

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017

RACE 1 – THE RAMNARAIN RAJCOOMAR GUJADHUR CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start and the concluding stages of the race. It was established that **Jack Dempsey** froze and was slow out and shortly after was crowded by **Caracal**, which had shifted out on jumping and over the concluding stages **Skip The Red**, which was running away from **Golden Ball**, shifted in under pressure. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges semaphored numbers. **Caracal** jumped awkwardly and shifted out onto **Jack Dempsey** with both horses being slow out. **Megamuhti** shifted out on jumping, crowding **Secret Idea** onto **Varadiso** with the latter racing in restricted room for some distance on the inside of **Charleston Hero**. **Ramaas** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 1200 metres **Golden Ball** commenced to over-race and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Megamuhti**, which was being taken in to take a position on the rails, and, in doing so, carried **Charleston Hero** and **Ramaas** wider on the track. **Skip The Red**, which was following **Golden Ball**, was inconvenienced and taken out, carrying **Varadiso** wider on the track. Approaching the 1000 metres **Golden Ball**, which was still over-racing, shifted in when being restrained with **Skip The Red**, which was following, becoming slightly inconvenienced. From passing the 900 metres **Caracal** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Over the concluding stages **Skip The Red** shifted in away from the whip with jockey Yeni straightening his mount. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Charleston Hero**, jockey Wiggins explained that after running well in a higher division at its first start in Mauritius, the gelding had improved at track work, as such a good run was expected from it today. He added that from its wide draw he had to use his mount a little bit to secure a good position and from then on it raced relaxed following **Golden Ball**, which he considered a good chance in the race. He also said that when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres **Charleston Hero** stayed one pace, being very disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormality. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ramaas** was distressed after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Skip The Red and blood specimen from Charleston Hero after the race.

RACE 2 – LE DIMANCHE-L'HEBDO SOUVENIR TROPHY

Prince Lateral was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Kruger Rand** was taken across to race behind runners. **The Deacon** raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. Approaching the 1000 metres **Heart Of Darkness**, which was over-racing, raced in restricted room on the inside of **The Deacon** for some distance. Jockey Teeha (**The Deacon**) was shown the video of this incident and told that in future he should allow more room to horses on his inside. Approaching the 200 metres **Prince Lateral** was taken out from behind **The Deacon** to secure clear running, inconveniencing **Heart Of Darkness**, which was racing on its outside. Near the 150 metres **Pride Rock** was taken to the inside of **Heart Of Darkness** to continue going forward. At the same time **Heart Of Darkness** shifted in under pressure, with **Pride Rock** then being taken out away from the heels of **Heart Of Darkness** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Heart Of Darkness** injured its right fetlock and that **Pride Rock** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Steal A March after the race.

RACE 3 – LE DEFI TURF/TURF PLUS/TELE PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY

Aficionado and **Plain Of Wisdom** were slow to begin. **Pajama Party** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, carrying **Kilroy** onto **Ocean Hunter**. **Zen Master** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Max The Man**, which then shifted in, contacting **Harryhopeithappens**. Approaching the 1500 metres **Ocean Hunter**, which was racing fiercely, became awkward on the heels of **Harryhopeithappens**, which had a tendency to hang in. **Harryhopeithappens** was then taken out. Passing the 1400 metres **Harryhopeithappens** was taken out from behind **Mount Fuji**, which had been taken in to secure a position closer to the fence. **Max The Man**, which was following, became inconvenienced and had to be steadied. From leaving the 450 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From leaving the 150 metres **Mount Fuji** shifted in under pressure, resulting in **Zen Master** shying away from it and shifting in. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Zen Master**. Trainer Hurchund explained that he instructed jockey Vaibhav to endeavour to jump and insist for the first 25 metres and if not being able to lead, to settle his mount behind the leader. Jockey Vaibhav confirmed these instructions and explained that leaving the 1300 metres he heard jockeys shouting behind and as such he was apprehensive in bringing his mount back as he thought he would cause interference. After consideration, jockey Vaibhav pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride **Zen Master** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that from leaving the 1200 metres to the 800 metres, whilst racing on the outside of the leader without cover when the pace was a regular one, he failed to bring his mount back and settle it behind the latter when there was an opportunity for him to do so, resulting in his mount covering unnecessary ground. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Harryhopeithappens** got its near hind tendon sectioned during the race and that **Pajama Party** was lame on the near fore leg and was injured on its off fetlock.

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

RACE 4 – EVENTS PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY

Torotino was slow to begin. Passing the 1200 metres **Beluga** had to be eased and taken out to avoid the heels of **Navistar**, which was being taken in when insufficiently clear. **Mr Bond**, which was following **Beluga**, was also inconvenienced and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Beluga**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Navistar**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. From leaving the 1200 metres **Promissory** commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Forward Drive**. **Promissory** continued to over-race until the 600 metres and proved difficult to control. **Evergreen** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Forward Drive** raced wide throughout. From leaving the 1200 metres **Beluga** and **Mr Bond** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when the pace slowed. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Navistar**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively reducing the pace of his mount, causing direct interference to **Beluga** and indirect interference to **Mr Bond**. He was fined Rs.20,000. **Promissory** hung out over the concluding stages. When questioned, jockey Chisty (**Beluga**) explained that after having had to ease his mount when close to the heels of **Navistar**, his saddle moved sideways and that from then onwards his mount had a tendency to over-race. He added that from leaving the 600 metres his saddle moved further sideways, placing him in an awkward position on his mount and leaving the 200 metres, feeling that his saddle was moving further sideways, he did not persevere with his mount. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Mr Bond** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 5 – LE DEFI QUOTIDIEN / DEFI PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY

Donnie Brasco was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Jolie Roger** was taken across to race behind runners. **Entrée** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **New Hampshire** onto **Down Under**. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Top Jet** shifted out, contacting **Down Under**, which had been carried in by **New Hampshire**. Leaving the 1100 metres, when the pace slackened, **Down Under** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Olympic Bolt** and in doing so carried **Donnie Brasco** wider on the track. **Donnie Brasco** was then eased to secure the position behind it. From passing the 800 metres **Down Under**, which was still over-racing, was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Passing the 600 metres **Entrée** had to be eased when

awkward close to the heels of **Down Under**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Chisty (**Down Under**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his horse did not interfere with another runner. He was fined Rs.20,000. Approaching the 400 metres **Entrée** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 350 metres, when urged forward, **Lucky Valentine** shifted out under pressure, carrying **Down Under** wider on the track. From approaching the 200 metres **Olympic Bolt** commenced to shift in under pressure, at the same time **Top Jet** shifted out under pressure with **Olympic Bolt** then having to be switched to the inside of **Top Jet** to continue going forward. Approaching the 100 metres **Top Jet** commenced to shift in under pressure with **Olympic Bolt** having to be taken out from behind **Top Jet** to continue going forward. Jockey Yeni (**Top Jet**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to endeavour to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **New Hampshire** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 6 – THE RADIO PLUS 15TH ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

Chinese Gold and **Awesome Power** were slow to begin. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Everest** was urged forward to secure the lead. At the 600 metres **Awesome Adam** shifted in and brushed the running rails. **Awesome Adam** came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly, shifted in, brushed the running rails and dipped. From approaching the 200 metres **Argun** hung in under pressure. Passing the 200 metres **Awesome Adam** shied away from **Argun** and shifted in. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Awesome Adam**, jockey Wiggins explained that the gelding had pleased at track work, as such he expected a good run from the latter today. He said that after jumping fairly, he asked his mount for an effort with him managing to secure a position on the rails. He added that at the 600 metres **Awesome Adam** shifted in onto the running rails, came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly, shifted in again and brushed the running rails. He added that when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, it failed to quicken, being disappointing. He also said that in his opinion when it won at its last start **Awesome Adam** might have enjoyed the soft going when compared to the going being a little bit harder today. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Qatar Springs** was distressed after the race.

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

RACE 7 – LE DEFIDEAL SOUVENIR TROPHY

Rum Tum Tugger jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate and was slow out. **Tigre Libre** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Monarchs Emblem** onto **Rum Tum Tugger**. **Declarator** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 250 metres **Tigre Libre** was taken to the outside of **Chap Trap** to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 200 metres **Monarchs Emblem** was taken to the inside of **Magic Jay** to secure clear running. **Right To Tango** could not secure clear running in the home straight and leaving the 100 metres had to be eased when disappointed for a run between **Ready For Take Off** and **Chap Trap**. When questioned with regard to the improved performance of **Monarchs Emblem**, trainer Narang explained that the gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race. He added that he had some soundness issues with it when it joined his yard last year and took some time with it. He said that for today's race the field was rather weak with his main opponent being **Chap Trap**. He told his jockey to get a run on the rails as the gelding enjoyed the rails and although he was hoping for an improved run, he did not think **Monarchs Emblem** would win the race. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Declarator**. Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur explained that when racing closer to the pace at its last outing, **Declarator** had run a good race and after going through today's field he realised there was not much pace in the race, as such he instructed jockey Joorawon to insist for the lead and, if not possible, to settle his mount just off the pace. Jockey Joorawon confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping fairly, he asked his mount for an effort and leaving the 1300 metres he realised that **Chap Trap** was improving on his inside and going better than him, he decided to settle his mount on the outside. He added that leaving the 1000 metres seeing that the pace had slackened he asked his mount for an effort in view to secure the lead but **Chap Trap** improved with him and, seeing that **Declarator** was not going well enough to clear **Chap Trap**, he elected to settle his mount on the outside and was caught wide throughout. Mr.

Gujadhur explained that in his opinion jockey Joorawon rode as per instructions but was unlucky to get caught wide. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

1` Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Monarch's Emblem after the race.

RACE 8 – THE FULL CHARGE CUP

Alloy and **King's Salute** were slow to begin. **Lecture D** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, contacting **Billy Bojangles**. **Newsman** jumped inwards. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Billy Bojangles** shifted out and carried **Lecture D** onto **Newsman**, **Newsman** then shifted out, carrying **Alloy** outwards. **Alloy** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Smitten**, which was being taken in. **Varational** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence behind **Social Network**. **Alloy** raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1000 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence behind **Newsman**. Leaving the 200 metres **Red China** shifted out away from the whip, inconveniencing **Billy Bojangles**. **Billy Bojangles** was then switched to the inside of **Red China** to continue going forward. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Lecture D** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

GENERAL

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

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