

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 2 JUNE 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: True

### GENERAL

The Administrators approved trainer G. Rousset's request to remove all his runners from the 10<sup>th</sup> race meeting, Saturday 2 June 2018. The following runners were withdrawn at 3 p.m. on Friday 1 June 2018:

Race 2: **It Doesn't Matter**  
Race 3: **Riding Shotgun**  
Race 4: **Glen Coco**  
Race 6: **Karraar & Scotsnog**  
Race 7: **Steal A March**  
Race 8: **Mooney**  
Race 9: **Sea Pass**

In view of these withdrawals, all bets on the above horses were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers in races 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 was re-opened.

### RACE 1 – THE J. HENRY YTHIER CUP – 1600M

**Kash Is King** - Slow to begin.

**St Arnault** – Bumped by **Anafesto** on jumping and shifted in, carrying **Vintage Angel** inwards, inconveniencing **Bobby's Express**. Passing the 500 metres was taken out from behind **Charles My Boy** to improve its position and carried **Anafesto** wider on the track. Leaving the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Shield Of Thunder** to continue going forward and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Zap** - Slow to begin. Over the concluding stages had to be eased when awkward on the heels of **Vintage Angel**. Vet report: Not striding out fully.

**Bobby's Express** - Slow to begin. Inconvenienced close to the heels of **Vintage Angel** after the start. Raced tight on the inside of **Anafesto** leaving the 1500 metres for some distance. Passing the 1400 metres was urged forward to the lead. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

**Charles My Boy** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **Anafesto**.

**Vintage Angel** – Carried in by **St Arnault** shortly after the start. Passing the 1200 metres restrained when **St Arnault** shifted inwards. Shifted in over the concluding stages. When questioned, jockey Ramsamy explained that this gelding was wearing blinkers again and that from approaching the 300 metres it began to over-race and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **St. Arnault**. He added that from then onwards it pulled itself to the front and, when asked for an effort near the 300 metres, quickened slightly but stayed one pace over the concluding stages.

**Shield Of Thunder** - Passing the 1200 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Charles My Boy**. Leaving the 900 metres commenced to over-race when **Vintage Angel** improved around it and was eased to avoid the heels of **Charles My Boy**.

**Commodus** - Slow to begin.

**Anafesto** - Brushed by **Charles My Boy** and shifted in onto **St Arnault**. Raced wide from approaching the 450 metres.

#### General

On inquiry jockey Teeha (**St Arnault**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that he allowed his mount to shift in passing the 1200 metres when not clear of **Vintage Angel** which restrained. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

On inquiry, trainer J. M. Henry (**Bobby's Express**) was reprimanded under MTC Rule 81 (2) and told that in future he is to advise the Racing Stewards timeously of any change in racing pattern of any of his runners.

### RACE 2 – THE TOP TV CUP – 1400M

With the withdrawal of **It Doesn't Matter**, **Red China** became a runner and was ridden by apprentice B. Louis.

Correct weight was withheld to view the video replays of the concluding stages in relation to **Afdeek** shifting out onto **Gstaad**. After viewing the film, the Stewards were satisfied with the placings and declared correct weight on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Biometric** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres misstrode. Approaching the 1100 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Square The Circle**. Approaching the 300 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Very Vary** and restrained. Jockey Sooful explained that he was tightened, however, his horse had raced greenly at that stage.

**Blunderbuss** – Threw its head on jumping. Had to steady when close to the heels of **Biometric** approaching the 600 metres.

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

**Afdeek** – Jumped awkwardly and threw its head. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to over-race. Approaching the 800 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. From leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift out under pressure, slightly inconveniencing **Gstaad**.

**Captain Moss** – Raced wide in the early stages.

**Gstaad** – Inconvenienced and carried outwards leaving the 200 metres.

**He's Got Gears** - From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

**Very Vary** – Lay inwards at the 300 metres.

**Square The Circle** – From approaching the 200 metres commenced to shift out under pressure. Near the 100 metres jockey Stackhouse changed his whip to his left hand and lost the use of his near side rein for some distance.

**Red China** – Leaving the 200 metres shifted out under pressure.

#### General

Jockey Rama (**Very Vary**) was reprimanded and advised to exercise care at all times.

### RACE 3 –THE TOP FM BREAKFAST SHOW CUP– 1365M

The start of this race was re-scheduled to commence at 1.38 p.m.

**Major Jay** – Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

**Schachar** - Slow to begin. Inconvenienced shortly after the start.

**Ocean Drive South** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Chosen Path**. Leaving the 100 metres commenced to shift in with jockey Ramsamy changing his whip to his right hand passing the 50 metres.

**Dealer's Charm** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, inconveniencing **Schachar**. Leaving the 1300 metres commenced to over-race and was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ocean Drive South** and again approaching the 1000 metres.

**Sky High Flyer** - Taken out approaching the 300 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

**Flower Blue** – Raced fiercely from leaving the 1300 metres, throwing its head on numerous occasions when eased to avoid the heels of **Chosen Path**.

#### **RACE 4 – THE TOP FM BREAKING NEWS CUP – 1365M**

**Northern Rebel** - Slow to begin.

**Glorious Goodwood** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, inconveniencing **Northern Rebel**. Was taken out passing the 400 metres to improve its position.

**Roman Emperor** – Approaching the 300 metres had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Royal Explorer**, which was giving ground.

**Fortissimo** – Bumped at the start. From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Eased leaving the 400 metres.

**Royal Explorer** – Jumped outwards, bumping **Fortissimo**. Came off the crossings at the 1000 and 800 metres awkwardly. Was urged forward passing the 600 metres and commenced to give ground passing the 400 metres. From approaching the 400 metres commenced to give ground, resulting in **Le Clos**, which was following, being inconvenienced and having to be steadied to avoid its heels. **Fortissimo**, which was following, also had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Le Clos**. When questioned, trainer Hurchund explained that at its first start in Mauritius the gelding showed pace over 990 metres, however it jumped the crossing at the 800 metres and then became unbalanced and lost its momentum. For today's race he decided to fit the gelding with blinkers and pacifiers and endeavoured to secure the lead, hoping that it would not jump the crossings with the benefit of the pacifiers. He also said that he told jockey Balloo to urge the gelding across the crossings so that it races truly. He added that in his opinion the fact that **Royal Explorer** was urged over the crossings at the 1300 and the 1000 metres resulted in it over-racing in the early stages and consequently compounded passing the 400 metres. He further added that at its next start he would consider to attempt to settle the gelding behind a horse in order to teach it not to jump the crossings.

**Le Clos** – Jumped outwards, inconveniencing **Northern Rebel** and bumping **Glorious Goodwood**. Inconvenienced leaving the 400 metres and had to be eased.

#### **RACE 5 – THE TOP FM COZE DO MO PEP CUP – 1650M**

This morning it was discovered by the Gujadhur Stable that **Night Circus** had died overnight. The Club's Veterinary Surgeon who attended, advised that in her opinion the gelding had sustained a colic attack. The gelding will now be sent for post mortem analysis. In view of this, all bets on **Night Circus** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened at 9 a.m.

**Greys Inn Control** – Commenced to give ground from leaving the 400 metres and approaching the 300 metres was carried out by **Burwaaz**.

**Emaar** – Leaving the 900 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Kemal Kavur**. When being eased approaching the 800 metres shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Avail**.

**Aficionado** – Jumped awkwardly and from its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

**Avail** – Raced wide in the early stages.

**Burwaaz** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 400 metres over some distance was held up when unable to improve from behind **New Star**. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position.

**New Star** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding its apparent improved performance, trainer S. Nagadoo explained the gelding had worked well since its last start and had improved within itself. He was hopeful of a forward showing but thought that it would run a place.

#### **RACE 6 – THE TOP FM – LE TROPHEE DU BICENTENAIRE DU MTC – 1500M**

**Kremlin Captain** – Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

**Baritone** – Approaching the 400 metres was taken out from behind **Kremlin Captain** to improve its position.

**Hard Day's Night** – Momentarily tightened shortly after the start. Approaching the 700 metres jockey van der Merwe adjusted his near side stirrup.

**Speed Limit** – Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

**One Cool Dude** – Shifted in shortly after the start, tightening **Hard Day's Night** onto **Kremlin Captain**.

**Reim** – Passing the 1300 metres was checked when crowded for room on the inside of **Speed Limit**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear.

## General

On inquiry, jockey Oliver (**Speed Limit**) was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding in that passing the 1300 metres he allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Reim**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.20,000.

## **RACE 7 – THE TOP FM LEVE MAURICE CUP – 1500M**

**Mutzi** – Slow to begin.

**Ryder Cup** – Stumbled badly on jumping and then raced wide in the early stages. When questioned, jockey D. Stackhouse advised that, after the gelding had stumbled at the start, it had not stretched out fully and he was of the opinion that the gelding may have injured itself. Under these circumstances he elected not to force **Ryder Cup** along and eased the gelding down. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

**Memphis Mafia** – Taken out to avoid the heels of **Jama** near the 1000 metres.

**Jama** – Eased close to the heels of **Belenos** approaching the 1000 metres.

## General

Jockey Chisty (**Belenos**) was severely reprimanded for slowing down the pace leaving the 1100 metres.

## **RACE 8 – THE TOP FM HOT TURF TALK CUP – 990M**

With the withdrawal of **Mooney**, **Lucky At Start** became a runner and was ridden by jockey B. Bhaugeerothee. Just prior to the start, **Valcar** reared up and then threw itself down, becoming cast in the barrier. All runners were removed from the barrier stalls and **Valcar** was eventually extracted from under the barrier. **Valcar** was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 4.25 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Valcar** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 2 cents per rupee, the average price of **Valcar** being 32/1. Trainer Hurchund was told that the gelding will need to pass a barrier test to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

After being loaded **World Dreamer** broke through the barrier, the gelding was quickly reigned in and returned to take its place at the start.

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to view the start of the race. It was established that when the gates opened **Varadiso** refused to jump and took no part in the race. The Stewards being of the opinion that **Varadiso** was in a position to jump with the rest of the field, correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers. Trainer P. Merven was advised that the gelding should undergo three satisfactory barrier tests before being allowed to race again.

**Sir Cliff** – Shifted out on jumping, bumped.

**World Dreamer** – Half reared at the start.

**Final Cup** – At the start bumped by **Raheeb** and shifted in, carrying **World Dreamer** inwards with the latter bumping **Sir Cliff**.

**Raheeb** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Final Cup**. **Final Cup** then shifted in and carried **World Dreamer** inwards onto **Sir Cliff**, bumping the latter.

**Lucky At Start** – Slow to begin.

## **RACE 9 – THE CHICA CUP – 1400M**

Despite repeated attempts, **Polar Rock** could not be placed in its barrier and was withdrawn by order of the Stewards at 5.01 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Polar Rock** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 5 cents per rupee, the average price of **Polar Rock** being 14-1. Trainer Rameshwar Gujadhur was advised that the gelding should pass two barrier tests to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

**Al Firenze** – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Dark Liability** – Jumped outwards, inconveniencing **Badawee**.

**In The Trenches** – Shifted in shortly after the start, bumping **Al Firenze**.

**Nadas** – Carried wide near the 300 metres.

**Starsky** – Raced in restricted room for some distance approaching the 300 metres. Had to be eased passing the 300 metres.

**Halabaloo** – Taken out to avoid the heels of **Starsky** passing the 300 metres, carrying **Nadas** wider on the track.

**Badawee** – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced and carried inwards shortly after the start. Commenced to over-race approaching the 1200 metres and proved difficult to control from then onwards. Taken out to avoid the heels of **Starsky** passing the 1200 metres. Raced wide from passing the 1100 metres. Urged forward to secure a position closer to the fence passing the 500 metres. Not persevered with over the concluding stages.

**Stock Broker** – Carried out by **Badawee** passing the 1200 metres. Passing the 700 metres jockey Stackhouse adjusted his near side stirrup.

General

On inquiry, jockeys David (**Badawee**) and Steyn (**In The Trenches**) were reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (f) and told to exercise care at all times.

**GENERAL (1)**

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 post-race blood specimens were taken for analysis from Shield Of Thunder & Kash Is King (Race 1), Biometric & Afdeek (Race 2), Ocean Drive South & Flower Blue (Race 3), Northern Rebel & Roman Emperor (Race 4), Kemal Kavur (Race 5), Netflix, Memphis Mafia & Jama (Race 7) and Badawee (Race 9).

**GENERAL (2)**

The Racing Stewards inquired into an incident at track work on Tuesday 29 May 2018 involving jockey S. Bussunt. Jockey Bussunt (**Newlands**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 53 (a) for acting improperly in that he struck his mount on the head on two occasions. He was fined Rs.5,000.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Race 1</b> – N. Teeha (St Arnault): Rule 160 A (f) careless riding. 1 race meeting
<b>Suspension &amp; Fine</b>	<b>Race 6</b> – R. Olivier (Speed Limit): Rule 160 A (f) careless riding. 1 race meeting & Rs.20.000
<b>Fine</b>	<b>Track Work on 29.5.18</b> - S. Bussunt (Newlands): Rule 53 (a) acting improperly. Rs.5,000
<b>Reprimands</b>	<p><b>Race 1</b> – Trainer J. M. Henry (Bobby's Express): Rule 81 (2) Reprimanded and told that he should inform the Stewards timeously of any change in racing pattern</p> <p><b>Race 2</b> - S. Rama (Very Vary): Reprimanded &amp; advised to exercise care (300m)</p> <p><b>Race 7</b> - I. Chisty (Belenos): Reprimanded for slowing down the pace (1100m)</p> <p><b>Race 9</b> – D. David (Baldawee): Reprimanded under Rule 160 A (f) and told to exercise care K. Steyn (In The Trenches): Reprimanded under Rule 160A(f) and told to exercise care</p>
<b>Barrier tests</b>	<p><b>Race 8</b> – Valcar (fractious in the stall). Varadiso (refused to jump).</p> <p><b>Race 9</b> - Polar Rock (refused to load).</p>
<b>Vet Certificate</b>	<b>Race 3</b> – Major Jay: Bled. Suspended 30 days.

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