



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2017**

**RACE 1 – THE MYSTIC SNOW CUP**

**Storm Clipper** was slow to begin. **Rock On** was slow into stride. **Masaar** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Storm Clipper** onto **Secret Idea**. **Secret Idea** then shifted out, carrying **Rock On** outwards with the latter being inconvenienced close to the heels of **Brachetto**. Leaving the 400 metres **Storm Clipper** was taken out from behind **Masaar** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Secret Idea** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Varational** was lame on the off fore leg.

**RACE 2 – THE SIR GAETAN DUVAL Q.C. CUP**

**Burwaaz**, **Silver Dice** and **Captain Rockhopper** were slow to begin. **Impressed** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Mount Fuji** dipped shortly after the start. Near the 1000 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Cula**. From approaching the 400 metres **Apple Jack** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Mount Fuji**, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward. Passing the 300 metres **Burwaaz** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Captain Rockhopper**) dropped his whip near the 200 metres. **Elysian Park** hung in in the home straight, with jockey Ségeon having to put his whip away near the 150 metres to straighten his mount. **Mount Fuji** shifted out over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **Elysian Park**. Jockey Joorawon (**Mount Fuji**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that in future he should straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Burwaaz**, trainer Jones explained that at its last start the horse froze at the start and lost considerable ground, after which it performed a satisfactory barrier trial. He added that **Burwaaz** managed to jump today and that the pace was a regular one. He also said that, in his opinion, this horse runs better when ridden by jockey Boutanive.

**RACE 3 – THE RENE MAIGROT CUP**

**Bono Vox** and **Wing Man** were slow to begin. **Greatfiveight** and **Beach in A Bottle** raced wide in the early stages. **Beach in A Bottle** commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres. **Avail**, which was following, was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Oceans** wider on the track. **Seven Oceans** hung in in the home straight. Near the 150 metres **Bono Vox** had to be taken to the inside of **Avail** to secure clear running. At an inquiry, Assistant Trainer Mr. S. Gujadhur was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 157 (3) for failing to inform the Stewards of a change of well established tactics for **Beach in A Bottle**. He was fined Rs.20,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Major Jay** suffered a bleeding attack. An inquiry into the handling of **Beach in A Bottle** will be held on Tuesday morning.

**RACE 4 – THE RAM RUHEE OBE MEMORIAL CUP**

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that prior to the start being effected, **Gimme Green** became fractious, turning its head sideways and when the start was effected the handler was busy straightening **Gimme Green**, resulting in him still have hold of **Gimme Green**'s head when the gates opened. As such, **Gimme Green** could not jump with the rest of the field. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Gimme Green** was denied a fair start, acting under Rule 144 (1), decided to declare the latter a non runner. In view of this, all bets on **Gimme Green** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gimme Green** being 10/1.

**In The Loop** and **Nordic Storm** were slow to begin. **Glorious Goodwood** threw its head on jumping. **Fortissimo** was taken out from leaving the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 100 metres **Glen Coco** was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Rogue Runner**, which had been taken out marginally by **Promissory** and had to be taken out to continue going forward. **Nordic Storm**, which was following, also had to be taken out, slightly inconveniencing **Fortissimo**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **In The Loop** was lame on the near fore leg.

#### **RACE 5 – THE GUNNESS GUJADHUR CUP**

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered an objection lodged by apprentice Ramsamy, rider of **Olympic Bolt**, declared 3<sup>rd</sup>, against **Aficionado**, being declared 2<sup>nd</sup>, alleging interference over the concluding stages. It was established that from leaving the 75 metres **Aficionado** started to shift out away from the whip and did so for approximately 10 strides, crowding **Olympic Bolt**, which was improving on its outside, onto **Greys Inn Control**, with **Olympic Bolt** having to be checked and losing its position. The Stewards, being of the opinion that without this incident **Olympic Bolt** would have finished ahead of **Aficionado**, as such decided to uphold the objection, the new placings being: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Greys Inn Control**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Olympic Bolt**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Aficionado**; 4<sup>th</sup>: **Dustan**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Poullis (**Aficionado**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rules 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs.25,000.

**Greys Inn Control** jumped inwards, brushing the hindquarters of **Aficionado**. Approaching the 1600 metres, **Olympic Bolt** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Mountain Master** and, when being steadied, raced ungenerously for some distance. From the 600 metres **Open Heir** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. Approaching the 450 metres **Dustan** had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Open Heir**, which was giving ground. **Dustan** raced wide from then onwards.

#### **RACE 6 – THE MTC 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CUP**

**M L Jet** was slow to begin. **Disco AI** was slow into stride. **Vettel** raced wide in the early stages and was allowed to stride forward to the lead approaching the 1650 metres. **Kingmambo's Legacy** raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 1250 metres **Parachute Man**, which was over-racing, had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Vettel**, which had shifted in. From leaving the 1100 metres **Parachute Man** was taken to the one off position and carried **Kingmambo's Legacy** wider on the track. Approaching the 600 metres **Kingmambo's Legacy** was urged forward to secure the lead. **Solar Star** and **Bouclette Top** were taken out from approaching the 450 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that was **Bouclette Top** coughing after the race.

#### **RACE 7 – THE DOMINIQUE GALEA CUP**

**Roman Silvanus** was slow to begin. **Prince Of Arabia** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Mighty Lion** onto **Anafesto**. **Anafesto** knuckled on jumping and, shortly after was crowded for room between **Zagazig**, which had shifted out shortly after the start, and **Mighty Lion**, which had been carried in by **Prince Of Arabia**. **Prince Of Arabia** raced wide in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. From leaving the 1500 metres, **Sea Pass** commenced to over-race and leaving the 1400 metres had to be taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Starsky**. Leaving the 900 metres **Zagazig** was taken out and urged forward to race closer to the lead. Approaching the 450 metres **Sea Pass** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then inwards. Leaving the 400 metres **Rasta Rebel** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Sea Pass** hung in in the home straight. Approaching the 100 metres **Roman Silvanus** was slightly inconvenienced when attempting a run on the inside of **Mighty Lion**. Approaching the 75 metres **Roman Silvanus** tried to savage **Starsky**.