

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2016

GENERAL

- A. Jockey S. Bhundoo was injured during the running of race 1 and was unable to fulfill his further riding engagements. The Stewards approved V. Bundhoo as the replacement rider for **Captain's Orders** (Race 2) and for **Maestro's Salute** (Race 3).
- B. Jockey Y. Emamdee was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer after the running of race 5. The Stewards approved B. Bhaugerooth as the replacement rider for **Saariikh** (Race 7) and for **Halabaloo** (Race 8).

RACE 1 – THE VELOGIC CONTAINER SERVICES TROPHY

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the race. It was established that approaching the 600 metres **Kapiti Coast** clipped the heels of **Monarchs Emblem**, stumbling badly and dislodging apprentice Teetan. **Commodus**, which was following, was inconvenienced and shifted out, dislodging jockey Bhundoo. An inquiry into this incident will be held when the riders will be available.

The start was delayed when shortly after being boxed, **Young Royal** turned its head sideways with the latter getting its head stuck on the left hand side of the gate and had to be attended to. **Commodus**, **Kapiti Coast**, and **Magic Jay** were slow to begin. **Agincourt** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Agincourt** then raced wide without cover in the early stages. From approaching the 1300 metres **Agincourt** commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously for some distance. From approaching the 500 metres **Fyrkat** commenced to give ground and, when being urged forward, failed to respond. Leaving the 450 metres **Jullidar** was taken out from behind **Duke the Duke** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Magic Jay** wider on the track. Near the 350 metres **Duke the Duke** was taken out from behind **Lividus** to improve its position, carrying **Jullidar** wider on the track. Leaving the 250 metres **Lividus** had to be taken out from behind **Young Royal** to secure clear running and in doing so carried **Duke the Duke** and **Jullidar** wider on the track. **Lividus** hung out from leaving the 150 metres. Apprentice Ramgopal (**Lividus**) was shown the video replays of the home straight and told that he should straighten his mounts when they shift ground. **Monarchs Emblem** shifted out from the whip from near the 150 metres, with jockey Emamdee putting his whip away passing the 100 metres and straightening the latter. From leaving the 100 metres **Jullidar** hung in under pressure. **Magic Jay** hung in in the home straight. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Monarchs Emblem**. Trainer Narang explained that when being urged forward to race close to the lead, **Monarch's Emblem** has pulled in its races and faded late, as such, he had instructed Jockey Emamdee not to insist at the start and to endeavour to secure a position in 3rd or 4th on the rails and depending on the pace to decide where to move from. Jockey Emamdee confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he had to bring back his mount to secure a position on the rails, he added that from then onwards **Monarchs Emblem** race relax and passing the 400 metres when **Jullidar** was taken out to improve its position, he managed to make ground on the rails and eventually secured an inside run in the home straight. He added that despite quickening in the early stages of the home straight, **Monarchs Emblem** hung out from leaving the 150 metres and stayed one paced over the concluding stages. When questioned Jockey Emamdee explained that he would have had to insist to keep the position behind the leader and that he was apprehensive of his mount pulling as it had done in the past had he insisted. Trainer Narang concurred and added that it was **Monarchs Emblem's** best race to date, so he was satisfied with the way the gelding was ridden. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Fyrkat** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Kapiti Coast** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 2 – THE VELOGIC HAULAGE SERVICES TROPHY

Following the running of the race, the Stewards considered an objection lodged by jockey Emamdee, the rider of **Apple Pie** being declared 3rd, against **Al Firenze**, being declared the winner, alleging interference shortly after the start. After taking evidence from both riders and Assistant Trainers and viewing the video replays of the incident, it was established that **Apple Pie** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing the hindquarters of **Al Firenze**, which became unbalanced and was turned sideways despite jockey Mansour's attempt to straighten it with **Apple Pie** being crowded for room and having to be eased. The Stewards being of the opinion that this incident did not materially affect the result of the race, dismissed the objection. Jockey Mansour was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that in future even if his mount was unbalanced he was to make a greater effort to straighten it.

Captain's Orders was slow out. **Prince George** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Plain Of Wisdom** onto **Fleetfox**, which had shifted in on jumping, with **Fleetfox** then being pushed outwards. **In The Trenches** raced wide in the early stages. **Prince George** raced fiercely from leaving the 1200 metres. For some distance leaving the 700 metres **Plain Of Wisdom**, which was over-racing, became awkward close to the heels of **Al Firenze**. Leaving the 200 metres **Prince George** was taken out abruptly from behind **In The Trenches**, which had shifted in despite jockey Fayd'herbe's attempt to straighten it, and when **Prince George** was taken out, it inconvenienced **Plain Of Wisdom**, which was following. Jockey Bardottier (**Prince George**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told that in future he should show more care when shifting ground from behind horses. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Moi Power**, jockey Winks explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, as such he expected a good run from the latter. He said that from its wide draw he had to use his mount to secure a good position with **Moi Power** over-racing in the early stages, however leaving the 900 metres he managed to get cover, with **Moi Power** relaxing nicely and when asked for an effort from approaching the 350 metres, it failed to quicken and had a tendency to lay in in the home straight. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Moi Power** revealed no abnormality.

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

RACE 3 – THE AVIOSERVIZI TROPHY

Prior to the start being effected **Phiri E Kwatile** turned its head to the left and whilst the start was effected, the handler was busy attending the gelding to straighten its head. As such, the handler was still holding its near side rein when the start was effected. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Phiri E Kwatile** was denied a fair start, acting under Rule 144 (1), declared the latter a non-runner. In view of this, all bets on **Phiri E Kwatile** were ordered to be refunded and wining bets with bookmakers were paid less 15 cents per rupee, the average price of **Phiri E Kwatile** being 9/2.

Aware jumped awkwardly, bumping **Maestro's Salute** on its hindquarter. **Nothing Compares** stood flat-footed and was slow out. **A P Strike** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1300 metres was urged forward to endeavour to secure a position closer to the fence. From leaving the 1100 metres, when being settled, **A P Strike** raced ungenerously, throwing its head. From leaving the 800 metres **Aware**, which was racing fiercely, threw its head and raced ungenerously when being steadied to avoid the heels of **Prince Of Wings**. From leaving the 400 metres **A P Strike** was taken out from behind **Maestro's Salute** and carried **Entree** wider on the track. **Hot Rocket** hung in in the home straight and passing the 200 metres bumped **Aware**.

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

RACE 4 – THE NAVIS TROPHY

Pierneef was slow out. **Super Glue** threw its head and jumped awkwardly. **Bono Vox** was slow to begin. From their wide draws **Candy Rock** and **Beach In A Bottle** were taken across to race behind runners. **Silver Dice** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 300 metres **Super Glue** was urged forward into a tight gap between **Greys Inn Control** and **Bono Vox**, with **Super Glue** racing tight and becoming momentarily held up when unable to improve from behind **Blaze Of Noon**. Leaving the 300 metres **Candy Rock** was taken out from behind **Greys Inn Control** to secure clear running and raced wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 200 metres **Super Glue** was taken to the inside of **Blaze Of Noon** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Candy Rock** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 5 – THE FLYNT INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS TROPHY

Memphis Mafia hesitated at the start and was slow out. **Silver Bluff** jumped awkwardly. Leaving the 900 metres **Ryder Cup** was cramped for room between **Rear Admiral** and **Prince Of Thieves**. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that approaching the 900 metres **Rear Admiral** changed legs and shifted out and was then brushed by **Ryder Cup** on its hindquarter with **Rear Admiral** becoming unbalanced and shifting out further, carrying **Ryder Cup** outwards onto **Prince Of Thieves**, which was improving around **Ryder Cup**. Passing the 700 metres **Silver Bluff** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Memphis Mafia**. Approaching the 300 metres **Memphis Mafia** was taken out from behind **Rear Admiral** to improve its position, carrying **Ryder Cup** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ryder Cup** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Prince Of Thieves** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Prince Of Thieves after the race.

RACE 6 – Velogic–LA COUPE DES PRESIDENTS

Diamond Light was slow out.

At an inquiry into the handling of Top Jet, Trainer Maingard explained that at its last start, after jumping well over 1500 metres Top Jet had raced closer to the pace than expected and had faded badly. As such for today's race, taking in consideration the 2200 metres he instructed jockey Sooful to relax the gelding at the back of the field and wait for as long as possible to make his move. Jockey Sooful confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping reasonably well, he brought his mount back so as to ride as per instructions, however as jockey Rama (**Everest**) did not insist on his inside, he was caught in a one-off position in the early stages with **Top Jet** over-racing. He added that leaving the 1800 metres **Everest** commenced to improve, he then managed to secure a position on the fence behind **Everest**. He also said that his mount then raced relaxed and, when asked for an effort at the 300 metres, quickened and stayed one pace in the early stages of the home straight before tiring later to finish 3rd. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to tell Jockey Sooful that it was a fact that the way Everest was ridden in the early stages had a bearing in the manner he rode his horse, however he was told to show better judgement in future. Leaving the 150 metres Jockey Joorawon stood up in the saddle and made excessive celebratory gestures towards the crowd until passing the winning post. At an inquiry, he was shown video replays of the home straight pleaded guilty under for a breach of MTC Rule 53 (j) he was fined Rs 5,000. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Everest**. Trainer Rousset explained that he instructed jockey Rama to endeavour to settle this gelding at the back of the field as it had raced well when racing in similar manner at its last outing over 2200 metres. Jockey Rama confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well and realizing that **Top Jet** on the outside had jumped better than all the horses, he decided to bring his mount back as per his instructions. He added that he was unable to do as **Everest** started to over race with **Top Jet** racing on its outside. He also said that he persevered in bringing back his mount as he was under the impression that **Top Jet** would eventually improve on the outside and that he would obtain cover from the latter. When questioned, he explained that had he allowed **Everest** to improve behind **Parachute Man**, he felt his mount would have pulled too hard and would not have quickened in the latter stages. Mr Rousset concurred and added that in his opinion, no matter how **Everest** was ridden he would never have beaten **Parachute Man** on the day. After consideration, Jockey Rama was found guilty of a breach of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Everest** to the satisfaction of the Stewards the particulars being that, being the rider of **Everest**, he failed to ride this gelding to the satisfaction of the Stewards the particulars being, that from approximately 75 metres after the start until near the 1850 metres, he over restrained his mount on numerous occasions resulting in the latter fighting him and at the same time allowing the leader **Parachute Man**, the odds on favourite of the race, to have a soft lead and creating a considerable gap of approximately 8 lengths when it was reasonable for him to let his horse run in its pace from the start and race closer to the leader. He was suspended from riding in races for one race meeting and fined Rs 10,000.

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

RACE 7 – THE TRANSGLOBAL TROPHY

Roman Silvanus stood flat-footed and was slow out, losing considerable ground. Near the 1800 metres **Aficionado** shifted in, crowding **Anafesto** onto **Urbi Et Orbi** with the latter then being taken in onto **Noordhoek Ice** with the latter then having to be checked and losing its position. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that **Aficionado** shifted in abruptly with **Anafesto** shying away from it, shifting in and carrying **Urbi Et Orbi** onto **Noordhoek Ice**, which was insisting on its inside. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to report it as a racing incident. From approaching the 1800 metres **Urbi Et Orbi** was taken out and allowed to improve its position on the outside of runners. Leaving the 1400 metres **Cula** was taken out from behind **Anafesto** to improve its position and in doing so carried **Urbi Et Orbi** wider on the track. **Anafesto** raced wide in the early and middle stages and approaching the 1300 metres was allowed to stride to the lead. **Prince Of Arabia** raced wide from leaving the 1300 metres. Near the 150 metres **Saarikh** was taken to the inside of **Anafesto** to continue going forward and leaving the 100 metres to the inside of **Seeking The Dream**. Approaching the 100 metres **Aficionado** had to be taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Urbi Et Orbi**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Roman Silvanus** was not striding out properly after the race. When questioned, Trainer Henry explained that as **Anafesto** was wearing blinkers for the first time over 1850 metres and that there did not seem to be much pace in the race, he had instructed Jockey Sturgeon to endeavour to jump well and be positive in the early stages to race close to the lead. Jockey Sturgeon explained that after jumping well he secured a position close to the lead but was cramped for room passing the road and got caught racing 3 wide. He then decided to let **Anafesto** improve in hand to secure the lead. He added that from then onwards the gelding raced relax and stayed one paced when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres. Jockey Sturgeon also said that in his opinion it was not a change of tactics as such but that he could not do otherwise that go forward due to racing circumstances. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Seeking The Dream** after the race.

RACE 8 – THE VELOGIC WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TROPHY

Shield Of Thunder was slow out and shortly after the start was crowded onto **Dark Abbot** by **Ravatak**, which had jumped inwards. **Ritmo Total** and **Halabaloo** were slow to begin. From its wide draw, **Nadas** was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 1400 metres **Nadas** clipped the heels of **Hancock's Dynasty** and stumbled. **What's News** raced wide without cover in the early stages. Approaching the 300 metres **Halabaloo** was taken out from behind **What's News** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 300 metres **Ritmo Total**, which was being urged forward, shifted in under pressure, momentarily crowding **Ravatak** on its inside. **Ritmo Total** hung in in the home straight. Approaching the 100 metres **Nadas** had to be eased when unable to improve from behind **Dark Abbot** and was not tested over the concluding stages. When questioned, jockey Joorawon (**Nadas**) explained that when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, his mount failed to quicken and leaving the 200 metres he elected to improve into a gap on the inside of **Ritmo Total** and at the same time **Ritmo Total** hung in badly, carrying him inwards onto the heels of **Dark Abbot**, which was giving ground, forcing him to bring his mount back.

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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