

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2016

GENERAL

The Stewards approved the following replacement riders for jockey D. Walsh who was indisposed:

Race 4: D. Mansour on **Evergreen**

Race 5: R. Vaibhav on **Kemal Kavur**

Race 6: L. Goomany on **Reim**

Race 8: S. Bussunt on **Ek Tha Tiger**

RACE 1 – THE CENTENARY OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TROPHY

No Prisoners, **Obligation** and **Montante** were slow out. **Brandewyn** was slow into stride. **Mucjai** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, resulting in **Montante** becoming slightly inconvenienced. Passing the 1300 metres **In The Frame** was steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Roving Consort**. Near the 350 metres **In The Frame** was taken out from behind **Roving Consort**. **No Prisoners**, which was following, endeavoured to improve its position into a tight gap on the inside of **In The Frame**. **In The Frame** then shifted in slightly, carrying **No Prisoners** inwards with the latter brushing the running rails. **Obligation** hung in in the early stages of the home straight, slightly inconveniencing **Young Royal**. When questioned, jockey Mansour (**Roving Consort**) explained that at its last start, when racing over 1400 metres, and jumping from gate 1, **Roving Consort** was urged forward to insist for the lead and faded over the concluding stages. He added that today as it was racing over 1500 metres and drawn at gate 3, he was instructed to endeavour to clear the two horses on his inside and settle his mount on the fence close to the pace. He stated that after jumping well he managed to secure a position on the fence and, seeing that **Seven Carat** was quicker than him and insisting for the lead, he elected to settle his mount behind the latter. He further added that leaving the 1000 metres **Roving Consort** commenced to over-race, however approaching the 800 metres he managed to relax his mount. He also said that his mount raced relaxed until leaving the 400 metres and, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointing.

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

RACE 2 – THE PACIFIC OCEAN CUP

Sunset Breeze jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Emblem Royale**. **Captain's Cronicle** half-reared at the start. From its wide draw **Al Capitano** was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 1200 metres **Canadian Dollar** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Laughistheanswer**, which had a tendency to shift in despite jockey Sooful's attempt to straighten it. **Captain's Cronicle** raced wide without cover in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead. Leaving the 900 metres **Canadian Dollar**, which had been urged forward in the early stages to keep its position, commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Sunset Breeze** approaching the 700 metres. **Laughistheanswer**, **Red Hot Poker** and **Burwaaz**, which were following, were all inconvenienced and also had to be steadied with **Burwaaz** throwing its head and racing ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 400 metres **Captain's Orders** was taken out from behind **Red China** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 200 metres **Laughistheanswer** was taken to the inside of **Captain's Cronicle** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Al Capitano** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Red China** was distressed after the race.

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

RACE 3 – THE E. MAXIME SAUZIER CUP

Dawn Raid, which was fractious prior to the start being effected, jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Seven Oceans**. **Carson City** and **Sir Henry** were slow to begin. From its wide draw **Sir Henry** was taken across to race behind runners. From approaching the 1200 metres **Seven Oceans** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Cula**. **Seven Oceans** then raced ungenerously for some distance, throwing its head. Leaving the 1300 metres **Bridegroom Bertie** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Jay Jay's Wild**. **Phiri E Kwatile**, which was following, also had to be steadied to avoid its heels, resulting in **Seeking The Dream**, which was following **Phiri E Kwatile**, becoming awkward close to the heels of **Phiri E Kwatile** and having to be taken out. In doing so, **Seeking The Dream** carried **Carson City** wider on the track. **Dawn Raid**, which was following **Seeking The Dream**, was also inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid its heels. Approaching the 400 metres **Carson City** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Sir Henry**, jockey Neisius explained that the gelding was striding very short during the race, as such he decided not to persevere with the latter. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Sir Henry** revealed that it was not striding out properly and an endoscopic examination revealed mucus in its trachea.

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

RACE 4 – THE REYNOLDS COQUET CUP

Prior to the running of this race, **Evergreen** was inspected by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared fit to run.

The start was delayed when shortly after being boxed **Max The Man** became fractious, reared, resulting in jockey Sturgeon receiving a knock on his chin. As jockey Sturgeon was unfit to ride, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Max The Man**. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Max The Man** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 20 cents per rupee, the average price of **Max The Man** being 37/10. Trainer J. M. Henry was told that **Max The Man** should pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. **Gameloft** was slow out. **Elusive Love** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Prince Of Wings** and **Mighty Mars** brushed shortly after the start. Approaching the 1000 metres **Elusive Love** was taken out from behind **National Approval** and, in doing so, carried **Gameloft** wider on the track. **Gameloft** hung in in the home straight with jockey Vaibhav switching his whip to his right hand. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **National Approval** and **Elusive Love** were lame on their near fore leg and **Rumbullion** and **Mighty Mars** were lame on their off fore leg.

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

RACE 5 – THE PHILIPPE DUCLER DES RAUCHES CUP

Prior to the running of this race, jockey Sturgeon was examined by the Club's Medical Officer and declared fit to ride.

Pierneef was slow out. **Hot Rocket** jumped awkwardly, brushing **Kemal Kavur**. From their wide draws **Caymen Sunset** and **Red Rain** were taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1300 metres **Kemal Kavur** shifted in and had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Karraar**. **Hot Rocket** and **Super Glue** raced wide throughout. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Caymen Sunset** was lame on its off fore leg and that **Red Rain** was coughing repeatedly after the race.

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

RACE 6 – THE HINTERLAND CUP

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that prior to the start being effected **Clifton Surf** became fractious, throwing its head down and while the handler pulled its head back up, the start was effected resulting in **Clifton Surf** being unable to jump with the rest of the field. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Clifton Surf** was denied a fair start, declared it a non starter under MTC Rule 144 (1). In view of this, all bets on **Clifton Surf** were ordered to be refunded and no deduction was effected on winning bets with bookmakers, the average price of **Clifton Surf** being 89/1.

Clifton Surf was slow to begin. **Nordic Warrior** threw its head and jumped sideways. **Split The Breeze** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Bulsara**. **Mootahadee** and **Nordic Warrior** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 800 metres **Reim** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Nordic Warrior** and, in doing so, carried **Mootahadee** wider on the track, **Mootahadee** was then eased to secure the position one off the rails behind **Reim**. Passing the 200 metres **One Cool Dude** was taken out from behind **Mootahadee** to continue going forward. Near the 150 metres **Charles Lytton** was taken to the inside of **Reim** to secure clear running and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Lake Geneva** on its inside with the latter having to be taken out to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Charles Lytton**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take all necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **Lake Geneva**. He was fined Rs.20,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Clifton Surf** suffered a bleeding attack.

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

RACE 7 – THE J. ANGE CAYEUX CUP

Blue Lord dipped on jumping. **Viento Magico** was slow out. **Social Network** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing **Viento Magico**. **Shoddy Nick** jumped outwards. **Viento Magico** raced wide from the 550 metres. Approaching the 500 metres **Lord Wellington** was taken out from behind **Brazo** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Blue Lord** wider on the track. From approaching the 450 metres **Shoddy Nick** commenced to give ground. Near the 350 metres **The Blue Streak** had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Shoddy Nick**, which was giving ground and leaving the 200 metres **The Blue Streak** had to be taken out from behind **Blue Lord** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Blue Lord** was not striding out properly after the race and that **Shoddy Nick** and **Viento Magico** were coughing repeatedly.

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

RACE 8 – THE FLAMING AXE PLATE

Lecture D was slow out and shortly after the start had to be checked when crowded for room by **City Treasurer**, which had jumped outwards and **Jiggery Pokery**, which had jumped inwards. **Ruby Rocker** jumped outwards. **Seven League Boots** jumped inwards, bumping **Canadian Club**. **Seven League Boots** then shifted back out, bumping **Ek Tha Tiger**, which was being urged forward and improving on its outside. **Ek Tha Tiger** was then taken out to relieve the pressure and was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Kingdom's Key**, which had shifted in when urged forward. **Starspangledbanner** raced wide without cover in the early and middle stages. **Ek Tha Tiger** raced wide throughout. **Canadian Club** brushed the rails at the 600 metres. For a short distance, approaching the 600 metres **Seven League Boots** and **Domani** raced tight on the inside of **Ek Tha Tiger**. **Ruby Rocker** was taken out from the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Domani**, jockey Sturgeon explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he expected a forward showing from it today. He added that from his good draw he was instructed to endeavour to race close to the lead, however after jumping moderately it failed to muster speed when urged forward, resulting in it racing further back in the field than expected. He further added that he received some crowding near the 600 metres and when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres **Domani** failed to quicken and was very disappointing. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kingdom's Key** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

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

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