

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016

### GENERAL

Jockey Y. Emamdee was indisposed. The Stewards approved jockey K. Bohorun as the replacement rider for:

Race 1: **Brandewyn**

Race 2: **Direct Approach**

Race 8: **Ek Tha Tiger**

### RACE 1 – THE ROAD TO GOLD PLATE

**Alberts Day**, which was standing awkwardly in its gate, hesitated on jumping and was slow out. **Seven Carat** fly-jumped and shifted out. **Arrowhead** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, with both horses crowding **Eastward Bound** and **Black Gambit**. **Hunting Time** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. When questioned, apprentice Ramgopal (**Hunting Time**) explained that from approaching the 1200 metres, **Seven Carat**, which was racing on his inside, was awkward close to the heels of **Tiger Master**, as such he elected to keep his mount in a 3-wide position to allow room to **Seven Carat**. Apprentice Ramgopal was told to endeavour to keep his horses closer to runners on his inside in future. Leaving the 1100 metres **Seven Carat**, which was over-racing, threw its head when being steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Tiger Master** and raced ungenerously for some distance. **Brandewyn** was taken out from leaving the 500 metres and passing the 450 metres **Marine Sky** was taken out to improve its position and carried **Brandewyn** wider on the track. Leaving the 200 metres **Eastward Bound**, which was hanging in under pressure, was taken to the inside of **Black Gambit**, which shifted out slightly under pressure. From leaving the 150 metres **Eastward Bound** commenced to shift in, crowding **Alberts Day**, which was improving on its inside near the 100 metres, with **Alberts Day** having to be eased and taken out to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Teetan (**Eastward Bound**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in two races reserved for Mauritian riders. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Tiger Master**, trainer Ramdin explained that in his opinion, at its first outing this season, jockey Sooful may have asked this gelding for too much of an effort in the early stages of the race, resulting in the gelding fading badly over the concluding stages. For today's race, with a run under its belt and having pleased in the lead up to the race, he was confident of a better showing from **Tiger Master**. Jockey Rama (**Tiger Master**) lost the use of his off side rein over the concluding stages. Jockey Rama was shown the video replays of the final straight and told that he should ride all his mounts out to the finish. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Hunting Time** suffered a bleeding attack, that **Marine Sky** was lame on the off fore leg and that an endoscopic examination of **Arrowhead** revealed blood in its trachea. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Seven Carat**, jockey Ghunowa explained that the gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race and that he was instructed to lead, however he was unable to do so and decided to settle his mount just behind the leader. He added that **Seven Carat** commenced to race fiercely leaving the 1100 metres and when asked for an effort leaving 400 metres failed to quicken and was very disappointing.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Tiger Master after the race.

## **RACE 2 – THE GAETAN ROLAND LAGESSE CUP**

**Harba** was slow to begin. From approaching the 1300 metres, when being settled, **Captain's Cronicle** commenced to over-race, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. **Direct Approach** raced wide from leaving the 900 metres. When questioned, jockey Bohorun explained that from leaving the 1000 metres **Direct Approach** commenced to lay out badly despite his attempt to bring the gelding back in, having some difficulty in negotiating the turn at the 900 metres. He added that he did so until approaching the 600 metres when it changed legs and shifted back in. He further added that when asked for an effort leaving the 450 metres **Direct Approach** hung out badly and failed to quicken. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed that it was lame on the off fore leg. **Seven Fountains** was taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 300 metres **Lividus** was taken out from behind **Captain's Cronicle** to improve its position and, in doing so, crowded **Harba**, which was improving into a gap between **Lividus** and **Esteco** with **Harba** having to be taken to the inside of **Lividus** to continue going forward. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Lividus**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to ensure that he did take the necessary steps to prevent his mount from crossing **Harba**, inconveniencing the latter. He was fined Rs.25,000. Leaving the 200 metres **Captain's Cronicle** shifted in under pressure slightly, **Shoddy Nick**, which was following, had to be taken in to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Direct Approach** was lame on the near fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Seven Fountains and Emblem Royale after the race.

## **RACE 3 – THE RAMNARAIN RAJCOOMAR GUJADHUR CUP**

The track was upgraded to 2.8 before the running of this race.

**New Star** was slow out. **Carson City** was slow into stride. Passing the 1300 metres **Gray's Champ** shifted in despite jockey Rama's attempt to straighten it, slightly crowding **Bandido Caballero**. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Gray's Champ** was urged forward to secure the lead. Approaching the 600 metres **Independence** was taken out from behind **Always Flirting** and, in doing so, carried **Carson City** wider on the track. **Carson City** raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 300 metres **New Star** was taken out and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 200 metres **Silver Dice** could not secure clear running and had to be taken out from behind **Independence** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Neisius (**Silver Dice**) explained that shortly after entering the home straight he saw **Gray's Champ** shifting out under pressure and thought of improving on its inside, however **Bandido Caballero** secured this run, resulting in him having to take his mount out from behind **Independence**, which was laboring to continue going forward.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Bandido Caballero after the race.

## **RACE 4 – THE RAOUL CORSON CUP**

**Pierneef** jumped awkwardly and shifted in. Leaving the 1365 metres **Kimberly AI** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Chinese Gold** when the latter shifted in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Joorawon (**Chinese Gold**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, however after taking into consideration that jockey Joorawon has a good record under this rule, he was suspended for only one Mauritian race-meeting. Approaching the 800 metres **Lucky Valentine** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Streetbouncer**. Approaching the 400 metres **Chinese Gold** was taken out from behind **Lucky Valentine** to improve its position. Approaching the 300 metres **Lucky Valentine** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Streetbouncer**, which had commenced to give ground and, in doing so, carried **Chinese Gold** wider on the track. **Trackmaster** raced wide from approaching the 300 metres. Leaving the 200 metres **Lucky Valentine** shifted out under pressure with jockey Mansour having to change his hold and straightening the latter. When questioned, jockey David (**Kimberly AI**) explained that leaving the 1100 metres he realised there was a gap between **Streetbouncer** and **Lucky Valentine**, as such he endeavoured to let his mount stride forward to secure a position behind **Streetbouncer**, however while improving on the outside of **Lucky Valentine**, the latter picked up the bit, moved forward and at the same time **Streetbouncer** was being restrained, therefore bridging the gap. He added that entering the back straight **Kimberly AI** started to over-race, as such he elected to let the latter stride forward to secure the lead. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kimberly AI** cast its off fore shoe during the run.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Chinese Gold after the race.

## **RACE 5 – THE SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI CUP**

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and under Rule 172 lodged an objection on behalf of jockey Neisius, the rider of **King Neptune**, being declared 4<sup>th</sup>, against **Hot Rocket**, being declared 3<sup>rd</sup>, alleging interference in the final straight. After taking evidence from both riders and trainers, it was established that from leaving the 200 metres **Hot Rocket** shifted in under pressure and approaching the 100 metres crowded **King Neptune**, which was improving on its inside with jockey Neisius having to ease his mount to avoid the heels of **Hot Rocket**. The Stewards, being satisfied that even without that interference **King Neptune** would not have finished in front of **Hot Rocket**, as such the objection was dismissed and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bussunt (**Hot Rocket**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. **Kruger Rand** was taken out from leaving the 300 metres. Jockey Bussunt (**Hot Rocket**) dropped his whip near the 200 metres.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Hillbrow after the race.

## **RACE 6 – THE Vocalcom DUCHESS OF YORK CUP**

**Night In Seattle** jumped awkwardly. **Chosen Dash** hesitated at the start. **Scotsnog** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres was urged forward to secure the lead. Approaching the 1200 metres, **Buffalo Trip** shied away from **Scotsnog**, which improved on its outside and shifted in, crowding **Chosen Dash** over a short distance. Approaching the 1100 metres **Buffalo Trip** dipped. Passing the 1100 metres **Chosen Dash** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Alpha Pegasi**, which was being settled. When being steadied, **Chosen Dash** threw its head and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Alpha Pegasi**. Following this incident, **Chosen Dash**, which was over-racing, became awkward on the heels of **Alpha Pegasi**, shifted out, carrying **Buffalo Trip** wider on the track. Following this incident, **Chosen Dash** continued to over-race. **Scotsnog** tried to jump the crossing at the 800 metres and came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly. Leaving the 250 metres **Buffalo Trip** shied away from **Bold Inspiration**, which was improving on its outside, shifted in, contacting **Chosen Dash** with the latter being carried in onto the heels of **Alpha Pegasi**, which was shifting out under pressure. Passing the 200 metres **Alpha Pegasi**, which was shifting out under pressure, carried **Bold Inspiration**, which was improving on its outside, onto **Night In Seattle**, which was inconvenienced. From leaving the 150 metres **Scotsnog** shifted out under pressure, resulting in jockey David shifting his whip to his left hand. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bold Inspiration** was lame on the near fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Night In Seattle after the race.

## **RACE 7 – THE SIR DONALD MACKENZIE KENNEDY CUP**

**Amber Palace** jumped awkwardly, shifted out and was then taken across to race behind runners. **Agincourt** was slow out and shortly after had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Straight Jab**, which had shifted in when being urged forward. **Freedom** raced wide without cover in the early stages. **Straight Jab** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. Passing the 800 metres **League of Legends** had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Straight Jab** when the latter was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Straight Jab**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, however after taking into consideration that jockey Sooful has a good record under this rule, he was suspended for only one Mauritian race-meeting. From leaving the 200 metres **Eternal Love** shifted out away from the whip with jockey David shifting his whip to the left hand. Leaving the 100 metres **Straight Jab** shifted out. **Agincourt**, which was following, had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Straight Jab**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings, however after taking into consideration that jockey Sooful has a good record under this rule, he was suspended for only one Mauritian race-meeting, this suspension to be served concurrently with the one incurred earlier in this race. Jockey Rama (**Amber Palace**) reported that his saddle slipped backwards after the start. When questioned, trainer Perdrau explained that **League of Legends** was having its first outing in Mauritius and he was confident of a good run as it had pleased in the lead up to the race. He added that from the second draw, taking into consideration its form in South Africa and the fact that the other horses with pace in the race were drawn on its outside, he was of the opinion that it could lead, as such he instructed

jockey Naiko to endeavour to jump and insist for the lead. Jockey Naiko confirmed these instructions and explained that in its trial **League of Legends** proved very quick and secured the lead easily whereas today, after jumping well, the gelding raced green and, as such, he had to urge it forward to get to the lead. He added that from leaving the 1200 metres **Peace Keeper**, on its inside, showed a lot more pace than anticipated, forcing him to ask for a little bit more of an effort leaving the 1100 metres to be able to secure the lead. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Amber Palace after the race.

### **RACE 8 – THE ALEXEI PLATE**

Apprentice Ramgopal could not claim his full allowance and rode **Mr Oshkosh** at 53kg.

**Mr Oshkosh** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Dreams Come True** stood flatfooted and was slow out. **Epicentre** raced wide throughout. When questioned, jockey Sooful (**Put Foot Singe**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead, however after jumping moderately he had to ask his mount for an effort to secure the lead in the early stages and **Put Foot Singe** over-raced from approaching the 1200 metres. He added that **Put Foot Singe** continued to over-race until passing the 800 metres and had difficulty in negotiating the turn at the 800 metres, carrying **Seneschal** wider on the track. He added that, when asked for an effort, **Put Foot Singe** quickened for some distance in the early stages of the home straight and then was one pace to the finish. For some distance leaving the 1100 metres **Dreams Come True** commenced to over-race and, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Ek Tha Tiger**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 250 metres **Montante** was taken out from behind **Seneschal** to improve its position. **Mr Oshkosh**, which was following, also had to be taken wide and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Mr Oshkosh** was lame on the off fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Mr Oshkosh after the race.

### **GENERAL**

Blood specimens were taken from all runners prior to the race.

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