

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 16 JULY 2016

RACE 1 – THE LINES OF POWER PLATE

Dreams Come True jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Gris Cheval** jumped awkwardly and shifted in. From its wide draw **Ek Tha Tiger** was taken across to race behind runners. **Earthwind'nfire** raced wide throughout. Near the 1250 metres, when being settled, **Fyrkat** shifted in, momentarily crowding **Captain Nero**. Shortly after, **Fyrkat** commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Gris Cheval**, which was being taken in to secure a position closer to the fence. Approaching the 450 metres **Ek Tha Tiger** was taken out from behind **Captain Nero** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Mucajai** wider on the track. **Mucajai** raced wide from then onwards. **Gris Cheval** hung in in the home straight and near the 100 metres became slightly inconvenienced close to the heels of **Fyrkat**, which was taken out from behind **Social Network** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Bardottier (**Earthwind'nfire**) explained that he was instructed to jump and endeavour to obtain a position mid-field and ride his mount out from the 400 metres. He added that after jumping well he found himself racing on the outside of **Mucajai** passing the 1300 metres and, seeing that jockey Mansour was endeavouring to bring his mount back, he asked his mount for a bit of an effort to secure a position on the outside of **Fyrkat** passing the 1200 metres, as it seemed that **Fyrkat** would secure the position on the fence, however at the same time **Mucajai** shifted out, carrying him outwards, resulting in him being caught wide.

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

RACE 2 – LE TURBO PLATE

Canadian Dollar and **Kurundu** jumped awkwardly. **Magic Jay** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Canadian Dollar**. **Canadian Dollar** knuckled on jumping. Shortly after the start **Magic Jay** was eased and taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 1300 metres **Kurundu** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head over some distance. **Canadian Dollar** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Leaving the 250 metres, when asked for an effort, **Lividus** shifted out slightly, carrying **Bridegroom Bertie** outwards onto **Kurundu**, which was being taken in to avoid the heels of **Freedom**, resulting in **Bridegroom Bertie** becoming cramped for room over a short distance. **Bridegroom Bertie** was not persevered with from leaving the 200 metres. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Bridegroom Bertie** revealed that it was cut into on the near hind leg. **Five Star Rock** hung out over the concluding stages. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that an endoscopic examination of **Tembot**, which was coughing after the race, revealed traces of blood in its trachea. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Freedom**. Trainer Allet explained that he instructed jockey Bardottier to insist over the first 30-40 metres and if in front, let the gelding run in its pace and if not, settle **Freedom** just behind the leaders and move from approaching the 300 metres. Jockey Bardottier confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he urged his mount forward, however seeing that **Lividus** on his inside, which had shown more gate speed and was being urged forward vigorously to keep its position, he elected to endeavour to settle **Freedom** behind **Lividus** as it was not showing enough speed to get to the lead. He added that **Kurundu** improved on his inside, as such he could not secure the position behind **Lividus** but managed to get cover in the one off position where his mount raced relaxed and when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, quickened momentarily before staying one pace. When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that at its last start over 1600 metres, he did manage to secure the lead on **Freedom** as on that occasion there was not much pace in the field whereas today, with **Lividus** insisting on his inside, he was of the opinion that he would not have been able to secure the lead. Trainer Allet concurred and explained that the drop in distance together with the fact that **Freedom**, due to its advanced age, did not show the same gate speed, he was of the opinion that jockey Bardottier did the right thing by not insisting for the lead. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Five Star Rock** after the race.

RACE 3 – THE CHEQUERS CUP

Ferdnand The Bull and **Jambamman** were slow to begin. **Burwaaz** hesitated at the start and was slow out, it was then taken across to race behind runners. **Red Hot Poker** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Al Romanov**. **No Resistance** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Ferdnand The Bull**. **Counts Rocket** stumbled badly on jumping and shifted out, bumping **Headstrong Harry** and shortly after was crowded for room between **Ferdnand The Bull** and **Headstrong Harry** when **Ferdnand The Bull** was pushed outwards by **No Resistance**. **Al Romanov** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Leaving the 1100 metres **Counts Rocket** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Headstrong Harry** and raced wide from then onwards. From approaching the 300 metres **Headstrong Harry** was taken out from behind **Burwaaz** and, in doing so, carried **Al Romanov** wider, which in turn carried **Counts Rocket** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Headstrong Harry** suffered a bleeding attack and that an endoscopic examination of **Burwaaz**, which was coughing after the race, revealed dirt in its trachea.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **No Resistance** after the race.

RACE 4 – THE FRANTZ MERVEN CUP

After the winning post, whilst being pulled up, the lead bag on **Blow Me Away** fell at the 1200 metres. The lead bag was then given back to jockey Mansour for him to weigh in.

Nothing Compares stood flat-footed at the start and was slow out. **Blow Me Away** shifted out on jumping. **Forward Drive** jumped awkwardly and shifted out when being urged forward to secure the lead and, in doing so, bumped **Sole Mio**. From its wide draw **Bobby Bear** was taken back and across runners to secure a position closer to the fence. Jockey Bussunt (**Forward Drive**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. Near the 1350 metres **Nothing Compares** had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Buffalo Trip**, which was being taken in to secure a position on the fence. Jockey Bardottier was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to make sure he is clear of horses before shifting ground in future. From leaving the 1100 metres **Blow Me Away**, which was over-racing, became awkward when close to the heels of **Forward Drive** and had to be steadied. **Always Flirting**, which was following, was also steadied, resulting in **Sole Mio**, which was following **Always Flirting**, having to be eased when close to its heels. **Buffalo Trip**, which was following, was taken out to avoid its heels, and carried **Bobby Bear** wider on the track. When being eased, the saddle on **Blow Me Away** slipped forward, putting jockey Mansour in an awkward position on his mount. For some distance leaving the 400 metres **Buffalo Trip** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Sole Mio**. Leaving the 250 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **Sole Mio** shifted out, resulting in **Nothing Compares**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced and having to be taken out to continue going forward. Jockey Sola (**Sole Mio**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to make sure that his mount is balanced in the home straight before using his whip. From leaving the 150 metres **Forward Drive** shifted out away from the whip. **Buffalo Trip**, which was following, had to be taken out from behind it to continue going forward. Jockey Bussunt (**Forward Drive**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

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

RACE 5 – THE JOSEPH MERVEN CUP

Awesome Power jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Soweto Slew** raced wide throughout. From near the 1250 metres, when the pace slowed, **Chinese Gold** became awkward close to the heels of **Captain Magpie** and had to be eased. **Chinese Gold** then shifted out, carrying **Charles Lytton** wider on the track. **Ashanti Gold**, which was following, and **Prince Of Wings**, which was following **Ashanti Gold**, were both inconvenienced. **Chinese Gold** was then taken out away from the heels of **Captain Magpie** and, in doing so, carried **Charles Lytton** wider on the track. Approaching the 450 metres **Prince Of Wings** and **Hillbrow** became cramped for galloping room on the inside of **Charles Lytton**, with **Prince Of Wings** having to be checked and losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Fayd'herbe (**Charles Lytton**) pleaded guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Soweto Slew**. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that he instructed jockey Emamdee to endeavour to insist over the first 25 or 30 metres, find a position close to the leaders and decide when to make his move. Jockey Emamdee confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he insisted on his mount as per his instructions, however approaching the 1300 metres, seeing that he was caught 3-wide with jockey Fayd'herbe (**Charles Lytton**) on his inside insisting to keep his position, he decided to bring his mount back to secure a position behind **Charles Lytton**, however at the same time, jockey Fayd'herbe brought his mount back with him getting caught wide. When questioned, jockey Emamdee explained that in hindsight he might have erred as approaching the 1300 metres he could have let his mount stride forward

to secure a one off position on the outside of the leader. Trainer Gujadhur concurred and explained that although he was of the opinion that **Soweto Slew** could not have won the race, he felt that jockey Emamdee had made an error of judgment. After consideration, jockey Emamdee pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) in that he failed to ride **Soweto Slew** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that after having asked his mount for an effort after the start, approaching the 1300 metres when he was racing in the 3-wide position about ½ neck in front of **Charles Lytton** and that there was an opportunity for him to let his mount improve around the latter without asking it for much of an effort to secure the one off position next to the leader and race closer to the rails, he failed to do so and instead over-restrained **Soweto Slew**, resulting in the latter being caught wide throughout the race and compounding in the latter stages. Jockey Emamdee was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.25,000. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Charles Lytton**. Trainer G. Rousset explained that **Charles Lytton** was coming back from a short spell, having had an injury following its last start, he explained that with the top weight and the presence of fast horses on its inside, he instructed jockey Fayd'herbe to endeavour to secure a position just off the leaders. Jockey Fayd'herbe explained that after jumping well, he let his mount improve to secure a position behind **Captain Magpie** and that approaching the 1300 metres he saw **Soweto Slew** improving on his outside, as such he elected to bring his mount back in view to obtain cover behind **Soweto Slew**. He added that at the same time **Chinese Gold**, which was racing on his inside, commenced to over-race and had to be eased and taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Captain Magpie**, brushing his mount with **Charles Lytton** then throwing its head. He further stated that from then on he expected jockey Baster (**Chinese Gold**) to improve on the outside of the leader, as such he would have secured the position behind the latter but jockey Baster never did so. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Soweto Slew** was not striding out properly after the race. Following the running of this race, the track was upgraded to 2.8.

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

RACE 6 – THE Renault MAURITIUS DERBY CUP

Kings Advisor was slow out. From leaving the 1400 metres, over some distance, **Kings Advisor** raced fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously. When questioned, jockey Mansour explained that as the pace had been a good one from the start, he expected the leader to fade from leaving the 300 metres, as such he elected passing the 700 metres to pull out and improve on the outside of **Scotsnog** in order to box the latter in and get the first run on it.

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

RACE 7 – THE MYSTIC SNOW CUP

Pont D'avignon and **Wonder Kid** were slow to begin. From leaving the 1400 metres **Racing For Fun** commenced to over-race and passing the 1300 metres had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Entrée**, throwing its head and racing ungenerously. Approaching the 1300 metres **Entrée** shied away from the winning post and shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Argun**. From leaving the 600 metres **Bono Vox** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Near the 350 metres **Racing For Fun** was momentarily cramped for room and had to be steadied. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that leaving the 400 metres **Bono Vox** improved on the outside of **Argun** with the latter shying away from **Bono Vox**, shifting in onto **Racing For Fun** with the latter having to be steadied. **Pont D'avignon** hung in in the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Wonder Kid** was lame on the off fore leg.

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

RACE 8 – THE MR. FABULOUS PLATE

Colour Of Courage and **Prince George** were slow to begin. **Var's Dream** and **Criss Cross Man** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Smitten** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres **Prince George**, which was racing fiercely, had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Power Dive** and, in doing so, carried **Smitten** wider on the track. **Smitten** raced wide from then onwards and leaving the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the fence. Near the 100 metres **Var's Dream** shifted in under pressure, momentarily inconveniencing **Kingdom's Key** on its inside. **Smitten** hung in in the home straight. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Power Dive**. Trainer Perdrau explained that at its last start over 1365 metres, when urged forward to lead, **Power Dive** failed to quicken and was disappointing. For today's race, as there were quick horses on its inside, namely **Captain's Cronicle** and **Kingdom's Key**, it would have been difficult for it to lead without jockey Bussunt asking for much of an effort of his mount. As such, he instructed jockey Bussunt to endeavour to jump and settle **Power Dive** just behind the leaders. Jockey Bussunt confirmed these instructions and

explained that after jumping reasonably well, he brought his mount back in view to settle it just behind the leaders in that approaching the 1200 metres he managed to find a position 3rd on the rails. He added that from then onwards his mount raced relaxed but when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, it failed to quicken and was disappointing, finishing 7th. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Captain's Cronicle after the race.

GENERAL

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

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