

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2016

RACE 1 – THE DOMINIQUE GALEA CUP

This race was run in rain.

Tiger Master threw its head on jumping. **Kaafel** stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground. **Monarchs Emblem** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Joe's Legacy** onto **Seven League Boots**. **Joe's Legacy** was then eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. **Black Gambit** stumbled on jumping. **Vigilante** jumped outwards. Leaving the 1300 metres, **No Prisoners** was crowded for room between **Joe's Legacy** and **Black Gambit** when the latter was taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that approaching the 1300 metres **No Prisoners** shifted in onto **Joe's Legacy**, contacting the latter with **No Prisoners** then going back out. At the same time **Black Gambit** was being taken in to secure a position closer to the fence with **No Prisoners** bumping the hindquarters of **Black Gambit** and turning it sideways, with **Black Gambit** then crowding **No Prisoners** onto **Joe's Legacy**. Near the 1250 metres, **Vigilante** was cramped for galloping room and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Ek Tha Tiger**, which was being taken in. At an inquiry into this incident, apprentice Allyhosain (**Ek Tha Tiger**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (e) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in one race reserved for Mauritian riders. **No Prisoners** raced wide from approaching the 1200 metres. From approaching the 1000 metres **Canadian Club** commenced to race fiercely and, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Tiger Master**, threw its head and raced ungenerously. Leaving the 800 metres, **Black Gambit** was taken in to avoid the heels of **Vigilante**, which had shifted out when being eased to avoid the heels of **Ek Tha Tiger**. From approaching the 300 metres **Joe's Legacy** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 200 metres **Black Gambit** was switched to the inside of **Monarchs Emblem** to obtain clear running. For some distance leaving the 100 metres **No Prisoners** was inconvenienced when attempting a run into a tight gap on the inside of **Canadian Club**.

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

RACE 2 – THE FEBER ASSOCIATES CUP

The track was downgraded to 2.9 before this race.

This race was run in rain.

What's News jumped outwards, crowding **Chester's Wish** onto **Kilroy**. **Kilroy** raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1300 metres was taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. From approaching the 1200 metres, **Kilroy** commenced to race fiercely and pulled its way into a tight gap between **Plain Of Wisdom** and **Chester's Wish**, pushing **Chester's Wish** outwards. From leaving the 1200 metres **What's News** commenced to over-race, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Beluga** and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 1000 metres **Chester's Wish** clipped the heels of **What's News** and stumbled.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Beluga and What's News after the race.

RACE 3 – THE NATIONAL MUTUAL FUND CUP

Bikini Billy was slow to begin. **Act Of Valor** dipped at the 600 metres. **National Approval** dipped near the 400 metres. **Cash Lord** was taken out from behind **Act Of Valor** to improve its position from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Over the last 100 metres **Fort Ozark** and **Strum** shifted out. When questioned, jockey Rama explained that after being urged forward **Act Of Valor** failed to muster speed, he then elected to settle his mount just off the leaders. He added that passing the 600 metres, **Act Of Valor** stumbled badly and from then onwards dropped the bit and, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointing. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Cash Lord** was not striding out properly after the race.

The track was downgraded to 3.3 after this race.

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

GENERAL (1)

Following the running of race 3, the Stewards took evidence from riders, trainers and the Track Manager. It was established that due to heavy downpour following the running of race 1, the track had become unsafe. As such, acting under the provisions of MTC Rule 12 (f), the Stewards after consultation with the Administrative Stewards, cancelled the remaining races of today.

GENERAL (2)

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

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