

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017

RACE 1 – THE WORLD FOCUS CUP

Agincourt was slow to begin. **Lividus** commenced awkwardly and shifted inwards, inconveniencing **Battle Ready**. **Pageantry** was also inconvenienced in this incident. **Brave Leader** made the 800 metre-crossing in an awkward manner. Near the 1200 metres **Bright Shining** steadied when it was unable to hold its position. **Lord Wellington** lay in throughout and approaching the 75 metres was taken in to obtain clear running. When questioned regarding the apparent disappointing performance of **Montante**, apprentice Allyhosain explained that the race was run at a fast pace and he believed the gelding would run on, however when asked for an effort **Montante** had failed to accelerate.

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

RACE 2 – THE WHITE HORSE CUP

Prior to the start being effected **Storm Clipper** was fractious in its barrier. **My Man Alex** reared on jumping. **Brachetto** shifted outwards on jumping. **Secret Idea** was slow into stride. Shortly after the start **Storm Clipper** was steadied and taken back and across to race in the field. **Storm Clipper** over-raced in the middle stages and on straightening was taken to the outside to obtain clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Nation Glow** was lame on the off hind leg.

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

RACE 3 – THE RAOUL ROCHECOUSTE CUP

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the final straight. It was established that the interference at the 150 metres had no bearing on the placings, therefore correct weight was declared on the Judges' numbers.

Sunset Breeze had to have the left stirrup leather refitted behind the barrier. **Cash Lord** was slow to begin. **Promissory** stumbled on jumping, losing ground. **In Your Dreams** was restrained when crossed by **Strum** near the 800 metres. In this incident **In Your Dreams** struck the running rails. On inquiry, apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Passing the 150 metres **Strum** shifted outwards when being ridden along, making contact with **In Your Dreams** on its outside. **In Your Dreams** was bumped heavily, became unbalanced and shifted out, striking the hindquarters of **No Resistance**, which was turned inwards. Both **In Your Dreams** and **No Resistance** were significantly interfered with. On inquiry, apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings, this suspension to run concurrently with the first one. Shortly after this **Strum** then shifted inwards, causing **Polar Palace** to be restrained. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Strum**) was reprimanded and told that he should stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Racing For Fun after the race.

RACE 4 – THE GOLD LABEL CUP

Parker had to be re-saddled at the barrier. **Dustan** shifted out on jumping, bumping with **Bandido Caballero**, at the same time **Do Be Snappy** shifted inwards quickly, crowding **Trackmaster** onto **Down Under**, those horses being unbalanced. Near the 1700 metres **Bandido Caballero** was cramped for racing room when **Dustan** shifted outwards as **Trackmaster** lay inwards away from **Do Be Snappy**. Near the 1600 metres **Parker** steadied when **Jay Jay's Wild** went forward and across. Jockey Ghunowa (**Jay Jay's Wild**) was shown the video replays of the incident and advised that he must make greater efforts to allow room to horses on his inside when crossing. **Down Under** over-raced in the early and middle stages, throwing its head. Approximately 20 metres from the finish **Do Be Snappy** was disappointed for a run behind **Parker** when that gelding lay inwards. Jockey Bhaugerothee (**Parker**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told that he must stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Jay Jay's Wild** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Down Under** was lame on the off fore leg.

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

RACE 5 – THE NICOLAS CUP

Ole Gunnar commenced awkwardly, striking the inside of its barrier. **Tabreek** was slow to begin. **Tabreek** made the turn into the straight wide. **Le Clos** lay outwards under pressure in the straight. **Tabreek** lay inwards approaching the 100 metres with jockey Dillon changing his whip through to his right hand. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Top Jet**, apprentice Ramsamy advised that his mount had travelled well in the early and middle stages but, when put under pressure at the 350 metres, did not accelerate and was disappointing. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Everest** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 6 – THE Blue Label BARBE CUP

On the way to the barrier, the tongue-tie on **Captain Magpie** and **M L Jet** worked loose and had to be refitted at the barrier. Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur was advised that in future he must ensure that all tongue-ties are properly fitted.

Awesome Adam was slow to begin. **Parachute Man** raced in restricted room in the early stages. **One Cool Dude** raced wide early and was taken back to race in the field approaching the 1300 metres. **Parachute Man** steadied near the 1200 metres when awkward on the heels of **Charles Lytton**. **Prince Of Thieves** raced wide throughout. **Easy Lover** over-raced in the middle stages. **Parachute Man** was taken outwards and went forward passing the 900 metres. Approaching the 150 metres **One Cool Dude** shifted inwards and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Recall To Life**. In the straight **Parachute Man** lay inwards. Trainer G. Rousset and jockey Bhaugerothee were questioned regarding the poor performance of **Charles Lytton**. Jockey Bhaugerothee explained that he was instructed to jump and sit in a mid field position with cover, however with his bad draw he urged his mount forward, as such he found himself in a more forward position than expected and without cover. He added that **Charles Lytton** raced keenly throughout and, when asked for an effort at the 300 metres, commenced to tire and failed to quicken. Trainer Rousset explained that this gelding was not suited to 1600 metres and the fact that it raced keenly without cover contributed to its poor performance. He further explained that whenever possible he would restrict the gelding's races to 1500 metres and lower. The Stewards inquired into a complaint from Trainer Maingard regarding the riding of **Parachute Man**. Mr. Maingard explained that he had instructed apprentice Ramsamy to jump and be in a forward position and passing the 1200 metres to allow **Parachute Man** to stride freely and race forward. He said that in his opinion apprentice Ramsamy had failed to do this and consequently had affected the performance of **Parachute Man**. Mr. Maingard expressed concerns to that part of the race, from the 1200 to the 800 metres. Apprentice Ramsamy explained that after racing in restricted room approaching the 1400 metres he managed to improve his position. Passing the 1300 metres and approaching the 1200 metres, when the

pace slackened, he found himself awkward on the heels of **Charles Lytton** and had to steady his mount. He said that he was apprehensive of taking his mount out at the 1200 metres and he elected to make a forward move passing the 900 metres. In consideration of this matter, the Stewards were of the opinion that apprentice Ramsamy had made an error of judgement at this stage of the race in not riding to instructions but accepted that this was a genuine mistake, that he was an apprentice rider of limited experience in Mauritius and riding the favourite in a classic race. The Stewards advised apprentice Ramsamy that he is to ensure that he understands fully the instructions of the trainer in future and ride accordingly to those instructions. The Stewards proceeded no further with the matter. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Captain Magpie** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 7 – THE GREEN LABEL CUP

Spirit Of Dover was fractious in the barrier prior to the start and was slow to begin. **Greatfiveeight** was fractious in the barrier prior to the start, commenced awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Lee's Star**. **Lee's Star** over-raced in the early stages, getting its head up. **Spirit Of Dover** raced wide from the 400 metres. **Greatfiveeight** raced wide early and was taken forward to race close to the lead near the 1300 metres. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Greatfiveeight**, jockey Ghunowa advised that his mount commenced awkwardly but then took a forward position as instructed and that he was satisfied to race outside the leader. He added that passing the 600 metres he commenced to urge his mount along but shortly after the gelding commenced to tire and showed no acceleration from thereon. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Greatfiveeight** revealed that it was lame on the off hind leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Silver Snaffles and Greatfiveeight after the race.

RACE 8 – THE CASEY'S FLIGHT CUP

Acting on veterinary advice that **Black Parrot** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 11.30 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Black Parrot** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Cape Horn threw its head on jumping. **Al Firenze** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **Cula** was taken out and raced wide from the 1000 metres. **Cape Horn** over-raced in the middle stages. **A P Strike** over-raced and steadied and then shifted outwards away from **Plain of Wisdom** near the 900 metres. Leaving the 400 metres **Al Firenze**, when racing between **Cape Horn** on its inside and **Rock Hard** on its outside, struck the heels of **Rock Hard** and stumbled. On inquiry, it was established that passing the 400 metres **Cape Horn** shifted out slightly from the rail, at the same time **Rock Hard** rolled inwards slightly, resulting in **Al Firenze**, which was following, clipping the heels of **Rock Hard** and stumbling. The Stewards could not hold any one rider responsible but advised jockey Wiggins (**Rock Hard**) to make sure that he allows sufficient room to runners on his inside.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Triad Of Fortune after the race.

GENERAL

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

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