

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019

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

Weather: Partly Cloudy
Track: Races 1-6: Normal 2.8 – Races 7 & 8: Soft 2.9
Rail position: True

RACE 1 – LE GRAND PRIX DU CHAMP DE MARS – 1500M

Big Smoke – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1300 metres commenced to over-race and shifted out abruptly when awkward close to the heels of **Spun Out**, inconveniencing **Right To Tango** on its outside. Shortly after that incident continued to over-race and carried **Polar Rock** wider on the track. Raced fiercely in the early stages and passing the 1200 metres was allowed to race forward to obtain a position closer to the lead. Bumped entering the home straight.

Seven Oceans – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced and carried wide leaving the 1300 metres. Raced wide throughout.

Polar Rock – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced and carried wide in the early stages. Raced wide throughout. Brushed near the 200 metres.

Logan - Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 350 metres.

Valerin – Jumped inwards. Approaching the 1400 metres shied away from **Jet Path** and shifted in onto **Spun Out**.

Beretta Bobcat – Approaching the 1300 metres had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the inside of **Doyles**. Entering the home straight endeavoured to improve into a tight gap between **Doyles** and **Big Smoke**, bumping the hindquarters of the latter. Raced fiercely approaching the 1200 metres, became awkward close to the heels of **Valerin** and shifted in. **Al Hamd**, which was racing on its inside, had to be checked.

Al Hamd – Jumped inwards. Checked approaching the 1200 metres. Vet Report: Coughing after the race.

Right To Tango - Leaving the 1300 metres inconvenienced by **Big Smoke** and had to be checked.

Spun Out – Approaching the 1400 metres raced in restricted room for a short distance on the inside of **Valerin**, which had shied away and shifted in when **Jet Path** improved on its outside. From approaching the 800 metres commenced to over-race and passing the 700 metres, for some distance, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Big Smoke**. Approaching the 200 metres was taken out from behind **Valerin** to secure clear running and, in doing so, brushed **Polar Rock**.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Boutanive (**Beretta Bobcat**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that approaching the 1200 metres he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Al Hamd** on his inside. In mitigation, jockey Boutanive asked for a suspension in lieu of a fine. He was suspended from riding in one race reserved for Mauritian riders.

When questioned, jockey Horil (**Valerin**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead, however, despite his urgings, his mount could not muster enough speed to secure the lead. He added that approaching the 1300 metres his mount commenced to race fiercely and that when **Doyles** improved on his outside, although there was an opportunity for him to ask his mount for an effort to improve behind **Jet Path**, he decided against it as he was apprehensive that it might race more fiercely which could prove to be counterproductive to its chances.

RACE 2 – THE JMT COMMUNICATION TROPHY – 990M

Oh Behave – Passing the 100 metres hung out under pressure, carrying **Captain Ram** outwards.

Wild Rendez-Vous - Hung out from the 600 metres. Vet report: Lameness near fore.

Gameloft – Slow to begin.

Seven Wood – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, brushing **Sierra Redwood**. Dipped near the 600 metres and hung out from thereon. Vet Report: Coughing. Blood in the trachea.

Sierra Redwood – Brushed at the start. Passing the 200 metres was taken to the inside of **Northern Rebel** to secure clear running.

Captain My Captain – Shifted in on jumping, slightly inconveniencing **Captain Ram**.

Falkland – Fractious in its gates prior to the start and stumbled shortly after the start. Approaching the 200 metres shifted out when being ridden with the whip, resulting in **Northern Rebel**, which was improving on its outside, being inconvenienced.

Northern Rebel – Slow to begin. Approaching the 200 metres was inconvenienced.

Raheeb – Hung out in the home straight. Jockey Horil was shown the video replays of the home straight and told to straighten his mounts in future.

Captain Ram – Slow to begin. Shortly after the start slightly inconvenienced. Carried wide in the home straight.

RACE 3 – THE JFT CONSULTING TROPHY – 1450M

The start was delayed when **Apollo Star** was very fractious in its gate.

Apollo Star – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, crowding **Heart Of Darkness** onto **Kapteinspandiseile**, which had jumped awkwardly and shifted in. Leaving the 1300 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Heart Of Darkness**, which had shifted in when insufficiently clear.

Heart Of Darkness – Carried out on jumping. Bumped heavily with **Kapteinspandiseile** at the start. Approaching the 1300 metres bumped with **Kapteinspandiseile** and became unbalanced. Leaving the 1300 metres was taken in, crowding **Apollo Star**. Hung out from near the 900 metres. Commenced to give ground from the 350 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. Vet report: Suffered lacerations to both hocks.

Charleston Hero – Stood flat-footed. Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

Great Value – From leaving the 800 metres commenced to race fiercely and was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Red Line Captain**. Shifted in and brushed the running rail at the 600 metres.

Zodiac Jack – Stood flat-footed, losing considerable ground. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Trainer J. M. Henry was told that the performance of this gelding at the start was unacceptable and that it must be re-schooled and pass a satisfactory barrier trial before being allowed to race again.

Edison – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly. Slow to begin.

Kapteinspandiseile – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping heavily with **Heart Of Darkness**. Approaching the 1300 metres shifted in and bumped with **Heart Of Darkness**. Raced wide throughout.

Red Line Captain – Hung out under pressure over the last 100 metres.

Rocketeer – Had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Apollo Star** near the 1200 metres.

In The Loop - Slow out.

GENERAL

At an inquiry into an incident, jockey Joorawon (**Heart Of Darkness**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Apollo Star** having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Heart Of Darkness**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Heart Of Darkness**, jockey Joorawon explained that he was instructed to lead but could not get to the front as **Red Line Captain** proved faster than him. He added that from the 800 metres his mount hung out and felt unbalanced, shortening its stride from leaving the 400 metres. As such, he did not persevere with the latter in the home straight.

RACE 4 – THE MAANAYA ASSOCIATION TROPHY – 1400M

Alpha Pegasi – Hesitated on jumping.

Belenos – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Mambo Rock – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1300 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Rock On Geordies**. Taken out from approaching the 300 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Vet report: Lost near fore shoe.

Friend Request – Vet report: Lameness off fore.

Burg – Slow into stride.

Rock On Geordies – Inconvenienced near the 1300 metres and had to be steadied.

Virtue – Hung in in the home straight.

Wall Tag – Taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in over the last 150 metres.

GENERAL

Approaching the 1300 metres **Rock On Geordies** (J. Allyhosain) raced in restricted room and had to be steadied. At an inquiry, jockeys Ségeon (**Virtue**), David (**Wall Tag**) and Chisty (**Belenos**) were severely reprimanded and told that they should allow enough room to horses on their inside.

When questioned with regard to the poor performance of **Bad Attitude**, jockey Bheekary explained that it had pleased in the lead up to the race and that he was expecting a good run from the latter. However, during the race it never ran to expectations and dropped the bit from leaving the 900 metres where it had to be urged forward to keep its position and, when asked for an effort from leaving the 400 metres, failed to quicken, being extremely disappointing.

RACE 5 – THE VISA CONSULTING LTD TROPHY – 1400M

Prince Of Thieves – Bumped on its hindquarters shortly after the start. Carried wide on the track approaching the 1000 metres, was then eased to secure the position behind **Reim**. For some distance leaving the 300 metres was held up when unable to improve from behind **Reim**.

Aware – Slow to begin.

Reim – Slow into stride. Leaving the 300 metres, when being settled, raced ungenerously and threw its head. Carried out approaching the 1000 metres. Raced wide from approaching the 1000 metres.

Stonehenge – Commenced to lose ground from approaching the 450 metres and near the 400 metres shifted in, inconveniencing **Turbulent Air**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Turbulent Air – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, crowding **Rap Attack**. Momentarily inconvenienced near the 400 metres.

Jolie Roger – Taken out to avoid the heels of **Stonehenge** near the 1000 metres.

Rap Attack – Slow to begin. Crowded shortly after the start, shifted in and bumped the hindquarters of **Prince Of Thieves**. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

GENERAL

When questioned, jockey Chisty (**Jolie Roger**) explained that he was instructed to lead if it jumped well and if not, to follow close to the pace. He explained that after jumping well he asked his mount for an effort, however **Ice Run** and **Stonehenge** proved faster in the early stages, as such he elected to settle his mount just behind the leader. He added that approaching the 1100 metres he received some crowding from **Stonehenge** and, as his horse was racing fiercely at this point in time, he elected to ask it for an effort to keep his position behind **Ice Run**. He further added that approaching the 1000 metres, being awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Stonehenge**, he elected to take it out behind the latter and at the same time **Reim** improved on its outside with his mount commencing to race fiercely with him having difficulty restraining the latter. He also said that, when asked for an effort leaving the 300 metres, his mount quickened for a short distance before staying one pace over the concluding stages.

RACE 6 – THE Vocalcom DUCHESS OF YORK CUP – 1400M

Perovskia – Stumbled on jumping.

Woljayrine – Carried wide from the 800 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Nebula – Bumped at the *start*. Leaving the 200 metres was taken out to continue going forward.

White River – Near the 250 metres was taken out from behind **Pera Palace** and **Play Another Tune** to secure clear running.

One Direction – Shifted out on jumping, bumping **Nebula**.

Pera Palace – Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 200 metres shifted in under pressure, inconveniencing **Nebula**. Jockey Horil was shown the video footage of the incident and told to ensure that he straightens his mounts when they shift ground in future

Play Another Tune – Approaching the 800 metres was taken out from behind **Pera Palace** and, in doing so, carried **Woljayrine** wider on the track.

Following the running of this race, the track was downgraded to 2.9.

RACE 7 – THE KING’S KNIGHT TROPHY – 1450M

The start was delayed when after being loaded **From The Ashes** broke through its gate. It was quickly reined in, inspected by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon and declared fit to race.

Misty Roller – Raced wide in the early stages.

Winter Is Coming – Leaving the 1300 metres was cramped for room onto **Texas Sky** and had to be eased from the heels of **From The Ashes**, which was taken in when insufficiently clear.

Phoenix Rising – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Bonjour Baby – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

Greenstreetractor – Threw its head on jumping and was slow out.

Star Of Kazan – Slow to begin.

Texas Sky – Fractious prior to the start. Bumped passing the 1300 metres, shifted in and brushed the running rail.

The Byzantine – Shifted out shortly after the start. From its wide gate was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 150 metres was taken in from behind **Winter Is Coming** to secure clear running and near the 75 metres to the inside of **Texas Sky** to continue going forward.

Thrust – Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 800 metres.

From The Ashes – Leaving the 1300 metres was taken in, crowding **Winter Is Coming**. Vet report: Distressed after the race.

GENERAL

At an inquiry into an incident, jockey Sooful (**From The Ashes**) pleaded guilty to a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 1300 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Winter Is Coming** becoming cramped for room and having to be eased to avoid the heels of **From The Ashes**. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

RACE 8 – THE CHEQUERS CUP – 1400M

Artax – Brushed with **Silver Rock** on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages.

Dante’s Rock - Raced wide throughout. Jockey Bussunt dropped his whip near the 100 metres. Vet report: Lamé off fore.

Shafaaf – Slow into stride. Leaving the 1100 metres began to over-race and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 800 metres, when still over-racing, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Mambo** and bumped with **Silver Rock**.

Eight Cities – Jumped inwards, brushing **Good Buddy**.

Silver Rock –Leaving the 800 metres had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greatfiveeight**. Was bumped by **Shafaaf**. Hung in the early stages of the home straight and had to be taken back out to avoid the heels of **Good Buddy**. **Al Dangeur**, which was following, was slightly inconvenienced and had to be taken out to continue going forward.

Al Dangeur – Got its head up at the start and was slow to begin. Was taken across to race behind runners from its wide draw. Was slightly inconvenienced in the early stages of the home straight and had to be taken out to continue going forward.

Anton Ruskin – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn.

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 – J. R. Boutanive (Berreta Bobcat): 1 race reserved for Mauritian Riders for failing to ensure that his mount did not interfere with another runner (1200m)

	Race 3 – R. Joorawon (Heart Of Darkness) : 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m) Race 7 – B. Sooful (From The Ashes) : 1 race meeting for careless riding (1300m)
Reprimand	Race 4 – C. Ségeon (Virtue), D. David (Wall Tag) & I. Chisty (Belenos) severely reprimanded and told to allow enough room to runners on their inside (1300m)
Vet Certificate	Race 5 - Stonehenge: Bled – Suspended 30 days
Barrier Test	Race 3 – Zodiac Jack: To be re-schooled

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