

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2017

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: True

RACE 1 – THE MYSTIC SNOW CUP

Storm Clipper was slow to begin. **Rock On** was slow into stride. **Masaar** jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Storm Clipper** onto **Secret Idea**. **Secret Idea** then shifted out, carrying **Rock On** outwards with the latter being inconvenienced close to the heels of **Brachetto**. Leaving the 400 metres **Storm Clipper** was taken out from behind **Masaar** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Secret Idea** wider on the track. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Varational** was lame on the off fore leg.

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

RACE 2 – THE SIR GAETAN DUVAL Q.C. CUP

Burwaaz, **Silver Dice** and **Captain Rockhopper** were slow to begin. **Impressed** jumped awkwardly and shifted out. **Mount Fuji** dipped shortly after the start. From its wide draw, **Elysian Park** was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 1300 metres, **Captain Rockhopper**, which was having difficulty in negotiating the turn, shifted out and had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Apple Jack**. Near the 1000 metres **Mount Fuji** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Cula**. From approaching the 400 metres **Apple Jack** commenced to give ground, resulting in **Mount Fuji**, which was following, having to be taken out to continue going forward. Passing the 300 metres **Burwaaz** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Captain Rockhopper**) dropped his whip near the 200 metres. **Elysian Park** hung in in the home straight, with jockey Ségeon having to put his whip away near the 150 metres to straighten his mount. **Mount Fuji** shifted out over the concluding stages, slightly inconveniencing **Elysian Park**. Jockey Joorawon (**Mount Fuji**) was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that in future he should straighten his mounts when they shift ground. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Burwaaz**, trainer Jones explained that at its last start the horse froze at the start and lost considerable ground, after which it performed a satisfactory barrier trial. He added that **Burwaaz** managed to jump today and that the pace was a regular one. He also said that, in his opinion, this horse runs better when ridden by jockey Boutanive.

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

RACE 3 – THE RENE MAIGROT CUP

Bono Vox and **Wing Man** were slow to begin. **Greatfiveeight** and **Beach In A Bottle** raced wide in the early stages. From leaving the 1650 metres **Greatfiveeight** commenced to over-race and threw its head, racing ungenerously when being settled. Passing the 450 metres **Seven Oceans** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Avail** and raced wide from then onwards. **Beach In A Bottle** commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres. **Avail**, which was following, was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Oceans** wider on the track. **Seven Oceans** hung in in the home straight. Near the 150 metres **Bono Vox** had to be taken to the inside of **Avail** to secure clear

running. At an inquiry, Assistant Trainer Mr. S. Gujadhur was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 157 (3) for failing to inform the Stewards of a change of well established tactics for **Beach In A Bottle**. He was fined Rs.20,000. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Major Jay** suffered a bleeding attack. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Bono Vox**, trainer Jones explained that in his opinion, the fact that **Bono Vox** was racing over 1850 metres in a lower category and benefiting from the apprentice's allowance of 4kg, had probably contributed to its improved performance today. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Beach In A Bottle**. Assistant Trainer S. Gujadhur explained that he instructed jockey Emamdee to jump and try to lead and if someone takes the lead, to be with the pace. Jockey Emamdee confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping sideways, he urged his mount forward so as to ride as per instructions. He added that after approximately 150 metres he had to ease his mount to avoid the heels of **Greatfiveight** and leaving the 1600 metres, seeing that he was racing in a 3-wide position, he asked his mount for an effort to be able to endeavour to secure the lead. He added that he found himself racing on the outside of the leader leaving the 1300 metres and being of the opinion that the leader was being settled near the 1200 metres, he decided to ask his mount for a further effort in view to secure the lead but was unable to as jockey Poullis (**Greatfiveight**), on his inside, insisted to keep the lead. He then let his mount run in its pace with the latter starting to give ground leaving the 400 metres. When questioned, jockey Emamdee explained that he could have settled his mount behind **Avail** approaching the 1600 metres but it would have been against his instructions. After consideration, jockey Emamdee was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride **Beach In A Bottle** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that having made an effort from the start to approaching the 1300 metres so as to ride to instructions, when it was clear that **Greatfiveight** would not surrender the lead and that there was an opportunity for him to settle his mount on the outside of the leader, from leaving the 1300 metres he instead urged his mount forward uphill from near the 1200 metres to leaving the 1100 metres and thereafter let his mount stride freely on the outside of the leader instead of giving it a breather, this being counter-productive to his chances in the race. He was suspended from riding in races for three weeks.

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

RACE 4 – THE RAM RUHEE OBE MEMORIAL 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 prior to the start being effected, **Gimme Green** became fractious, turning its head sideways and when the start was effected the handler was busy straightening **Gimme Green**, resulting in him still having hold of **Gimme Green**'s head when the gates opened. As such, **Gimme Green** could not jump with the rest of the field. The Stewards, being of the opinion that **Gimme Green** was denied a fair start, acting under Rule 144 (1), decided to declare the latter a non runner. In view of this, all bets on **Gimme Green** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Gimme Green** being 10/1.

In The Loop and **Nordic Storm** were slow to begin. **Glorious Goodwood** threw its head on jumping. **Fortissimo** was taken out from leaving the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Leaving the 900 metres, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Glen Coco**, **Imperial Dancer** shifted in momentarily. Near the 400 metres, **Glorious Goodwood** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Soweto Moon**. Leaving the 200 metres **Glorious Goodwood** was taken to the inside of **Soweto Moon**, which had shifted out under pressure. Leaving the 100 metres **Glen Coco** was inconvenienced when close to the heels of **Rogue Runner**, which had been taken out marginally by **Promissory** and had to be taken out to continue going forward. **Nordic Storm**, which was following, also had to be taken out, slightly inconveniencing **Fortissimo**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **In The Loop** was lame on the near fore leg. An inquiry into the handling of **Glorious Goodwood** will be held when Mr. Subiraj Gujadhur will be available.

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

RACE 5 – THE GUNNESS GUJADHUR CUP

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and considered an objection lodged by apprentice Ramsamy, rider of **Olympic Bolt**, declared 3rd, against **Aficionado**, being declared 2nd, alleging interference over the concluding stages. It was established that from leaving the 75 metres **Aficionado** started to shift out away from the whip and did so for approximately 10 strides,

crowding **Olympic Bolt**, which was improving on its outside, onto **Greys Inn Control**, with **Olympic Bolt** having to be checked and losing its position. The Stewards, being of the opinion that without this incident **Olympic Bolt** would have finished ahead of **Aficionado**, as such decided to uphold the objection, the new placings being: 1st: **Greys Inn Control**, 2nd: **Olympic Bolt**, 3rd: **Aficionado**; 4th: **Dustan**. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Poullis (**Aficionado**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs.25,000.

Dustan was slow to begin. **Greys Inn Control** jumped inwards, brushing the hindquarters of **Aficionado**. Approaching the 1600 metres, **Olympic Bolt** had to be steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Mountain Master** and, when being steadied, raced ungenerously for some distance. From the 600 metres **Open Heir** commenced to give ground and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. Passing the 500 metres **Aficionado** was taken out to improve its position and carried **Rap Attack** wider on the track. Approaching the 450 metres **Dustan** had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **Open Heir**, which was giving ground. **Dustan** raced wide from then onwards. When questioned with regard to the alleged improved performance of **Greys Inn Control**, trainer Jones explained that this gelding had, in his opinion, improved at its last two starts when running against stronger opposition. He added that with the benefit of the good draw today and the fact that the race was run at a regular pace contributed to its improved performance.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Greys Inn Control after the race.

RACE 6 – THE MTC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CUP

M L Jet was slow to begin. **Disco AI** was slow into stride. **Vettel** raced wide in the early stages and was allowed to stride forward to the lead approaching the 1650 metres. **Kingmambo's Legacy** raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 1250 metres **Parachute Man**, which was over-racing, had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Vettel**, which had shifted in. From leaving the 1100 metres **Parachute Man** was taken to the one off position and carried **Kingmambo's Legacy** wider on the track. Approaching the 600 metres **Kingmambo's Legacy** was urged forward to secure the lead. **Solar Star** and **Bouclette Top** were taken out from approaching the 450 metres. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bouclette Top** was coughing after the race.

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

RACE 7 – THE DOMINIQUE GALEA CUP

Roman Silvanus was slow to begin. **Prince Of Arabia** jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Mighty Lion** onto **Anafesto**. **Anafesto** knuckled on jumping and, shortly after was crowded for room between **Zagazig**, which had shifted out shortly after the start, and **Mighty Lion**, which had been carried in by **Prince Of Arabia**. **Prince Of Arabia** raced wide in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail. From leaving the 1500 metres, **Sea Pass** commenced to over-race and leaving the 1400 metres had to be taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Starsky**, which had been eased from the heels of **Mighty Lion**. Jockey Chisty (**Mighty Lion**) was shown the video replays of the incident and severely reprimanded for slowing down the pace. Leaving the 900 metres **Zagazig** was taken out and urged forward to race closer to the lead. Approaching the 450 metres **Sea Pass** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then inwards. Leaving the 400 metres **Rasta Rebel** was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. **Sea Pass** hung in in the home straight. Approaching the 100 metres **Roman Silvanus** was slightly inconvenienced when attempting a run on the inside of **Mighty Lion**. Approaching the 75 metres **Roman Silvanus** tried to savage **Starsky**.

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

GENERAL

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