

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Normal 2.8
Rail position: 1.75m

RACE 1 – THE RAOUL CORSON CUP

Rasta Rebel - Passing the 600 metres shied away when **Sea Pass** improved on its outside, shifted in, brushing the hindquarters of **St Arnault**. Taken out passing the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Birds Eye View - Hung in in the home straight with its rider putting his whip away to ride it hands and heels.

Ice Emperor – Slow to begin.

Wing Man - Slow to begin.

Sea Pass – Leaving the 700 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Bobby's Express - Slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early stages, throwing its head when being settled. Passing the 1200 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **St Arnault**.

Spin A Coin – Slow into stride. Commenced to give ground from approaching the 300 metres.

St Arnault – Leaving the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Birds Eye View** to secure clear running. Hung in in the home straight.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Rasta Rebel

RACE 2 – LE PRIX PIERRE HUGNIN

Seven Wood - Raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Palladium – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate, being slow out. Vet report: Coughing. Scoped: Blood in the trachea.

Freddie Flint - Approaching the 300 metres shifted in momentarily, brushing the running rail.

Fortissimo – Jumped awkwardly, being slow out, shifted in and brushed the hindquarters of **Seven Wood**. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Sky High Flyer – Dipped near the 950 metres. Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres.

Spy Fiction – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Gave ground leaving the 400 metres.

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

RACE 3 –THE GOLD LEAF HOTEL TROPHY

Candy Rock – Was found to be lame on its off fore leg after being saddled at the stable. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 1.38 p.m. In view of this, all bets on **Candy Rock** were

allowed to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Candy Rock** being 13-1.

Act Of Loyalty – Raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1300 metres was eased to secure a position closer to the fence. Was taken out from behind **Talbec** passing the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. When questioned, apprentice Allyhosain explained that he was instructed to find cover and had to ease his mount and take it in passing the 1300 metres to do so. He added that from then onwards his mount raced relaxed, however when taken out passing the 450 metres, the latter failed to quicken and was trotting short at the pull up. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Kemal Kavur – Jumped inwards, carrying **Act Of Loyalty** inwards with the latter crowding **Orange Tractor** onto **Talbec**.

Talbec – Threw its head on jumping, slow to begin. From approaching the 450 metres commenced to give ground, resulting in **Act Of Loyalty** being taken out. When questioned, jockey Hoolash explained that he managed to obtain a position one off the fence behind the leader and travelled well from then onwards, however leaving the 600 metres it began to give ground and, when asked for an effort, failed to respond and was disappointing. He added that it was blowing after the race. Vet report: Scoped: No abnormality.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Orange Tractor and blood specimen from Talbec after the race.

RACE 4 – THE CHANG FONG MARINE SHIPPING LTD TROPHY

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider an objection lodged by jockey Poullis, rider of **Racing For Fun**, which was declared 2nd, against **Noah's Ark**, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the final straight. After taking evidence from both riders and trainers and viewing the video replays of the incident, it was established that from approaching the 250 metres **Racing For Fun** was eased and taken in when awkward close to the heels of **Charleston Hero**, which was giving ground and passing the 250 metres jockey Poullis attempted to force his way between **Charleston Hero** and **Noah's Ark**, with **Racing For Fun** being disappointed for room and shortly after had to be eased and taken in to avoid the heels of **Noah's Ark**. The Stewards, being of the opinion that (a) jockey Poullis had to ease his mount and take it in to avoid the heels of **Charleston Hero** running onto the heels of **Noah's Ark**, (b) there was never a gap for jockey Poullis to improve into and (c) when jockey David switched his mount out, jockey Poullis was behind him, as such the objection was dismissed and correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Charleston Hero – Jumped awkwardly, bumping with **Great Value**, became unbalanced and shifted in, crowding **Great Value** on **Racing For Fun**. Commenced to give ground passing the 300 metres.

Thrust – Slow to begin. Vet report: Not striding out properly.

Chinese Gold - Slow to begin. Was taken out leaving the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

No Resistance – Taken to the one off position approaching the 1000 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Racing For Fun – Passing the 250 metres had to ease when attempting a run between **Charleston Hero**, which was giving ground, and **Noah's Ark**. Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Noah's Ark** and, shortly after, from **Answering Genesis** to secure clear running.

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

RACE 5 – THE MAI MAI CO. LTD TROPHY

The start was delayed when **Netflix** proved difficult to load.

Zud Wes – Approaching the 200 metres hung in despite jockey Poullis's attempt to straighten it and shifted in. **Bouclette Top**, which was following, had to be taken out to continue going forward.

Argun – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. Was taken out from leaving the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Exit Here – From leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Malak El Moolook**.

Bouclette Top – Slow to begin. Taken out leaving the 200 metres to continue going forward.

Malak El Moolook – Jumped awkwardly and shortly after was bumped on its hindquarter by **Exit Here** and shifted out.

Psycho Syd – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Netflix - Slow to begin.

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

RACE 6 – THE SIR RADHAMOHUN GUJADHUR CUP

Northern Rebel – Slow to begin and shortly after had to steady when awkward on the inside of **Riding Shotgun**. Approaching the 600 metres was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Zodiac Jack**.

Riding Shotgun – Shortly after the start taken in by **Royal Explorer**. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly. Leaving the 300 metres was cramped for galloping room between **Ku Du Tu** and **Zodiac Jack** and had to be eased. From leaving the 200 metres was inconvenienced when **Zodiac Jack** shifted in under pressure. Jockey Rama, rider of **Zodiac Jack**, was shown the video replays of the incident and told to straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Captain Falcon – Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. From leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, carrying **Northern Rebel**, which was improving on its inside inwards. Jockey Bussunt was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and told that in future he should straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

Doyles – Was taken out to avoid the heels of **Royal Explorer** at the 450 metres and carried **Zodiac Jack** wider on the track.

Royal Explorer – Jumped inwards. Jumped the crossing at the 800 metres. Hesitated on the crossing at the 450 metres.

Zodiac Jack - Hung in in the home straight despite jockey Rama's attempt to straighten it.

On inquiry, it was established that approaching the 300 metres **Ku Du Tu** was taken out from behind **Captain Falcon**, at the same time **Riding Shotgun**, which was improving on the outside of **Ku Du Tu**, shied away from **Zodiac Jack**, which was improving on its outside and shifted in, running onto the heels of **Ku Du Tu** and had to be eased. The Stewards, being of the opinion that the racing manner of **Riding Shotgun** had contributed to the incident, decided to report it as a racing incident.

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

RACE 7 – THE PROSAFE SOUVENIR TROPHY

Greatfiveight – Jumped outwards, bumping **Duke The Duke**.

Top Of The Rock – Was taken out approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Duke The Duke – Bumped at the start. Gave ground from leaving the 300 metres. When questioned with regard to its poor performance, jockey Oliver explained that he was instructed to secure a position just off the pace in a one off position. He stated that his mount raced relaxed throughout and, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, failed to respond and was disappointing. Vet report: No abnormality.

Napoli – Slow to begin.

Together Forever – Fly-jumped at start and was slow to begin. Passing the 450 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Bypass**.

Bypass – Slow to begin. Approaching the 450 metres had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Greatfiveight**. Near the 350 metres taken out to improve its position and carried **Napoli** wider on the track.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from **Top Of The Rock** and **Duke The Duke** after the race.

RACE 8 – PRIX LONGCHAMP

Emblem Royale – Raced wide in the early stages. From approaching the 200 metres commenced to shift in, inconveniencing **He's Got Gears**, which was improving on its inside. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Rock On Geordies – Passing the 1300 metres was cramped for room on the inside of **Tweak The Wind**. On inquiry, it was established that approaching the 1300 metres **Tweak The Wind** and **Chap Trap** bumped on a couple of occasions, resulting in **Tweak The Wind** becoming unbalanced, shifting in onto **Rock On Geordies**. Raced wide from leaving the 500 metres.

Chap Trap – Near the 1365 metres bumped with **Tweak The Wind** on a couple of occasions. Bumped near the 1000 metres. On inquiry, it was established that **Kapteinspandiseile** and **Chap Trap** were racing tight with **Kapteinspandiseile** shifting in momentarily, bumping **Chap Trap** and becoming unbalanced. Jockey Fradd, rider of **Kapteinspandiseile**, was reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside.

Tweak The Wind - Near the 1365 metres bumped with **Chap Trap** on a couple of occasions.

Saracen King – Shortly after the start its rider lost his near side stirrup, which he quickly regained.

He's Got Gears – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced 1300 metres.

Kapteinspandiseile – Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Midnight Man – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 800 metres was taken out when awkward close to the heels of **Rock On Geordies**.

On inquiry, trainer Maingard explained that he instructed jockey Oliver (**Indian Tractor**) to endeavour to secure a position on the fence, let the gelding race where comfortable and wait for the 250 metres for his best effort. Jockey Oliver confirmed these instructions and explained that after jumping fairly he had to niggle at his mount in view to secure a position on the fence and that from then onwards the gelding raced relaxed but failed to quicken as expected when asked for an effort, being disappointing. When questioned, jockey Oliver stated that for him to secure the position behind **Heart of Darkness** leaving the 1200 metres, he would have had to ask his mount for an effort and the latter might have raced fiercely, which he did not want as it is a horse that usually races fiercely. Trainer Maingard concurred and explained that according to him, when asked for an effort at the 250 metres, the gelding was in a position to win if good enough. The Stewards did not proceed further.

Routine urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from Tweak The Wind after the race.

GENERAL

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

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