

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 2 JULY 2016

### GENERAL (1)

Jockey A. Andrews injured his left foot in the stalls at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> race and was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 6: J. P. Guillambert on **Rampart Ice**

Race 7: J. P. Guillambert on **Al Capitano**

Race 8: Y. Emamdee on **Bright And Blue**

### GENERAL (2)

#### RACE 2 OF 25.6.16 – THE FELIX ROUSSET CUP

An inquiry was held into the handling of **Harryhopeithappens**. Trainer Perdrau explained that he instructed jockey Naiko to endeavour to jump and secure a position close to the leaders and decide depending on the pace of the race where to move from. Jockey Naiko confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he urged his mount forward so as to ride as per his instructions and found himself in the lead passing the 1300 metres. He added that near the 1250 metres **Wind Glider** improved on his outside to secure the lead with **Harryhopeithappens** commencing to over-race. He added that from then onwards he settled his mount behind **Wind Glider** with his mount racing relaxed from leaving the 1000 metres and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, quickened momentarily, staying one pace over the concluding stages to run 4<sup>th</sup>. When questioned, jockey Naiko explained that he did leave some distance between himself and the leader in the early and middle stages and that leaving the 1000 metres, when **Bono Vox** improved on his outside, he let his mount improve to race closer to the leader. He added that he did so as **Harryhopeithappens** has a tendency to race fiercely and is difficult to control. Trainer Perdrau explained that jockey Naiko might have given himself too much leeway in the early stages and that once **Bono Vox** improved on his outside, he improved with the latter. He added that approaching the 400 metres, jockey Naiko was in a striking position, upon turning for home he managed to secure the inside run and if **Harryhopeithappens** was good enough on the day, it could have won. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Naiko ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query.

#### RACE 1 – THE EVADER PLATE

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that just before the start was effected, **Seven Carat** reared and as the start was effected was unable to jump with the rest of the field. Acting under MTC Rule 144 (1), the Stewards declared **Seven Carat** a non starter. All bets on **Seven Carat** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 10 cents per rupee, the average price of **Seven Carat** being 9-1. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the performance of **Seven Carat** at the start was unsatisfactory, informed trainer Narang that this gelding should be re-schooled in the gates and pass a barrier trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

**Kapiti Coast** and **Captain Nero** were slow to begin. **Joe's Legacy** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Kapiti Coast** onto **Domani**. **Domani** and **Kapiti Coast** were then taken across to race behind runners. **Joe's Legacy** raced wide without cover throughout. Near the 1150 metres **Canadian Club**, which was awkward on the heels of **Peace Keeper**, shifted out. **Domani**, which was following and racing fiercely, pulled itself into a gap between **Canadian Club** and **Big Lion**. **Canadian Club** was then taken back in with **Domani** having to be taken in onto **Big Lion**, crowding the latter. Near the 250 metres, when being urged forward, **Domani** shifted in, crowding **Big Lion** on its inside with the latter having to be checked, losing its position. **Captain Nero**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Big Lion**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Andrews (**Domani**) 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. Leaving the

200 metres, the rider of **Captain Nero**, momentarily lost the use of his off side rein. Passing the 100 metres **Canadian Club**, which was hanging in under pressure, shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Peace Keeper**, unbalancing the latter. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that an endoscopic examination of **Peace Keeper**, which was coughing after the race, revealed traces of blood in its trachea.

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

### **RACE 2 – THE SHADARI CUP**

**Gameloft** jumped awkwardly and shifted in. From its wide draw **Cinchona** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1300 metres **Phiri E Kwatile** momentarily raced tight between **Gameloft**, which had shifted out, and **Unbridled Joy**, which was being taken in. From near the 1250 metres **Cinchona** raced tight on the inside of **Karraar** and approaching the 1200 metres had to be checked when crowded for room on the inside of **Karraar**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama (**Karraar**) 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 taking into consideration his good record under this rule, his suspension was reduced to one Mauritian race meeting. From approaching the 1100 metres, when being settled, **Gameloft** threw its head sideways and raced ungenerously. Near the 1000 metres for some distance **Gameloft** had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Unbridled Joy**. **Karraar**, which was following **Gameloft**, became inconvenienced when close to its heels, shifted out and carried **Sir Earl Grey** wider on the track. **Sir Earl Grey** raced wide from then onwards. **Cinchona**, which was following **Karraar**, was also inconvenienced when close to its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Juglall (**Unbridled Joy**), pleaded not guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively reducing the pace of his mount. After hearing further evidence from jockey Juglall, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. Leaving the 900 metres **Unbridled Joy** was allowed to shift out and raced in a one off position when leading. Jockey Juglall (**Unbridled Joy**) was shown the video replays of the back straight and told to endeavour to take his mount closer to the rails when in a position to do so. **Phiri E Kwatile** hung in in the home straight and leaving the 200 metres was slightly inconvenienced by **Unbridled Joy**, which had shifted out slightly.

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

### **RACE 3 – THE LORD DUFFERIN CUP**

**Eagle Award** was slow into stride. Near the 950 metres, when being urged forward, **Mount Hillaby** shifted in, carrying **King's Soldier** onto **Indaba My Children** with the latter being cramped for room and having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Count Emmanuale**. Leaving the 800 metres **Mount Hillaby**, which was over-racing, was steadied when close to the heels of **Navistar**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. **Indaba My Children** raced wide from leaving the 400 metres. Approaching the 200 metres **Red China** was switched to the inside of **King's Soldier** to secure clear running. From approaching the 150 metres **King's Soldier** shifted in under pressure, resulting in **Red China**, which was improving on its inside, having to be taken out to continue going forward. Jockey Sooful (**King's Soldier**) was shown the video replays of the home straight, reprimanded and told that he should straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Act Of Valor after the race.

### **RACE 4 – THE AMERICA CHALLENGE CUP**

The start was delayed when shortly after being loaded **Scorecard** became fractious and tried to go under the front gate of its stall, resulting in its bridle coming off and having to be refitted. It was then taken out of its gate, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to run.

When the start was effected **Nothing Compares** stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground. **Scorecard** jumped awkwardly and shifted in. **Valere** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. **Valerin** threw its head on jumping and shortly after it was taken across to race behind runners. **Super Glue** and **Valere** raced wide without cover in the early stages. From approaching the 900 metres **Super Glue** was urged forward to secure a position closer to the rails. From approaching the 600 metres **Elusive Love** hung in, commenced to give ground leaving the 600 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Elusive Love** revealed no abnormality. Leaving the 250 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **The Real Hero** shifted out and bumped **Super Glue** on its outside, unbalancing the latter. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that upon turning into the home straight, jockey Bhaugeerothee struck **The Real Hero** on one occasion. The gelding then ducked outwards sharply and bumped **Super Glue**, which was improving on his outside. When questioned, jockey Bhaugeerothee explained that the incident happened so quickly that he was surprised and did not have time to take evasive action. Trainer Rousset concurred and added that he never mentioned anything pertaining to the use of the whip on this gelding to jockey Bhaugeerothee because although **The Real Hero** did shift out from the whip last season, in 3 outings this season **The Real Hero** had not reacted adversely to the whip. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to report it as a racing incident. **Valere** commenced to give ground from passing the 450 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Valere** was lame on the off fore leg and that an endoscopic examination of **Aware** revealed blood in its trachea.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from The Tripster and Aware after the race.

#### **RACE 5 – THE RHYTHMICALLY CUP**

The start was delayed when the girth and the surcingle on **Split The Breeze** had to be replaced. **Azapel** jumped awkwardly and was slow out. Passing the 1000 metres **Streetbouncer** commenced to race fiercely and, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Nordic Warrior**, threw its head, racing ungenerously and again from leaving the 800 metres **Streetbouncer** raced ungenerously, throwing its head over some distance, when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Nordic Warrior**. Approaching the 200 metres **Tandragee** was taken to the inside of **Nordic Warrior**, at the same time **Nordic Warrior** was taken to the rails, with **Tandragee** having to be taken wide to continue going forward. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Tandragee**. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that he instructed jockey Emamdee to endeavour to jump and insist for 30-40 metres, then settle the gelding on the fence and depending on the pace, to decide where to move from. Jockey Emamdee confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he managed to find a position 4<sup>th</sup> on the fence behind **Nordic Warrior**, **Streetbouncer** and **Reim**, which had proved faster in the early stages. He added that from leaving the 1200 metres, seeing that the pace was a good one, he decided to save his mount as it was the top weight of the race and at its last start, when racing close to the lead, it had stayed one pace over the concluding stages. He added that from approaching the 700 metres, when **Casey's War** improved on his outside, he let his mount improve on the bit to bridge the gap on the leaders and, when asked for an effort from approaching the 300 metres, his mount quickened nicely but was inconvenienced on two occasions in the final straight. When questioned, jockey Emamdee explained that had he let his mount run more freely from leaving the 1000 metres to race closer to the leaders, it could have been detrimental to its chances as he was of the opinion that as they were going a good pace. He further added that leaving the 400 metres he was in a striking position and had he found clear running in the home straight, he would have finished much closer. Mr. Gujadhur concurred and added that, in his opinion **Tandragee** got beaten by better horses on the day. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Emamdee that he should ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query.

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

#### **RACE 6 – La Fournaise BARBE CUP**

**Man To Man** was slow into stride. Approaching the 1400 metres **Bouclette Top** commenced to race fiercely, had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Everest**. Near the 200 metres **Man To Man** and **Everest** came together. **One Cool Dude** hung in in the home straight.

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

#### **RACE 7 – THE SIR BEDE CLIFFORD CUP**

**Moi Power** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Bora Bora** onto **Captain's Orders**, with the latter losing its position. Shortly after the start **Rum Tum Tugger** was cramped for galloping room and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Melson**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Melson**) 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. **Al Capitano** raced wide without cover throughout. Approaching the 1200 metres **Ted Bassett**, which was racing fiercely, was eased when awkward close to the heels of **Bora Bora**. **Ted Bassett** then shifted out, bumping **Captain's Orders**, which was being taken in. Following the incident **Ted Bassett** continued to over-race and was eased on numerous occasions to avoid the heels of **Bora Bora**. Approaching the 1000 metres **Moi Power** had to be eased when close to the heels of **Melson**. Leaving the 1000 metres **Moi Power**, which was over-racing, was taken out from behind **Melson** and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Approaching the 900 metres **Moi Power** was taken out from behind **Melson** and allowed to stride forward. Approaching the 600 metres **Al Capitano** shifted in despite jockey Guillambert's attempt to settle it, crowding **Captain's Orders** onto **Ted Bassett**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Top of the Chocs** suffered a bleeding attack.

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

#### **RACE 8 – THE FACET'S MAGIC PLATE**

**Urbi Et Orbi** and **Bright And Blue** were taken back from the start. From approaching the 1400 metres **Blue Lord** commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Bright Shining**. From leaving the 450 metres **Blue Lord** was taken out from behind **Ravatak** to improve its position, carrying **Urbi Et Orbi** wider on the track. Approaching the 300 metres **Ravatak** was taken out from behind **Mojo G**, carrying **Blue Lord** outwards onto **Urbi Et Orbi**, which was improving on its outside with **Blue Lord** becoming cramped for room, clipping the heels of **Urbi Et Orbi** and falling. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Juglall (**Ravatak**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for four race meetings in Singapore as from 11 July 2016. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon

reported that **Ravatak** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Blue Lord** was bleeding from its mouth and nose due to concussions after falling.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Urbi Et Orbi after the race.

**GENERAL**

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

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