



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

**INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2017**

**RACE 1 – THE VELOGIC CONTAINER SERVICES TROPHY**

Shortly before the start was effected, **Vintage Angel** forced its gate open, it was quickly gathered and the gate closed back. Shortly after, **Powder Keg** reared and flipped over. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Powder Keg**. In view of this, all bets on **Powder Keg** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less two cents per rupee, the average price of **Powder Keg** being 39/1. Trainer S. Hurchund was told that **Powder Keg** should barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

**Sea Pass, Vintage Angel, Commodus** and **Mighty Lion** were slow to begin. **Kash Is King** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1000 metres **Sea Pass** was taken out to avoid the heels of **St Arnault** and, in doing so, carried **Vintage Angel** wider on the track. **Vintage Angel** raced wide from then onwards. From the 300 metres **Commodus**, when being ridden with the whip, hung out, carrying **Kash Is King** wider on the track. Jockey Oodith (**Commodus**) was shown the video replays of the incident and advised that he should not use his whip round the turn. Leaving the 250 metres **St Arnault** was taken out from behind **Halabaloo** to improve its position, at the same time **Halabaloo** shifted out away from the heels of **Spin A Coin**, resulting in **St Arnault** becoming inconvenienced and having to be switched back in to avoid its heels. From approaching the 200 metres **Spin A Coin** shifted in under pressure. **Sea Pass** hung in over the last 200 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Sea Pass** suffered a bleeding attack.

**RACE 2 – THE VELOGIC HAULAGE SERVICES TROPHY**

**Noordhoek Ice** stumbled on jumping. **Wing Man, Roman Silvanus** and **Havana Breeze** were slow to begin. **Rasta Rebel** and **Bright Shining** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 1100 metres **Rasta Rebel** was allowed to improve its position to race one off the fence on the outside of **Gstaad**. Approaching the 800 metres **Prince Ariano** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Rasta Rebel** and, in doing so, carried **Bright Shining** wider on the track. From leaving the 450 metres **Roman Silvanus** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bright Shining** lost its near fore shoe during the run.

**RACE 3 – THE AVIOSERVIZI TROPHY**

**Avail** and **Mambo** were slow to begin. **Antwerp** jumped awkwardly and shifted in and, shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. **Avail** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence. **Declarator** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 200 metres **Chester's Wish**, when being ridden with the whip, shied away and shifted in, slightly inconveniencing **Avail**, which was improving on its inside. Jockey Goomany (**Chester's Wish**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Approaching the 150 metres **Antwerp** was inconvenienced when attempting a run into a tight gap between **Steal A March**, which was hanging in, and **Cula**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Antwerp** was lame on its off fore leg.

**RACE 4 – THE NAVIS TROPHY**

**Roving Jet** and **Emblem Royale** were fractious in their gate prior to the start being effected. **New Star** was slow to begin. **Nordic Storm** hesitated at the start and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. From leaving the 1500 metres **Kurundu** commenced to over-race when the pace slowed and clipped the heels of **Emblem Royale** on numerous occasions until the 1300 metres. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Emblem Royale**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively slowing the pace of his mount. He was fined Rs.20,000. Approaching the 1100 metres **Talbec** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Kurundu**. Passing the 600 metres **New Star** was taken out from behind **Talbec** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Bono Vox** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bono Vox** lost its near fore shoe during the run.

### RACE 5 – THE FLYNT INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS TROPHY

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 from leaving the 100 metres **Tanjiro** shifted out under pressure with **Greys Inn Control**, which was improving on its outside, being carried slightly wide. The Stewards, being of the opinion that this incident did not materially affect the result of the race, decided not to proceed further. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Seven Fountains** and **Greys Inn Control** were slow to begin. From leaving the 1500 metres **Ole Gunner** commenced to over-race and passing the 1400 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Silver Snaffles**. Approaching the 1400 metres **Tanjiro** became awkward when close to the heels of **Independence** and had to be eased when **Independence** had slowed the pace. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bundhoo (**Independence**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively slowing the pace of his mount. In mitigation, jockey Bundhoo expressed his desire for a suspension in lieu of a fine, as such he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 350 metres **Greys Inn Control** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Fountains** wider on the track.

### RACE 6 – Velogic – LA COUPE DES PRESIDENTS

**Easy Lover** stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start. **Bouclette Top** was slow out. Passing the 1700 metres **Dawn Raid** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Kingmambo's Legacy**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Kingmambo's Legacy**) 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. Passing the 800 metres **Solar Star** was taken out from behind **Vettel** to improve its position. For some distance approaching the 300 metres **Easy Lover** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Bouclette Top**.

### RACE 7 – THE TRANSGLOBAL TROPHY

Acting on veterinary advice that **Midnight Man** was suffering from a fever, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8 a.m. on Friday. With this withdrawal **Seventh Speed** became a runner and was ridden by jockey S. Bhundoo. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Midnight Man** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that as the start was effected **Seven Carat** reared. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the gelding was in a position to jump with the rest of the field when the start was effected, declared correct weight on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Seven Carat** reared at the start. **Seventh Speed** was slow to begin. From leaving the 1250 metres **Raheeb** commenced to over-race and proved difficult to settle. **Seven Carat** raced wide throughout. From leaving the 500 metres **Seventh Speed** commenced to hang out despite jockey Bhundoo trying to take it back inwards. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Raheeb**, jockey Goomany explained that he was instructed to endeavour to follow close to the leaders and ride his mount out over the final 300 metres. He added that after jumping well, he found himself racing on the outside of the leader in the early stages and seeing that there was a space behind the leader, he decided to bring back his mount to secure the position on the rails, however from then onwards his mount began to over-race and never dropped the bit and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, it failed to quicken, being extremely disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Raheeb** revealed that it was distressed. When questioned with regard to his ride in the home straight, jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Flower Blue**) explained that turning into the home straight, he tried to save his mount as the latter had raced fiercely throughout and as soon as he asked it for an effort, it commenced to hang in badly. He added that although quickening it stayed one pace over the concluding stages.

### RACE 8 – THE VELOGIC WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TROPHY

**Ruby Rocker** was slow to begin and shortly after the start shifted in, bumping **Black Gambit**. **Magic Jay** raced wide in the early stages. **Ruby Rocker** hung in over the final 150 metres. **Yoda Man** could not secure clear running for most of the home straight and could not be properly tested. Over the concluding stages **Ruby Rocker** shifted in, slightly, inconveniencing **Bridegroom Bertie**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Magic Jay** returned with an injury on its right hip.