice Ramsamy (**Golden Ball**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Passing the 450 metres **Ocean Hunter** was taken out and made the turn into the straight wide. **Golden Ball** shifted out under pressure in the straight, carrying **Logan** out.