

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 1 JULY 2017

GENERAL

Following the suspension of jockeys B. Lerena and R. Danielson on Thursday 29 June 2017, the Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 1: N. Teeha on **Sea Pass**

Race 2: K. Ramsamy on **Gimme Green** & N. Teeha on **On The Trenches**

Race 3: K. Ramsamy on **Schachar**

Race 4: N. Teeha on **Dawn Raid**

Race 6: N. Teeha on **Scotsnog** & S. Rama on **Karraar**

Race 7: S. Rama on **Top Of The Rock**

Race 8: S. Bussunt on **Golden Ball**

RACE 1 – THE AZUL CUP

Wing Man and **Commodus** were slow to begin. Approaching the 1400 metres **Prince Ariano** commenced to over-race and shifted outwards. When questioned, jockey Emamdee explained that **Prince Ariano** had raced greenly and that near the 1400 metres the saddle had slipped sideways, placing him at a disadvantage during the whole race. **Roman Silvanus** and **Prince Ariano** raced wide throughout. **Wing Man** was obliged to race wide from the 500 metres and made the turn into the straight wide. **Bezamod** hung in in the final straight. **Roman Silvanus** hung out over the concluding stages. Trainer J. M. Henry was questioned in relation to an equipment fitted on **Dark Liability**, which was removed prior to the race. It was established that the equipment was a “bit lifter” similar to the effect of “cheekers”. No action was taken against Mr. Henry apart from advising him that in future he should seek clarification if he is in doubt. The Stewards, in making this decision, determined that it was not a change of gear.

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

RACE 2 – THE WILFRID JACKSON CUP

Gimme Green was slow to begin. **Elysian Park** scrambled on jumping and was slow to begin. **Gameloft** commenced awkwardly and shifted inwards, losing ground. Near the 700 metres **Var's Dream** was restrained when **Nottinghamshire** shifted inwards. On inquiry, jockey Goomany (**Nottinghamshire**) pleaded guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Var's Dream**. He was fined Rs.20,000. Approaching the 100 metres **Gimme Green** was held up for a clear run behind **Mount Hillaby** and was switched to the inside in an attempt to obtain a clear run. Shortly after, **Gimme Green** was further inconvenienced when racing in restricted room on the inside of **Gameloft**. On inquiry, jockey Ramsamy (**Gimme Green**) explained that after being held up he shifted to the inside to improve but **Gimme Green** had shifted outwards away from the rail as **Gameloft** lay inwards. It was established that at this stage **Nottinghamshire** had lay in under pressure, carrying **Gameloft** inwards. In this incident,

Gameloft was struck over the head by the whip of jockey Goomany (**Nottinghamshire**). Jockey Goomany was reprimanded and advised that he must make every effort to keep his mount straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Elysian Park** suffered a bleeding attack, **Mount Hillaby** lost its off hind shoe during the run and an endoscopic examination of **Gameloft**, which was coughing after the race, revealed traces of blood in its trachea.

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

RACE 3 – THE CITY OF LONDON CUP

Apple Pie commenced awkwardly, losing ground. **Torotino** was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Pierneef** was taken back to race on the inside. **Always Flirting** over-raced in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres threw its head. **Noah's Ark** was awkward and raced keenly when being restrained from the heels of **Act Of Valor** near the 1000 metres. Approaching the 200 metres **Apple Pie** commenced a forward run on the outside of **Schachar**, which then rolled outwards, obliging jockey Arnold to shift in to its inside to obtain clear running. Approaching the 100 metres **Act Of Valor** commenced to shift outwards and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Noah's Ark**. Jockey Sola (**Act Of Valor**) was reprimanded for allowing his mount to shift outwards and was advised that in future he must make a greater effort to keep his mount straight. Jockey Arnold (**Apple Pie**) was questioned regarding his riding from approaching the turn into the straight and in the early stages of the straight. He explained that he was of the opinion that the horses on his inside and in front of him at that stage were not travelling well and elected to shift to the outside of **Schachar** to secure a clear run. Shortly after, **Act Of Valor** started to shift out under pressure and tired and, under the circumstances, he elected to switch to the inside to ensure he had a clear run. Jockey Sola and Assistant Trainer Mr. Y. Perdrau were questioned regarding the running and handling of **Act Of Valor** in the early and middle stages. Jockey Sola explained that he had been instructed to race in a forward position and lead if possible but not to compete for the lead. Further, he had ridden forward but it was obvious to him that he could not obtain the lead. Under these conditions he decided to steady and race outside the leader until the 700 metres when he urged his mount forward. Assistant Trainer Y. Perdrau agreed with his comments and stated that he was satisfied with his ride. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Always Flirting** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Torotino** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 4 – THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB CUP

Bastille Day was slow to begin. **Greys Inn Control** raced wide throughout. Near the 800 metres **Rap Attack** shifted out 2-wide and, in doing so, carried **Greys Inn Control** outwards. **Dawn Raid** lay outwards over the concluding stages.

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

RACE 5 – THE AMERICA CHALLENGE CUP

Cherish The Charm knuckled on jumping. **Chosen Dash** commenced awkwardly and struck the outside of its barrier. **Memphis Mafia** bounded on jumping. **Chosen Dash** over-raced in the middle stages. From the 400 metres till on straightening **Cherish The Charm** and **Ryder Cup** raced tightly. Near the 150 metres **Cherish The Charm**, which had a tendency to lay out, shifted out and inconvenienced **Ryder Cup**. Jockey Teeha (**Cherish The Charm**) was told to make every effort to keep his mounts straight.

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

RACE 6 – THE WINTER STAKES

Cantering to the barriers, the tongue-tie on **Solar Star** worked loose and had to be refitted prior to the start. **Bouclette Top** and **Open Heir** were slow to begin. **Disco Al** had a tendency to lay in throughout. **Solar Star** was taken outwards approaching the turn into the straight and made the turn wide.

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

RACE 7 – THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA CUP

Dealer's Charm, **Prince Lateral** and **Burwaaz** were slow to begin. **Burwaaz** raced wide from the 800 metres. Approaching the 600 metres **Prince Lateral** was taken outwards to improve its position and raced wide thereafter. **Dealer's Charm** was held up from passing the 400 metres until entering the straight. Approaching the 400 metres when **Aspara** rolled outwards, **Chester's Wish** attempted to improve to the inside. Shortly after, **Aspara** rolled backwards towards the rails, resulting in **Chester's Wish** having to be steadied and held up. **Dealer's Charm**, which was following, was inconvenienced. Jockey Teeha pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride **Aspara** to the finish. He was fined Rs.15,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Top Of The Rock** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 8 – THE HAVE MERCY CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards considered an objection lodged by jockey Chisty, the rider of **Kentucky Bluegrass**, which was declared 2nd, against **Golden Ball**, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and from Trainer P. Merven and Assistant Trainer Y. Perdrau. After considering the evidence of all parties concerned, viewing the video replays of the incident and acting on their own observations, the Stewards dismissed the objection. On straightening **Kentucky Bluegrass** commenced to lay inwards behind **Golden Ball**. Shortly after **Golden Ball** started to shift out slightly under pressure. **Kentucky Bluegrass**, which was following, was carried out slightly. Near the 150 metres **Kentucky Bluegrass**, which was ridden with the whip, shifted out under pressure on its own accord. The Stewards were of the opinion that **Kentucky Bluegrass** shifted out on its own and that **Golden Ball** had no bearing on this shift. On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Kentucky Bluegrass**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift out from the 100 metres when being ridden along and near the 50 metres caused **Red Hot Poker** to check. Jockey Chisty was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Near the 75 metres **Nadas** lay inwards slightly, making contact with **Red Hot Poker** on its inside. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Nadas**) was reprimanded and advised that at all times he must make every effort to keep his mount straight. Over the final 75 metres **Golden Ball** lay outwards under pressure. Jockey S Bussunt (**Golden Ball**) was shown the video replay of the straight and strongly advised that when his mount lays outwards he is expected to stop riding and make every effort to straighten it.

Right To Tango was slow to begin. **Red Hot Poker** commenced awkwardly. Near the 1300 metres **Rock On Geordies** and **Golden Ball** both received interference. On inquiry, jockey Elliott (**Red China**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that passing the winning post the first time he allowed his mount to shift in when not clear, causing **Golden Ball** to be restrained and being carried inwards onto **Rock On Geordies** which checked. Jockey Elliott was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings.

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

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

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