

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2018

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

Weather: Fine  
Track: Normal 2.8  
Rail position: 4.5m

### RACE 1 – THE MR CALIFORNIA PLATE – 1500M

**Jals Tiger** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Halabaloo**.

**Seventh Speed** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1300 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Nadas**, which was carried in by **Halabaloo**. When questioned, jockey Sola explained that from shortly after the start the gelding commenced to race erratically and from approaching the 1200 metres, when he tried to improve on the inside of horses his mount refused to do so and dropped the bit from the 400 metres and, despite his urgings, failed to quicken. When questioned, trainer S. Narang explained that the gelding was lightly framed and inexperienced at this stage of its career.

**Nadas** – Approaching the 1300 metres carried in by **Halabaloo**.

**Birds Eye View** – Shortly after start was cramped for racing room. Vet report: No abnormality.

**Halabaloo** – Bumped on jumping, then shifted in, crowding **Birds Eye View** onto **Starsky**. Approaching the 1300 metres shifted in, carrying **Nadas** across. Apprentice Louis was shown the video replays of the incident and told to exercise care in future. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

**Right To Tango** – Was taken out approaching the 300 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Starsky** – Bumped on the hindquarter shortly after the start.

**Man From Seattle** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 900 metres improved around **Right To Tango** and at the same time the latter was taken out and carried **Man From Seattle** wider on the track. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Sooful explained that after jumping fairly, the gelding showed no interest in the race and, when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, showed no acceleration, stayed one pace and was disappointing. Vet report: No abnormality.

### RACE 2 – THE MALARTIC PLATE – 1450M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Ramsamy (**Tweak The Wind**), the rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter, against **Heart Of Darkness**, ridden by apprentice B. Louis, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the final straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that rounding the home straight **Heart Of Darkness** shifted out slightly and was taken back in; approaching the 200 metres **Tweak The Wind**, which was following, was taken out from behind **Heart Of Darkness** to secure clear running. The Stewards were of the opinion that **Heart Of Darkness** was clear when it shifted ground and that jockey Ramsamy never stopped riding his mount. As such, the objection was dismissed and correct weight declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Doyles** – Commenced awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **The Brass Bell**. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Fortissimo** – Commenced awkwardly and shifted in, brushing the right side of its gate. Near the 600 metres raced in restricted room for a short distance. Leaving the 250 metres was inconvenienced and had to steady when endeavouring to improve into a tight gap between **Doyles** and **Phoenix Rising** when **Doyles** was laying in.

**Tweak The Wind** – Passing the 200 metres had to be taken out to secure clear running.

**Royal Explorer** – Commenced awkwardly and shifted out. Shortly after the start, threw its head when being steadied after racing in restricted room between **Doyles** and **Rebel Alliance**.

**Brave Leader** – Raced wide throughout.

**The Brass Bell** – Raced fiercely from approaching the 1200 metres, throwing its head when being restrained.

**Phoenix Rising** – Slow to begin.

### **RACE 3 – THE DEMDYKE MEMORIAL CUP – 1400M**

**Var's Dream** – Shifted out in the early stages of the home straight.

**Our Jet** – On jumping, shied away from **Sunset Breeze** and shifted out, crowding **Jambamman** onto **Soldier's Code**. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**Soldier's Code** – Slow to begin.

**Soweto Moon** – Angled out to secure clear running entering the home straight and raced wide into the straight.

**Sunset Breeze** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, unbalancing jockey Ramsamy. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

**Jambamman** – Fractious prior to the start. Slow to begin and knuckled. Passing the 300 metres, momentarily tightened on the inside of **Chinese Gold**.

**Barak Lavan** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to race fiercely and had to be steadied on several occasions when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Var's Dream**. Brushed the rail near the 850 metres. Vet report: Cut into near hind.

**Ocean Drive South** – Leaving the 800 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Our Jet**.

### **RACE 4 – THE J. ANDRE KOENIG CUP – 1450M**

**In The Loop** - Bumped out of the gates and shifted out, bumping **Eight Cities**.

**Cape Horn** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **In The Loop**. Leaving the 800 metres raced tight on the inside of **Duke The Duke** and passing the 600 metres had to be steadied. Raced tight on the inside of **Duke The Duke** at the 400 metres.

**Duke The Duke** – Approaching the 700 metres, for some distance, raced tight onto **Cape Horn**. Was carried in by **Interferometer** near the 600 metres and near the 400 metres, resulting in **Cape Horn** racing in restricted room.

**Eight Cities** – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Bumped by **In The Loop** shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Galtero** – Jumped awkwardly and threw its head. From passing the 1300 metres commenced to race fiercely and, when settled, threw its head, racing ungenerously for some distance.

**Interferometer** – Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 600 metres and near the 400 metres shifted in, carrying **Duke The Duke** inwards onto **Cape Horn**.

**Mambo** – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Slow to begin. From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners.

**Captain Ram** – Slow to begin. Was urged forward approaching the 1300 metres to secure a position behind the leader, raced fiercely from approaching the 1200 metres and had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ready For Take Off**.

### **GENERAL**

The Stewards inquired into the section of the race between the 700 metres to passing the 600 metres where **Cape Horn** was held tight and restrained near the 600 metres. It was established that approaching the 800 metres **Interferometer** shifted out with **Duke The Duke** improving on its inside and then leaving the 700 metres continued to hold **Cape Horn** tight with that horse being inconvenienced. Approaching the 600 metres **Interferometer**, which was shifting ground, lay inwards carrying **Duke The Duke** inwards onto **Cape Horn**, which restrained and consequently raced in restricted room.

Jockey R. Oliver (**Duke The Duke**) was severely reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for not taking every possible and necessary steps to ensure that **Duke The Duke** did not intimidate **Cape Horn**.

Whilst the Stewards accepted that **Interferometer** was racing greenly and shifting ground, the Stewards warned jockey Balloo and advised him that he is to exercise care at all times.

### **RACE 5 – THE ROBINSON CUP – 1650M**

**The Right Road** - Fractious in its gate prior to the start.

**Mutzi** – Passing the 1000 metres started to over-race.

**Olympic Bolt** – Slow into stride.

**Rap Attack** – Slow to begin. Was taken out from approaching the 600 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Passing the 400 metres was taken further out and raced extremely wide on the track.

**Act Of Loyalty** – Dipped at the start. Taken out approaching the 300 metres, carrying **Orange Tractor** wider on the track.

**Charleston Hero** – Dipped at the start. When questioned, apprentice Louis explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead and dictate from the front. He added that after jumping well he managed to secure the lead and from then on dictated its own pace, however from the 400 metres the gelding dropped the bit and, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointing. Vet report: Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

**Orange Tractor** – Was carried out passing the 900 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Carried wider near the 300 metres.

#### **RACE 6 – THE MAURITIUS GUINEAS CUP – 1600M**

**Elusive Path** – Shifted out shortly after the start. Over-raced passing the 1000 metres and had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Maximizer**.

**Oomph** – Slow to begin. Near the 1250 metres eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Elusive Path**.

**Lee's Star** – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**The Great One** – Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 1200 metres was allowed to stride forward to take the lead. Hung inwards in the home straight.

**I Travel Light** – Approaching the 1300 metres was racing keen and was steadied to avoid the heels of **Lee's Star**.

**Newlands** – Slow to begin. Over-raced approaching the 1300 metres, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Misty Roller** and had to be restrained. Hung out in the home straight.

#### **RACE 7 – THE VILLIERS CUP – 1500M**

**Melson** – Slow to begin. Taken out passing the 400 metres to improve its position, carrying **Pop The Question** wider on the track. Approaching the 700 metres steadied when awkward close to the heels of **Palladium**.

**Palladium** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Melson**. Approaching the 1400 metres commenced to race fiercely, getting its head up and was taken out to avoid the heels of **Schachar**, carrying **Paladin** outwards.

**Schachar** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out.

**Bezamod** – Raced wide in the early stages and from the 1250 metres was allowed to stride forward.

**Paladin** – Approaching the 1365 metres had to steady to avoid the heels of **Pride Rock**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Trainer Mr. Ramapatee Gujadhur informed the Stewards that he would retire the gelding.

**Prince Lateral** – Slow to begin. From approaching the 1100 metres commenced to race fiercely and had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Melson**. Near the 150 metres was taken to the inside of **Palladium** to continue going forward.

#### **GENERAL**

The Stewards inquired into the incident near the 1365 metres. It was established that at this stage of the race **Palladium** commenced to race extremely fiercely, getting its head in the air, and shifted out, carrying **Paladin** outwards. Shortly after this, **Pride Rock** shifted inwards, inconveniencing **Paladin**. Apprentice Louis (**Pride Rock**) was reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside in future.

#### **RACE 8 – THE WINKING CUP – 1850M**

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Chisty (**Jullidar**), the rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter, against **Kimberley**, ridden by apprentice B. Louis, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the final straight. Evidence was taken from both riders and trainers. It was established that approaching the 100 metres **Jullidar** commenced to shift outwards behind **Kimberley**, which was laying inwards, with **Jullidar** running onto the heels of **Kimberley** and jockey Chisty electing to take his mount out to continue going forward. After consideration, the Stewards decided to dismiss the objection and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

**Jullidar** – Bumped on its hindquarter shortly after the start, became unbalanced, crowding **Al Hamd** onto **Uncle JB**. Shifted outwards approaching the 100 metres and bumped.

**Nightingale Lane** – From approaching the 1600 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, momentarily tightened by **Kimberley**, which shifted in and then threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

**Kimberley** – Forced its gate open prior to the start and was quickly reigned in. Lay inwards over the final 100 metres.

**My Boy Willie** – Raced fiercely from shortly after the start. Approaching the 600 metres hung in.

**Uncle JB** – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and shifted in, bumping **Al Hamd**.

**Ice Emperor** – Shortly after the start shifted in, crowding **Uncle JB** onto **Al Hamd**, **Al Hamd** then shifted in and bumped the hindquarter of **Jullidar** with the latter becoming unbalanced and shifting out.

**Al Hamd** – Crowded on jumping.

**Sea Pass** – Approaching the 1400 metres, when being restrained, shifted in, momentarily bumping **Jullidar**. Was taken out from the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

#### GENERAL

a) The Stewards inquired into an incident passing the 1600 metres when **Nightingale Lane** steadied. It was established that at this stage of the race, jockey K. Steyn was attempting to settle the gelding and **Kimberley** (B.Louis) shifted inwards. Apprentice Louis was advised that he is to make every effort to keep his mounts straight in future.

b) The Stewards inquired into the riding tactics of **Nightingale Lane** (K. Steyn). Jockey Steyn advised that he had been instructed to race behind the lead and not to lead as this was the first occasion the gelding had raced over 1850 metres in Mauritius. He had ridden the gelding positively from the barrier and attempted to settle **Nightingale Lane** but the gelding had commenced to over-race, throwing its head and consequently proved difficult to settle. He further stated that passing the 1300 metres **Nightingale Lane** had settled and from thereon had raced comfortably on the rail. Trainer Mr. C. Ramdin confirmed these instructions and stated that he did not want the gelding to lead as this was its first occasion over 1850 metres in Mauritius. Mr. Ramdin expressed satisfaction with the ride of jockey Steyn. The Stewards proceeded no further with the inquiry and noted the explanations.

c) The Stewards inquired into the handling of **My Boy Willie** (R. Oliver). Jockey Oliver was found guilty under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (j) for failing to ride to the satisfaction of the Stewards in that from leaving the 1300 metres, when the pace was a steady one and that his mount had continued to over-race for the first 500 metres, when there was an opportunity for him to allow **My Boy Willie** to stride forward, he instead over-restrained the latter until near the 600 metres, thus being counter-productive to its chances. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs.25,000.

d) The Stewards inquired into an incident leaving the 100 metres. It was established that approaching the 100 metres, when being ridden with the whip, **Jullidar** commenced to shift outwards and shortly after **Kimberley** commenced to lay inwards under pressure, with **Jullidar** having to be taken out to continue going forward. When being taken out, **Jullidar** bumped **Nightingale Lane**, which was improving on its outside, which then shifted out onto **Sea Pass**.

Apprentice Louis (**Kimberley**) was strongly advised that he is to make every effort to keep his mounts straight in the future.

#### 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 post-race blood specimen was taken for analysis from Barak Lavan (Race 3).

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Suspension &amp; Fine</b>	<b>Race 8</b> – R. Oliver (My Boy Willie): 2 race meetings & Rs.25,000 for failing to ride to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 4</b> – R. Oliver (Duke The Duke): Severely reprimanded for not taking steps to ensure that his mount did not intimidate another runner (700-600m). <b>Race 7</b> – B. Louis (Pride Rock): Reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside (1365m). <b>Race 8</b> – B. Louis (Kimberley): Strongly advised to keep his mounts straight (100m).