

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2017

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

Weather: Cloudy
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 2 metres

RACE 1 – THE VELOGIC CONTAINER SERVICES TROPHY

Shortly before the start was effected, **Vintage Angel** forced its gate open, it was quickly gathered and the gate closed back. Shortly after, **Powder Keg** reared and flipped over. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered the withdrawal of **Powder Keg**. In view of this, all bets on **Powder Keg** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less two cents per rupee, the average price of **Powder Keg** being 39/1. Trainer S. Hurchund was told that **Powder Keg** should barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

Sea Pass, Vintage Angel, Commodus and **Mighty Lion** were slow to begin. **Kash Is King** raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1000 metres **Sea Pass** was taken out to avoid the heels of **St Arnault** and, in doing so, carried **Vintage Angel** wider on the track. **Vintage Angel** raced wide from then onwards. From the 300 metres **Commodus**, when being ridden with the whip, hung out, carrying **Kash Is King** wider on the track. Jockey Oodith (**Commodus**) was shown the video replays of the incident and advised that he should not use his whip round the turn. Leaving the 250 metres **St Arnault** was taken out from behind **Halabaloo** to improve its position, at the same time **Halabaloo** was taken out away from the heels of **Spin A Coin**, resulting in **St Arnault** becoming inconvenienced and having to be switched back in to avoid its heels. From approaching the 200 metres **Spin A Coin** shifted in under pressure. **Sea Pass** hung in over the last 200 metres. When questioned, trainer Narang explained that he instructed jockey Ghunowa (**Halabaloo**) to endeavour to secure a position behind the leaders and wait for the last 300 metres to make his move. Jockey Ghunowa confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping very well he found himself racing more forward than expected and seeing that he would be caught wide, he elected to let his mount stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail. He added that from then on **Mighty Lion** improved on his outside with **Halabaloo** racing fiercely and proving difficult to settle. He further added that from leaving the 300 metres, when asked for an effort, **Halabaloo** failed to quicken. Trainer Narang concurred and explained that, in the circumstances, jockey Ghunowa could not do otherwise although **Halabaloo** races better when finding cover.

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

RACE 2 – THE VELOGIC HAULAGE SERVICES TROPHY

Noordhoek Ice stumbled on jumping. **Wing Man, Roman Silvanus** and **Havana Breeze** were slow to begin. **Rasta Rebel** and **Bright Shining** raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the

1100 metres **Rasta Rebel** was allowed to improve its position to race one off the fence on the outside of **Gstaad**. Approaching the 800 metres **Prince Ariano** was taken out to avoid the heels of **Rasta Rebel** and, in doing so, carried **Bright Shining** wider on the track. Passing the 600 metres **Prince Ariano**, which was awkward close to the heels of **Rasta Rebel**, shifted in, crowding **Noordhoek Ice** onto **Pimpernel**. From leaving the 450 metres **Roman Silvanus** was taken out to improve its position and carried **Wing Man** wider on the track with both horses racing wide from then onwards. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bright Shining** lost its near fore shoe during the run.

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

RACE 3 – THE AVIOSERVIZI TROPHY

Avail and **Mambo** were slow to begin. **Antwerp** jumped awkwardly and shifted in and, shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. **Avail** raced wide in the early stages and approaching the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the fence. **Declarator** raced wide throughout. Leaving the 200 metres **Chester's Wish**, when being ridden with the whip, shied away and shifted in, slightly inconveniencing **Avail**, which was improving on its inside. Jockey Goomany (**Chester's Wish**) was shown the video replays of the incident and told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Approaching the 150 metres **Antwerp** was inconvenienced when attempting a run into a tight gap between **Steal A March**, which was hanging in, and **Cula**. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Antwerp** was lame on its off fore leg.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Steal A March** after the race.

RACE 4 – THE NAVIS TROPHY

Roving Jet and **Emblem Royale** were fractious in their gate prior to the start being effected. **New Star** was slow to begin. **Nordic Storm** hesitated at the start and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. From leaving the 1500 metres **Kurundu** commenced to over-race when the pace slowed and clipped the heels of **Emblem Royale** on numerous occasions until the 1300 metres. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Emblem Royale**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively slowing the pace of his mount. He was fined Rs.20,000. Approaching the 1100 metres **Talbec** was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Kurundu**. Passing the 600 metres **New Star** was taken out from behind **Talbec** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Bono Vox** wider on the track. When questioned, Assistant Trainer Y. Perdrau explained that he instructed apprentice Ramsamy (**Roving Jet**) to endeavour to secure a position in mid-field and to move from the 300 metres. Apprentice Ramsamy confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping well, he found himself racing on the outside of the leader and from leaving the 1500 metres, when the pace slowed, his mount commenced to over-race. When further questioned, he explained that taking into consideration the racing pattern of this gelding and the fact that he was instructed to race in mid-field, he decided against letting **Roving Jet** improve to secure the lead. After consideration, he was told that he is to show better judgment when riding in races. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Bono Vox** lost its near fore shoe during the run.

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

RACE 5 – THE FLYNT INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS TROPHY

Following the running of the race, the Stewards sounded the inquiry sign and viewed the video replays of the final straight. It was established that from leaving the 100 metres **Tanjiro** shifted out under pressure with **Greys Inn Control**, which was improving on its outside, being carried slightly wide. The Stewards, being of the opinion that this incident did not materially affect the result of the race, decided not to proceed further. As such, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Seven Fountains and **Greys Inn Control** were slow to begin. From leaving the 1500 metres **Ole Gunnar** commenced to over-race and passing the 1400 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Silver Snaffles**. From leaving the 1500 metres, the pace commenced to slacken when **Independence** was eased in front. Approaching the 1400 metres **Tanjiro** became awkward when close to the heels of **Independence** and had to be eased. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Bundhoo (**Independence**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (b) for excessively

slowing the pace of his mount. In mitigation, jockey Bundhoo expressed his desire for a suspension in lieu of a fine, as such he was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting. Approaching the 350 metres **Greys Inn Control** was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Seven Fountains** wider on the track.

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

RACE 6 – Velogic – LA COUPE DES PRESIDENTS

Easy Lover stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground at the start. **Bouclette Top** was slow out. Passing the 1700 metres **Dawn Raid** had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Kingmambo's Legacy**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear. At an inquiry into this incident, jockey Sooful (**Kingmambo's Legacy**) 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. Passing the 800 metres **Solar Star** was taken out from behind **Vettel** to improve its position. For some distance approaching the 300 metres **Easy Lover** was held up when unable to improve from behind **Bouclette Top**.

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

RACE 7 – THE TRANSGLOBAL TROPHY

Acting on veterinary advice that **Midnight Man** was suffering from a fever, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8 a.m. on Friday. With this withdrawal **Seventh Speed** became a runner and was ridden by jockey S. Bhundoo. In view of this withdrawal, all bets on **Midnight Man** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards viewed the video replays of the start. It was established that as the start was effected **Seven Carat** reared. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the gelding was in a position to jump with the rest of the field when the start was effected, declared correct weight on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Seven Carat reared at the start. **Seventh Speed** was slow to begin. From leaving the 1250 metres **Raheeb** commenced to over-race and proved difficult to settle. **Seven Carat** raced wide throughout. From leaving the 500 metres **Seventh Speed** commenced to hang out despite jockey Bhundoo trying to take it back inwards. When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Raheeb**, jockey Goomany explained that he was instructed to endeavour to follow close to the leaders and ride his mount out over the final 300 metres. He added that after jumping well, he found himself racing on the outside of the leader in the early stages and seeing that there was a space behind the leader, he decided to bring back his mount to secure the position on the rails, however from then onwards his mount began to over-race and never dropped the bit and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, it failed to quicken, being extremely disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Raheeb** revealed that it was distressed. When questioned with regard to his ride in the home straight, jockey Bhaugeerothee (**Flower Blue**) explained that turning into the home straight, he tried to save his mount as the latter had raced fiercely throughout and as soon as he asked it for an effort, it commenced to hang in badly. He added that although quickening it stayed one pace over the concluding stages.

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

RACE 8 – THE VELOGIC WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TROPHY

Ruby Rocker was slow to begin and shortly after the start shifted in, bumping **Black Gambit**. **Magic Jay** raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 600 metres **Ruby Rocker** and **Montante** raced in restricted room on the inside of **Port Albert**, which commenced to give ground. **Ruby Rocker** hung in over the final 150 metres. **Yoda Man** could not secure clear running for most of the home straight and could not be properly tested. Over the concluding stages **Ruby Rocker** shifted in, slightly, inconveniencing **Bridegroom Bertie**. An inquiry was held into the handling of **Yoda Man**. Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur explained that this gelding being a hard puller, he instructed jockey Arnold to endeavour to secure the best position without asking his mount for an effort in the early stages and to wait for as long as he could before asking his mount for an effort as the latter has a short burst. Jockey Arnold confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping reasonably well, he found himself racing fourth on the fence. He added that approaching the 1200 metres he could have maintained his position, however he would have had to ask his mount for an effort, which would have been against his instructions. He further added that near the 400 metres he could have taken his

mount out and improve outside runners, however he decided against it as **Starsprangledbanner**, which he was following, was going well and that he did not want to be carried wide round the turn due to **Yoda Man** having a short acceleration. He explained that in the home straight he wanted to improve into a gap between **Bridegroom Bertie** and **Rum Tum Tugger**, however **Bridegroom Bertie** shifted in away from the whip, resulting in the gap closing before he managed to secure the run and from then on he failed to secure clear running. He also said that, in his opinion, had he managed to secure that run, he would have just about won the race. Trainer Gujadhur explained that during the race he had concerns about jockey Arnold not taking his mount to the outside at the 400 metres but, after having seen the films again, he was of the opinion that he had taken the right decision. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that **Magic Jay** returned with an injury on its right hip.

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

GENERAL

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

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