

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016

RACE 1 – THE PRETTY MOLLIE PLATE

In The Frame jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Captain Matthew** onto **Leo's Rush**, which had shifted in on jumping. **The Blue Streak** was slow to begin. When being urged forward to secure the lead, **Young Royal** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres **Don't Say Don't** was taken out from behind **Marine Sky** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **In The Frame** wider on the track. **In The Frame** raced wide from passing the 800 metres. When questioned, jockey Bardottier (**In The Frame**) explained that he expected to race in a mid-field position, however after jumping awkwardly he found himself racing further back than expected. He added that leaving the 1000 metres he took his mount to the one off position in order to make ground on the leader and improved on the outside of **Don't Say Don't**, however as soon as he arrived on the outside of the latter, jockey Rama took his mount out, resulting in him getting caught wide. From leaving the 200 metres **Van der Scaler** hung in under pressure despite apprentice Allyhosain's attempt to straighten it. Near the 150 metres **Marine Sky** was taken out from behind **Leo's Rush** to secure clear running. **Bright Shining** hung in over the final 100 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bright Shining** was lame on the off fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Van der Scaler and Captain Matthew after the race.

RACE 2 – THE AMORETTO PLATE

The start was delayed when jockey Sooful, the rider of **National Approval**, was dislodged while cantering down to the start. **National Approval** cantered to the 1600 metre-shoot and back to the 1365 metres where it was reined in. The gelding was then inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Lietuva threw its head at the start, unbalancing jockey Fayd'herbe. When questioned jockey Fayd'herbe explained that **Lietuva** jumped with its head up, resulting in him losing his balance and falling into the saddle. **Cash Lord** and **National Approval** were slow to begin. In the early stages **Charles My Boy** was urged forward and failed to muster speed, it was then taken across to race behind runners. **Papa Joe** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Passing the 1300 metres, **Fleetfox** shied away from **Evergreen**, which was improving on its outside, and shifted in onto **Sunset Breeze**, which was shifting out slightly, resulting in **Fleetfox** having to be steadied and taken in. Jockey Baster reported that **Fleetfox** hung in throughout the race. From approaching the 1200 metres **Sunset Breeze** commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Evergreen** passing the 1000 metres. **Charles My Boy** came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly. **Papa Joe** commenced to give ground from near the 400 metres with jockey Andrews not persevering with the gelding over the concluding stages. An endoscopic examination of **Papa Joe**, which was coughing after the race, revealed lot of mucus in its trachea.

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

RACE 3 – PRIX DU CENTENAIRE DE L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Blaze Of Noon hesitated at the start and was slow to begin. **Gray's Champ** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Parceval**. **Red Rain** was taken back from the start. Passing the 600 metres **Independence** was taken out from behind **Dark Avenger** and, in doing so, carried **Gray's Champ** wider on the track. **Gray's Champ** raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 500 metres **Blaze Of Noon** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Trackmaster**. Passing the 450 metres **Trackmaster** was taken out to endeavour to improve its position and, in doing so, inconvenienced **New Star**, which was following, with the latter having to be steadied to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that he failed to take every possible and necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **New Star**. He was fined Rs.25,000. Approaching the 400 metres **Gray's Champ** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Parceval**, which was following, having to be taken out around it to continue going forward. Leaving the 400 metres **Dark Avenger** commenced to give ground. **Beacon Flare**, which was following, had to be taken out around it to continue going forward and, in doing so, carried **Trackmaster** wider on the track. Leaving the 100 metres **Beacon Flare** hung out under pressure, resulting in jockey Winks switching his whip to his left hand. Shortly after, **Beacon Flare** commenced to shift in with jockey Winks shifting his whip back to his right hand and over the concluding stages **Beacon Flare** shifted out, inconveniencing **Blaze Of Noon**, which was hanging in. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Red Rain** suffered a bleeding attack.

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

RACE 4 – THE MALARTIC PLATE

Prior to being saddled **Fortissimo** slipped in its saddling box in the stable area and fell. Acting on veterinary advice that **Fortissimo** was lame on the near hind leg, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 2.05 p.m. today. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Fortissimo** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 20 cents per rupee, the average price of **Fortissimo** being 4-1 at time of withdrawal.

Burg jumped awkwardly and was slow out, it was then taken across to race behind runners. **Pierneef** was slow into stride. **Kimberly AI** jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate, bumping **Wieland**. Passing the 1300 metres, when being settled, **Kimberly AI** threw its head, shifted out and became awkward when close to the heels of **Lucky Valentine** and was taken out. Following this incident **Kimberly AI** commenced to over-race and was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. From leaving the 900 metres **Kimberly AI**, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. From leaving the 300 metres **Burg** was taken out to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn and in the home straight. Approaching the 200 metres **Pierneef** became awkward close to the heels of **Kimberly AI** and had to be switched to its inside to secure clear running. For some distance leaving the 200 metres **Pierneef** had difficulty to obtain clear running between **Kimberly AI** and **Wieland**. **Pierneef** was then taken to the outside of **Wieland** to continue going forward.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Night In Seattle** after the race.

RACE 5 – LA COUPE DE L'AMBASSADE DE FRANCE

Terminator hesitated on jumping and was slow out. **Recall To Life** was slow to begin. Near the 1250 metres **Mr Leyend** raced in restricted room for some distance between **Rear Admiral** and **Top Jet**. Jockey Baster (**Top Jet**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to allow more room to horses on his inside in future. From approaching the 1200 metres **Terminator** commenced to over-race and threw its head when being settled. Approaching the 900 metres **Terminator** was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the leader. Near the 850 metres when **Terminator** improved on the outside of **Mr Leyend**, the latter commenced to over-race and was taken out when close to the heels of **Top Jet**. **Mr Leyend** raced wide from then onwards. Near the 800 metres **Top Jet** shifted in away from **Terminator**, which was improving on its outside, inconveniencing **Rear Admiral** on its inside. Approaching the 600 metres **Recall To Life** was taken out from behind **Rear Admiral** and, in doing so, carried **Abington** wider on the track. **Recall To Life** then became awkward close to the heels of **Top Jet** and had to be steadied for some distance. Leaving the 100 metres **Ryder Cup** shied away from the whip of **Recall To Life** and shifted out, inconveniencing **Top Jet**, which was following, with **Top Jet** then having to be taken out from behind **Roman Manner** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Roman Manner** was lame on the near fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Recall To Life** after the race.

RACE 6 – THE WINTER STAKES

Acting on veterinary advice that **Vettel** was suffering from a fever, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. on Friday. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Vettel** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Bold Inspiration jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Bulsara**. **Bulsara** and **Bandido Caballero** were slow out. From its wide draw **Bulsara** was then taken across to race behind runners. **Bold Inspiration** and **Diamond Light** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 1600 metres **Diamond Light** was eased to secure the position on the rails behind **Assegai**. Near the 1600 metres and again near the 1300 metres **Assegai** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Gharbee**. Jockey Rama (**Gharbee**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside. Approaching the 800 metres **Bulsara** was steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Tube Wave**. **Skippyjon Jones** raced wide from leaving the 600 metres. Near the 500 metres **Diamond Light** was taken out from behind **Assegai**, carrying **Tube Wave**, which was following, wider on the track. Passing the 300 metres **Bandido Caballero** was held up for some distance behind **Assegai**, which had commenced to give ground. Near the 250 metres **Bandido Caballero** was then taken to the outside of **Assegai** to secure clear running. When questioned, jockey Rama (**Gharbee**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to follow in 2nd or 3rd position and judge on where to start his move. He explained that after jumping well he found himself racing on the outside of **Assegai** and tried to improve around it to secure the fence without asking his mount for an effort as he was apprehensive that it would over-race since it had done so in the past. He added that jockey Andrews (**Assegai**) had insisted on his inside, as such he found himself racing in the one off position with **Bold Inspiration** improving to secure the lead. He also said that he did not ask his mount for an effort approaching the 1600 metres to make **Bold Inspiration** work for the lead as he was apprehensive that his mount would over-race in case **Bold Inspiration** slowed the pace down. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Assegai** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 7 – THE FANNY CUP

Harba was slow out. **Esteco** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Dawn Raid** raced fiercely in the early stages and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. **Rebel's Game** hung out from approaching the 400 metres with jockey Baster switching his whip to his left hand. Leaving the 400 metres **Esteco** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

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

RACE 8 – THE ELAINE PLATE

After Midnight jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. **The Deacon** jumped awkwardly and shifted in. Passing the 1300 metres **Billy Bojangles** and **Avail** raced tight on the inside of **Istiqraar**, which was being urged forward to secure the lead. Jockey Bardottier (**Istiqraar**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to make sure he allows enough room to horses on his inside. **Viento Magico** was slow into stride and approaching the 1200 metres began to over-race and became awkward when close to the heels of **Avail**. **Viento Magico** had to be eased and raced ungenerously for some distance after that. **The Deacon** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Leaving the 300 metres **The Deacon** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Billy Bojangles** wider on the track.

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

GENERAL

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

