

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

**Board of Racing Stewards:** S. de Chalain (Chairman), R. Kalleechurn, H. Maigrot, S. Poonisamy, J. Zucal.

Observers: G. Kishtoo, J. Awotar.

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Track: Normal 2.8

Rail position: 2.50m

### RACE 1 – THE SERGE HENRY CHALLENGE CUP – 1400M

**King Salute** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Pimpernel** which then shifted in, carrying **Masaar** inwards onto **Night Chapel**. Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 1300 metres shied away when **Bobby's Express** improved on its outside, shifted in and had to be eased when awkward close to the heels of **Pimpernel**.

**Anton Ruskin** – Taken out from approaching the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Masaar** – Apprentice Deenath could only claim 2.5kg of his 4kg allowance. He was reprimanded for not claiming his full allowance. Carried inwards, bumping the hindquarters of **Night Chapel**. Hung out in the home straight.

**Night Chapel** – Crowded shortly after the start. Over-raced in the middle stages.

**Right To Tango** – Slow to begin.

**Bobby's Express** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced wide in the early stages. Approaching the 100 metres commenced to hang in under pressure. **Kash Is King**, which was improving on its inside, was slightly inconvenienced. Jockey Sooful stopped riding and straightened his mount

**Tigre Libre** – Dipped at the 1000 metres.

**Pimpernel** – Bumped upon jumping.

**Kash Is King** – Slow to begin, threw its head, losing considerable ground. Taken out from approaching the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Taken inwards passing the 200 metres.

### RACE 2 – THE APEX 247 TROPHY – 1500M

**Afdeek** – Commenced extremely awkwardly, threw its head and shifted out, inconveniencing **Prince Lateral**. In the early stages of the home straight had difficulty in securing clear running. Approaching the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Eurolikdon** to continue going forward.

**Eurolikdon** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, brushing the left side of its gate.

**Prince Lateral** – Slow to begin and inconvenienced shortly after.

**Golden Ball** – Raced wide in the early stages. Carried out by **Kapteinspandiseile** leaving the 300 metres.

**Kapteinspandiseile** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the right side of its gate. Taken out near the 300 metres. Hung in in the home straight. Hung out over the concluding stages.

**Zen Master** – Raced wide throughout.

**Volatile Energy** – Hung in in the home straight.

### RACE 3 – THE APEX CORPORATE SERVICES TROPHY – 1400M

**Apple Jack** – Got its head up and was slow to begin. Passing the 1000 metres got its head up and raced ungenerously for a short distance. Near the 200 metres was endeavouring to improve into a gap between **Criss Cross Man** and **Tower Of Wisdom**, ran out of galloping room and had to be checked.

**Sierra Redwood** – Raced wide throughout. Leaving the 600 metres commenced to give ground and was not persevered with in the home straight, finishing tailed off. Vet report: No apparent abnormality.

**Cape Horn** – Raced wide from the 450 metres and lay inwards in the home straight.

**Galtero** - Got its head up on jumping and was slow into stride.

**Henry Tudor** – Leaving the 100 metres shifted out under pressure, inconveniencing **A P Strike**. Jockey Rama was reprimanded under MTC Rule 160 A (f) for careless riding and told that he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts sooner than he did on this occasion.

**The Brass Bell** – Stood flat-footed at the start and missed the start significantly.

**Vision of Trust** – Bumped shortly after the start.

**A P Strike** – Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

**Criss Cross Man** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 100 metres shifted outwards under pressure, making contact with **Tower Of Wisdom**.

**Tower Of Wisdom** – Raced wide in the early stages. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted in and bumped **Vision Of Trust**. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped in the final straight. Shifted in near the 200 metres.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Sooful (**Tower Of Wisdom**) was severely reprimanded under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with another runner, namely **Apple Jack**, near the 200 metres.

#### RACE 4 – THE APEX CENTRALISATION SERVICES TROPHY – 1500M

**Crazy Vision** - From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

**Kalinago** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Amritsar** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Kalinago**. From approaching the 1400 metres, for some distance, raced tight, bumping with **Middle Path** and became unbalanced. Leaving the 1300 metres raced tight, was cramped for room and had to be eased, losing its position. Was taken out from approaching the 400 metres to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

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

**Flight School** – Slow to begin. Cramped for room approaching the 1300 metres. From leaving the 1300 metres, for some distance, commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, threw its head on several occasions. Vet report: Returned making respiratory noises. Scoped: Paralysis of the larynx. Trainer J. M. Henry advised that the gelding would undergo surgery.

**Middle Path** – From approaching the 1400 metres, for some distance, raced tight, bumped with **Amritsar** and became unbalanced. From approaching the 1300 metres commenced to over-race and threw its head when being settled, was momentarily tight and had to be eased on the inside of **Interferometer**. When questioned, jockey van der Merwe explained that his mount had been over-racing and he had difficulty in steadying the gelding backwards.

**Hamaan** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Middle Path**. Tightened for room near the 1300 metres. Taken out approaching the 250 metres.

**Interferometer** – Jockey Balloo was advised that he should exercise care when crossing.

#### GENERAL

Approaching the 1400 metres and for some distance, **Amritsar** and **Middle Path** raced very tightly and bumped on several occasions, with both horses becoming unbalanced on the inside of **Kalinago**. On inquiry, jockey Ramsamy (**Kalinago**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with horses on his inside. He was fined Rs.20,000.

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#### RACE 5 – THE APEX FUND SERVICES (MTIUS) 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY – 1365M

**Purple Tractor** – From approaching the 100 metres commenced to shift out under pressure, momentarily inconveniencing **Riding Shotgun** near the 75 metres and **Wall Tag** close to the winning post. Jockey Ramsamy was reprimanded for allowing his mount to shift out over the final 100 metres and not attempting to straighten it.

**Burg** – Momentarily steadied approaching the 450 metres when **Friend Request** lay inwards slightly.

**Friend Request** – Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Lay in near the 450 metres. Was taken out to improve its position near the 350 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Carried very wide passing the 300 metres. Vet report: Severely lame off fore.

**Trap Lord** – Over-raced in the middle stages. Leaving the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Purple Tractor**.

**Riding Shotgun** – Commenced awkwardly and was slow into stride. Was taken out to avoid the heels of **Trap Lord** near the 950 metres.

**Wall Tag** – Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position, carrying **Winter Is Coming** and **Friend Request** wider on the track.

**Down Under** – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages.

**Winter Is Coming** – Carried out passing the 300 metres.

#### **RACE 6 – THE APEX GROUP 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY – 1600M**

**Karraar** – Approaching the 75 metres lay in, slightly inconveniencing **Dance On Air**.

**Prince Of Thieves** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, contacting **Reim**. Raced wide throughout.

**Elusive Path** – Bumped on jumping. Leaving the 1365 metres had to be eased when cramped for room on the inside of **Ernie**.

**Budapest** – Prior to the start was fractious in the barrier. Passing the 1365 metres had to steady when awkward close to the heels of **Karraar**. Lay in in the home straight.

**Reim** – Raced wide throughout.

**Turbulent Air** - Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Elusive Path**. Had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Elusive Path** near the 1300 metres.

**Split The Breeze** – Threw its head on jumping and was slow to begin.

#### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey Ségeon (**Ernie**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) for carelessly allowing his mount to shift in near the 1365 metres when not clear, causing **Elusive Path** to be restrained. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

#### **RACE 7 – THE APEX GROW WITH US TROPHY – 990M**

**Victory Team** - Approaching the 200 metres shifted out under pressure, carrying **The Tripster** wider on the track.

**Step To Fame** – Shortly after the start threw its head and became unbalanced. When questioned, jockey Teeha explained that at that stage of the race he was attempting to ride the gelding forward and, when slapped with the whip, threw its head and became unbalanced for several strides.

**Al Mariachi** – Approaching the 600 metres raced in restricted room and was impeded.

**The Tripster** – Slow to begin. Carried wide near the 200 metres.

**Silver Bluff** – Slow to begin.

**Wavebreaker** – Commenced awkwardly. Approaching the 700 metres restrained and lost ground. Approaching the 450 metres steadied and shifted outwards when close to the heels of **Victory Team**. Made the turn into the straight awkwardly. Leaving the 200 metres was taken out from **Al Mariachi** to secure clear running.

#### **GENERAL**

The Stewards inquired into an incident near the 700 metres where **Wavebreaker** restrained and lost ground. On inquiry, it was established that at this stage of the race, **Wavebreaker** had been racing on the inside of **Victory Team**. Jockey Hoolash explained that **Wavebreaker** had been reluctant to race on the inside of **Victory Team**, which had lay in slightly and consequently restrained. The Stewards accepted that **Wavebreaker** had contributed to the incident but advised apprentice Allyhosain that he must allow adequate racing room to runners on his inside at all times.

Jockey Sooful (**Answeringensis**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d) for not taking every possible and necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not shift in near the 600 metres and interfere with **Al Mariachi**, which consequently was impeded and steadied. Jockey Sooful was fined Rs.20,000.

## **RACE 8 – THE WINGED PHAROAH PLATE – 1850M**

Acting on veterinary advice that **Blazing Heart** was lame on its near fore suspensory ligament, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8.30 a.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Blazing Heart** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

The start was delayed when **Spin A Coin** proved very difficult to load.

**Captain's Command** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Wing Man**. Over-raced in the middle stages and approaching the 800 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Starsky**. Was taken out leaving the 450 metres and carried **Spun Out** wider on the track.

**Ice Emperor** – Slow to begin. Momentarily held up approaching the 250 metres.

**Man From Seattle** – Over-raced in the early stages, getting its head up.

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

**Spun Out** – Hung out under pressure from leaving the 450 metres and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

**Wing Man** – Bumped and slow to begin.

## **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 Karraar, Ernie and Seventh Plain (Race 6).

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>Race 4</b> – K. Ramsamy (Kalinago): 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m) <b>Race 6</b> – C. Ségeon (Ernie) : 1 race meeting for careless riding (1365m)
<b>Fines</b>	<b>Race 4</b> – K. Ramsamy (Kalinago): Rs.20,000 for interference (1400m) <b>Race 7</b> – B. Sooful (Answeringogenesis): Rs.20,000 for interference (600m)
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 1</b> – B. Deenath (Masaar): for being unable to claim his full allowance <b>Race 4</b> – a) S. Rama (Henry Tudor): for careless riding (100m) b) B. Sooful (Tower Of Wisdom): severely reprimanded for interference (200m) <b>Race 5</b> – K. Ramsamy (Purple Tractor): for allowing his mount to shift out (100m)

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