

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 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 – LE PRIX PIERRE HUGNIN

The start was delayed when **Spin A Coin** proved difficult to load.

Caracal, Havana Breeze, Commodus, Young Royal and **Marine Sky** were slow to begin. **Bridegroom Bertie** knuckled on jumping. From leaving the 1200 metres **The Blue Streak** commenced to give ground, finished tailed off and was not persevered with in the straight. Leaving the 450 metres **Commodus** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. From leaving the 400 metres **Young Royal** commenced to give ground with **Spin A Coin**, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward and, in doing so, carried **Commodus** wider on the track. Leaving the 250 metres **Caracal** was taken out from behind **Marine Sky** and raced wide into the home straight. From leaving the 150 metres **Bridegroom Bertie** shifted out away from the whip, with jockey Hoolash switching his whip to his left hand. **Montante**, which was following, was slightly inconvenienced, had to be taken out and, in doing so, carried **Havana Breeze**, which was improving on its outside, outwards. Over the concluding stages **Bridegroom Bertie** shifted in away from the whip. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Spin A Coin**, trainer Ramdin explained that after its last race he sent the gelding for a spell at the seaside and fitted it with blinkers today. He also said that, in his opinion, the fact that it was drawn wide with the false rail at 4.5 metres and the fact that it raced in a one off position as it is a long striding horse, could have accounted for its improved performance. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Marine Sky** lost its near fore shoe during the run and that **Young Royal** suffered a bleeding attack.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Spin A Coin after the race.

RACE 2 – THE SUPERMAN ENERGY DRINK SOUVENIR CUP

Cantering down to the barriers, the near hind shoe came off from **Gondwana**. Since it proved difficult to be reshod, the Stewards allowed **Gondwana** to race without its near hind shoe.

St Arnault jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Secret Idea**. **Euroklidon** raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 800 metres **Gondwana** had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Anton Ruskin**, which had shifted in. **Euroklidon** came off the crossing at the 800 metres awkwardly. At an inquiry, it was established that when the pace slackened **Anton Ruskin** shifted in abruptly to avoid the heels of **Euroklidon** and, in doing so, inconvenienced **Gondwana**, which was racing on its inside, as such the Stewards decided to report it as a racing incident. Near the 750 metres **Gold Medalist** shifted out, carrying **Euroklidon** wider on the track. Leaving the 450 metres **Euroklidon** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Secret Idea**, which was following, racing in restricted room and becoming inconvenienced on its inside. Leaving the 250 metres **St Arnault** was

taken out from behind **Gondwana** to secure clear running and, in doing so, carried **Al Hamd** wider on the track. Approaching the 100 metres **Gold Medalist** shifted in away from the whip, resulting in **Anton Ruskin**, which was following, having to be switched to its outside to continue going forward. Jockey Poullis (**Secret Idea**) was shown the video replays of the finish and severely reprimanded for making a celebratory gesture after the winning post. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Euroklidon**. Trainer Jones explained that he instructed apprentice Allyhosain to endeavour to jump and secure the lead. Apprentice Allyhosain confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping fairly, he urged his mount forward vigorously until the 1300 metres where he found himself half a length in front of the inside horses, however his mount failed to corner, resulting in him having to stop riding and steer it inwards. He added that he then found himself racing in a 3-wide position going uphill, as such approaching the 1000 metres, when he had regained the one off position, he urged his mount forward in view to secure the lead but as he was unable to do so, he decided to settle his mount on the outside of the leader near the 850 metres. Apprentice Allyhosain conceded that in hindsight he ought not to have insisted leaving the 1000 metres in view to give his mount a breather. Trainer Jones concurred and explained that the apprentice's lack of experience might have made him do such a mistake. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further, however told apprentice Allyhosain that he should ride all his mounts so as to leave no room for query.

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

RACE 3 – THE I SPA SOUVENIR CUP

Heart Of Darkness, **Declarator** and **Seven Oceans** were slow to begin. **Seeking The Dream** stumbled on jumping, Shortly after the start **Seven Oceans** was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 1450 metres **Declarator**, which had been urged forward, raced tight on the inside of **Heart Of Darkness**, which had been taken in and, when being eased, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. **Seven Oceans**, which was following, was also inconvenienced and had to be steadied. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Heart Of Darkness**) was shown the video replays of this incident and told to exercise care at all times. Leaving the 1300 metres **Heart Of Darkness** shifted out and was taken back in and, in doing so, clipped the heels of **Emblem Royale**. Apprentice Allyhosain (**Heart Of Darkness**) was shown the video replays of this incident, severely reprimanded and told to exercise care at all times. Leaving the 900 metres, when the pace slackened, **Declarator** commenced to over-race and had to be eased when close to the heels of **Heart Of Darkness**. **Seven Oceans** was taken out from passing the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Seeking The Dream** hung in in the home straight. Approaching the 150 metres **Seven League Boots** shifted out under pressure, carrying **Seeking The Dream**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track.

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

RACE 4 – THE BACKSTAGE CHALLENGE TROPHY

Prior to the start being effected **Together Forever** became fractious and got its head stuck on the left side of its gate. **Together Forever** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Melson** was slow out. **Antwerp** jumped outwards. Shortly after the start **Dealer's Charm** and **Antwerp** were taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1300 metres **Evergreen** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Ice Run**, which had been taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Chisty (**Ice Run**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Leaving the 1300 metres, when being settled, **Wavebreaker** threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Near the 1250 metres, for some distance, **Wavebreaker** raced in restricted room on the inside of **Data Controller**. During the run the saddle on **Ice Run** moved forward. From leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, **Evergreen** commenced to over-race and passing the 900 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Ice Run** and, in doing so, carried **Data Controller** wider on the track with the latter racing wide from thereon. **Antwerp** was taken out from passing the 450 metres. Approaching the 400 metres **Data Controller** commenced to give ground with **Antwerp** racing tight when improving on its inside near the 350 metres. Leaving the 400 metres **Together Forever** commenced to give ground with **Dealer's Charm**, which was racing on its outside and improving, being taken in to secure a run on the inside of **Wavebreaker** and, in doing so, **Dealer's Charm** slightly inconvenienced **Together**

Forever with the latter having to be steadied. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Antwerp** was lame on the off fore leg.

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

RACE 5 – THE SUSHIME CHALLENGE TROPHY

Nation Builder was slow to begin. From its wide draw **Split The Breeze** was taken across to race behind runners. Shortly after the start **Reim** and **Chosen Dash** came together and, when being urged forward, **Reim** failed to muster speed and was then taken in to take a position closer to the rails. Leaving the 1300 metres **Nation Builder** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **One Cool Dude**, which had been restrained to secure a position behind **Nordic Warrior**. **Ernie** raced wide throughout. Shortly after turning into the home straight, jockey Emamdee (**Chosen Dash**) momentarily lost the use of his off side rein. **Chosen Dash** hung in in the home straight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **One Cool Dude** was lame on the off leg and that **Chosen Dash** lost its off fore shoe during the run.

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

RACE 6 – THE HENNESSY PARK HOTEL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Thrust jumped awkwardly. **Captain Magpie** raced wide throughout. **Silver Bluff** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence. Approaching the 1200 metres **Kremlin Captain** shifted in and brushed the running rail. Approaching the 1000 metres, for some distance, **Kremlin Captain** and **Prince Of Thieves** raced tight on the inside of **Captain Magpie**. **Captain Magpie** commenced to give ground from leaving the 600 metres and raced wide from thereon. Passing the 300 metres **Elite Class** shifted in and brushed the running rail. From leaving the 100 metres **The Tripster** shifted out under pressure and passing the 75 metres had to be straightened. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **The Tripster**, trainer Jones explained that this gelding tended to be dry-coated and had difficulty in sweating and since being stabled in Floréal for longer, its coating had improved and, prior to this race, had shown improvement at track work. He added that according to him the fact that **The Tripster** managed to lead without making much of an effort and that it did not pull in its race today, accounted to its improved performance. When questioned, jockey Emamdee (**Captain Magpie**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead, however after jumping moderately he urged his mount forward in view of securing the lead but it failed to muster speed and from leaving the 1300 metres this gelding kept changing legs. He added that in the back straight he could not take his mount in as jockey Teeha (**Prince Of Thieves**), who was on his inside, was calling to him and also thinking that there was something amiss with his mount, he then decided to stay in a 3-wide position. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Captain Magpie** revealed no abnormality. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Kremlin Captain** was lame on its off fore leg and that **Alpha Pegasi** suffered a bleeding attack.

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

RACE 7 – THE PETRUSMOK SOUVENIR CUP

The start was delayed when **Apple Pie** proved difficult to load.

Jama threw its head, jumping awkwardly. **Winter Is Coming** shifted in on jumping, crowding **Jama** onto **Sir Earl Grey**. **Clifton Surf**, which had its head turned sideways, jumped awkwardly and was slow out. **Five Star Rock** jumped inwards, brushing **Apple Pie**. **Burg** jumped outwards. Passing the 1365 metres **Winter Is Coming** shifted in, bumping **Sir Earl Grey**. Approaching the 1000 metres, when the pace slowed, **Streetbouncer** became awkward close to the heels of **Five Star Rock** and threw its head when eased, racing ungenerously. **Burg** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased and taken in to secure a position behind **Winter Is Coming** and, when being taken in, **Apple Pie**, which was following, had to be eased to avoid its heels. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Ghunowa (**Burg**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 400 metres **Winter Is Coming** shifted in on several occasions with jockey Ségeon having to straighten it, crowding **Streetbouncer** on its inside. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Streetbouncer**. Trainer Allet explained that **Streetbouncer** has won over 1365 metres and was

today racing over 1500 metres. Taking this into consideration and the fact that the false rail was at 4.5 metres, after discussing the race with jockey Wiggins, it was agreed that if he could lead without using his mount, he was to do so, otherwise if someone insisted for the lead, to settle his mount just off the leader. Jockey Wiggins confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well he managed to clear the inside horses and saw **Five Star Rock** on the outside insisting for the lead, as such he decided to settle his mount behind the latter. When questioned, jockey Wiggins explained that in his opinion it could have been against the best interest of his mount to make **Five Star Rock** work for the lead as, knowing **Streetbouncer**, the latter would have raced fiercely. Trainer Allet concurred and pointed out that **Streetbouncer** finished 3rd, only beaten by better horses on the day. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to note their explanations.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Burg** was not striding out properly after the race.

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

RACE 8 – THE MARCEL HAREL CUP

Rum Tum Tugger was slow to begin. **Social Network** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Charles My Boy**. Shortly after the start **Craftsman** was taken across to race behind runners. **Social Network** raced wide from approaching the 400 metres and **Billy Bojangles** was taken out from passing the 300 metres, with both horses racing wide rounding the home turn. Approaching the 300 metres **Red China** was taken to the inside of **Gstaad** to secure clear running. Over the concluding stages **Craftsman** and **Charles My Boy** could not secure clear running and could not be tested out. At an inquiry, jockey Ghunowa (**Magic Jay**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (i) in that near the 75 metres he stood up on his mount and stopped riding the latter for approximately five strides, this possibly costing him 4th place at the finish. He was fined Rs.15,000.

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

GENERAL

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

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