RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 20 JULY 2019

Board of Racing Stewards: Messrs S de Chalain (Chairman), B Daruty de Grandpré, G Kishtoo & Ms J Keevy.

Weather: Fine
Track: Races 1-5: Soft 2.9; Races 6-9: Good 2.8
Rail position: 2.50m

RACE 1 – THE MTC WELCOMES THE INDIAN OCEAN GAMES 2019 CUP – 1500M

Silver Rock – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected, then jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 600 metres raced tight on the inside of **Got To Fly** and brushed the running rail.

League Of Legends – Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground.

Never Fear – When urged forward after the start, shifted out and brushed **Got To Fly**. Inconvenienced near the 100 metres.

He's Got Gears – Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 1100 metres was eased to secure a position one off the rail. Passing the 400 metres was taken out from behind **Got To Fly** to improve its position. Shifted ground inwards in the home straight.

Radlet – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Taken out to improve from the 350 metres and raced wide into the home straight.

Social Network – Slow into stride.

Blunderbuss – Slow to begin and, when being urged forward, failed to muster speed. Approaching the 600 metres raced momentarily tight on the inside of **Got To Fly** and brushed the running rail. Eased off the heels of **Got To Fly** approaching the 300 metres.

Got To Fly – Approaching the 600 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Blazing Heart**, which had shifted ground when insufficiently clear. Approaching the 450 metres, when being urged forward, momentarily shifted in, tightening **Blunderbuss**. Approaching the 400 metres whilst laying in under pressure, shifted inwards, momentarily tightening **Blunderbuss** and shortly after, whilst still hanging in, shifted inwards, resulting in **Blunderbuss** having to be checked and losing its position. Near the 100 metres, was taken out from behind **He's Got Gears** to continue going forward.

Blazing Heart – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Vintage Angel – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight, slightly inconveniencing **Never Fear** near the 100 metres.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, apprentice Khoody (**Blazing Heart**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that approaching the 600 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Got To Fly**, resulting in the latter becoming cramped for galloping room, shifting inwards onto **Silver Rock**, tightening the latter and having to be checked to avoid heels. He was suspended from riding in one race reserved for Mauritian riders.

b) On inquiry, it was established that near the 400 metres, when asked for an effort, **Got To Fly** raced green, shifted ground inwards and had to be straightened on several occasions and, approaching the 300 metres when **He's Got Gears** improved on its outside, **Got To Fly** shied away and shifted in abruptly despite jockey Horil's attempt to straighten it, crowding **Blunderbuss**. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further, however told jockey Horil to exercise care at all times.

Result: 1st: **Silver Rock**, 2nd: **Vintage Angel**, 3rd: **Never Fear**, 4th: **Blazing Heart**

RACE 2 – THE DEEPA DABY MEMORIAL TROPHY – 1450M

The start was delayed when after being boxed **Sandy Sport** became very fractious, broke its front gate opened with jockey Balloo losing his goggles. **Sandy Sport** was immediately attended to and the front gate closed back. Trainer A. Perdrau was told that this gelding should pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again.

Duke's Domain – Prior to the start being effected was fractious in its gate.

Tweak The Wind – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Varside – Raced wide in the early stages.

Greenflashsunset – Reared as the start was effected, losing considerable ground. When questioned, jockey Holland explained that **Greenflashsunset** is a difficult horse in the stalls and after being loaded **Sandy Sport** became fractious, resulting in the start being delayed and his horse sitting back in the gate when the start was effected, reared, losing considerable ground and being further back in the field than expected and from then on never recovered.

Bonjour Baby – Slow to begin. Shifted inwards on jumping, brushing **Cape Horn**. Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, shifted out, tightening **Cape Horn** onto **Tweak The Wind**. Near the 150 metres was allowed to improve on the inside of **Royal Resolution**.

Cape Horn – Slow to begin. Crowded for room shortly after the start. Approaching the 1300 metres, for some distance, raced tight on the inside of **Patrol Officer**.

Patrol Officer – Approaching the 1300 metres was taken inwards, crowding **Cape Horn**. Jockey Juglall was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told to allow more room to horses on his inside. Approaching the 1200 metres commenced to over-race when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Bonjour Baby**. Passing the 1000 metres, whilst still over-racing, tried to improve on the inside of **Bonjour Baby**, tightening **Cape Horn** over a short distance. Hung in in the home straight, proving difficult to be properly assisted. Passing the 100 metres was taken from behind **Tweak The Wind** to continue going forward.

Sandy Sport – Slow to begin. Vet report: Was examined after the race and nothing untoward was found.

Result: 1st: **Bonjour Baby**, 2nd: **Royal Resolution**, 3rd: **Patrol Officer**, 4th: **Tweak The Wind**

RACE 3 – THE COMMONWEALTH CUP – 1600M

Nordic Chant – Bumped near the 1300 metres and commenced to over-race, throwing its head when being settled. Leaving the 900 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Cyber Special – Approaching the 1300 metres was eased to secure a position closer to the rails. Approaching the 500 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Gat Henshaw – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the left side of its gate and was slow to begin. Vet report: Lame off fore.

Silken Prince – Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Barak Lavan** to secure clear running.

Black Indy – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced and carried inwards near the 1300 metres.

Malak El Moolook – Lost its footing on jumping and was slow to begin. From leaving the 700 metres commenced to give ground despite being urged forward, was not persevered with in the home straight. When questioned, jockey Plaçais explained that from approaching the 700 metres his mount dropped the bit despite his urgings and never managed to keep in touch with the rest of the field. He added that thinking that there was something amiss with it, he decided not to persevere with the gelding in the home straight. Vet report: Short on both fores.

Perfect Pursuit – Stumbled on jumping. Near the 1100 metres, whilst over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Barak Lavan**.

Promissory – Approaching the 1300 metres, when racing wide, was eased and taken in to secure a position closer to the fence and, when being taken in, clipped the heels of **Perfect Pursuit**, blundered and shifted in, carrying **Black Indy** inwards with the latter bumping **Nordic Chant**. Leaving the 1300 metres, when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Perfect Pursuit**, clipped its heels again. Raced wide from the 400 metres.

Result: 1st: **Silken Prince**, 2nd: **Cyber Special**, 3rd: **Nordic Chant**, 4th: **Barak Lavan**

RACE 4 – THE DHANKUWAR GUJADHUR CUP – 990M

Noah's Ark – Carried out shortly after the start.

Wavebreaker – Inconvenienced near the 800 metres and taken outwards.

Varonella – Reared in the stalls. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Vet report: Head abrasion.

Trap Lord – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Vet report: Bled both nostrils. Taking into consideration that it was the second episode that this horse was suffering from a bleeding attack and acting on veterinary advice, trainer C. Daby was informed that this gelding has been suspended for 60 days.

Maxamore – Slow into stride. Steadied near the 900 metres and lost ground. Near the 250 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Rinjani – Bumped and carried outwards shortly after the start. Outpaced in the middle stages. Hung in in the home straight. Vet report: Dry coated.

Bye Bye Rocket – Slow into stride. Near the 900 metres, whilst over-racing, had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Edge Of The Sun**. Tightened near the 900 metres and shifted outwards, crowding **Maxamore**. Shifted outwards in the early and middle stages, proving difficult to be properly assisted. Hung in in the home straight.

Rob Roy – When being urged forward shortly after the start shifted ground outwards, carrying **Noah's Ark** onto **Rinjani** and **Rinjani** onto **Wavebreaker** with the latter crowding **Bye Bye Rocket** onto **Maxamore**. In this incident **Maxamore** had to be steadied and lost ground. Passing the 600 metres raced tight on the inside of **Raheeb**, shifted in, brushing the running rail and had to be eased, losing its position. Approaching the 300 metres commenced to give ground and passing the 200 metres was not persevered with. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead or race with the leaders and after jumping well was urged forward to be able to ride as per instructions; passing the 800 metres this gelding got his head up and despite his urgings was reluctant to go forward and commenced to shift in under pressure. He added that passing the 700 metres, when **Raheeb** improved on his outside, his mount shifted in abruptly despite his attempt to straighten it and brushed the running rail, losing its position and from approaching the 400 metres, when urged to improve its position his mount dropped the bit and commenced to give ground. He stated that thinking that there was something amiss with his mount, he did not persevere with it from the 200 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that leaving the 700 metres **Rob Roy** commenced to shift in despite jockey Sooful's attempt to straighten it and, when **Raheeb** improved on its outside, shied away and shifted in further, bumping the running rail, losing ground and becoming unbalanced. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to record it as a racing incident.

Result: 1st: **Maxamore**, 2nd: **Edge Of The Sun**, 3rd: **Bye Bye Rocket**, 4th: **Wavebreaker**

RACE 5 – THE WORLD FOCUS CUP – 1400M

The start was delayed when **In Your Dreams**, on leaving the parade ring, lost its off fore shoe, which had to be refitted.

The Tripster – Stood awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Near the 1100 metres carried wide on the track and raced wide from then onwards. Vet report: Not striding out.

Lickerio – Commenced to race fiercely near the 1000 metres. Approaching the 900 metres was taken out from behind **Ice Run** and carried **In Your Dreams** wider on the track, bumping with the latter on several occasions.

St Tropez – Approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Ocean Drive South**.

Tsitsikamma Dance – Slow to begin and was taken across to race behind runners shortly after. Near the 200 metres, when switching his whip to his right hand, jockey Ségeon momentarily lost the use of his right rein. Over the concluding stages shifted inwards and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Lickerio**.

Racing For Fun – Shortly after the start made contact with **Mambo Rock**. Was taken out from the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Ouzo – Approaching the 1100 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Lickerio**. **The Tripster**, which was following, was carried wider on the track. Near the 900 metres, whilst over-racing, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **In Your Dreams**. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Lickerio** to secure clear running.

Mambo Rock – Shortly after the start made contact with **Racing For Fun**. Was taken across to race behind runners in the early stages. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in over the concluding stages.

In Your Dreams – After being boxed was fractious, reared on several occasions and jumped awkwardly. Trainer S. Hurchund was told that this gelding should pass a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being allowed to race again. Was carried wide approaching the 900 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Ocean Drive South – Vet report: Lame off fore.

Result: 1st: **Mambo Rock**, 2nd: **Ouzo**, 3rd: **The Tripster**, 4th: **In Your Dreams**

RACE 6 – THE Allez-Maurice – MAURITIUS DERBY CUP – 1850M

White River – Shortly after the start raced tight on the inside of **Cool At Heart** and had to be eased. Passing the 1500 metres was taken to the outside of **Tower Of Wisdom**.

Cool At Heart – Passing the 800 metres dropped the bit despite jockey Holland's urgings and failed to muster speed with jockey Holland eventually pulling the horse out of the race near the 400 metres. When questioned, jockey Holland explained that after jumping well he managed to secure the lead easily and from leaving the 900 metres, when **White River** improved on his outside, his mount dropped the bit and despite his urgings never mustered speed. He added that thinking that there was something amiss with the horse, he decided not to persevere with it. When questioned, Mr. Allet said that he was not in the country last week, however the horse had worked to his satisfaction leading to the race and he was confident of a good showing today. The Stewards requested that he monitors **Cool At Heart** and report anything untoward in the next 48 hours. On examination, this horse showed to be suffering from cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer V. Allet was told that **Cool At Heart** will have to trial and pass a veterinary examination before being allowed to race again.

Sea King – Vet report: Lame off fore.

Tower Of Wisdom – Approaching the 1600 metres had to steady to avoid the heels of **Cool At Heart**, which had been taken inwards.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that shortly after the start, when going over the crossing at the road, **Cool At Heart**, which was racing close to **White River**, changed leads and shifted ground inwards, bumping the latter with **White River** then hesitating and losing ground. Jockey Holland (**Cool At Heart**) was reprimanded and told that he should allow sufficient room to horses on his inside.

Result: 1st: **White River**, 2nd: **Tower Of Wisdom**, 3rd: **Sea King**, 4th: **Cool At Heart**

The track was upgraded to 2.8 after the running of this race.

RACE 7 – THE E. MAXIME SAUZIER CUP – 1500M

The start was delayed when **Mysterious Omen** proved difficult to load.

Middle Path – Slow to begin. Hung in in the home straight. Was taken out from the 600 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. When questioned, jockey Strydom explained that **Middle Path**, being a hard puller and being drawn wide, he was instructed to endeavour to drop the gelding at the back of the field from the start to get him to settle as per its previous race where it had run an improved race, running on over the concluding stages. He added that after jumping well he had some difficulty in settling that gelding at the back of the field and that passing the 1100 metres he found himself racing in a one off position behind **Kings Empire**. He added that he did not mind being in that position as in his opinion the track was quite chopped up on the inside. He also said that from leaving the 900 metres **Middle Path** commenced to race fiercely and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mysterious Omen** and being of the opinion that it was too early to make his move, he decided to restrain the latter and bring it back to the one off position behind **Mysterious Omen**. He further stated that from the 600 metres he allowed his mount to improve around horses and, when asked for an effort leaving the 250 metres, his mount hung in badly, proving difficult to assist. He also said that over the final 75 metres his mount was tired and gave ground on the rest of the field.

Taranaki – Was taken across to race behind runners shortly after the start. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Volatile Energy** to secure clear running.

Come On Sonny – Slow to begin. Dipped leaving the 900 metres and was eased out of the race approaching the 700 metres. When questioned, jockey Aucharuz explained that after being slow out at the start he urged his mount forward but the gelding failed to muster speed and leaving the 1000 metres, when still urging his mount forward, the latter commenced to make a respiratory noise and dipped passing the 900 metres. He stated that he felt something amiss with the gelding and he decided to ease it out of the race. Vet report: Nothing untoward detected.

Redwood Valley – Slow to begin. Hung in over the last 100 metres.

Sir Cliff – Slow to begin. Commenced to give ground from approaching the 400 metres with **King's Empire**, which was following, having to be taken out to improve around it.

Volatile Energy – Near the 600 metres changed leads and stumbled shortly after.

Misty Roller – Shortly after the start shifted ground outwards, carrying **Mysterious Omen** outwards onto **Taranaki**, which was being taken back.

Result: 1st: **Taranaki**, 2nd: **Volatile Energy**, 3rd: **Southern Sun**, 4th: **Redwood Valley**

RACE 8 – THE WINKING CUP – 1400M

After The Order – Bumped on jumping. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Chap Trap** to secure clear running.

Al Firenze – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **After The Order**.

Captain Moss – Slow to begin. Passing the 900 metres clipped the heels of **Seven Colours** and stumbled. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight. Passing the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Red Indy** wider on the track. When questioned with regard to its apparent improved performance, trainer A. Perdrau explained that at its last two starts this gelding, when being drawn wide, raced wide in the early stages and, when asked for an effort, failed to quicken and was disappointing. He added that since then **Captain Moss** had improved at track work and for today's race, taking into consideration that **Red Indy**, the horse to beat, had just beaten **New Golden Age** at its last start and in his opinion **Captain Moss** at its best is a much better horse than **New Golden Age**, he was quietly confident of a good showing provided that it jumped well and was able to race in a good position.

Red Indy – Passing the 600 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Jockey Strydom dropped his whip leaving the 75 metres.

Chap Trap – Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Charles My Boy – Passing the 1300 metres momentarily raced tight on the inside of **Al Firenze**.

Seven Colours – Pig rooted on jumping, being slow to begin. Raced wide from the 600 metres

Hometown Hero – When being settled shortly after the start, threw its head sideways on several occasions. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 900 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure the lead.

Result: 1st: **Captain Moss**, 2nd: **Red Indy**, 3rd: **Seven Colours**, 4th: **Hometown Hero**

RACE 9 – THE SAMAN PLATE – 1500M

On arriving at the barriers, jockey Bussunt expressed concerns on the soundness of **Greatfiveeight**. It was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and found to be lame on its off fore leg. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal. In view of this, all bets on **Greatfiveeight** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 7 cents per rupee, the average price of **Greatfiveeight** being 13/1.

Master Of Spain – Leaving the 1100 metres was taken out in search of better going and, in doing so, carried **Winter Is Coming** outwards.

Swinging Captain – Slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Winter Is Coming**.

Dealer's Charm – Bumped near the 1300 metres. Near the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Xanthus** to continue going forward and over the concluding stages to the outside of **Swinging Captain**.

Winter Is Coming – Leaving the 1100 metres carried outwards. Leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift ground outwards under pressure. **Swinging Captain**, which was following, was switched to its inside to continue going forward.

Naizak – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin.

Phoenix Rising – From its wide draw was taken back across runners.

Xanthus – Passing the 1300 metres shifted ground inwards, bumping **Dealer's Charm**. Approaching the 200 metres commenced to shift ground. **Dealer's Charm**, which was following, had to be switched to the outside.

Result: 1st: **Master Of Spain**, 2nd: **Phoenix Rising**, 3rd: **Aspara**, 4th: **Winter Is Coming**

GENERAL

a) Pre-race blood specimens were taken for analysis from all runners.

b) Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners and from Never Fear (Race 1), Rob Roy (Race 4), Lickerio (Race 5) and Cool At Heart (Race 6).

SUMMARY – RM 19-2019	
Suspension	**Race 1**: M. Khoody (Blazing Heart): 1 race reserved for Mauritian riders for careless riding (600m)
Reprimands	**Race 2**: N. Juglall (Patrol Officer): told to allow more room to horses on his inside (1300m) **Race 6**: D. Holland (Cool At Heart): told to allow sufficient room to horses on his inside (1600m)
Vet Certificate	**Race 4**: Trap Lord: Bled (60 days)
Barrier Trial	**Race 2**: Sandy Sport **Race 5**: In Your Dreams **Race 6**: Cool At Heart

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