

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018

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

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Track: Races 1-3: Yielding 3.2 – Races 4-8: Soft 3.0
Rail position: 1.5m

GENERAL

Jockey Marwing was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer after the running of race 5 and jockey Teeha after the running of race 6. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 6: I. Chisty on **Karraar**

Race 7: C. Ségeon on **It Doesn't Matter** and S. Rama on **Jals Tiger**

Race 8: C. Ségeon on **Aspara** and S. Bussunt on **Bypass**

RACE 1 – THE OWNERS CUP

Arctic Flyer – Fractious prior to the start. Raced wide throughout. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Bhaugerothee explained that as the gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race, he expected a good run from the latter, however from shortly after the start the gelding failed to muster speed and stayed one pace when asked for an effort. He added that in his opinion **Arctic Flyer** did not enjoy the rain affected going.

Impressed - Threw its head and jumped sideways, being slow out.

Mambo Rock - Stood flat footed and was slow out. Leaving the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Storm Clipper** to continue going forward.

Mooney – Jumped outwards.

Varside – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Shifted in approaching the 450 metres and had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Bobby's Express**. Passing the 200 metres was taken out from behind **Bobby's Express** to secure clear running. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

Masaar – Fractious prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly. Slow into stride.

Storm Clipper – Hung in in the home straight.

Bobby's Express – Slow out.

King's Salute - Raced wide throughout. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

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

RACE 2 – THE GUTS & DETERMINATION TROPHY

Dark Liability – Approaching the 1300 metres was taken in, carrying **Alloy** inwards, which slightly inconvenienced **Shield Of Thunder**. Jockey Ségeon was shown the video replays of this incident, reprimanded and told to allow more room to runners on his inside.

Tibre Libre – Passing the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Alloy**, which was giving ground, to continue going forward.

Shield Of Thunder – Cramped for room shortly after start by **Tibre Libre**, which had jumped outwards, and **Alloy**, which had shifted in when being urged forward. Approaching the 1300 metres inconvenienced close to the heels of **Alloy**, which had been carried in by **Dark Liability**. Hung in throughout.

A P Strike – Threw its head and was slow out. When questioned, trainer Hurchund explained that this gelding pulls, thus he instructed his rider not to urge it from the start in spite of its good draw and to start improving as from the 600 metres since it had raced very well in that manner last season. Jockey Hoolash explained that his mount raced fiercely in the middle stages of the race and, although being instructed to move as from the 600 metres, he was unable to do so as there was a horse on his outside and, when put under pressure from the 400 metres, failed to quicken and shortened its stride over the concluding stages. Vet report: No abnormality.

Alloy - Jumped outwards, brushing **Dark Liability** and shifted back in onto **Shield Of Thunder**. Passing the 1300 metres was taken in by **Dark Liability**, slightly inconveniencing **Shield Of Thunder**. Approaching the 1200 metres raced tight on the inside of **Dark Liability**, which had shied away from **Bridegroom Bertie** and shifted inwards. From approaching the 400 metres commenced to give ground. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Vintage Angel – Hung in in the home straight. Near the 350 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Bridegroom Bertie – Raced wide throughout. Shifted in slightly at the 1200 metres with **Dark Liability** shying away from it and crowding **Alloy**. Jockey Chisty was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to make sure he leaves enough room for horses on his inside. Raced wide throughout.

Magic Jay – Slow out. Raced wide throughout.

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

RACE 3 –THE RESILIENCE TROPHY

Gimme Green - Became awkward close to the heels of **Moonrise Sensation** passing the 1000 metres. Was taken out from behind **Moonrise Sensation** leaving the 400 metres and from behind **Seven League Boots** near the 250 metres and, in doing so, carried **Skip the Red** wider on the track.

Seven League Boots – Raced wide in the early stages.

Skip the Red – Leaving the 1000 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Galtero** and, in doing so, carried **Major Jay** wider on the track. Carried out near the 250 metres by **Gimme Green**. Approaching the 100 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in jockey Oliver switching his whip to his right hand.

Moonrise Sensation – Came off the crossing awkwardly at the 1000 metres, shifted out and became unbalanced. Commenced to give ground from near the 400 metres and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. Vet report: Scoped: No abnormality.

Major Jay – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Carried wide from approaching the 900 metres.

Top Of The Rock – Inconvenienced close to the heels of **Galtero** passing the 200 metres. When questioned, jockey Marwing explained that last year, when urged forward to race close to the lead, this gelding had raced fiercely and for today's race, as it was drawn barrier 5 out of 6 runners, he was instructed to endeavour to find cover and get the gelding to settle and make his move from the 400 metres.

Galtero – Raced fiercely from leaving the 1200 metres. Leaving the 1000 metres had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Gimme Green**. From leaving the 1000 metres the bandage on its off hind leg became loose. Shifted in from approaching the 200 metres. Trainer Jones was told to ensure that bandages are properly fitted on his runners in future.

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

RACE 4 – THE INTEGRITY TROPHY

The track was upgraded to 3.0 prior to this race.

Sunset Breeze – Eased when crowded for room on the inside of **Glen Coco** near the 1000 metres. Was taken out approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Argo Solo – When the pace slowed approaching the 1200 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Ice Run** and inconvenienced **Palladium**.

Ice Run – Was eased near the 1200 metres when securing the lead. Jockey Chisty was severely reprimanded and told that in future he should not ease his mount in such an abrupt manner. Near the 950 metres raced tight on the inside of **Argo Solo**.

Glen Coco – Raced wide in the early stages.

Chosen Path – Tongue-tie became loose prior to start, was refitted, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race. Threw its head on jumping, shifted out, bumping **Argo Solo**. Commenced

to give ground from leaving the 450 metres. From leaving the 200 metres shifted out away from the whip, slightly inconveniencing **Palladium** near the 150 metres. Apprentice Allyhosain was shown the video replays of the incident and told to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion. Vet report: Not striding out.

Palladium – Slightly inconvenienced approaching the 100 metres.

Varadiso – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

On inquiry, jockey Oliver, rider of **Argo Solo**, was charged under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding near the 950 metres. He pleaded not guilty. After having reviewed the films and considered the defense of jockey Oliver, the Stewards found jockey Oliver not guilty.

On inquiry, jockey Teeha, rider of **Glen Coco**, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that approaching the 1000 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Sunset Breeze**, resulting in the latter having to be eased to avoid its heels. He was suspended from riding in races for one race meeting.

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

RACE 5 – THE TENACITY TROPHY

Door Of Deception – Crowded for room passing the 300 metres and had to be checked.

Seven Fountains – Slow out and shortly after was crowded by **Door Of Deception** and **Silver Snaffles**, which had shifted ground.

Alaadel – Jumped the crossing at the 1300 metres. Came off the crossing at the 1000 metres awkwardly. Raced fiercely in the middle stages, throwing its head when being settled.

Silver Snaffles – Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Chosen Dash – Vet report: Scoped: Traces of blood in its trachea.

Lee's Star – Was carried in by **Navistar**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear.

Nation Builder – Ran out of galloping room near the 1200 metres and had to be checked, losing its position.

Mutzi – Slow out. From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Raced wide throughout.

On inquiry, jockey Poullis, rider of **Navistar**, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in onto **Lee's Star**, which in turn crowded **Nation Builder**, with the latter having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one race meeting and fined Rs.20,000.

The Stewards inquired into an incident near the 350 metres where **Door Of Deception** had to be checked. It was established that leaving the 400 metres **Navistar** shifted out under pressure, carrying **Chosen Dash** outwards, **Door Of Deception**, which was following **Navistar**, improved on its inside, was cramped for room when **Chosen Dash** was pushed out and at the same time **Silver Snaffles** shifted in under pressure. **Chosen Dash** was then taken in onto **Navistar**, which regained its position on the rail. The Stewards, being of the opinion that this incident could not be attributed to one particular rider, decided to report it as a racing incident. However, the Stewards reprimanded both jockeys David and Poullis and also advised jockey Poullis to exercise more control on his mounts.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Do Be Snappy after the race.

RACE 6 – THE GRIT 50th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF MAURITIUS CUP

Captain Magpie – Was cramped for room passing the 1300 metres and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Karraar**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear.

Oomph – Jumped inwards, bumping the hindquarters of **Prince Of Thieves**. Raced wide from the 500 metres. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Ségeon explained that the gelding jumped better today and settled well during the race and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, moved up well but stayed one pace over the concluding stages. In his opinion, **Oomph** did not enjoy the rain affected going.

Easy Lover – Lost off fore shoe.

Hard Day's Night – For some distance approaching the 200 metres was awkward close to the heels of **Reim**, was then taken to its inside to continue going forward.

M L Jet – Slow out. Approaching the 1200 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **One Cool Dude**.

Bouclette Top – Jumped inwards. Leaving the 1300 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **One Cool Dude**.

On inquiry, jockey Bussunt, rider of **Hard Day's Night**, was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish. He was fined Rs.15,000, however jockey Bussunt requested a suspension in lieu of a fine and was therefore suspended from riding in races for one race meeting.

On inquiry, jockey Chisty, rider of **Karraar**, pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that passing the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Captain Magpie**, resulting in the latter having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one race meeting and fined Rs.25,000.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Hard Day's Night after the race.

RACE 7 – THE GRIT REAL ESTATE INCOME GROUP TROPHY

Jullidar – Shifted in over the concluding stages.

Rock On Geordies – Shifted in momentarily approaching the 400 metres, crowding **Ramaas**. Shifted out away from the whip leaving the 100 metres, resulting in **Chester's Wish**, which was improving on its outside, running out of room and having to be steadied over the concluding stages. Jockey Bussunt was severely reprimanded and told that in future he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts.

Chester's Wish – Shifted in momentarily, crowding **Jals Tiger**. Jockey Sooful was shown the video replays of the incident and told to exercise care at all times. Over the concluding stages, was inconvenienced when **Rock On Geordies** shifted out and **Jullidar** shifted in under pressure.

It Doesn't Matter - Approaching the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Ramaas**, which was giving ground, to continue going forward.

Rebel Alliance - Was taken out to improve its position leaving the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

In The Trenches – Raced wide in the early stages.

Jals Tiger – Momentarily crowded for room passing the 400 metres.

League Of Legends – Slow out. Raced wide in the early stages.

Ramaas – Commenced to give ground approaching the 400 metres. Vet report: Distressed. Suspended 3 weeks. Should trial and pass an official veterinary examination before racing again.

Zap – Slow out. Taken to the inside of **In The Trenches** and **League Of Legends** over the concluding stages to continue going forward.

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

RACE 8 – THE ARMED GUARD CUP

Napoli – Carried wide passing the 300 metres.

Shreya's Star – Raced wide in the early stages. Failed to secure clear running over the last 100 metres.

Valerin – Was taken out approaching the 300 metres to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Napoli** wider on the track.

Bypass – Slipped on jumping, lost its footing and shifted in shortly after the start, bumping **The Third Man**.

The Third Man – Slow out.

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

GENERAL

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

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