



THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB
CHAMP DE MARS – PORT LOUIS

INTERIM REPORT – SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2017

RACE 1 – THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CUP

Caracal, **Navana Breeze**, **Black Gambit** and **The Blue Streak** were slow to begin. **Brazo** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Caracal**, with the latter shifting out and inconveniencing **Black Gambit**. Passing the 900 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out from behind **Prince Of Arabia** and, in doing so, carried **Black Gambit** and **Lord Wellington** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards. From approaching the 600 metres **Caracal** was taken out from behind **Navana Breeze**, which was giving ground, with **Caracal** raced wide from then onwards. Approaching the 300 metres **The Blue Streak** was taken out from behind **Lord Wellington** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Bridegroom Bertie** hung in in the home straight. Jockey Azie (**Lord Wellington**) dropped his whip near the winning post. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **The Blue Streak** was not striding out properly after the race.

RACE 2 – THE RENE MAINGARD CUP

Indian Tractor was slow out. **Ready For Take Off** knuckled on jumping and shifted in, bumping **Rock On Geordies**. **Rock On Geordies** then raced in restricted room between **Ready For Take Off** and **Night Chapel** for some distance. **Ice Emperor** jumped outwards, crowding **Pride Rock** onto **Gold Medalist** with the latter being turned sideways. From approaching the 1100 metres, for some distance, **Rock On Geordies** commenced to over-race and, when being steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Night Chapel**, threw its head and raced ungenerously. **Pride Rock** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 900 metres **Night Chapel** changed legs and shifted out abruptly, inconveniencing **Gold Medalist**, which was racing on its outside. Leaving the 800 metres **Night Chapel** again shifted out, bumping **Gold Medalist**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Boutanive (**Night Chapel**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Gold Medalist**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. From leaving the 200 metres **Ready For Take Off** commenced to hang in. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Ready For Take Off**) was shown the video replays of the final straight and told that in future he should stop using his whip, straighten and ride his mounts hands and heels. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Rock On Geordies** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 3 – THE ROBERT DE SENNEVILLE CUP

Melson was slow out. **Rebel's Game** failed to muster speed when urged forward and was slow into stride. Leaving the 450 metres **Rebel's Game** was taken out from behind **Cula** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Carson City** wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres **Rebel's Game** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Global Flyer**. Approaching the 300 metres **Rebel's Game** was taken out from behind **Global Flyer** to continue going forward. Leaving the 300 metres **Melson** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 250 metres **Rebel's Game** became awkward close to the heels of **Carson City**, clipped its heels and stumbled. **Melson** hung in over the concluding stages.

When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Declarator**, Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur explained that at its last start he expected the gelding to run a good race, however when attempting to secure the lead **Declarator** was caught wide throughout, fading badly over the concluding stages. He added that today the fact that it could get to the lead easily, dictating a good pace, accounted for its improved performance.

RACE 4 – THE HASSEN TAHER SEAFOOD CHALLENGE TROPHY

Wavebreaker jumped awkwardly and was slow out. From its wide draw **Rogue Runner** was taken across to race behind runners. **Maestro's Salute** raced wide throughout. From approaching the 1100 metres **Wavebreaker** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Varadiso**. **Data Controller**, which was following, was taken out to avoid its heels. **Data Controller** commenced to give ground leaving the 450 metres. When questioned, apprentice Ramsamy (**Data Controller**) explained that passing the 1100 metres **Data Controller** changed legs and stumbled twice and from then onwards was not striding out properly, as such he did not persevere with the latter. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Data Controller** revealed that no abnormality.

RACE 5 – THE 88 RESTAURANT CHALLENGE TROPHY

The start was delayed when **Soldier's Code** had to be re-saddled behind the stalls. As the start was being effected, **Soldier's Code** threw its head, being slow out. **Nordic Storm** stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. **Clifton Surf** was slow to begin. Approaching the 1100 metres, for some distance, **Clifton Surf** commenced to over-race and threw its head, racing ungenerously when being settled. From approaching the 400 metres **Jay Jay's Wild** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Kurundu**, which was following, having to be taken wide. **Kurundu** raced wide rounding the home turn and hung in in the home straight. Approaching the 200 metres **Soldier's Code** was taken to the inside of **Clifton Surf** to secure clear running. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **No Resistance**, Trainer G. Rousset explained that at its last two starts this gelding had difficult runs when challenged for the lead and was then caught wide. He added that he then decided to spell the gelding and fitted it with pacifiers and since then **No Resistance** had shown improvement at track work, as such he expected a better showing today. He further added that the fact that **No Resistance** was allowed to dictate its pace, probably had accounted to its improved performance. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Clifton Surf** and **Jay Jay's Wild** suffered a bleeding attack.

RACE 6 – THE LUX* RESORTS & HOTELS CHALLENGE TROPHY

Noah's Ark was slow out. From its wide draw **In The Loop** was taken across to race behind runners. **Lucky Valentine** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Leaving the 1100 metres, when eased to avoid the heels of **Mr Bond**, **Noah's Ark** became unbalanced, shifted in and brushed the running rail. **Down Under** was taken out from leaving the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From leaving the 400 metres **Lucky Valentine** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with in the home straight. When questioned, jockey Rama (**Promissory**) explained that he was instructed to clear the two horses on his inside to get to the fence and if someone insisted for the lead to settle in 2nd position and wait until the home straight to ask his mount for an effort as it has a tendency to lay out under pressure. He further explained that after jumping well and managing to obtain the lead, he saw **Lee's Star** insisting on the outside and, as per his instructions, he decided not to persevere on his mount. He added that from leaving the 300 metres his mount commenced to give ground, forcing him to have to ask it for an effort earlier than instructed. After viewing the films, Trainer V. Allet stated that in hindsight jockey Rama did relinquish the lead too easily. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Lucky Valentine** suffered a bleeding attack, that **Burg** was not striding out properly and that **Mr Bond** was suffering from a severe lameness on the fore leg and broke down.

RACE 7 – LE POINT STATIONERY TROPHY

Jullidar and **Swinging Captain** were slow out. **Ramaas** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **League Of Legends**. From its wide draw **Mambo** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 900 metres **Swinging Captain** was taken out and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. **Jullidar** was taken out to improve its position from leaving the 500 metres and raced wide from then onwards. **Emblem Royale** was not persevered with in the home straight and finished tailed off. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ramaas** was distressed after the race and that an endoscopic of **Emblem Royale**, which was coughing after the race, revealed mucus in its trachea.

RACE 8 – THE JEROME TENNANT CUP

Acting on veterinary advice that **Laughistheanswer** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday. In view of this, all bets on **Laughistheanswer** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **Laughistheanswer**, **Brachetto** became a runner and was ridden by jockey Boutanive.

Al Firenze, **Bobby's Express** and **Ruby Rocker** were slow to begin. **Ruby Rocker** was then taken across to race behind runners. **Masaar** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Shield Of Thunder** raced wide throughout. **Tigre Libre** was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn. Jockey Hoolash reported that **Powder Keg** hung in badly from the 600 metres. Near the 150 metres both **Bobby's Express** and **Radlet** ran out of galloping room and had to be checked. It was established that leaving the 200 metres **Bobby's Express** was taken in to secure a run on the inside of **Powder Keg**, at the same time **Al Firenze** improved on its inside, resulting in **Bobby's Express** having to be taken out to relieve the pressure from **Al Firenze**, at the same time **Radlet**, which was awkward close to the heels of **Put Foot Singe** was taken to the inside of **Put Foot Singe** to secure a run between **Put Foot Singe** and **Powder Keg** and, when being taken in, contacted the hindquarters of **Bobby's Express**, resulting in **Bobby's Express** becoming unbalanced and shifting out. **Bobby's Express** then carried **Radlet** outwards with **Radlet** contacting the hindquarters of **Put Foot Singe**, unbalancing the latter turning it sideways with **Radlet** running out of galloping room and having to be checked. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the fault could not be attributed to any one rider, decided to report it as a racing incident. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Powder Keg** was not striding out properly after the race and that **Masaar** was lame on the off fore leg.