

RACING STEWARDS REPORT – SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2019

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

Weather: Cloudy
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 3.75m

RACE 1 – THE PRODIGAL CUP – 990M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the video replays of the home straight and to consider an objection lodged by jockey Nunes, the rider of **Zenzero**, being declared 3rd, against **Night Chapel**, being declared 2nd, alleging interference in the home straight. It was established that in the early stages of the home straight **Zenzero** tried to force its way into a tight gap between **Hometown Hero** and **Night Chapel**. **Hometown Hero** then shifted out marginally, carrying **Zenzero** outwards onto **Night Chapel**, bumping the latter and carrying it out. The Stewards, being of the opinion that there was never a run for **Zenzero** between these two horses, dismissed the objection and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' semaphored numbers.

Blue Jeans – Slow to begin and failed to muster speed when urged forward in the early stages. Carried out over the concluding stages.

Torpedo Officer – Jumped inwards and brushed **Emerald Victory**.

Emerald Victory – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the left side of its gate and was slow to begin.

Zenzero – Near the 300 metres had to be eased over a short distance when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Torpedo Officer**. Forced into a gap between **Hometown Hero** and **Night Chapel** entering the home straight and raced in restricted room for some distance.

Seven Colours – Jumped awkwardly with its head up and was slow into stride. Near the 250 metres was switched to the outside of **Night Chapel** to secure clear running.

Gondwana – Slow into stride. Near the 950 metres was eased and taken out from behind **Torpedo Officer** and near the 750 metres improved on the outside of runners. Raced wide from leaving the 450 metres. Near the 200 metres, switched to the inside of runners to secure a clear run. Hung in in the home straight and had to be switched to the outside of runners to continue going forward over the concluding stages and carried **Blue Jeans**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track.

Friday On My Mind – Slow to begin. Switched out for a clear run in the home straight.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Nunes (**Zenzero**) was charged under MTC Rule 176 and fined Rs.5,000 for lodging an unwarranted objection.

Result: 1st: **Seven Colours**, 2nd: **Night Chapel**, 3rd: **Zenzero**, 4th: **Friday On My Mind**

RACE 2 – LE DEFI TURF / TURF PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Tweak The Wind – Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rail.

Rocketeer – Raced fiercely in the middle stages, throwing its head when being settled. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 450 metres.

British Pound – Slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Sunset Breeze** to obtain clear running and over the concluding stages was switched to the outside of **Tweak The Wind** to continue going forward.

Come On Sonny – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early stages. Near the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Middle Path** wider on the track.

Middle Path – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Carried wide leaving the 450 metres. Approaching the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Aspara** to secure clear running.

Silken Prince – Leaving the 1100 metres was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **British Pound** and carried **Sunset Breeze** wide on the track. Ran out of galloping room on the inside of **Sunset Breeze** near the 950 metres and had to be eased. Hung in in the home straight.

Sunset Breeze – Stumbled on jumping. Carried wide near the 1100 metres. Passing the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and, when being restrained, shifted ground inwards crowding **Silken Prince**. Raced wide from the 600 metres. Passing the 200 metres jockey Balloo dropped his whip.

Antwerp – Jumped awkwardly. Shortly after the start, shifted out and bumped with **Sunset Breeze**, became unbalanced and shifted back in, bumping with **Tweak The Wind**. Raced wide in the early and middle stages and leaving the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position near the rail.

Aspara – Raced fiercely leaving the 1000 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Sunset Breeze**) was found guilty of a charge under MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that leaving the 1000 metres he failed to take necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not interfere with **Silken Prince**, resulting in the latter being cramped for galloping room, having to be eased and losing its position. In mitigation, jockey Balloo requested a suspension in lieu of a fine, he was thus suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Result: 1st: **Silken Prince**, 2nd: **Antwerp**, 3rd: **Tweak The Wind**, 4th: **British Pound**

RACE 3 – EVENTS PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1850M

Riding Shotgun – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Raced fiercely in the early stages.

Bouclette Top – Raced fiercely in the early stages and when settled got its head up, racing ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 200 metres hung out under pressure, resulting in **Black Indy**, which was racing on its outside, being carried outwards.

Mind Blowing – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping the hindquarters of **Power Tower**. Leaving the 1000 metres was taken out from behind **Black Indy** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Uncle JB**, which was improving on its outside, wider on the track.

Black Indy – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced entering the home straight. Carried outwards leaving the 200 metres.

Uncle JB – Restrained approaching the 800 metres to secure the one off position behind **Mind Blowing**. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Power Tower – Bumped on jumping. Passing the 1000 metres was allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. Shifted in marginally upon entering the home straight, resulting in **Black Indy** becoming slightly inconvenienced.

Result: 1st: **Mind Blowing**, 2nd: **Power Tower**, 3rd: **Uncle JB**, 4th: **Black Indy**

RACE 4 – LE DEFI DEAL SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Belenos - Carried wide near the 300 metres and wider entering the home straight.

Rock On Geordies – Jumped awkwardly and was urged forward to keep its position. Approaching the 1300 metres commenced to race fiercely, was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Trojan Quest** and, when steadied, threw its head and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Malak El Moolook – Near the 1000 metres, when the pace slackened, commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Pride Rock – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin.

Galtero – Slow to begin. Near the 300 metres was taken out from behind **Malak El Moolook** to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **Belenos** wider on the track. Vet report: Lost off fore shoe.

Streetbouncer – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

Memphis Mafia – Near the 1300 metres, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Near the 150 metres was switched to the inside of **Trojan Quest** to continue going forward.

Trojan Quest – Raced fiercely in the early stages and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Result: 1st: **In Your Dreams**, 2nd: **Rock On Geordies**, 3rd: **Galtero**, 4th: **Gimme Green**

GENERAL

On inquiry, Jockey Nunes (**In Your Dreams**) explained that he was instructed to endeavour to secure the lead and dictate from the front. He also said that at its last start, **In Your Dreams** had jumped awkwardly and had to be urged forward to secure the lead, resulting in the gelding over-racing and staying one paced when asked for an effort. He added that after jumping well his mount showed good early speed to secure the lead without much of an effort and once in front, he managed to settle the latter and allowed it to run in its pace. When further questioned, he explained that in his opinion he did not over restrain that gelding after securing the lead. Jockey Ségeon (**Trojan Quest**) explained that as his mount was racing over 1450 metres with the false rails out at 3m75, it was always his intention to settle his mount behind the leader so as get it to drop the bit as it is a hard puller. He said that after securing the position behind the leader near the 1300 metres, his mount commenced to over-race and did so until leaving the 1000 metres. When further questioned, he stated that in his opinion jockey Nunes had not excessively slowed the pace of the race but it was **Trojan Quest** that was pulling hard rather and also said that, had he elected to take his mount out from behind **In Your Dreams** and let it improve on the outside, it would have been more detrimental to its chances as it would have pulled even more. Jockey Plaçais (**Malak El Moolook**) explained that he was instructed to ask his mount for an effort in the early stages so as to secure a position just behind the pace and move from the 300 metres. When questioned, he said that from leaving the 1100 metres his mount raced keenly but, in his opinion, it was not due to the pace of the race, but more the fact that it did not manage to find cover. When further questioned, he added that he decided against letting his mount improve on the outside of the leader as he was instructed to follow just off the pace and had he done so and it resulted in his mount fading, he might have been in trouble with his trainer. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

RACE 5 – LE DEFI QUOTIDIEN / DEFI PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1500M

Correct weight was withheld for the Stewards to view the home straight and to consider an objection lodged by jockey David, the rider of **Wall Tag**, being declared 2nd, against **Ouzo**, being declared the winner, alleging interference in the home straight. It was established that near the 150 metres **Ouzo** commenced to shift inwards and brushed with **Wall Tag** from approaching the 100 metres on several occasions, resulting in **Wall Tag** becoming inconvenienced and jockey David being unable to use his whip, and passing the 75 metres bumped with the latter with **Wall Tag** becoming unbalanced. The Stewards, taking into consideration the margin of 0,02 length at the finish together with the interference suffered by **Wall Tag** from **Ouzo** and that jockey David was unable to use his whip, upheld the objection, the new placings being: 1st: **Wall Tag**, 2nd: **Ouzo**; 3rd: **Act Of Loyalty** and 4th: **Tsitsikamma Dance**.

Wall Tag – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Exit Here** and becoming unbalanced, then shifted outwards, carrying **Exit Here** onto **Ouzo**. Bumped in the home straight.

Brilliant Crimson – Slow to begin.

Unbelievable Lad - Jumped awkwardly and shifted out.

Act Of Loyalty – Raced in restricted room shortly after the start and was taken back to secure a position closer to the rails near the 1400 metres. Near the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide entering the home straight.

Exit Here – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 450 metres.

Tsitsikamma Dance – Leaving the 400 metres was taken out from behind **Exit Here**, which was giving ground and, in doing so, carried **Act Of Loyalty** wider on the track.

Ovation Award - Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Passing the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position one off the rail. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and near the 1000 metres was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Noah's Ark**.

Racing For Fun – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Near the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Ouzo – Carried out on jumping. Hung in in the home straight.

Result: 1st: **Wall Tag**, 2nd: **Ouzo**; 3rd: **Act Of Loyalty**, 4th: **Tsitsikamma Dance**

RACE 6 – THE Radio Plus 17TH Anniversary – MAURITIUS GUINEAS CUP – 1600M

Woljayrine – Near the 1300 metres commenced to race keenly and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Cool At Heart**. At the 600 metres shifted in, brushed the running rail and took an awkward stride.

Ideal Secret – Entering the home straight was switched to the outside of **Woljayrine** to secure clear running.

Nordic Chant – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate. Passing the 600 metres was taken out to avoid the heels of **Woljayrine**.

Result: 1st: **Cool At Heart**, 2nd: **Woljayrine**, 3rd: **Ideal Secret**, 4th: **Nordic Chant**

RACE 7 – LE TELE PLUS SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Acting on veterinary advice that **From The Ashes** was lame, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 8 a.m. on Friday 14 June. In view of this, all bets on **From The Ashes** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Burg – Near the 150 metres was switched to the outside of **Promissory** to secure clear running and over the concluding stages to the outside of **Sacred Flame** to continue going forward.

Royal Ginger – Slow into stride.

Jals Tiger – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out. Passing the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Promissory** to secure clear running.

Borya – Passing the 1000 metres, for some distance, got its head up when eased to avoid the heels of **Sacred Flame**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages.

Secret Idea – From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners.

Afdeek – Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of **Sacred Flame** to secure clear running. Lay out over the concluding stages.

Sacred Flame – When arriving at the barriers, jockey Strydom expressed concerns about the action of his mount. It was then examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to race.

Result: 1st: **Afdeek**, 2nd: **Borya**, 3rd: **Sacred Flame**, 4th: **Burg**

RACE 8 – THE PORT AU PRINCE CUP – 1600M

Jullidar – Approaching the 200 metres ran onto the heels of **Fire Song**, which was giving ground, and had to be taken out, in doing so, inconvenienced **Redwood Valley**, which was improving on its outside.

Middlemarch – Carried out on jumping and was then taken across to race behind runners.

It Doesn't Matter – Was taken out approaching the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Fire Song – Fractious in its gate prior to the start. Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, bumping **Greenstreettractor**. Stumbled on jumping and was bumped shortly after. Hung in from the 700 metres. Leaving the 250 metres commenced to give ground. **Jullidar**, which was following, was taken out to avoid its heels.

Rasta Rebel – Taken out from the 450 metres to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Lucky At Last – Jumped awkwardly, was slow to begin and shortly after shifted out, carrying **Middlemarch** outwards. Raced wide in the early stages.

Redwood Valley – Inconvenienced entering the home straight. Near the 100 metres had to be switched to the outside of horses to secure clear running.

Man From Seattle – Slow to begin. Near the 1500 metres ran out of galloping room on the inside of **Redwood Valley** and had to be eased. Taken out from the 400 metres and raced very wide rounding the home turn.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Holland (**Redwood Valley**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that from approaching the 1500 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear, resulting in **Man From Seattle** (P.Strydom) becoming cramped for galloping room by the 1500 metres, and having to be eased, losing its position. Jockey Holland was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting.

Result: 1st: **Man From Seattle**, 2nd: **It Doesn't Matter**, 3rd: **Rasta Rebel**, 4th: **Jullidar**

RACE 9 – THE GREAT GUSTO PLATE – 1400M

After The Order – Was taken out from approaching the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

Flying Arrow – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping the hindquarters of **Charles My Boy**, unbalancing the latter, then shifted outwards and was bumped by **Master Of Spain**, which had jumped awkwardly and shifted out and bumped **Got To Fly**, then shifted back in. Passing the 1365 metres was carried outwards by **Stone Tiger**.

Master Of Spain – Approaching the 1365 metres was carried outwards by **Flying Arrow**. Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1100 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. Passing the 300 metres shifted in and bumped **Stone Tiger**. Leaving the 250 metres shifted in under pressure, carrying **Stone Tiger** inwards and inconveniencing the latter. Approaching the 100 metres commenced to shift out under pressure.

Silver Heritage – Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to race fiercely and, when being settled, got its head up, raced ungenerously and shifted out. Following this incident, continued to hang out and raced wide from then onwards.

Stone Tiger – Passing the 1300 metres shifted out abruptly, resulting in **Charles My Boy** becoming cramped for room and having to be eased. Leaving the 250 metres shifted in under pressure and, when straightened, was carried in by **Master Of Spain**.

Taranaki - Hung in over the concluding stages and brushed **Master Of Spain**, which had hung out over the final 100 metres.

Charles My Boy – Leaving the 300 metres attempted a run into a tight gap on the inside of **Saracen King**. Jockey David was shown the films of the race, severely reprimanded and advised to take more care in future.

Saracen King – Passing the 450 metres commenced to give ground. **Charles My Boy**, which was following, was held up when unable to improve. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Got To Fly – Jumped awkwardly and shifted in, bumping **Master Of Spain** and when trying to straighten his mount, jockey Balloo lost the use of his left rein, shortly after **Got To Fly** clipped the heels of **Master Of Spain**, which had been carried outwards, stumbled badly with jockey Balloo becoming badly unbalanced and losing the use of his near side stirrup iron, which he regained passing the 1100 metres.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, it was established that **Got To Fly** had jumped awkwardly and shifted in onto the hindquarters of **Master Of Spain**, bumping the latter inwards. Simultaneously, **Stone Tiger** shifted out abruptly after leaving the stalls and carried **Charles My Boy** out, resulting in **Charles My Boy** having to ease, and **Flying Arrow** becoming cramped between **Master Of Spain** and **Charles My Boy**. In view of the contributing factors, the board decided to record it as a racing incident, but also advised jockey Gomez to make more effort to straighten his mounts in future.

b) On inquiry, it was established that from leaving the 450 metres **Saracen King** commenced to give ground quickly with **Charles My Boy**, which was following, running onto its heels and forcing its way into a tight gap on the inside of **Saracen King** despite jockey David trying to restrain his mount. After consideration, the board decided not to proceed other than to advise jockey David that he must make more effort in future to avoid running into tight gaps.

c) On inquiry, Jockey Bardottier (**Master Of Spain**) was found guilty of a breach of the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (d) in that in leaving the 250 metres, he failed to take the necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not shift inwards and carry (**Stone Tiger**) inwards, inconveniencing the latter. He was fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1st: **Taranaki**, 2nd: **Master Of Spain**, 3rd: **Soldier's Code**, 4th: **Stone Tiger**

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 Aspara (Race 2, Uncle JB (Race 3), Rock On Geordies (Race 4) and Jals Tiger (Race 8).

SUMMARY	
Fines	Race 1: M. Nunes (Zenzero): Rs.5,000 for lodging a frivolous objection Race 9: J. Bardottier (Master Of Spain): Rs.25,000 for failing to take necessary steps to ensure that his mount did not shift on another runner. (250m)
Suspensions	Race 2: A. Balloo (Sunset Breeze): 1 race meeting for interference (1000m) Race 8: D. Holland (Redwood Valley): 1 race meeting for careless riding (1500m)
Reprimand	Race 9: D. David (Charles My Boy): severely reprimanded and advised to take more care in future(300m)
Vet Certificate	Race 9: Saracen King: Bled – Suspended 30 days

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