

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2017

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

Weather: Rainy
Track: Soft 2.9
Rail position: 4.50 metres

RACE 1 – THE BRUTO CUP

Commodus, **Ruby Rocker** and **Lord Wellington** were slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Put Foot Singe** shied away and shifted in from **Mighty Lion**, which was shifting in, and at the same time, when being urged forward, **Pageantry** shifted out with **Put Foot Singe** contacting **Pageantry** on its hindquarter. **Put Foot Singe** then shifted out and bumped **Mighty Lion**. In this incident **Put Foot Singe** lost its position. **Lividus** and **Mr Oshkosh** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 800 metres **Mr Oshkosh** was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail. Approaching the 450 metres **Commodus** was taken out from behind **Lord Wellington** and in doing so carried **Put Foot Singe** wider on the track. Leaving the 200 metres **Lividus** commenced to shift out under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Mr Oshkosh** and over the last 100 metres **Lividus** continued to shift out, carrying **Commodus** wider on the track. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Lividus**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not intimidate another runner and was fined Rs.15,000. Leaving the 150 metres **Brazo** was taken to the inside of **Pageantry** to continue going forward. **Marine Sky**, which was improving on its inside, raced in restricted room over a short distance. When questioned with regard to the apparent improved performance of **Commodus**, trainer V. Allet explained that at its last start he expected the gelding to run a good race but the latter met with interference in the concluding stages. He added that for today's race, taking into consideration the weaker field together with the 4kg allowance of apprentice Allyhosain, he expected a better run from it.

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

RACE 2 – THE EPOL TROPHY

Arctic Flyer and **Tigre Libre** jumped outwards, resulting in **The Brass Bell** becoming inconvenienced close to the heels of **Arctic Flyer** and having to be eased. Following this incident, **The Brass Bell** was taken in to secure a position close to the rails. **Chap Trap** jumped inwards bumping **Magic Jay**. From its wide draw **What's News** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **Magic Jay** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 1200 metres **Chap Trap**, which was over-racing, became awkward close to the heels of **Arctic Flyer** and had to be taken out. Approaching the 300 metres **Kentucky Bluegrass** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 250 metres **The Brass Bell** hung out under pressure and had to be switched in when awkward close to the heels of **Saracen King**, which was shifting in. Leaving the 200 metres **Arctic Flyer** was taken out from behind **Magic Jay** and, in doing so, bumped **Chap Trap**, which was improving on its outside unbalancing **Chap Trap** over

approximately two strides. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Goomany (**Arctic Flyer**) 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. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kentucky Bluegrass** suffered a bleeding attack.

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

RACE 3 – THE DUCRAY - LENOIR CUP

The start was delayed when **Midnight Man** proved difficult to load. **Rock On Geordies**, **Midnight Man** and **Gstaad** were slow to begin. **Tweak The Wind**, which was fractious prior to start, jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Approaching the 1200 metres **Apres Ski**, which was over-racing, became awkward close to the heels of **Dark Force**, which had been taken in. **Tweak The Wind** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 1100 metres **Midnight Man**, which was over-racing, threw its head when settled. **A P Strike** and **Vintage Angel**, which were following, were inconvenienced and had to be eased. From leaving the 1100 metres when **Tweak The Wind** improved on the outside of **Dark Force**, the latter commenced to over-race and did so until the 600 metres. Leaving the 400 metres **A P Strike** was held up for some distance when unable to improve from behind **Apres Ski**. Leaving the 200 metres **Dark Force** hung out under pressure, resulting in jockey Pengelly switching his whip to his left hand. When questioned, apprentice Ramsamy explained that **Midnight Man** raced greenly throughout and over the concluding stages had a tendency to dig its toes and refused to run. Apprentice Ramsamy was told to endeavour to ride all his mounts out to the finish in future. When questioned, jockey Pengelly explained that he was instructed to endeavour to secure cover as **Dark Force** had raced fiercely when leading. He added that after jumping well he found himself racing on the outside of the leader. He also said that he expected **Tweak The Wind**, which was racing on his outside, to improve so that he could secure cover behind it and when **Tweak The Wind** improved on his outside, **Dark Force** over-raced and had a tendency to shift out. He then said that in hindsight he should have secured the lead but that due to the past history of **Dark Force**, he elected not to. When questioned with regard to the apparent improved performance of **Cula**, trainer A. Sewdyl explained that at its last start the gelding got caught wide and had to be used to be able to secure the lead and failed to run on over the concluding stages. He added that since then the gelding was fitted with a dropped nose-band and had improved at track work, as such, although he expected a better run today, he did not expect it to win. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Apres Ski** was lame on the near fore leg.

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

RACE 4 – THE GYPSEY ROVER TROPHY

Le Clos was led riderless to the barriers. This race was run in rain.

New Star was slow to begin. **Roving Jet** was fractious prior to the start and jumped awkwardly. **Kemal Kavur** threw its head on jumping. **No Resistance** jumped outwards, crowding **Kemal Kavur** onto **Le Clos**. Approaching the 1300 metres for some distance **Kemal Kavur** raced fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously. Passing the 700 metres **Talbec** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from the 600 metres. From leaving the 400 metres **Le Clos** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. A subsequent veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormality. Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **New Star** shifted out, inconveniencing **Talbec**, which was racing on its outside. Jockey Dillon (**New Star**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that in future he should straighten earlier than he did on this occasion. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bandido Caballero** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Act Of Loyalty after the race.

RACE 5 – THE ACKBAR GUJADHUR – POLAR BOUND CUP

Winter Is Coming, **Torotino** and **Allenby Park** were slow to begin. From its wide draw **Soweto Moon** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, **Strum** shifted in, crowding **Burg** onto **Winter Is Coming**. **Winter Is Coming** then shifted in and was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Noah's Ark**. **Strum** raced wide

in the early stages. From approaching the 1200 metres **Soldier's Code** commenced to over-race and became awkward close to the heels of **Tanjiro** approaching the 1100 metres when the latter was taken in to secure a position closer to the rail. **Torotino** raced wide from the 600 metres. Approaching the 450 metres **Soweto Moon** was taken out from behind **Burg** and, in doing so, carried **Torotino** wider on the track. **Soweto Moon** raced wide from the 450 metres. From leaving the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **Strum** shifted in, resulting in **Burg**, which was improving on its inside, running out of galloping room and having to be checked. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bussunt (**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. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Burg** and **Moonlight Runner** were lame on their off fore legs.

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

RACE 6 – THE MITAVITE – RETIRED RACE HORSES COMMITTEE CUP

This race was run in rain.

Argun, which had been fractious prior to the start being effected, threw its head and was slow out. Shortly after jumping, when being settled, **Awesome Adam** threw its head. Approaching the 1550 metres **Ole Gunnar** raced in restricted room between **Hard Day's Night** and **Ready To Attack**. It was then eased and taken in to secure a position on the rail. **Kingmambo's Legacy** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 1200 metres **Everest** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Ready To Attack**. **Dreamforest**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Everest**. Passing the 1200 metres **Kingmambo's Legacy** momentarily shifted in, crowding **Ready To Attack** onto **Top Jet**. Passing the 600 metres, **Speed Limit** shifted in and brushed the running rail. From leaving the 400 metres **Top Jet** commenced to give ground, finishing tailed off. A subsequent veterinary examination of this gelding revealed that it was coughing after the race and an endoscopic examination revealed blood in its trachea. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Ready To Attack** suffered an injury to its left hind fetlock.

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

RACE 7 – THE GROOMS CUP

At the start **Argo Solo** was cramped for room by **In Your Dreams**, which had jumped inwards, and **Wanted Man**, which had been carried out by **Kalinago**. **Gameloft** stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start. **Melson** was slow to begin. From its wide draw, **Rumbullion** was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. **In Your Dreams** raced wide in the early stages. From leaving the 1100 metres **Argo Solo**, which was over-racing, threw its head when being settled. **In Your Dreams**, which was following, was taken out when awkward close to its heels, resulting in **Kalinago**, which was following **In Your Dreams**, becoming inconvenienced and also having to be taken out. **Kalinago** raced wide from then onwards. Approaching the 1000 metres **Argo Solo** momentarily shifted in, resulting in **Steal A March**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced close to its heels and having to be steadied. Leaving the 400 metres **Melson** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Rumbullion** was lame on its near fore leg.

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

RACE 8 – THE AMORETTO PLATE

Following the running of this race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that when the start was effected **Burwaaz** refused to jump, losing considerable ground. Under these circumstances, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. The Stewards, not being satisfied with the performance of **Burwaaz**, told trainer S. Jones that this horse will need to trial to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

Approaching the 1200 metres **Shreya's Star** was momentarily crowded on the inside of **Blunderbuss**. Approaching the 700 metres **Mount Fuji**, which was racing fiercely, had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Seven League Boots**. **Blunderbuss**, which was following, was also inconvenienced. **Major Jay** raced wide throughout in search of better going. From leaving the 400 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide

rounding the home turn. Leaving the 250 metres **Seven League Boots** was disappointed for a run between **Aspara** and **Major Jay**. **Seven League Boots** was then taken out from behind **Major Jay** to secure clear running. Leaving the 200 metres **Mount Fuji** hung in under pressure, resulting in jockey Dillon switching his whip to his right hand. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Shreya's Star**. Trainer Daby explained that he instructed jockey Emamdee to endeavour to clear the horses on his inside, secure the lead and, if in the lead, dictate his pace and if there was anyone faster, to just settle in second position. Jockey Emamdee confirmed these instructions and explained that shortly after jumping **Shreya's Star** felt uncomfortable and, when asked for an effort, changed legs, striding awkwardly. He then elected to settle the gelding instead of urging it forward as he was apprehensive that it had a soundness problem together with the rain affected going, which did not help his mount striding properly. He added that leaving the 500 metres he asked his mount for an effort, seeing that the latter still felt awkward, he decided not to persevere with it and found it to be lame at the pull up, which he reported to the Clerk of the Course. Trainer Daby explained that in his opinion, jockey Emamdee could have insisted in the early stages. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Shreya's Star** was lame on the near fore leg and that **Seven League Boots** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

GENERAL

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

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