

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 28 MAY 2016

RACE 1 – THE T. C. BRADSHAW PLATE

Gris Cheval jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Fidelis** outwards with the latter having to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Young Royal**. Leaving the 900 metres **Fidelis**, which was racing fiercely, had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Royal Performer**. **Fidelis** raced wide from the 400 metres. **Gris Cheval** hung in in the home straight and passing the 100 metres was slightly inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Young Royal**, which had been carried out by **Joe's Legacy**, which shifted out under pressure. Jockey Joorawon was shown the video replays of the concluding stages and reprimanded for making an inappropriate gesture towards apprentice Ramgopal. An inquiry was held into a report made by trainer S. Narang regarding the instructions given to jockey Hoolash (**Gris Cheval**). Trainer Narang explained that **Gris Cheval** was having its 4th start this season and, as it is a gelding that has a tendency to hang in in its races and was drawn 1, he instructed jockey Hoolash to endeavour to jump and insist for the lead and, if not able to lead, to settle his mount on the rails behind the leader. He added that he also told jockey Hoolash to wait and take an inside run in the straight. Jockey Hoolash confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping moderately he found himself racing in third position on the fence behind **Joe's Legacy** and **Young Royal**. He added that from then onwards, his mount raced relaxed with the pace being a regular one. He also said that approaching the 450 metres he felt a horse improving on his outside and being given that the leader and the one just in front of him had had an easy race, he decided to take his mount out and improve around **Young Royal** as he felt he would have been boxed in. He further added that, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, his mount improved slightly and was about a head in front of **Young Royal** entering the home straight. He also stated that from then onwards **Gris Cheval** stood one pace and only managed to edge past **Joe's Legacy**, which was fading in the concluding stages. Jockey Hoolash further stated that in his opinion, had he waited for the home straight to take the inside run, he would not have run second. Trainer Narang explained that he had instructed jockey Hoolash to wait until the home straight and take the inside run because of this gelding's idiosyncrasies. After consideration, the Stewards although acknowledging that jockey Hoolash had received precise instructions, were of the opinion that he took such initiative due to the way the race panned out for him. As such, the Racing Stewards decided not to proceed further.

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

RACE 2 – THE BOTANIQUE CUP

Papa Joe and **Mount Hillaby** were slow to begin. **Act Of Valor** jumped awkwardly. **Captain's Bounty** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Mount Hillaby** onto **Papa Joe**. Near the 950 metres **Top Of The Chocs** shifted in, crowding **Act Of Valor** onto **Papa Joe** with **Act Of Valor** having to be checked to avoid the heels of **Top Of The Chocs**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Hoolash pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Shortly after, **Top Of The Chocs** continued to shift in, crowding **Papa Joe** with **Papa Joe** having to be checked to avoid its heels and taken onto **Mount Hillaby**, carrying **Mount Hillaby** in, with the latter bumping **Captains Bounty**, which became cramped for room and had to be checked. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Hoolash 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, this suspension to run concurrently with the first one. Leaving

the 800 metres, when the pace slackened, **Top Of The Chocs** commenced to race fiercely and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Strum**. **Papa Joe** and **Act Of Valor** raced wide from the 600 metres. Leaving the 450 metres **Mount Hillaby** became awkward when close to the heels of **Papa Joe**, was taken out to avoid its heels and, in doing so, bumped **Act Of Valor**, which was improving on its outside. **Strum** shifted out under pressure over the concluding stages. Jockey Emamdee (**Strum**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and told to put his whip away and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

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

RACE 3 – THE J. HENRY YTHIER CUP

Canadian Dollar jumped awkwardly and was slow out. Despite being urged vigorously in the early stages, **Lion's Print** failed to muster speed. Near the 1365 metres **Canadian Dollar** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Halabaloo**. Approaching the 1300 metres **Lion's Print** had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Isipho**. From leaving the 1300 metres **Canadian Dollar** commenced to over-race and threw its head when being settled. From leaving the 1100 metres, for some distance, **Isipho** had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Halabaloo**. Leaving the 900 metres **Halabaloo** shifted out, **Canadian Dollar** became inconvenienced when close to its heels and had to be steadied. Jockey Hoolash (**Halabaloo**) was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told to endeavour to keep his mounts closer to the rails. **Esteco** was taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Lion's Print** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 4 – THE J. PHILIPPE LAGESSE CUP

Parceval threw its head on jumping. **Pont D'avignon** was slow out. Approaching the 900 metres **Gharbee** was taken out from behind **Parceval** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Pont D'avignon** wider on the track. Approaching the 800 metres **Parceval** was taken out from behind **Silver Dice** to improve its position. Approaching the 500 metres **Dustan** was taken out from behind **Silver Dice** and, in doing so, carried **Pont D'avignon** wider on the track with **Pont D'avignon** racing wide until approaching the 400 metres when it was taken back in. Approaching the 200 metres **Parker** was taken to the inside of **Storm Dancer** to secure clear running. **Dustan** hung in in the home straight and was difficult to be properly assisted. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Parceval**. Trainer Maingard explained that at its previous start **Parceval** was racing over 1600 metres and in his opinion the horse to beat was **Greys Inn Control**, which would be running amongst the leaders, although **Parceval** being a backmarker, he had instructed jockey Joorawon to jump and insist to be closer to the pace. For today's race, being of the opinion that the horse to beat was **Gharbee** and that there would be pace in the race due to the presence of two front runners, he instructed jockey Joorawon to endeavour to jump and settle **Parceval** where it felt comfortable and that if ever **Gharbee** made an early move to endeavour to follow it and outspurt it in the home straight. Jockey Joorawon confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping awkwardly, he settled the gelding on the fence in 4th position as the pace was rather quick in the early stages, he decided to follow **Silver Dice**, however leaving the 900 metres **Gharbee** improved around horses, as such he took his mount out, followed the latter and when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres **Parceval** quickened moderately and stayed one-pace over the concluding stages. Trainer Maingard explained that in his opinion jockey Joorawon rode a perfect race but that **Parceval** was just not good enough on the day. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Pont D'avignon**. Trainer Rousset explained that he instructed jockey Goomany to endeavour to jump and follow **Gharbee** on the fence, if possible. Jockey Goomany confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he could not secure the position on the fence behind **Gharbee**, however found himself running on the outside of the latter. He added that in the early stages his mount had a tendency to lay in, however approaching the 1000 metres, rounding the turn his mount shifted out slightly with **Gharbee** being taken out and improving on the outside of **Parceval**, carrying him wider on the track. When questioned, jockey Goomany stated that he did not try to push **Gharbee** back on the rails as he might have caused an interference. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Goomany that he is to ensure that he never leaves room between himself and horses racing on his inside in future.

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

RACE 5 – THE PANDORA MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL TROPHY

Leaving the parade ring, on its way to the track, **Roman Manner** became fractious and hit the railing on the road. It was inspected by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run. Apprentice Ramgopal (**Roman Manner**) became unbalanced and was nearly dislodged on jumping. When questioned, apprentice Ramgopal (**Roman Manner**) explained that he was instructed to lead on this gelding, however **Roman Manner** jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate, dipped slightly with him becoming unbalanced and being nearly dislodged. Leaving the 1300 metres **Liquid Motion** had to be steadied when close to the heels of **One Cool Dude**. **Terminator** raced wide without cover in the early stages when being urged forward to secure the lead. Approaching the 200 metres **One Cool Dude** was taken to the inside of **Terminator** to secure clear running. Leaving the 150 metres **Terminator** shifted out away from the whip, inconveniencing **Liquid Motion**, which was following, with the latter having to be taken out to continue going forward. Jockey Sooful (**Terminator**) was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and told to put his whip away and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. **Azapel** hung in in the home straight. The Club’s Veterinary Surgeon reported that **One Cool Dude** was cut into on the off hind leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from One Cool Dude after the race.

RACE 6 – The Rotary Club of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill - LE TROPHEE DU BICENTENAIRE DU MTC

Diamond Light jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. From approaching the 1300 metres **Reim** and **Bold Inspiration** raced tight on the inside of **Kremlin Captain**, which was being taken inwards towards the running rails. Passing the 1300 metres **Reim** had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Kremlin Captain**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Emamdee (**Kremlin Captain**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. **Hillbrow** raced wide without cover in the early stages. For a short distance near the 250 metres **Desert Sheik** was held up and had to be steadied when unable to improve from behind **Hillbrow**, which was giving ground. Leaving the 100 metres **Chinese Gold** was taken to the outside of **Nordic Warrior** to continue going forward. The Club’s Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bold Inspiration** was lame on the near fore leg and **Hillbrow** was lame on the off fore leg. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Reim**. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that he instructed apprentice Ramgopal to be alert at the start, bounce his mount out, insist for 40-50 metres and then let it run in its pace and start moving from the 400 metres. Apprentice Ramgopal confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he urged his mount forward as instructed, however from leaving the 1400 metres **Kremlin Captain**, which had improved on his outside, came inwards sharply, crowding him, forcing him to have to hold his mount back, shifting onto **Bold Inspiration**, which was insisting to keep its position and that he had to check his mount to avoid the heels of **Kremlin Captain**. When questioned, apprentice Ramgopal explained that he could not have asked his mount for more of an effort as he was being crowded by **Kremlin Captain** on the outside and that in his opinion **Bold Inspiration**, on his inside would not have let him secure the run on the rails. Trainer Gujadhur concurred and added that in his opinion the apprentice’s inexperience might have caused him to be intimidated when **Kremlin Captain** came in sharply. After consideration, the Stewards decided to give the benefit of the doubt to apprentice Ramgopal, taking into account his inexperience and the fact that he was receiving pressure from the horse on his outside. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Nordic Warrior**. Trainer Perdrau explained that from its good draw, he instructed jockey Naiko to jump and secure the lead and at the same time to set a decent pace in the early stages so as he would not be challenged for the lead. Jockey Naiko confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he got to the lead without much effort and passing the 1400 metres, feeling that a horse was improving on his outside, he let his mount improve in his hands, however from then onwards **Nordic Warrior** started over-racing and refused to settle and when asked for an effort in the home straight, quickened for a short distance and stayed one-pace. When questioned, jockey Naiko explained that he was doing his best to settle his mount and that in his opinion, over this distance against top horses, **Nordic Warrior** could not have done much better. Trainer Perdrau concurred and explained that in his opinion **Nordic Warrior** might be better over shorter distances when racing against top horses. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

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

RACE 7 – THE ZILLAH CUP

Mighty Mars and **Valerin** were slow to begin. **Blow Me Away** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Counts Rocket** onto **Mighty Mars**, carrying the latter outwards onto the heels of **Indaba My Children**. **Mighty Mars** was then taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 1300 metres **Counts Rocket** was crowded for room on the inside of **Gida**, had to be checked and was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Ramgopal (**Gida**) 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. **Valerin**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid its heels. From approaching the 400 metres **Gida** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 300 metres **Valerin** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Gida** was lame on the near hind leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Blow Me Away after the race.

RACE 8 – THE WILD AMBER PLATE

Right To Tango jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Double Dash** outwards onto **Ocean Hunter**. Jockey Hall (**Right To Tango**) lost his near side stirrup on jumping, which he quickly regained. Leaving the 1000 metres **Right To Tango** commenced to over-race and was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Leaving the 800 metres when **Right To Tango** improved on the outside of **Lecture D**, the latter commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Straight Jab** and, in doing so, carried **Right To Tango** wider on the track. **Right To Tango** hung in in the early stages of the home straight and near the 150 metres was slightly inconvenienced by **Straight Jab**, which had shifted out slightly under pressure.

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

GENERAL

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

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