

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 14 MAY 2016

RACE 1 – THE RADLET PLATE

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign, viewed the video replays of the start and took evidence from jockey Ghunowa. It was established that prior to the start being effected, **Gris Cheval** became fractious in its gate and reared on a couple of occasions, getting its near fore leg entangled at the top of the gate. **Gris Cheval** was then attended to by the handler and straightened in its gate. When the start was effected, jockey Ghunowa had only his left foot in the stirrup and was not ready, hence **Gris Cheval** took the start without its rider. The Stewards, acting under MTC Rule 144 (1), declared **Gris Cheval** a non starter. In view of this, all bets on **Gris Cheval** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 30 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gris Cheval** being 2/1.

Leo's Rush threw its head and was slow out, losing considerable ground. **Brandewyn** refused to jump. The Stewards, being of the opinion that when the start was effected **Brandewyn** was in a position to jump with the rest of the field but refused to do so, decided to declare it a runner. Due to the unsatisfactory performance of **Brandewyn** in the stall, the Stewards advised Mr. Ramapatee Gujadhur that this gelding will have to pass a couple of barrier trials to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. From its wide draw **Fort Noble** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1365 metres **Young Royal** was taken out to improve on the outside of the riderless horse. Leaving the 1300 metres, the riderless horse shifted out, carrying **Young Royal** wider on the track. **Young Royal** was then eased and taken back in to secure a position closer to the rails behind the riderless horse passing the 1100 metres. Shortly after, the riderless horse shifted in, crowding **Young Royal** over a short distance with **Young Royal** brushing the rails. Apprentice Roy (**Young Royal**) dropped his whip near the 1000 metres. From approaching the 500 metres **Leo's Rush** was taken out from behind **Bataan** and, in doing so, carried **Fort Noble** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards. From approaching the 450 metres **Young Royal** was taken out to improve around the riderless horse, with the latter commencing to shift out and carrying **Young Royal** wider on the track. Leaving the 400 metres **Young Royal** was eased and taken back to the inside of the riderless horse to continue going forward with the latter shifting back inwards and carrying **Young Royal** onto **Please To Progress** with **Young Royal** contacting **Please To Progress** near the 250 metres. From leaving the 200 metres the riderless horse commenced to shift in, carrying **Please To Progress**, which was improving on its inside, inwards onto **In The Frame**, with the latter having to be steadied and switched outwards to avoid the heels of **Please To Progress**. The riderless horse continued to shift in, crowding **Please To Progress** with jockey Naiko having to ease his mount for a couple of strides.

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

RACE 2 – THE PONDICHERY CUP

Prior to the start being effected, **Tembot** became fractious and charged the front of the gates, getting caught under the gates. It was removed and examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. The Stewards thus ordered its withdrawal at 1.05 p.m. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Tembot** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 10 cents per rupee, the average price of **Tembot** being 8/1 at the time of withdrawal. Trainer C. Ramdin was told that **Tembot** will have to perform satisfactorily in a barrier trial before being allowed to race again. Approaching the 100 metres **Triad Of Fortune** commenced to shift out.

Blue Berry, which was following, had to be taken in to continue going forward. Jockey Callow (**Triad Of Fortune**) was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and told to stop riding with his whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Esteco**, trainer J. M. Henry explained that this gelding was having its second start for him. He said that at its first outing **Esteco** had pleased in the lead up to its race and a good run was expected from the latter, however, after being urged forward to secure a position close to the pace, **Esteco** had faded in the latter stages, being disappointing. He stated that following this, he decided to fit the gelding with a tongue tie but for today's race, due to its wide draw, he instructed jockey Hall to endeavour to drop this gelding out and wait for the 300 metres for his best effort. Mr. Henry added that, in his opinion, **Esteco** might have needed its last start, the help of the tongue-tie and the fact that it raced settled at the back contributed to its improved performance. When questioned, trainer Perdrau explained that he instructed jockey Naiko (**Cula**) to endeavour to secure a position just off the pace. Jockey Naiko confirmed these instructions and explained that **Cula** jumped better than expected and he found himself racing closer to the pace than anticipated, he therefore decided to settle his mount on the outside of **Triad Of Fortune**, which had insisted on his inside. When questioned, jockey Naiko explained that he would have had to ask his mount for an effort to secure the lead as **Triad Of Fortune** was setting a regular pace on his inside and, in his opinion, **Cula** would have over-raced, which would have been detrimental to its chances in the race. Trainer Perdrau concurred and added that had jockey Naiko insisted to secure the lead, **Cula** would not have run a better race. After consideration, their explanations were noted.

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

RACE 3 – THE ALFRED GELLE CUP

Chester's Wish half-reared and was slow out. **Argun** jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Navistar** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Liam** onto **Anafesto**. **Anafesto** was then eased and taken across to race behind runners. **Liam** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 1100 metres **Strum**, which was over-racing, became awkward and had to be eased when close to the heels of **Navistar**. **Rum Tum Tugger**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be eased. Approaching the 250 metres **Argun** and **Rum Tum Tugger** came together. Approaching the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **Argun** shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Apple Pie**, which was shifting in under pressure. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Liam**, jockey Mansour explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race. He added that he expected a good run from it and wanted to race close to the leader, however after being crowded for room by **Navistar**, which had jumped outwards, he found himself racing further out of his ground than expected. He added that leaving the 1300 metres he found himself racing wide without cover and restrained his mount to secure a position one off the fence. He added that from then onwards **Liam** did not feel comfortable, changing legs on several occasions. He added that leaving the 300 metres, when asked for an effort, **Liam** quickened over some distance before staying one pace from the 200 metres onwards, being disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Liam** revealed no abnormality.

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

RACE 4 – THE DR. FRANCE RIVALLAND CUP

Mighty Mars jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Headstrong Harry** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, inconveniencing **Wonder Kid**, which was slow to begin. Leaving the 800 metres **Harryhopeithappens** commenced to over-race and was taken out near the 600 metres from behind **Headstrong Harry** and, in doing so, carried **Wonder Kid** wider on the track. In the early part of the home straight **Harryhopeithappens** shifted in under pressure. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Headstrong Harry** lost its off fore shoe during the run. When questioned, jockey Naiko (**Harryhopeithappens**) explained that leaving the 800 metres, when **Wonder Kid** improved on his outside, his mount commenced to over-race and became awkward close to the heels of **Headstrong Harry**; he then had to take his mount out to avoid its heels. When asked whether he could have improved his position on the outside of **Headstrong Harry**, he stated that there was an opportunity to do so but he decided against it as he was apprehensive that his mount would over-race going forward, instead he decided to seek cover behind **Headstrong Harry**. His explanations were noted.

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

RACE 5 – THE MAXIME BOULLE CUP

Cherish The Charm jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Monsieurnando**. **Unbridled Joy** hung in in the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Monsieurnando** suffered a bleeding attack.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Cherish The Charm after the race.

RACE 6 – THE ELYTIS TROPHY

Maestro's Salute, which was restless in its gate, fly-jumped when the start was effected. **Allenby Park** and **Bobby Bear** were slow to begin. From its wide draw, **Kalinago** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1000 metres was taken in to secure the position behind **Maestro's Salute**. **Azapel** was taken across to race behind runners in the early stages. From leaving the 1300 metres **Maestro's Salute** commenced to over-race and threw its head when being settled. Approaching the 450 metres **Donnie Brasco** shifted in, momentarily crowding **Allenby Park** on its inside. **Kalinago** raced wide from leaving the 400 metres. Leaving the 200 metres **Azapel** hung in under pressure and became awkward close to the heels of **Zhan Hu**, which was giving ground. **Azapel** was then taken out from behind **Zhan Hu** to continue going forward.

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

RACE 7 – THE EUGENE ROUSSET CUP

Kaafel jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Tigre Libre** jumped awkwardly, shifted out and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Monarchs Emblem** shifted out, crowding **Yoda Man** onto **Roman Express**. Approaching the 600 metres **Barnstable** became awkward when close to the heels of **Power Dive** and was taken out to avoid its heels and, in doing so, carried **It's My Party** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from then onwards. Leaving the 250 metres **Power Dive** ducked out sharply despite jockey Naiko's attempt to straighten it. **Roman Express**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to be switched to the inside of **Power Dive** to continue going forward. Leaving the 100 metres **Tigre Libre** was taken out from behind **Amber Palace** to continue going forward.

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

RACE 8 – THE PRESIDE PLATE

Ruby Rocker became restless as the start was effected, jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Magic Jay** was slow to begin and shifted out shortly after the start. Shortly after jumping **Captain Matthew** was momentarily crowded for room between **Data Controller** and **Smitten**. **Data Controller** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 250 metres **Ruby Rocker** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Near the 100 metres **Port Albert** tried to savage **Generous Gent**. Jockey David (**Smitten**) reported that his saddle slipped forward in the early stages. When questioned as to why approaching the 1200 metres he did not secure the position on the fence behind **Port Albert**, jockey David (**Smitten**) explained that he would have had to ease his mount, which was over-racing, and was unable to do so as his saddle had slipped forward, putting him in an awkward position. Under these circumstances, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

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

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

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