

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2016

### RACE 1 – THE CORBAN PLATE

**Arrowhead** and **Montante** were slow to begin. **Ek Tha Tiger** and **Bright Shining** came together shortly after the start. Shortly after the start **Montante** was crowded for room on the inside of **Earthwind'nfire**, which shifted out when being urged forward. **Fyrkat** was taken back from the start. **Bright Shining** raced wide without cover in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was urged forward to secure the lead. **Ek Tha Tiger** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 1000 metres **Fyrkat** was eased when awkward close to the heels of **Marine Sky** and, in doing so, shifted in, momentarily crowding **Arrowhead**. Near the 150 metres **Bright Shining** hung out away from the whip. **Mediterranean Man**, which was following, was slightly inconvenienced and had to be taken in to continue going forward. Jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Bright Shining**) was shown the videos replays of the incident, warned under MTC Rule 160 A (d) and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Fyrkat**, jockey Rama explained that, in his opinion, the slow tempo of the race did not suit this gelding as it has a tendency to race keen from leaving the 1100 metres and did so until leaving the 600 metres. He added that as he was towards the back of the field and that the pace had been a slow one, he elected for an early move from leaving the 400 metres and, in doing so, he had to take his mount out, rounding the home turn in a wide position. He also said that in the home straight **Fyrkat** did not quicken as expected, stayed one pace and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Fyrkat** revealed no abnormality. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Arrowhead** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Bright Shining** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Montante**, **Fyrkat** and **Earthwind'nfire** after the race.

### RACE 2 – PRIX LONGCHAMP

At the start **Blue Berry** stood flat-footed and refused to jump, losing considerable ground. Trainer Rousset was told that the performance of **Blue Berry** at the start was unsatisfactory; as such it will have to trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. From leaving the 1500 metres **Sir Henry** commenced to race fiercely and threw its head when being settled. At an inquiry, jockey Rama (**Cula**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (h) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish of the race when it was possible to do so, nearly costing him the first place. He was fined Rs.25,000. When questioned, jockey Emamdee explained that **Kurundu** had pleased in the lead up to the race and that he expected a very good run from the latter. He added that he was instructed to endeavour to jump and sit where comfortable and to decide where to make his move. He further added that the pace, being a regular one from the start, he found himself racing further back than expected in the early stages, however managed to bridge the gap from leaving the 900 metres. He also said that from approaching the 400 metres he thought about improving on the outside of **Dark Avenger**, however his mount was not travelling well enough to do so, as such approaching the 300 metres, seeing that **Dark Avenger**, when put under pressure, shifted out, he endeavoured to improve on the outside of **Sir Henry** but the latter shifted out, he then took his mount in to secure an inside run in the home straight.

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