

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2017

Board of Racing Stewards: S. de Chalain (Chairman), S. Mahadia, P. Kalleechurn, J. Zucal, H. Maigrot.

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 3.50 metres

GENERAL

As jockey B. Pengelly was indisposed, the Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 1: S. Rama on **Purple Rock**
Race 4: S. Bussunt on **Jama**
Race 5: L. Goomany on **Psycho Syd**
Race 7: L. Goomany on **Redwood Valley**
Race 8: S. Bussunt on **Billy Bojangles**

RACE 1 – THE L. EDGARD ADOLPHE OBE CUP

When proceeding to the barrier, **Anton Ruskin** became fractious with jockey Khathi dismounting and the gelding being led riderless to the barrier. **New Golden Age**, **Purple Rock** and **Anton Ruskin** jumped awkwardly. **Varadiso** jumped outwards slightly inconveniencing **Purple Rock**. Approaching the 1300 metres **Ocean Drive South** momentarily steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Megamuhti**, which shifted in. Leaving the 1300 metres **Laughistheanswer** ran out of galloping room and had to be checked from the heels of **Declarator**, which was being taken in by **Megamuhti** when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bardottier (**Megamuhti**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings. Leaving the 900 metres **Anton Ruskin** commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head for some distance. **Red China** raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. From leaving the 150 metres **Purple Rock** shifted out when being ridden with the whip, inconveniencing **New Golden Age** onto **Red China**. Jockey Rama (**Purple Rock**) was shown the video replays of the straight and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. Approaching the 100 metres **Ocean Drive South** commenced to shift in under pressure with jockey Sooful straightening his mount passing the 100 metres. At the same time **Varadiso** commenced to shift in when being ridden with the whip, resulting in **Megamuhti** becoming inconvenienced when close to its heels passing the 100 metres. **Declarator**, which was racing to the inside of **Megamuhti** was momentarily inconvenienced. On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Varadiso**) was reprimanded and told that he should stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned with regards to the apparent improved

performance of **Purple Rock**, trainer Maingard explained that at its last two starts, this gelding had raced fiercely and failed to quicken being disappointing. For today's race, due to its poor draw he had instructed jockey Rama to find cover and endeavour to get **Purple Rock** to settle. He added that in his opinion the fact that this gelding managed to settle during the race had accounted for its improved performance. He also said that although he was confident of a better performance, he did not expect the gelding to win. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ocean Drive South** was lame on the off fore leg and that **Laughistheanswer** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 2 – THE STRIDENT CUP

Chosen Path was fractious in its barrier and then jumped outwards, **The Deacon** jumped inwards, resulting in **Impressed** racing tight between these two horses. **Impressed** and **In The Trenches** raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres **Mexican Sun** had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **In The Trenches**, which had been taken in. Jockey Teeha (**In The Trenches**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to make sure he is clear of horses before shifting ground in future. **The Deacon** and **Impressed** raced wide in the early and middle stages. For some distance leaving the 1100 metres **Impressed** raced tight between **The Deacon** and **Rock On**. Leaving the 900 metres **The Deacon** was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail. **Dark Liability** raced wide from passing the 450 metres. Passing the 300 metres **Rock On** was taken out from behind **Marron**, resulting in **In The Trenches**, which was following, becoming awkward close to its heels and having to be switched in and, in doing so, **In The Trenches** inconvenienced **Chosen Path**, which was racing on its inside. **Impressed** was not persevered with in the latter stages. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Dark Liability** was lame on the off fore leg and that **Impressed** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Plain Of Wisdom after the race.

RACE 3 – THE CHINTAMUN GUJADHUR CUP

After being placed in its barrier **Nottinghamshire** became fractious and broke through the front of its barrier cantering a short distance. As the barrier had to be removed to allow **Nottinghamshire** to return behind the barrier, all runners were unloaded and consequently this delayed the start. **Anweringensis** and **Galtero** proved difficult to load.

Maestro's Salute and **Galtero** were slow to begin. **Sunset Breeze** shifted out on jumping. Approaching the 1200 metres for some distance **Nottinghamshire** raced tight on the inside of **Anweringensis**, which was being taken in. Jockey Sooful (**Anweringensis**) was shown the video replays of the incident and advised to allow more room to horses before shifting ground in future. **Var's Dream** raced wide in the early stages and near the 1250 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence behind **Sunset Breeze**. From leaving the 1200 metres **Wavebreaker** commenced to over-race, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Approaching the 1000 metres **Glen Coco** commenced to race fiercely, clipped the heels of **Nottinghamshire** and shifted out. Shortly after, **Glen Coco** was taken back in and inconvenienced **Mystical Twilight**, which had improved on its inside with **Mystical Twilight** shifting in and brushing the running rail. Leaving the 900 metres for some distance, **Mystical Twilight** over-raced and was awkward close to the heels of **Wavebreaker**. Leaving the 400 metres **Wavebreaker** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Mystical Twilight**, which was following, being taken out to continue going forward and, in doing so, **Mystical Twilight** carried **Sunset Breeze** wider on the track. Approaching the 300 metres jockey Sola became badly unbalanced. At an inquiry into this incident, it was established that leaving the 350 metres **Mystical Twilight** was taken out from behind **Wavebreaker** to improve its position, at the same time **Sunset Breeze** improved on the outside of **Mystical Twilight** with both horses contacting and **Sunset Breeze** becoming unbalanced. **Galtero** was held up on straightening and had to be taken out from behind **Var's Dream** to secure clear running. **Nottinghamshire** hung in in the early stages of the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that an endoscopic examination of **Mystical Twilight**, which was coughing after the race, revealed blood in its trachea.

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

RACE 4 – THE CHILI DATA TROPHY

Bono Vox dipped on jumping. **Bastille Day** and **Jambamman** were slow to begin. Approaching the 1400 metres **Seeking The Dream** had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Sir Earl Grey**, which had taken a position on the fence. Leaving the 1400 metres **Jambamman** had to steady when awkward on the heels of **Jama**, which had been taken in. **Jambamman** was taken out from leaving the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Bastille Day** and **Bono Vox** were taken out from leaving the 300 metres and raced wide into the home straight. Approaching the 100 metres **Do Be Snappy** was taken to the inside of **Orange Tractor** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Goomany (**Do Be Snappy**) explained that seeing that there was no room to improve between **Sir Earl Grey** and **Orange Tractor** approaching the 150 metres, he elected to switch his mount to the inside of **Orange Tractor** in order to secure clear running, however shortly after a gap created itself between these two horses but he was already committed in taking the inside run. He added that his mount finished strongly, however was unable to catch the winner.

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

RACE 5 – THE CHILI PACK ZENES TROPHY

Psycho Syd was slow to begin. **Donnie Brasco** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Navistar** raced wide in the early and middle stages. **The Tripster**, which was racing in blinkers for the first time, raced keenly in the middle stages despite apprentice Allyhosain attempting to settle it. Leaving the 200 metres **The Tripster** shifted out under pressure. Leaving the 100 metres **Entree** shifted out under pressure. **New Hampshire**, which was improving from behind, had to be taken to the inside of **Entree** to continue going forward. Jockey Dillon (**Entree**) was shown the video replays of the straight and strongly advised that he must ride his mounts out to the finish. Approaching the 100 metres **Streetbouncer** had to steady close to the heels of **Chosen Dash**, which shifted in under pressure. Jockey Bardottier (**Chosen Dash**) was shown the video replays of the straight, reprimanded and told that he should stop riding and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Lucky Valentine** suffered a bleeding attack and that an endoscopic examination of **Navistar**, which was coughing after the race, revealed traces of blood in its trachea.

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

RACE 6 – THE Coolest Chili HINTERLAND CUP

Memphis Mafia jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Upon jumping **Memphis Mafia** brushed the hindquarters of **Executive Power**. From their wide draws, **Beat The Retreat** and **Thrust** were taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. From leaving the 1100 metres **Step To Fame** commenced to race fiercely and was awkward close to the heels of **Victory Team**. From leaving the 450 metres **Executive Power** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with. **Ernie**, which was on the inside of **Executive Power** raced in restricted room and became unbalanced. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Executive Power** revealed that it was lame on its off hind leg and that it suffered multiple injuries on its right hock. For a short distance leaving the 200 metres **Ernie** raced in restricted room on the inside of **Step To Fame**, which lay in. Leaving the 100 metres **Charles Lytton** shied away from **Mootahadee** and shifted in, inconveniencing **Step To Fame** on its inside. Over the concluding stages **Victory Team** lay out under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Tandragee**, which was laying in under pressure. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Step To Fame** and **Victory Team** were lame on their off fore legs.

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

RACE 7 – THE CHILI INTERNATIONAL CALL TROPHY

Charles My Boy was slow to begin, shied away from **Bezamod** and shifted in onto **Redwood Valley**, bumping its hindquarters. **Street Boy** jumped awkwardly, brushed the left

side of its gate and was slow out. From leaving the 1200 metres for some distance **Prince Ariano** raced fiercely, throwing its head when being steadied. Leaving the 1500 metres **Street Boy** commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously for some distance. **Bridegroom Bertie** raced wide throughout and approaching the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Approaching the 600 metres **Street Boy**, which was still over-racing, had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Redwood Valley**. **Bezamod** brushed the running rail at the 400 metres. From leaving the 200 metres **Bezamod** hung in under pressure with **Bezamod** and **Emblem Royale** contacting approaching the 100 metres. **Bezamod** was then taken out. Near the 150 metres **Kimberley** hung in under pressure with jockey Khathi switching his whip to his right hand and passing the 100 metres **Kimberley** hung in again with jockey Khathi having to stop riding with the whip and straightening his mount.

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

RACE 8 – THE CHEQUERS CUP

On arrival at the barrier **Gold Medalist** became fractious and unruly and dislodged jockey Chisty with this gelding running the course riderless. **Gold Medalist** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and was declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.28 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Gold Medalist** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers were paid less 20 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gold Medalist** being 7/2.

Captain's Orders was slow to begin and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Canadian Club** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 250 metres **Newsman** was taken out from behind **Captain's Orders** to continue going forward. From near the 150 metres **Brave Leader** lay out under pressure and was straightened passing the 100 metres. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Social Network**. Trainer C. Ramdin explained that after discussing the race with jockey Bardottier, it was agreed that the horse to beat was **Brave Leader**, which was drawn on their outside, as such jockey Bardottier was to endeavour to use his mount from the start to be able to secure the lead or, if not possible, to make sure that he would make **Brave Leader** work before getting to the lead. Jockey Bardottier confirmed these instructions and explained that in his opinion **Social Network** did not show as much gate speed as it usually does, as such he elected to settle his mount behind **Billy Bojangles**. When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that he did try to urge his mount forward but it failed to respond. Trainer Ramdin was of the opinion that jockey Bardottier could and should have shown more urgency in trying to secure the lead in the early stages. After consideration, jockey Bardottier was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride **Social Network** to the satisfaction of the Stewards. He was suspended from riding in races for three race meetings and fined Rs.20,000, this suspension to run consecutively with the one incurred in the first race.

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

GENERAL

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

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Chairman of Racing Stewards