



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2017

RACE 1 – THE SHARP PIP CUP

Apprentice Deenath being indisposed, the Stewards approved apprentice Roy as the replacement rider for **Villa Le Blanc**.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the final straight. It was established that approaching the 100 metres when attempting a run into a tight gap between **Bridegroom Bertie** and **Lividus**, **Ruby Rocker** brushed the hindquarters of **Lividus**, turning it sideways with **Lividus** then becoming unbalanced and shifting out, contacting **Bridegroom Bertie** on its hindquarter with **Bridegroom Bertie** being turned sideways and shifting in onto **Lividus**, inconveniencing the latter. **Ruby Rocker** was then taken out from behind **Bridegroom Bertie** to secure clear running. Under these circumstances, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Ruby Rocker**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that he should exercise care at all times.

Havana Breeze and **Colour Of Courage** were slow to begin. **Ruby Rocker** jumped awkwardly, brushing the left side of its gate. From its wide draw **Yoda Man** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Colour Of Courage** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Leaving the 200 metres **Yoda Man** was taken to the inside of **Lividus** to secure clear running and approaching the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Villa Le Blanc** to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages **Yoda Man** was slightly inconvenienced close to the heels of **Black Gambit**, which had shifted out marginally. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Black Gambit** was distressed after the race and that **Villa Le Blanc** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 2 – THE CITY OF PORT LOUIS CUP

Acting on veterinary advice that **Black Parrot** was unfit to race, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 7.45 a.m. on Friday. In view of this, all bets on **Black Parrot** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

As jockey Ghunowa was unable to ride at the carded weight of 55 kg, the Stewards approved jockey Sooful as the replacement rider for **King's Salute**. Jockey Ghunowa pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC 111 (3) for accepting a ride whilst being overweight. He was fined Rs.5,000.

Night Chapel jumped awkwardly and was slow out. From their wide draws, **Impressed** and **Chester's Wish** were taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Night Chapel** dipped passing the 1365 metres. **King's Salute** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 300 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out from behind **Night Chapel**, which had commenced to give ground and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Mount Fuji** hung in in the early stages of the home straight. **Kalinago** hung in over the concluding stages. When questioned, jockey Pengelly (**Dark Force**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to get cover. He said that after jumping well, he took his mount back, eventually securing a position on the fence in mid-field. He added that **Dark Force** had a tendency to race fiercely in the middle stages, however it relaxed nicely in the back straight and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, it quickened only fairly being disappointing. When questioned, apprentice Allyhosain (**Night Chapel**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and if not possible to let the gelding run in its pace in a one off position as at its last start, when this gelding was following horses, it failed to quicken. He further explained after being slow out he had to urge his mount forward to ride as per instructions and although being able to secure a position behind the leader on the rail he did not do so in order to ride as per instructions. He added that his mount raced keen in the early stages, relaxed down the back straight and when asked for an effort approaching the 300 metres, failed to quicken, being disappointing.

RACE 3 – THE RENE LINCOLN CUP

Prince Lateral and **Rogue Runner** were slow to begin. **Imperial Dancer** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Glorious Goodwood**. **Glorious Goodwood** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Al Dangeur**. **Al Dangeur** then shifted out, resulting in **Dealer's Charm** racing in restricted room between **Valerin** and **Al Dangeur** and having to be steadied. **Valerin** raced wide in the early and middle stages with **Valerin** being allowed to stride forward leaving the 1000 metres to secure a position closer to the lead. **Rogue Runner** raced wide throughout. From leaving the 1300 metres **Dealer's Charm** commenced to over-race and, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Al Dangeur**, threw its head, racing ungenerously for some distance. Following this incident, **Dealer's Charm** continued to over-race. Leaving the 400 metres **Dealer's Charm** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Rogue Runner** wider on the track with both horses racing wide rounding the home turn. From near the 150 metres **Heart Of Darkness** commenced to shift in under pressure, racing tight onto **Glorious Goodwood**. Jockey Khathi was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that he should straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. Jockey Khathi dropped his whip near the 100 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Cash Lord** was not striding out properly after the race, that **Rogue Runner** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Melson** was injured on its near fore pastern. Trainer S. Hurchund was informed that **Cash Lord** shall pass an ove before being allowed to race again.

RACE 4 – THE APEX FUND SERVICES (MAURITIUS) LTD 5TH ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

Jambaman stood flat-footed and was slow out. **Roving Jet** jumped awkwardly and shortly after was bumped by **Emaar**, which had jumped inwards. From its wide draw **New Star** was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 200 metres **Emaar** shifted in under pressure, resulting in jockey Poullis switching his whip to his right hand.

RACE 5 – THE APEX FUND SERVICES (MAURITIUS) LTD 10TH ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

Moonlight Runner and **Soweto Moon** were slow to begin. **Beluga** jumped inwards, crowding **Soweto Moon** shortly after the start. From its wide draw, **Wavebreaker** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Hillyhillyhilo** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1300 metres **Beluga** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Victory Team**, which was being taken in towards the rails. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Allyhosain (**Victory Team**) 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. **Racing For Fun** dipped leaving the 100 metres. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Beluga**. Trainer Merven explained that at its last starts, when being urged forward, this gelding pulled hard in its races, as such for today's race, taking into consideration that **Moonlight Runner** and **Victory Team** had shown pace in their last race, he instructed jockey Chisty to endeavour to jump and secure a position behind these two horses without asking his mount for much of an effort. Jockey Chisty confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he saw jockey Ségeon on his inside urging his mount forward and decided against urging his mount forward as he was of the opinion that he would be able to clear **Donnie Brasco** passing the 1300 metres as his mount has normal gate speed, however was unable to do so as he had to ease his mount when crowded for room on the inside of **Victory Team**, which had been taken in abruptly. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further, however told jockey Chisty that his ride had come under notice and that he should ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Donnie Brasco** was lame on its off fore leg. Trainer J. M. Henry was informed that **Donnie Brasco** shall pass an ove before being allowed to race again.

RACE 6 – THE RAJCOOMAR GUJADHUR CUP

Awesome Power jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. **Oomph** was slow to begin. From its wide draw, **New Hampshire** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. From approaching the 1100 metres **Fortissimo** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Candy Rock**. Near the 850 metres, **Fortissimo**, which was still over-racing, shifted out to avoid the heels of **Candy Rock**, carrying **Oomph**, which was following, outwards. **Oomph** was taken out approaching the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 150 metres **Unbridled Joy** shifted in under pressure, resulting in **Candy Rock** racing in restricted room for some distance between **Unbridled Joy** and **Streetbouncer**. Over the concluding stages **Unbridled Joy** shifted out under pressure, slightly

inconveniencing **Mr Leyend**, which was improving on its outside. Jockey Ségeon (**Oomph**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 53 (j) for making a celebrating gesture in an excessive manner. He was fined Rs.5,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **New Hampshire** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Act Of Loyalty** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 7 – THE EDME GAUTHIER CUP

Wing Man was slow to begin. Leaving the 1400 metres **Prince Of Arabia** commenced to over-race, threw its head when eased to avoid the heels of **Charles My Boy**. When questioned with regards to the poor performance of **Redwood Valley**, jockey Pengelly explained that the gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he expected a good run from the latter. He added that although over-racing slightly in the early stages of the race, it relaxed going past the winning post on the first occasion with the race being run at a regular pace, however when the pace quickened passing the 400 metres **Redwood Valley** dropped the bit and despite his urgings and the fact that he managed to secure an inside run, failed to quicken and was extremely disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Redwood Valley** revealed no abnormality.

RACE 8 – THE FANNY CUP

Kash Is King was slow to begin. **Laughistheanswer** jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and shifted in, bumping **Brave Leader** on its hindquarter. From their wide draws **Mexican Sun** and **Right To Tango** were taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. When the pace slowed passing the 1000 metres **Powder Keg** became awkward close to the heels of **Bezamod** and, when being eased, threw its head, racing ungenerously. **Logan**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to steady. **Vintage Angel**, which was following **Logan**, clipped its heels and stumbled, unbalancing apprentice Allyhosain. Approaching the 900 metres **Right To Tango**, which was over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Rebel Alliance**. Leaving the 800 metres **Powder Keg**, which was still over-racing, was taken out from the heels of **Bezamod** and was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. **Right To Tango** raced wide from the 600 metres. Approaching the 600 metres **Vintage Angel** shifted in, crowding **Laughistheanswer** on its inside with **Laughistheanswer** brushing the running rail. Leaving the 450 metres **Bezamod** raced in restricted room between **Brave Leader** and **Powder Keg** when **Brave Leader** shifted out slightly and **Powder Keg** shifted in slightly under pressure. **Bezamod** was then steadied, slighting inconveniencing **Logan**, which was following. Leaving the 250 metres **Rebel Alliance** was taken to the outside of **Laughistheanswer** to continue going forward.