

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Weather: Sunny
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 4.50m

RACE 1 – THE NATIONAL MUTUAL FUND CUP

In Your Face jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and was slow out. **Final Cup** jumped outwards, resulting in **Birds Eye View** shying away from it and shifting out, crowding **In Your Face** onto **Saracen King**. Shortly after the start **Raheeb** was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 1300 metres **In Your Face** momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Saracen King**. Leaving the 1300 metres **Birds Eye View** and **Final Cup** came together. Near the 350 metres **In Your Face** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. **King's Salute** commenced to give ground from leaving the 900 metres and finished tailed off. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Birds Eye View**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead as the gelding had led and raced well in that manner in South Africa. He added that after jumping awkwardly and shifting out at the start, he had to urge his mount forward so as to ride as per instructions, however **Final Cup**, which had been urged forward from the start, proved to be as fast as his mount. He further added that leaving the 1100 metres he thought about bringing his mount back to settle behind **Final Cup**, however it proved too strong, as such he elected to settle his mount on the outside of **Final Cup** as it is a big striding horse. He said that from leaving the 300 metres his mount commenced to give ground and failed to respond when urged forward. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Birds Eye View** revealed no abnormality.

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

RACE 2 – THE FEBER ASSOCIATES CUP

Pride Rock and **Ramaas** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Swinging Captain** was slow out and shortly after was cramped for room on the inside of **Pride Rock**. From their wide draws **Jullidar** and **Rebel Alliance** were taken across shortly after the start to race behind runners. From approaching the 1400 metres **Swinging Captain** commenced to over-race and became awkward close to the heels of **Rock On Geordies**. **Swinging Captain** was then taken out from behind **Rock On Geordies** and, in doing so, carried **Rebel Alliance** wider on the track. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Swinging Captain**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for jostling and was fined Rs.20,000. Leaving the 1200 metres **Pride Rock** shifted out slightly and **Rock On Geordies** clipped its heels and stumbled. Near the 1100 metres **Pride Rock** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Rock On Geordies**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bundhoo (**Rock On Geordies**) 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. Leaving the 200 metres **Rebel Alliance** was taken to the inside of **Rock On Geordies** and **Ramaas** to secure clear running. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Rock On Geordies** suffered a bleeding attack and that **Pride Rock** lost its near hind shoe during the run.

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

RACE 3 – THE ASSOCIATED BROKERS CUP

Vintage Angel and **Captain Nero** were slow into stride. Shortly after the start **Powder Keg**, from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. **Captain's Cronicle** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 900 metres **Starspangledbanner** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Right To Tango**. **Powder Keg**, which was following, improved to the inside of **Starspangledbanner** with the latter racing wide from then onwards. Leaving the 300 metres **The Brass Bell** was taken out from behind **Captain's Cronicle** and, in doing so, carried **Starspangledbanner** wider on the track. From leaving the 200 metres **Shield Of Thunder** commenced to shift in under pressure. **Smitten**, which was improving on its inside, was inconvenienced and had to be taken out to continue going forward. Jockey Sooful (**Shield Of Thunder**) was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground. From approaching the 450 metres **Power Dive** shifted out, resulting in **Shield Of Thunder** improving on its inside. Apprentice Ramsamy (**Power Dive**) was shown the video replays of the section of the race and told that he should at all times endeavour to race closer to the rails. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Captain's Cronicle** lost its near hind shoe during the run and that **Captain Nero** was not striding out properly after the race.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from The Brass Bell after the race.

RACE 4 – LA PRUDENCE LIFE INSURANCE CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that when the start was effected **Jambamman** froze and refused to jump, losing considerable ground. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. The performance of **Jambamman** in the stalls being unsatisfactory, the Stewards informed Trainer Henry that this gelding will need to pass a barrier test before being allowed to race again.

Talbec and **Aware** were slow to begin. **Jolie Roger** jumped awkwardly and shifted out onto **Noah's Ark**, which then shifted out. **Talbec** raced wide in the early stages. **Talbec** dipped near the 900 metres. Approaching the 400 metres **Buffalo Trip** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Talbec** wider on the track. Near the 350 metres **Aware** was inconvenienced and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Le Clos**, which was giving ground. Leaving the 250 metres **Noah's Ark** shifted out under pressure, carrying **Aware** outwards with the latter carrying **Paladin** wider on the track. **Paladin** then bumped with **Buffalo Trip**, which was shifting in. Jockey Ghunowa (**Aware**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 53 (j) for making a celebrating gesture in an excessive manner. He was fined Rs.5,000. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Le Clos**. Trainer Allet explained that he instructed jockey Wiggins to jump, take the lead and ride it from there. Jockey Wiggins confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping fairly well he urged his mount forward so as to ride as per instructions and leaving the 1300 metres, seeing that jockey Teeha on **No Resistance** was easing his mount, he elected to ask his mount for a further effort in order to secure the lead. Trainer Allet explained that he understood his jockey's decision to ride in such a way as the gelding was fitted with blinkers and they were trying something new with the gelding. After consideration, jockey Wiggins was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride **Le Clos** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that after having urged his mount uphill vigorously from the start to approaching the 1200 metres and failing to secure the lead as per instructions, when the pace was a good one and that the horse on his inside was going better than him and when he had the opportunity to give his mount a breather, he failed to do so and instead continued to urge it forward from shortly after leaving the 1200 metres. Jockey Wiggins was suspended from riding in races for three weeks and fined Rs.25,000.

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

RACE 5 – THE MAURITIUS UNION GENERAL INSURANCE CUP

Candy Rock jumped outwards. **Gharbee** and **Seven Fountains** were slow to begin. **Down Under** raced wide throughout. Approaching the 800 metres **Tanjiro** was taken out from behind **Netflix** and allowed to stride forward. **Gharbee** raced wide from the 600 metres. Approaching the 400 metres **Candy Rock** became awkward close to the heels of **Tanjiro** and shifted in, momentarily crowding **Lee's Star**. **Netflix** hung in from leaving the 200 metres. From leaving the 100 metres **Mr Leyend** had difficulty in securing a clear run and could not be properly tested. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Gharbee** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

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

RACE 6 – THE Mauritius Union Group COLONEL DRAPER CUP

Recall to Life, **Easy Lover** and **Hard Day's Night** were slow to begin. **Black Tractor** jumped awkwardly and shortly after raced in restricted room between **Speed Limit** and **Ready To Attack**. From their wide draws **Beat The Retreat** and **Chinese Gold** were taken across shortly after the start to race behind runners. **Beat The Retreat** raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 1250 metres, **Ready To Attack** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Speed Limit**. **Black Tractor**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be eased. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Pengelly (**Speed Limit**) was severely reprimanded and told to exercise care. Leaving the 1100 metres **Ready To Attack** commenced to over-race and did so for a considerable distance. **Hard Day's Night** hung in in the home straight. Leaving the 100 metres **Ready To Attack** hung in under pressure and over the concluding stages had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Easy Lover**, which had shifted in.

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

RACE 7 – THE LEVILLE L'HOMME CUP

Midnight Man jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and shifting out and shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. On jumping **Rumbullion** and **Rob's Jewel** came together. Shortly after, **Rumbullion** raced in restricted room between **Rob's Jewel** and **Blue Jeans**. **It's My Party** raced wide in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1000 metres was eased to secure a position closer to the rails. Approaching the 450 metres **It's My Party** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Rumbullion** becoming awkward close to its heels and having to be eased. **Rumbullion** was then taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 200 metres **Al Firenze** hung in despite jockey Emamdee trying to straighten it, carrying **Midnight Man** onto **It's My Party**. Jockey Ghunowa (**Baron Bellet**) was shown the video replays of the final straight, severely reprimanded and told that he should ride all his horses out to the finish.

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

GENERAL

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

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