

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019

Board of Racing Stewards: Messrs S. de Chalain (Chairman), P. Kalleechurn, G. Kishtoo, H. Maigrot & Ms J. Keevy

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Track: Races 1-3: Soft 3.1 – Races 4-6: Soft 3.0 – Races 7 & 8: Soft 2.9

Rail position: 1.25m

RACE 1 – THE FRANCE ANTELME CUP – 990M

The start was delayed when, after being boxed, **Polar Rock** became fractious and was cast. It was removed from the gate, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to be lame on the off hind leg and unfit to race. The Stewards ordered its withdrawal at the start. In view of this, all bets on **Polar Rock** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 3 cents per rupee, the average price of **Polar Rock** being 27-1. **Hit The Green** also became fractious in its gate, was removed, examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Hit The Green – Raced green and shifted in near the 800 metres.

Watch Me Dad - Slow to begin. Near the 750 metres was taken out from behind **Artax** and for some distance leaving the 600 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Anza-Borrego**. Saddle slipped backwards during the race.

Artax – Leaving the 800 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted in. Approaching the 700 metres was crowded for room and shifted in, brushing the running rail. Taken out over the concluding stages.

Plain Of Wisdom – Slow into stride. Crowded for room and had to be checked near the 400 metres.

Shafaaf – Slow to begin.

Anza-Borrego - The saddle had to be readjusted behind the barriers.

Romanus – Slow to begin.

Zenzero – Hung in from near the 900 metres and raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted in. Approaching the 700 metres was carried inwards and raced in restricted room on the inside of **Duffield**. Shifted in leaving the 100 metres with **Artax** having to be taken out to continue going forward.

Duffield – Approaching the 800 metres raced in restricted room on the inside of **Hit The Green**, which had shifted in. Approaching the 700 metres carried in by **Hit The Green**, crowding **Zenzero**. Approaching the 400 metres shifted in, carrying **Watch Me Dad** inwards onto **Plain Of Wisdom** with the latter running out of galloping room and having to be checked.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Holland (**Hit The Green**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with another runner in that near the 750 metres he allowed his mount to shift in, brushing **Duffield** with the latter then shifting in, bumping **Zenzero**, which was hanging in with **Zenzero** shifting in and bumping **Artax**. He was fined Rs.20,000.

b) On inquiry, jockey Bussunt (**Duffield**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that approaching the 300 metres he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Watch Me Dad** with the latter being taken in onto **Plain Of Wisdom** with the latter running out of galloping room and having to be checked. In mitigation, jockey Bussunt asked for a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was therefore suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

c) The Stewards, being of the opinion that the performance of **Polar Rock** in the starting stalls was unacceptable, advised Mr Subiraj Gujadhur that this gelding will need to pass a Stall test to their satisfaction before being allowed to race again.

Result: 1st: **Badawee**, 2nd: **Watch Me Dad**, 3rd: **Zenzero**, 4th: **Artax**.

RACE 2 – THE DR. JOCELYN MAINGARD CUP – 1400M

Desert Fighter - Slow to begin. Leaving the 1300 metres shifted out, momentarily carrying **Gameloft** outwards onto the heels of **Over Sure**, which was being taken in by **Afdeek** with **Gameloft** racing in restricted room over a short distance. Hung in in the home straight.

Over Sure – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Passing the 1200 metres, when being settled, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and, when being eased to avoid the heels of **Borya**, got its head up and raced ungenerously. Passing the 900 metres clipped the heels of **Borya** and stumbled badly. Raced wide from the 450 metres. Commenced to give ground passing the 400 metres and was not persevered with. Vet Report: Bled heavily.

Afdeek – Raced wide in the early stages and carried wider on the track near the 1100 metres. Approaching the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

British Pound – Raced wide from the 450 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Gameloft – Raced in restricted room over a short distance leaving the 1300 metres.

Come On Sonny – Hung in in the home straight.

Melson – Slow to begin. Saddle slipped backwards during the race.

Southern Sun – Jumped awkwardly, shifted inwards and bumped **Borya**.

Aspara – Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1100 metres was eased and taken out to avoid the heels of **Over Sure** and, in doing so, carried **Afdeek** wider on the track.

Borya – Bumped on jumping. From leaving the 900 metres, when **Afdeek** improved on its outside, commenced to over-race and proved difficult to control, throwing its head on numerous occasions.

Result: 1st: **Borya**, 2nd: **Come On Sonny**, 3rd: **Afdeek**, 4th: **Southern Sun**.

RACE 3 – THE FANNY CUP – 990M

Greenflashsunset – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Approaching the 700 metres commenced to over-race and, when being settled, threw its head and shifted in, racing ungenerously.

Barrack Street – Jumped inwards, carrying **Trojan Quest** inwards.

Perfect Jay – Fly-jumped and was slow to begin. Approaching the 700 metres had to be eased and taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greenflashsunset**.

Trojan Quest – Jumped awkwardly. Shortly after the start was carried in by **Barrack Street**, shifted in, and bumped heavily with **Greenflashsunset**. Approaching the 600 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Zen Master**. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. From near the 150 metres carried out and near the 75 metres taken in to continue going forward.

Hithimagainchuck – Raced wide throughout.

Apple Jack – Slow into stride.

Zen Master – Near the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift out, carrying **Trojan Quest** outwards. Over the concluding stages shifted in.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Bussunt was found guilty of a charge under Rule 160 A (i) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish when in a position to do so. He was fined Rs.5,000.

b) On inquiry, jockey Chisty (**Zen Master**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Trojan Quest** in that when his mount started shifting ground near the 150 metres, he failed to straighten it but instead used the whip on two occasions, carrying **Trojan Quest** outwards. He was fined Rs.20,000.

Result: 1st: **Barrack Street**, 2nd: **Zen Master**, 3rd: **Hithimagainchuck**, 4th: **Barak Lavan**.

The track was upgraded to 3.0 after the running of this race.

RACE 4 – THE CHANG FONG MARINE & SHIPPING LTD TROPHY – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for Stewards to consider two objections lodged by jockey Placais, the rider of **Yankeedoodledandy**, which finished 3rd, against **Crazy Vision**, being declared the winner, and **Tower Of Wisdom**, being declared 2nd, alleging interference in the home straight (**Tower of Wisdom**: 0.20 length and **Yankeedoodledandy**: 0.50 length). Evidence was taken from the riders and trainers concerned. It was established that near the 150 metres **Crazy Vision** was taken to the inside of **Pride Rock** to secure clear running and brushed **Yankeedoodledandy** with the latter then shifting inwards onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom**. **Yankeedoodledandy** then had to be taken to the inside of **Tower Of Wisdom** to continue going forward. The Stewards, being of the opinion that albeit there was contact between **Crazy Vision**, which had improved from behind, and **Yankeedoodledandy**, forcing the latter inwards onto the heels of with **Tower Of Wisdom** with **Yankeedoodledandy** having to be switched to the inside of **Tower Of Wisdom** to continue going forward, were satisfied that **Yankeedoodledandy** had secured clear running from the 100 metres until the finish, and that this horse failed to make sufficient ground onto the winner for the objection to be upheld in the closing stages. In relation to 2nd placed horse, the Stewards being of the opinion that **Yankeedoodledandy**, after having been brushed by **Crazy Vision**, shifted in onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom**, which at that point had kept a straight line, as such regarded this part of the objection as unwarranted and decided to dismiss it; correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Burg – Jumped awkwardly, shifted out and bumped **Tower Of Wisdom**. Shifted out in the home straight.

Crazy Vision – Threw its head on jumping. From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Angled inwards for a clear run leaving the 200 metres and brushed **Yankeedoodledandy**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Yankeedoodledandy - Brushed and carried inwards near the 150 metres. Near the 100 metres was switched to the inside of **Tower Of Wisdom** to continue going forward.

West Coast Warrior – Dipped leaving the 450 metres. Carried outwards in the home straight.

Harlan County – From leaving the 400 metres commenced to give ground. Vet report: Not striding out.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Horil (**Crazy Vision**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 200 metres he carelessly took his mount to the inside of **Pride Rock** and, in doing so, brushed **Yankeedoodledandy**, carrying the latter inwards onto the heels of **Tower Of Wisdom** with **Yankeedoodledandy** having to be taken further in to secure clear running. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

b) On inquiry, jockey Sola (**Burg**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 200 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift out under pressure, carrying **West Coast Warrior**, which was improving on its outside, outwards, inconveniencing the latter over approximately 100 metres. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Result: 1st: **Crazy Vision**, 2nd: **Tower Of Wisdom**, 3rd: **Yankeedoodledandy**, 4th: **West Coast Warrior**.

RACE 5 – THE PENG & CO. LTD TROPHY – 1450M

Ready To Attack – Slow to begin. Carried wide near the 450 metres.

Ernie – Approaching the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Bonnie Prince** to secure clear running. Near the 150 metres inconvenienced and had to stop riding momentarily.

Chili Con Carne – For some distance approaching the 1100 metres raced tight on the inside of **Bonnie Prince**. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out from behind **Bonnie Prince** and, in doing so, carried **Ready To Attack** wider on the track.

Tanjiro – Leaving the 600 metres was taken wider on the track and raced wide from then onwards.

Ideal Secret – Approaching the 900 metres, when the pace slowed, commenced to over-race and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Ernie**. Leaving the 600 metres was taken out from behind **Ernie** and carried **Tanjiro** wider on the track. Shortly before entering the home straight was held up when unable to improve from behind **Chili Con Carne**.

Turbulent Air – Was fractious in its gate prior to the start being given, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Bonnie Prince – Near the 150 metres commenced to shift in under pressure, resulting in **Ernie** becoming inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Horil (**Bonnie Prince**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) for failing to take the necessary steps to ensure that near the 150 metres his mount did not intimidate **Ernie**, resulting in the latter being inconvenienced and its rider having to stop riding for one stride. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting, this suspension to run concurrently with the one incurred in race 4.

b) When questioned, jockey Ségeon (**Ernie**) explained that this gelding usually races from off the pace but for today's race, due to the lack of speed, he was told to endeavour to race closer to the pace. He added that after jumping well, he found himself racing in a forward position and seeing that **Chili Con Carne** and **Bonnie Prince** were insisting for the lead, he decided to settle his mount just behind the pace. He also said that being of the opinion that these two horses were going too hard in the early stages and taking into consideration that his mount is a hard puller, he decided not to niggler it forward leaving the 1100 metres when the gap had widened between himself and the leaders as **Ernie** was racing well within itself in a relaxed manner. He added that from the 700 metres the pace slowed, resulting in him having to settle his mount when awkwardly placed closed to the heels of **Chili Con Carne**.

Result: 1st: **Ideal Secret**, 2nd: **Ready To Attack**, 3rd: **Chili Con Carne**, 4th: **Bonnie Prince**.

RACE 6 – THE NOBLE SALUTE – Yu Lounge Race To Excellence - CUP – 990M

Yankee Captain – Near the 100 metres was taken out from behind **Prince Of Thieves** to secure clear running.

The Thinker – Shortly after the start shifted in, bumping **Zud Wes**.

Speed Limit – Approaching the 900 metres shifted out momentarily, crowding **Yankee Captain** onto **Prince Of Thieves**. Vet report: Cut into near hind fetlock.

Zud Wes – Slow into stride. Over the concluding stages was switched to the inside of **Woljayrine** to secure clear running.

Result: 1st: **Prince Of Thieves**, 2nd: **Woljayrine**, 3rd: **Nottinghamshire**, 4th: **Yankee Captain**.

The track was upgraded to 2.9 after the running of this race.

RACE 7 – THE GOAL LEAF HOTEL CO. LTD TROPHY – 1500M

It Doesn't Matter – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Taken out from 400 metres.

Iron Wolf – Jumped awkwardly, crowding **Bear Hug** onto **Seven Carat**. Over the concluding stages had to be eased.

Pop The Question – Threw its head on jumping. Passing the 1100 metres taken out to avoid the heels of **It Doesn't Matter** and carried **Misty Roller** wider on the track.

Misty Roller – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Rasta Rebel – Stumbled on jumping. Passing the 100 metres was taken to the inside of **Royal Resolution** to secure clear running.

Space Agent – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Raced wide in the early stages and near the 1200 metres was eased and taken in.

Bear Hug – Slow to begin and shortly after was carried out. From the 75 metres, when being ridden with the whip in the left hand, shifted in, inconveniencing **Iron Wolf** over the concluding stages.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Ségeon (**Bear Hug**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that over the concluding stages he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not cross **Iron Wolf**, resulting in the latter having to be eased. He was fined Rs.20,000.

Result: 1st: **From The Ashes**, 2nd: **Bear Hug**, 3rd: **Pop The Question**, 4th: **Royal Resolution**.

RACE 8 – THE MIRABEAU CUP – 1400M

Bells Apostle – Raced wide throughout. Shifted in leaving the 900 metres and again leaving the 800 metres, bumping **Kali's Champ**.

Kali's Champ – Was taken out from the 350 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Bumped leaving the 900 metres and again leaving the 800 metres,

Le Clos - Jumped inwards, contacting **Stock Broker**.

Stock Broker – Jumped outwards, contacting **Le Clos**. Had to ease to avoid the heels of **Le Clos** near the 400 metres.

Mr Hardy – Was standing awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres was eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the rail, clipped the heels of **Silver Rock** and stumbled.

Napoli – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

New Golden Age – Slow to begin. Bumped shortly after the start.

Silver Rock – Threw its head down as the start was effected and was slow to begin.

GENERAL

When questioned, jockey Sola (**Bells Apostle**) explained that this gelding was having its first start in Mauritius and raced green. He added that in the back straight when caught wide it had a tendency to hang in. He also said that approaching the 800 metres, it shifted in abruptly when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greatfiveeight** and bumped with **Kali's Champ**. Jockey Sola was severely reprimanded and told that when riding in races he is to exercise care at all times.

Result: 1st: **Stock Broker**, 2nd: **Greatfiveeight**, 3rd: **Silver Rock**, 4th: **Kali's Champ**.

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.

SUMMARY	
Suspensions	Race 1 – S. Bussunt (Duffield): 1 race meeting for interference (300m) Race 4 – a) P. Horil (Crazy Vision): 1 race meeting for careless riding (200m) b) O. Sola (Burg): 1 race meeting for careless riding (200m) Race 5 – P. Horil (Bonnie Prince) : 1 race meeting for intimidating (150m)
Fines	Race 1 – D. Holland (Hit The Green): For interference (750m): Rs.20,000 Race 3 – I. Chisty (Zen Master): For interference (150m): Rs.20,000 Race 3 – S. Bussunt (Hithimagainchuck): Failing to ride out to finish: Rs.5,000 Race 7 – C. Ségeon (Bear Hug): For crossing: Rs.20,000
Reprimand	Race 8 – V. Sola (Bells Apostle): Severely reprimanded and told to exercise care at all times (800m)
Vet Certificate	Race 2 – Over Sure & Race 5 – Crazy Vision : Bled – Suspended 30 days
Barrier Test	Race 1 – Polar Rock

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