

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 21 MAY 2016

### GENERAL

Jockey Y. Emamdee injured his right foot whilst riding in the 1<sup>st</sup> race and was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 3: R. Joorawon on **Evergreen**

Race 4: B. Sooful on **Valere**

Race 7: S. Rama on **Kurundu**

Race 8: R. Joorawon on **Van Der Scaler**

### RACE 1 – THE FAUGABALLAH PLATE

**Obligation** and **Brandewyn** were slow to begin. **Dunraven** was slow into stride. **Absalom** jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. **Wonderlaine** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1500 metres **Absalom** was crowded for room and had to be checked on the inside of **Wonderlaine**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. **Obligation**, which was following, was also inconvenienced. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Wonderlaine**) 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 and fined Rs.30,000. **Wonderlaine** commenced to over-race from leaving the 1200 metres and approaching the 800 metres had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Dunraven**. **Absalom**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid its heels. Approaching the 300 metres **Wing Man** hung out under pressure, carrying **Wonderlaine**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track. Near the 250 metres, when being urged forward, **Brandewyn** shifted in and brushed the running rails. Leaving the 200 metres **Wing Man** was taken out from behind **Dunraven** to continue going forward and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Wonderlaine**. Jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Wing Man**) was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (e) and told to exercise care when shifting ground in future.

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

### RACE 2 – THE LEOPOLD SENGHOR CUP

**Rebel's Game** jumped inwards. **Seven Fountains** jumped awkwardly and was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Seven Fountains** raced wide from approaching the 450 metres.

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

### RACE 3 – THE PROFESSOR HASSAN RAFFA CUP

**Sir Henry** and **Jiggery Pokery** were slow to begin. **Evergreen** threw its head on jumping. Shortly after the start **Hancock's Dynasty** raced in restricted room for a short distance between **Istiqraar** and **Kingdom's Key**. **Count Emmanuale** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the fence. From leaving the 1200 metres **Istiqraar** commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. **Jiggery Pokery** over-raced in the middle stages and approaching the 800 metres had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Kingdom's Key**.

Approaching the 400 metres **Evergreen** was taken out from behind **Istiqraar**, which had commenced to give ground, and in doing so carried **Kingdom's Key** wider on the track. **Jiggery Pokery**, which was improving around **Kingdom's Key**, had to be taken wider on the track to continue going forward. Leaving the 250 metres **Jiggery Pokery** shifted in slightly under pressure, carrying **Kingdom's Key** onto **Hancock's Dynasty**. Near the 150 metres, **Evergreen** shifted out away from the whip, resulting in **Hancock's Dynasty**, which was following, having to be taken in to continue going forward. From leaving the 150 metres **Jiggery Pokery** continued to shift in and approaching the 100 metres had to be taken out from behind **Evergreen** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Evergreen** lost its off fore shoe during the run and that an endoscopic examination of **Kingdom's Key**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

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

#### **RACE 4 – THE DHANKUWAR GUJADHUR CUP**

**Valere** blundered badly on jumping, nearly dislodging jockey Sooful. **Independence**, which had been fractious prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly and threw its head. **Fleetfox** jumped awkwardly and shifted in and shortly after was bumped by **Scorecard**, which had been taken out by **Cash Lord**. **Fleetfox** was then eased and taken across to secure a position on the rails. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Captain Magpie** shifted out, carrying **Cash Lord** onto **Scorecard**. Jockey Mansour (**Captain Magpie**) was shown the video replays of the start and told to ensure that he straightens his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. **The Pieman** raced wide in the early and middle stages and approaching the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. **Prince Of Wings** raced wide from approaching the 300 metres and hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Max Rapax**, jockey David explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race and as such he expected a good run from it today. He added that he expected to be able to secure a position close to the leaders, however after jumping moderately, when asked for an effort, **Max Rapax** failed to respond, as such he found himself running further back in the field than expected. He also said that leaving the 1300 metres, despite urging his mount forward and using his whip, **Max Rapax** failed to muster speed. He further added that upon leaving the 800 metres, despite his urgings, **Max Rapax** did not keep up with the field and when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres did not quicken and over the concluding stages he did not persevere with his mount, which was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Max Rapax** revealed no abnormality. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **The Pieman** was lame on the near fore leg and an endoscopic examination of **Lake Geneva**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Captain Magpie and Max Rapax after the race.

#### **RACE 5 – THE SERGE HENRY CUP**

**Cherbourg** was slow to begin. **Pierneef** threw its head and was slow out. Passing the 600 metres **Captain Firth** shifted in and brushed the running rails. **Hot Rocket** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Leaving the 250 metres **Beacon Flare** was taken to the inside of **Captain Firth** to continue going forward. For some distance leaving the 300 metres **Pierneef** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Beacon Flare**. **Pierneef** was then taken to the inside of **Beacon Flare** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Captain Firth** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Cherbourg** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

#### **RACE 6 – THE MAURITIUS DERBY TRIAL CUP**

**Gameloft**, which was standing awkwardly in its gate, fly-jumped, brushing the left side of its gate. **Agincourt** fly-jumped at the start, nearly dislodging jockey Marday, losing considerable ground. Leaving the 900 metres **Gameloft**, which was over-racing, had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Buffalo Trip**. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that leaving the 700 metres **Buffalo Trip** suddenly dropped the bit, with him having to urge the gelding forward. He also said that from approaching the 450 metres **Buffalo Trip** raced erratically, shifting in and out. He stated that upon entering the home straight **Buffalo Trip** quickened over a short distance before staying one pace. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormality. Approaching the 300

metres **Gameloft** had to be steadied over a short distance when close to the heels of **Buffalo Trip**. **Night In Seattle** hung in approaching the 100 metres. Over the concluding stages **Gameloft** shifted out under pressure. Jockey Ghunowa (**Gameloft**) was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Gameloft** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from M L Jet after the race.

### **RACE 7 – THE SAINT MALO CUP**

Jockey Mansour, who was indisposed, was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved jockey V. Bundhoo as the replacement rider for **Tornado Man**.

The start was delayed when **Canadian Dollar** charged the front of its gate, dislodged jockey David and ran the course. Acting on veterinary advice that **Canadian Dollar** was unfit to run, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.04 p.m. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Canadian Dollar** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 25 cents per rupee, the average price of **Canadian Dollar** being 5/2 at time of withdrawal. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the performance of **Canadian Dollar** at the start was unsatisfactory, informed trainer Rousset that this gelding will need to pass a barrier trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

**Captain's Cronicle** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **Tornado Man**. From its wide draw **Direct Approach** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 400 metres **Kurundu** was taken out from **Shield Of Thunder** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Catwalk Model** wider on the track. From leaving the 200 metres **Tornado Man** hung in badly, proving difficult to assist. Jockey Joorawon (**Captain's Cronicle**) dropped his whip passing the 200 metres. An inquiry was held into the handling of **League of Legends**. Trainer Perdrau explained that this gelding was having its second start in Mauritius and had improved after its first start and, as such, he was expecting a good run from the latter. He added that as per its racing pattern in South Africa, he instructed jockey Naiko to endeavour to jump and insist for the lead over the first 200 metres and secure a position on the fence, preferably in the lead. Jockey Naiko confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he insisted for the lead and leaving the 1300 metres, seeing that jockey Joorawon on his inside was endeavouring to settle his mount, he decided in asking **League of Legends** for more of an effort to be able to secure the lead, however the latter, after improving about a neck in front of **Captain's Cronicle**, refused to go on, as such passing the 1200 metres he elected to bring his mount back and settle it on the outside of the leader. It then raced relaxed and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, failed to quicken and was very disappointing. When questioned, jockey Naiko explained that there was an opportunity for him to settle his mount on the outside of the leader earlier than he did, however bearing in mind the gelding's racing pattern, the instructions obtained and the fact that in his opinion he could have secured the lead by asking **League of Legends** for a little bit more of an effort, he decided against settling his mount on the outside of **Captain's Cronicle**. Trainer Perdrau concurred and explained that **League of Legends** does not seem to show as much speed as its South African form suggested, as such he will endeavour to race the gelding further back in the field in future. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Naiko to use better judgements when riding in races.

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

### **RACE 8 – THE DERBY O'GILL PLATE**

Acting upon a report from the Analyst that the result of the analysis of a pre-race urine specimen taken from **Dreams Come True** showed an abnormality, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Dreams Come True** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. An inquiry into this matter will be held at a date to be fixed.

**Earthwind'NFire** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Van Der Scaler** onto **Mc Naught**, with the latter becoming badly inconvenienced and bumping **Mediterranean Man** on its hindquarter. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Mc Naught**. Trainer Narang explained that **Mc Naught** is a horse that suffers from a breathing problem, as such it cannot be restrained in its races as it has a tendency to choke; he therefore instructed apprentice Ramgopal to endeavour to jump, secure the position in the lead or close to the pace and let the gelding run in its pace without restraining it. Apprentice Ramgopal confirmed these instructions and explained that, after being crowded on jumping, he found himself racing at the back of the field, he then allowed **Mc Naught** to improve

around horses in its pace in view to ride as per his instructions. When questioned, apprentice Ramgopal explained that there was an opportunity for him to bring back the gelding when leaving the 900 metres, however he decided against doing so as he is of the opinion that **Mc Naught** would have choked and stopped as per its previous times when it was restrained. He added that was it a different horse than **Mc Naught**, he would certainly have settled it. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

An inquiry was held into the handling of **Fyrkat**. Trainer Merven explained that he instructed jockey Callow to endeavour to jump well and follow as close as possible knowing that this gelding usually comes from off the pace and moves depending on its best judgement. Jockey Callow confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he insisted on his mount in view of obtaining a good position, however had to steady passing the 1300 metres as **Social Network**, which was faster, was taken in towards the rails. He added that leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slackened, he became awkward close to the heels of **Social Network**, clipping its heels and that from then on the pace increased with his mount dipping near the 500 metres. He further added that entering the home straight he anticipated that **Social Network** would hang in, as such he steered his mount on the outside of the latter for a run but it did not happen, forcing him to take his mount back in for a run. He stated that from then on **Fyrkat** hung in badly. When questioned, jockey Callow explained that he did not ride this gelding with his usual vigour and determination because it was hanging in badly. When questioned, trainer Merven explained that jockey Callow could have ridden with more vigour and determination but that it was for the jockey to explain why he did not do so. After consideration, jockey Callow was found guilty of a breach of MTC Rule 160 A (a), the particulars being that he failed to ensure that **Fyrkat** was given full opportunity to win the race in that near the 150 metres, when he had clear running until approaching the 75 metres, he failed to ride that gelding with his usual vigour and determination when it was reasonable and permissible to do so. He was suspended from riding in races for three months and fined Rs.100,000.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Dreams Come True prior to the race and from Tobeastar after the race.

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

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