



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017

RACE 1 – THE J. PHILIPPE LAGESSE CUP

Ice Emperor was fractious prior to the start and was slow to begin. **Zen Master** and **The Deacon** were slow to begin. **Zen Master** raced wide in the early and middle stages. From leaving the 1100 metres **It's My Party** commenced to race fiercely and passing the 1000 metres had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **In Your Face**. **In Your Face** jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. **It Doesn't Matter** came off the crossing at the 1000 metres awkwardly. Approaching the 400 metres **It Doesn't Matter** was disappointed for a run when attempting to improve between **Zen Master** and **Political Power** and had to steady. Leaving the 200 metres **It Doesn't Matter** was taken out from behind **It's My Party** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Joorawon (**It Doesn't Matter**) explained that he was instructed to find a position where comfortable and after jumping reasonably well, he found himself racing 3-wide passing the 1300 metres as **Political Power** was insisting on his inside, he then elected to settle his mount behind it. He added that leaving the 1100 metres, when **In Your Face** insisted to lead, the pace increased with his mount jumping the crossing at the 1000 metres, he then managed to secure a position on the fence behind **Political Power** and leaving the 900 metres the latter reduced the pace. He further added that he thought about taking his mount out and improving on the outside of the latter, however he was apprehensive of doing so as he did not want it to jump the crossing at the 800 metres. He then said that approaching the 400 metres he was inconvenienced when trying to improve between horses and that in the home straight his mount took some time to quicken.

RACE 2 – THE SWAN WEALTH MANAGERS SOUVENIR PLATE

Prior to the start being effected **Bellicosity** broke through its front gate and was quickly reined in. It was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race. **Varadiso** shifted in on jumping, bumping **Mount Hillaby**, which had shifted out. **Bellicosity** threw its head and was slow out. **Megamuhti** and **Brachetto** raced wide from the 600 metres. From approaching the 200 metres **Brachetto** commenced to shift in. Leaving the 200 metres **Megamuhti** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Brachetto**, which had shifted in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Brachetto**) 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. From approaching the 100 metres **Rogue Runner** commenced to shift out away from the whip, slightly inconveniencing **Brachetto** passing the 100 metres. Jockey Rama (**Rogue Runner**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that in future he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

RACE 3 – THE SWAN PENSIONS SOUVENIR PLATE

Global Flyer jumped awkwardly. **Ice Run** half-reared at the start. **Noah's Ark** was slow to begin. **Strum** raced wide throughout. From the 400 metres **Strum** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with in the final straight. Leaving the 250 metres **Soweto Moon** was taken out from behind **Global Flyer** and **Ice Run** to secure clear running. Near the 150 metres **Global Flyer** was taken out from behind **Answeringensis** to secure clear running and, in doing so, carried **Ice Run** outwards. Approaching the 100 metres **Soweto Moon** commenced to shift out away from the whip with jockey Arnold switching his whip to his left hand. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Ice Run**. Trainer Merven explained that he instructed jockey Chisty to bounce his mount out with a view to lead and if he is not able to do so, to endeavour to stay in the one off position in order not to get boxed and to move from the 400 metres depending on the pace of the race. Jockey Chisty confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping fairly he urged his mount forward with a view to ride as per his instructions. He said that from approaching the 1000 metres Ice Run, which normally pulls hard in its races, had difficulty in following **Answeringensis**, with him having to niggle his

mount to stay behind the latter and that leaving the 600 metres Ice Run dropped the bit and had to be hard ridden to keep up with the leader. He added that in the home straight his mount stayed one pace before fading over the concluding stages. When questioned, he explained that had he put his hands down leaving the 1000 metres he was of the opinion that his mount would have fallen back in the field, as such he elected to keep niggling at it. Trainer Merven explained that in his opinion there was definitely something amiss with Ice Run today as the gelding had shown in its previous runs that it is a much better horse. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Noah's Ark** lost its off fore shoe during the run and that **Sunset Breeze** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 4 – THE SWAN GENERAL SOUVENIR PLATE

Clifton Surf was ridden by jockey K. Ghunowa instead of jockey L. Goomany.

Nation Builder jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. **Chinese Gold** and **Clifton Surf** were slow to begin. From its wide draw, **Silver Bluff** was taken across to race behind runners. **Clifton Surf** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Passing the 900 metres **Five Star Rock** shifted in abruptly, brushing the running rail and becoming unbalanced for a few strides. From leaving the 600 metres **Clifton Surf** was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. From approaching the 200 metres **Promissory**, when being ridden with the whip, shifted in away from it, resulting in **Var's Dream**, which was endeavouring to improve on its inside, running out of galloping room and having to be taken out to continue going forward. Shortly after, **Var's Dream** also had to be taken out from behind **Five Star Rock**, which had shifted in under pressure and, in doing so, **Var's Dream** inconvenienced **Silver Bluff** on its outside. **Ryder Cup** hung in in the home straight.

RACE 5 – THE SWAN LIFE SOUVENIR PLATE

Charles Lytton was slow to begin. **Victory Team** hung out under pressure over the concluding stages. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Charles Lytton**. Trainer Rousset explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race and that he thought that it had finally recaptured last year's form, as such he expected a good run from the latter. He added that from its good draw, he instructed jockey Joorawon as there were fast horses on his outside to endeavour to insist to put his horse in the race, just behind the pace and to wait for the last 400 metres for his best effort. Jockey Joorawon confirmed these instructions and explained that from leaving the 300 metres his mount had a tendency to hang in and that turning into the home straight he thought about taking an inside run but could not do so as **Victory Team** had secured the inside run. He added that throughout the home straight his mount hung in with him being unable to ride it properly. Trainer Rousset explained that he could not fault jockey Joorawon's ride and that it was the gelding's best run this season. After consideration, jockey Joorawon was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (a) for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that **Charles Lytton** was given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field, the particulars being that from leaving the 150 metres until approximately the final 25 metres, he failed to ride this gelding with his usual vigour and determination when it was reasonable and permissible to do so. Jockey Joorawon was suspended from riding in races for 10 Mauritian meetings and fined Rs.50,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Step To Fame** was lame on the off fore leg.

RACE 6 – THE SWAN – DUKE OF YORK CUP

Easy Lover, **Hard Day's Night** and **Oomph** were slow to begin. **Karraar** jumped inwards, crowding **Ready To Attack**. Shortly after the start **Enaad** shifted in, bumping **Dreamforest**. From its wide draw, **Oomph** was taken across to race behind runners. **Prince of Thieves** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1100 metres was eased to secure the position one off the fence behind **Hard Day's Night**. Approaching the 700 metres, when the pace slackened, **Karraar** was urged forward to secure the lead. Passing the 600 metres **Tandragee** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Karraar**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear. **Tandragee** then clipped its heels and stumbled. Approaching the 450 metres **Oomph** was taken out from behind **Dreamforest** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Enaad** wider on the track. Approaching the 400 metres **Ready To Attack** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 300 metres **Oomph**, which had improved on the inside of **Prince of Thieves**, was taken out from behind **Scotsnog** and, in doing so, carried **Prince of Thieves** outwards onto **Ready To Attack**, with **Prince of Thieves** becoming inconvenienced and having to be eased. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. Approaching the 200 metres **Scotsnog** was taken out to secure clear running and, in doing so, carried **Speed Limit** onto **Oomph**, with **Speed Limit** bumping **Oomph**,

turning it sideways. **Oomph** then shifted in, crowding **Speed Limit** onto **Scotsnog**, with **Speed Limit** having to be checked. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Tandragee** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

RACE 7 – THE SWAN SECURITIES SOUVENIR PLATE

Elysian Park and **Sacred Jewel** were slow to begin. **Beach In A Bottle** was slow into stride. **Ready For Take Off** raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres **Heart Of Darkness** was cramped for room on the inside of **Ready For Take Off**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. **Heart Of Darkness** then shifted in, crowding **Rumbullion** on its inside, with the latter having to be checked. **Elysian Park** and **Sacred Jewel**, which was following, were inconvenienced and had to be taken out. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning. **Rumbullion** hung in in the early stages of the home straight. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Rumbullion**) dropped his whip near the 150 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Beach In A Bottle** lost its off fore shoe during the run and that an endoscopic examination of **Imperial Dancer**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

RACE 8 – THE FREDERICK STAUB CUP

Jullidar stood flat-footed and was slow out. **Redwood Valley** was slow to begin. **Without A Doubt** shifted out on jumping and **Ramaas** shifted in, with both horses contacting shortly after the start. **Kimberley** jumped outwards, brushing the left side of its gate. Approaching the 1200 metres, when the pace slowed, **Without A Doubt** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Rock Hard** and, in doing so, carried **Silver Dice** wider on the track. **Silver Dice** was then eased to secure a position behind it. **Euroklidon** jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. **Jullidar** and **Silver Dice** raced wide from the 600 metres. Approaching the 300 metres **Rock Hard** was taken out from behind **Ramaas** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Redwood Valley** wider on the track.