

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 23 JULY 2016

RACE 1 – THE DAMBUSTER PLATE

The start was delayed when **Alberts Day** refused to be loaded, it was eventually withdrawn at the start. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Alberts Day** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 12 cents per rupee, the average price of **Alberts Day** being 6/1. Trainer Rameshwar Gujadhur was advised that **Alberts Day** will need to trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. The Stewards, being satisfied that there was nothing untoward at the start, decided not to proceed further and correct weight was declared on the Judges semaphored numbers.

Apprentice Allyhosain (**Please To Progress**), whose claiming allowance is 4 kg, was unable to claim his full allowance. He was told that in future he should not accept rides handicapped lower than 57 kg, unless there is a readjustment in his claiming allowance. Apprentice Ramgopal (**Bright And Blue**), whose claiming allowance is 3 kg, was unable to claim his full allowance. He was told that in future he should not accept rides handicapped lower than 56 kg, unless there is a readjustment in his claiming allowance.

Absalom and **Bright And Blue** were slow out. **Please To Progress** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing the left side of its gate and shortly after bumped **Mount Fuji** onto **Dunraven**. From its wide draw **Brandewyn** was taken across to race behind runners. **Dunraven** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres **Brandewyn** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From the 400 metres **Brandewyn** commenced to give ground and finished tailed off. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Brandewyn** revealed no abnormality. From leaving the 200 metres **Please To Progress** hung in, had to be straightened and over the concluding stages **Please To Progress** continued to hang in under pressure. Near the 150 metres **Dunraven** was taken to the inside of the tiring **Mount Fuji** to continue going forward. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Mighty Lion**, trainer Merven explained that at its last start he was expecting a good run from **Mighty Lion**, however it dropped the bit from leaving the 700 metres and was disappointing. For today's race, from its good draw, he asked jockey Chumun to endeavour to secure the lead and let the horse run in its pace as **Mighty Lion** runs well whilst in the lead. He added that in his opinion the fact that **Mighty Lion** was able to dictate its own pace probably accounted to its improved performance. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Please To Progress**. Trainer Ramdin explained that **Please To Progress** had pleased in the lead up to the race and that he expected a good run from the latter. He added that after going through the field and with the apprentice claim, he was of the opinion that **Please To Progress** would be able to lead, as such he instructed apprentice Allyhosain to endeavour to secure the lead or race as close as possible to the pace. Apprentice Allyhosain confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping awkwardly and being slow out, he decided to settle the gelding on the rails as he was apprehensive of being caught wide when racing over 1850 metres. When questioned, apprentice Allyhosain explained that he could have asked **Please To Progress** for an effort in the early stages in view to ride as per his instructions, he admitted that he had erred in not doing so and that he was only having his 5th ride in races and did not want to be caught wide. Trainer Ramdin expressed his concern as to the way the apprentice failed to follow his instructions. After consideration, apprentice Allyhosain pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (c) for failing to follow trainer Ramdin's instructions, the particulars being that after having jumped awkwardly and being slow out when there was an opportunity for him to urge **Please To Progress** forward in view to race as per his trainer's instructions, he failed to do so and instead settled the gelding at the back of the field, resulting in **Please To Progress** racing further back in the field than expected. He was suspended from riding in 3 races reserved for Mauritian riders.

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

RACE 2 – THE LOUIS PHILIPPE BOULLE CUP

Acting under MTC Rule 112 (a), the Stewards, in consultation with trainer C. Ramdin, allowed jockey Neisius to ride **Pimpernel** at 0.5 kg overweight. At an inquiry into the reason why he could not ride this gelding at the carded weight, jockey Neisius explained that when discussing his rides with trainer C. Ramdin on Tuesday afternoon, after nominations were official, he accepted the ride on **Pimpernel**, which was set to carry 57½ kg. However, on Thursday afternoon when he noticed in the race card that the handicap in this race had been lowered with the gelding being handicapped at 57 kg, he immediately phoned Steward S. Mahadia to advise him that he would not be able to ride the gelding at 57 kg. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell jockey Neisius to inform trainer Ramdin of his minimum riding weight on the morning of scratchings so as to avoid such inconvenience.

Aficionado was slow out and was then urged forward, however failed to muster speed. **Polar Palace** dipped near the 1200 metres. **Liam** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Polar Palace** onto **Ambassador Rex**. **Pimpernel** was slow out and shortly after had to be steadied when crowded for room between **Ambassador Rex** and **Jay Jay's Wild**, which had shifted in on jumping. Approaching the 1100 metres **Schachar** commenced to over-race, shortly after had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Liam** and, when being taken back in to the rails **Schachar** inconvenienced **Polar Palace**, with the latter having to be steadied and **Ambassador Rex**, which was following **Polar Palace**, also having to be eased to avoid its heels. Jockey Rama (**Schachar**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to exercise care at all times. Approaching the 300 metres **Schachar** was taken out from behind **Moi Power** to improve its position and carried **Liam** wider on the track. Approaching the 100 metres **Parado** was taken to the inside of **Jay Jay's Wild** to continue going forward, When questioned, jockey Bussunt (**Wind Glider**) explained that he was instructed to insist for the lead, however after jumping well, when asked for an effort his mount failed to muster speed and hung in throughout the race. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Wind Glider** revealed that it suffered a bleeding attack.

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

RACE 3 – THE WILFRID JACKSON CUP

The start was delayed when **Act Of Valor**, after being loaded, charged its front gate and ran part of the course, however it was quickly reined in, inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Act Of Valor jumped outwards. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Act Of Valor** continued to shift out, crowding **Step To Fame** onto **Strum** with **Step To Fame** having to be checked and **Strum** becoming inconvenienced and having to be eased. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Rama (**Act Of Valor**) 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. **Bikini Billy** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Maestro's Salute**. **Bikini Billy** was then taken out to relieve the pressure. **Maestro's Salute**, when being bumped by **Bikini Billy**, shifted in, bumping **Chosen Dash**, carrying the latter inwards onto **Strum** with **Strum** having to be eased. **Chosen Dash** was then taken out to relieve the pressure from **Strum**. **In Your Dreams** raced wide from the 600 metres. From leaving the 450 metres **Step To Fame** was taken out from behind **Strum** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. From leaving the 150 metres, **Bellicosity** hung out under pressure, inconveniencing **Chosen Dash**, which was improving on its outside. Jockey Naiko (**Bellicosity**) was shown the video replays of this incident, severely reprimanded and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Step To Fame** was lame on its off fore leg.

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

RACE 4 – THE LEOVILLE L'HOMME CUP

Super Glue jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Max Rapax** onto **Kruger Rand**. **Kruger Rand** was slow to begin. **Hot Rocket** half-reared, losing ground at the start. Approaching the 1300 metres **Down Under** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 1100 metres **Hot Rocket**, which was over-racing, became awkward close to the heels of **Super Glue** and had to be steadied. Approaching the 800 metres, **Down Under**, which was still over-racing, had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **Karraar** and shifted in, brushing the running rails. Passing the 450 metres, **Hot Rocket** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Approaching the 200 metres **Kruger Rand** was taken out from behind **Hot Rocket** and raced wide into the home straight.

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

RACE 5 – THE RAOUL ROCHECOUSTE CUP

Torotino jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate. **Dark Liability** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **King's Knight** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, with both horses contacting shortly after the start. **Translunar** threw its head on jumping and was slow to begin. **King's Knight** and **Kimberly AI** raced wide without cover in the early stages. From approaching the 1000 metres **Wieland** was pulled out of the race. When questioned, jockey Neisius (**Wieland**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or race close to the pace. After jumping well, **Wieland** failed to stretch out properly and, near the 1000 metres, stumbled and was not striding out properly. As such, he decided to pull the gelding out of the race, feeling that there was something amiss with it. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Wieland** revealed that it was lame on its near hind leg. Approaching the 900 metres **Torotino** shifted in and brushed the running rails with jockey Mansour losing the use of his off side stirrup, which he quickly regained. Approaching the 800 metres **Dark Liability**, which was over-racing, shifted in when being eased to avoid the heels of **The Tripster** and brushed the running rails. Passing the 600 metres **Dark Liability** again shifted in and brushed the running rails. For some distance approaching the 300 metres **Translunar** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Max The Man**. Leaving the 200 metres **Torotino** was taken to the outside of **Kimberly AI** to continue going forward. From leaving the 150 metres **King's Knight** commenced to shift in under pressure. At the same time **Dark Liability** commenced to shift out under pressure, resulting in **Azapel**, which was improving between **King's Knight** and **Dark Liability**, becoming inconvenienced approaching the 100 metres. **Translunar**, which was following, had to be taken in to avoid the heels of **Azapel**. Jockeys Fayd'herbe and Goomany were shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to straighten their mounts when they shift ground in future. Passing the 100 metres **Max The Man**, when being ridden with the whip, shied away and shifted out abruptly with jockey Sooful putting his whip away and straightening the latter. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Dark Liability** was lame on its off fore leg.

Following the running of this race, the track was upgraded to 2.9.

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

RACE 6 – THE LIGHTNING CUP

Following the running of race 5, jockey Mansour, who was injured, was stood down by the Club's Doctor. Since there was no rider available to ride **Zhan Hu** at the carded weight, the Stewards had no option than to order its withdrawal under MTC Rule 108 (2) at 3.15 p.m. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Zhan Hu** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Zhan Hu** being 10/1.

Clifton Surf was slow to begin. **Lake Geneva** raced wide throughout. **Split The Breeze** and **Lake Geneva** hung in in the home straight. Over the concluding stages **Tandragee** had to be taken out from behind **Reim** to continue going forward. **Reim** hung in over the concluding 150 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Lake Geneva** was not striding out properly after the race and that an endoscopic examination of **Clifton Surf** revealed blood and mud in its trachea.

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

RACE 7 – THE HOLDALL CUP

Cooker Stalker jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **AI Capitano**. **Mighty Mars** was slow out. **Laughistheanswer** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **The Deacon** shifted in despite jockey Fayd'herbe's attempt to straighten it, bumping **Plain Of Wisdom**. **The Deacon** was then taken out to relieve the pressure and again approaching the 1300 metres **The Deacon** shifted in, with **Plain Of Wisdom**, which was racing tight on its inside, shying away from it and shifting in onto **Jullidar** with the latter becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be steadied. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Fayd'herbe was told to ensure that he always leaves sufficient room to horses on his inside when shifting ground. **Plain Of Wisdom** raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 1100 metres **Brachetto** shifted out and raced in a one off position. Jockey Boutanive (**Brachetto**) was shown the video replays of the race, reprimanded and told that he should at all times take his mount in closer to the rails when in a position to do so. From leaving the 1100 metres **The Deacon** commenced to over-race and shifted out. **Ritmo Total**, which was following, improved into a tight gap between **The Deacon** and **Brachetto**. **The Deacon** was then taken back in towards the rails and, in doing so, bumped **Ritmo Total**, with the latter bumping **AI Capitano**, which was racing on its inside. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that from leaving the 1100 metres **Brachetto** shifted out and **The Deacon**, which was racing on its outside, commenced to race fiercely and rolled out. Jockey Fayd'herbe explained that he did not expect anyone to improve on his inside at this point in time as it would have been very dangerous. Jockey Goomany explained that it was not his intention to improve on the inside of jockey Fayd'herbe but that his mount, which was racing fiercely, pulled itself into the gap and when jockey Fayd'herbe brought his mount back inwards, crowded him, forcing him to check. After

consideration, the Stewards being of the opinion that the explanations of jockey Fayd'herbe were legitimate, decided not to proceed further other than to report this as a racing incident. For some distance passing the 600 metres **Al Capitano** and **Ritmo Total** raced tight on the inside of **The Deacon**. Jockey Goomany (**Ritmo Total**) was shown the video replays of this incident and advised that in future he should not insist on the inside of horses and put himself and his fellow riders in awkward positions. **Mighty Mars** was taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 100 metres **Jullidar** was taken to the inside of **Brachetto** to continue going forward. From leaving the 100 metres **The Deacon** shifted in under pressure and shortly before the winning post ducked out sharply, nearly dislodging jockey Fayd'herbe.

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

RACE 8 – THE SCALDED CAT PLATE

The Stewards approved jockey V. Bundhoo as the replacement rider for **Tornado Man**.

After being loaded, **All Magic** reared, catching its near side leg on top of the gate. It was unloaded and examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Catwalk Model stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. **Avail** and **Melson** jumped awkwardly. From its wide draw **Halabaloo** was taken back from the start. **Spin A Coin** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **All Magic** dropped the bit from the 800 metres, commenced to give ground from leaving the 450 metres and was not persevered with over the concluding 200 metres. Jockey Ghunowa reported that, when asked for an effort, the gelding felt awkward. A subsequent veterinary examination of **All Magic** revealed that its near fore fetlock was swollen. Approaching the 450 metres **Catwalk Model** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Melson** and, in doing so, carried **Halabaloo** wider on the track. **Halabaloo** raced wide from then onwards. From leaving the 400 metres **Catwalk Model** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. For some distance approaching the 300 metres, **Avail** was held up when unable to improve from behind **All Magic**, which was giving ground.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from League Of Legends after the race.

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

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