

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 26 MAY 2018

Board of Racing Stewards: S. de Chalain (Chairman), P. Kalleechurn, H. Maigrot, S. Poonisamy, J. Zucal.
Observer: G. Kishtoo.

Weather: Fine
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 4.25m

GENERAL

Jockey Ghunowa was stood down after being injured at the start in the first race. The Stewards approved the following replacement riders:

Race 2: S. Bussunt on **Le Clos**
Race 3: A. Balloo on **Streetbouncer**

RACE 1 – THE PANDORA MOTHER'S DAY TROPHY – 990M

Nation Glow – After being loaded became fractious and forced its gate open, breaking through with jockey Ghunowa being injured. The gelding was withdrawn by order of the Stewards. In view of this, all bets on **Nation Glow** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **Nation Glow** being 29-1. The Stewards, not being satisfied with its performance in the stalls, informed trainer V. Allet that **Nation Glow** has been suspended and will need to pass a barrier test before being allowed to race again. Vet report: Injury in mouth.

Varside – Was re-examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Blue Jeans - Crowded at the start by **Brachetto**. Approaching the 100 metres shifted in under pressure.

Brachetto – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Blue Jeans** onto **It's My Party**. Shortly after the start was taken out to relieve the pressure on **Blue Jeans**, then tightened **Port Albert** onto **Newsman**. Leaving the 500 metres was angled inwards to take a position on the fence.

Storm Clipper – Bumped at the start. Hung in in the early part of the home straight.

Newsman – Was taken out approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

It's My Party – Crowded at the start by **Blue Jeans**. Passing the 600 metres was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Storm Clipper**, was taken out to avoid its heels and carried **Brachetto** wider on the track. Hung inwards in the straight.

Friday On My Mind - Jumped awkwardly, shifted in and bumped **Storm Clipper** and was then slow into stride. Was taken out from behind **Blue Jeans** leaving the 100 metres to continue going forward.

Port Albert – Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly.

RACE 2 – THE "PETS CONCERN - TREATING YOUR PET AS FAMILY" CUP – 1500M

The start was delayed when **Galtero** had to be re-saddled.

Galtero – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Rebel Alliance** onto **Gold Medalist**. Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to over-race, throwing its head when being settled.

Gold Medalist – Was slow into stride. Near the 850 metres commenced to over-race and steadied. Raced tightly at the turn into the straight. When questioned regarding the gelding's apparent poor performance, jockey Chisty explained that it usually races close to the pace and he expected to secure a position close to the pace for today's race however, from the jump **Gold Medalist** never mustered speed, resulting in it racing further out of its ground in the early stages. He added that in the middle stages of the race the gelding tendered to over-race and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, it failed to quicken and was disappointing. Vet report: Minor injury left fore foot. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

Le Clos - Passing the 1300 metres had to be eased when close to the heels of **Euroklidon**. Made the 1300 metres-crossing awkwardly. Raced wide from leaving the 450 metres.

Ouzo – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and shifting in, bumping **Euroklidon**.

Chester's Wish – Threw its head on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages.

Kali's Champ – Lay inwards approaching the 100 metres.

Aspara – Passing the 450 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Galtero** and carried **Le Clos** wide.

Euroklidon – Jockey Ramsamy dropped his whip near the 100 metres.

General

Jockey Ramsamy (**Euroklidon**) was reprimanded for allowing his mount to shift in near the 1300 metres when not clear of **Le Clos**, which had made the crossing awkwardly and steadied.

RACE 3 – THE NAHENDRA BAROSAH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP – 990M

The start was delayed when the bridle was dislodged from **Varonella** and had to be refitted. Trainer Nagadoo was reminded of his obligation to ensure that equipments are properly fitted on his horses.

The Right Road – Bumped heavily at the start and lost ground.

Aware – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumped heavily with **The Right Road** and crowded **The Right Road** onto **Wave Breaker**. In the early stages of the home straight could not secure clear running and was taken out from behind **Answeringensis** and **Streetbouncer** near the 100 metres to continue going forward.

Thrust - Slow into stride.

Hililyhililyhilo – Stood flat footed and was slow to begin.

Wavebreaker - Contacted with **Streetbouncer** after the start. From leaving the 300 metres for some distance was held up when unable to improve from behind **Varonella**.

Streetbouncer - Contacted with **Wavebreaker** after the start. Approaching the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Var's Dream** and near the 250 metres was taken out to secure clear running.

RACE 4 – THE ANIMAL WELFARE CHALLENGE CUP – 1400M

Entree – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

Awesome Adam – Raced wide throughout.

Dreamforest – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to over-race and, when restrained to avoid the heels of **New Hampshire**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. When questioned regarding its apparent improved performance, trainer Daby explained that he had expected an improved performance today as the gelding had worked well during the week and had improved following its first run this season.

Psycho Syd – Shortly after the start, was cramped for room between **Awesome Adam** and **Soldier's Code**, became unbalanced momentarily and was then taken in to secure a position closer to the rails. Inconvenienced approaching the 100 metres when endeavouring to secure a run between **New Hampshire** and **Silver Snaffles**, it was then taken to the inside of **New Hampshire** to continue going forward.

Alaadel – Leaving the 1365 metres raced in restricted room for some distance between **Burg** and **Soldier's Code**. From leaving the 1200 metres raced fiercely, throwing its head when being settled. Came off the crossing at the 1000 metres awkwardly.

Silver Snaffles – Raced wide in the early stages.

Purple Tractor – Commenced to shift ground under pressure leaving the 200 metres with jockey David switching his whip to his left hand. Over the concluding stages shifted in away from the whip. Jockey David reported that the gelding made respiratory noises in the straight.

New Hampshire – When questioned, jockey Rama explained that from leaving the 500 metres his mount dropped the bit and required to be hard ridden from then onwards to keep in touch with the rest of the field. He further explained that for him to take the inside run leaving the 250 metres he would have had to stop riding his mount and steer it to the inside and, as he was already under pressure, he elected to go straight and secure the run on the outside of **Burg** rather than take the inside run.

Burg – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Soldier's Code – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Alaadel** with the latter shifting in and bumping **Burg**.

RACE 5 – THE AQUASAIL WATERSPORTS CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1500M

Easy Lover – When questioned with regard to its apparent poor performance, jockey Ségeon explained that from the start his mount showed little interest in the race and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, did not respond to his urgings and failed to quicken. When questioned, trainer Henry explained that in his opinion the pace of the race did not suit this gelding whereby, when the field sprinted for home, **Easy Lover** could not accelerate. He also stated that he would give consideration to race this gelding over further distance.

Elusive Path – Fractious prior to the start and on jumping apprentice Allyhosain became unbalanced.

Kingmambo's Legacy – Raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Captain Magpie** approaching the 1300 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Captain Magpie – Commenced awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **St Tropez** and dipped. Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. Shifted in under pressure over the last 100 metres.

M L Jet – Jumped inwards.

Disco AI – Slow out.

Split The Breeze – Baulked on jumping.

Unbridled Joy – The elastoplasts on its hock loosened and slipped down at the barriers and were removed by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon.

St Tropez – Slow to begin and was bumped shortly after the start. Was taken out approaching the 300 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Everest – Had to be taken out leaving the 300 metres from behind **Captain Magpie** to continue going forward.

General

Apprentice Allyhosain (**Elusive Path**) was shown the video replays of the final straight and severely reprimanded and told that he should ride his mounts out to the finish.

RACE 6 – THE “Aquasail and Pets Concern” – MAURITIUS DERBY TRIAL CUP – 1365M

The Thinker – Shifted outwards approaching the 800 metres. Vet report: Coughing after race. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

Maximizer – Tightened on jumping. Shifted outwards near the 800 metres.

Oomph – Slow to begin. Shifted out near the 800 metres. Was taken out approaching the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Turbulent Air – Shortly after the start shifted in, crowding **Maximizer** onto **The Thinker** and after this incident raced tight on the inside of **Argo Solo** for some distance. Shifted outwards near the 900 metres. In the early stages of the home straight could not secure clear running. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **The Thinker**. Approaching the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Argo Solo** to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages was taken to the inside of **Charleston Hero** to continue going forward.

Lee's Star – Shifted outwards near the 800 metres. Vet report: Not striding out fully.

Argo Solo – From leaving the 1100 metres started to over-race and approaching the 1000 metres pulled itself into a tight gap on the inside of **Charleston Hero**, brushing the rails and becoming unbalanced. Following this incident continued to race extremely fiercely and leaving the 900 metres shifted in and shied away from **Charleston Hero**, striking the rails on numerous occasions, becoming extremely unbalanced with jockey Oliver losing the use of his near side stirrup and nearly being dislodged. Jockey Oliver regained the use of his near side stirrup approaching the 600 metres. Leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift in under pressure. Jockey Oliver was shown the video replays of the home straight and told that he should put the whip away and straighten his mounts in future.

Charleston Hero - Commenced to shift in from passing the 100 metres. Jockey Balloo was shown the video replays of the home straight and told that he should straighten his mounts in future. Jockey Balloo dropped his whip near the 100 metres.

General

On inquiry, after considering all the evidence in relation to the incidents involving **Argo Solo**, the Stewards were of the opinion that the racing behaviour of **Argo Solo** had been a major contributing factor of the interference suffered by the gelding.

Jockey Balloo (**Charleston Hero**) was advised that in circumstances where another rider is in extreme difficulty, he is to allow adequate racing room.

RACE 7 – THE PRS FRIENDSHIP CUP – 1365M

Philosopher – Passing the 600 metres was checked and lost its position. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

A P Strike – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to over-race, throwing its head when being settled. From approaching the 600 metres was taken out and allowed to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Apres Ski – Jumped awkwardly and shifted inwards, being slow to begin and bumping **Night Chapel**. From leaving the 1200 metres began to over-race, was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Raheeb**.

Raheeb – From its wide draw was taken back to race behind runners. Raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 1100 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Night Chapel**, throwing its head when being settled. Approaching the 800 metres was taken out and allowed to stride forward. Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres.

Night Chapel – Bumped at start. Dipped at the 400 metres.

General

On inquiry, jockey Oliver (**Raheeb**) was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take every possible and necessary steps to ensure that he did not interfere with **Philosopher** leaving the 600 metres. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Jockey David (**Philosopher**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 53 (a) for conducting himself in an improper manner in that he used foul language in the parade ring after the running of this race. He was fined Rs.25,000.

RACE 8 – THE ZILLAH CUP – 1650M

Mount Fuji – Had to be re-saddled prior to the start. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to over-race and had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Kimberley**. Leaving the 1000 metres was still over-racing and clipped the heels of **Kimberley**.

Jullidar – Slow to begin. From leaving the 900 metres was taken out and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead and raced wide from then onwards.

Kimberley – Near the 100 metres, when jockey Poullis changed whip to right hand, the whip became entangled in the reins.

Phoenix Rising – Slow to begin.

Zagazig – Slow to begin. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Eastern Echo – When in the parade ring became fractious, reared and fell. The gelding underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to race. Slow to begin.

Perplexing – Was taken out from leaving the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

GENERAL

a) Pre-race blood specimens were taken from all runners.

b) Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and from Newsman (Race 1) and Gold Medalist (Race 2).

SUMMARY	
Suspension	Race 7 – R. Oliver (Raheeb) – Rule 160 A (d) interference. 1 race meeting.
Fine	Race 7 - D. David (Philosopher) Rule 53 (a) – improper conduct. Rs.25,000.
Reprimands	Race 1 - K. Ramsamy (Euroklidon) Reprimanded for allowing his mount to shift in (1300m). Race 5 - J. Allyhosain (Elusive Path) Reprimanded and told that he must ride his mounts out to the finish.
Barrier test	Race 1 – Nation Glow (fractious, dislodged rider).

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