

## RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good 2.8  
Rail position: 1.25m

### RACE 1 – THE CENTRAL ROUTE TRADING & KUDA HOLDINGS SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1650M

**Gold Medalist** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and carried **Doyles** wider on the track.

**Star Of Kazan** – Shortly after the start shifted ground inwards, crowding **Desert Thief**, which shifted in and bumped the hindquarters of **Beretta Bobcat**. Passing the 1300 metres shifted in and bumped **Desert Thief**. Hung in in the early and middle stages. Raced wide throughout. Leaving the 450 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide rounding the home turn.

**Desert Thief** – Crowded shortly after the start. Shifted ground inwards passing the 1300 metres, momentarily crowding **Logan** with the latter shifting ground inwards, momentarily crowding **Space Agent**. Over-raced in the middle stages. Hung in in the home straight.

**Never Fear** – Jumped awkwardly and dipped shortly thereafter. Approaching the 150 metres commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Spun Out**, which was following, having to be switched outwards to secure clear running.

**Space Agent** – Slow to begin. Was momentarily crowded for room near the 1300 metres. Leaving the 1000 metres commenced to over-race and had to be steadied when close to the heels of **Spun Out**. Commenced to give ground from the 450 metres and shortly thereafter, was momentarily tightened for room on the inside of **Logan**.

**Doyles** – From the 600 metres, commenced to give ground and was not persevered with over the concluding stages. Carried out near the 450 metres. Vet Report – no significant findings.

**Spun Out** – Half-reared on jumping and was slow to begin. Passing the 100 metres, was switched to the outside of **Never Fear** to continue going forward.

**Logan** – Slow to begin. Momentarily crowded for room and shifted inwards onto **Space Agent** near the 1300 metres. Approaching the 400 metres, for some distance, raced tight onto **Space Agent**. Jockey Bardottier was shown the video replays of this incident, reprimanded, and advised that he should always leave sufficient galloping room for runners on his inside in future. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position.

**Beretta Bobcat** – Bumped shortly after the start.

### GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that passing the 1300 metres **Star Of Kazan** changed stride and shifted in abruptly, making contact with **Desert Thief**, who became unbalanced, shifted inwards and bumped **Desert Thief**, with the latter shifting ground inwards onto **Logan**, with the latter being momentarily crowded for room and shifting in onto **Space Agent**, which became momentarily crowded for room on its inside. Considering these circumstances, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to record it as a racing incident.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Never Fear**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Spun Out**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Blazing Heart**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Logan**

### RACE 2 – THE KEVIN CONNOLLY MEMORIAL TROPHY – 1850M

The start was delayed when the near fore shoe of **Middlemarch** had to be replaced at the start.

**Bouclette Top** – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the right side of its gate and shifted in, making contact with **Fire Song**. Shortly after the start raced in restricted room between **Fire Song** and **Starsky**. Leaving the 150 metres was switched to the inside of **Barking Irons** to secure clear running.

**Overdose** – Had to be switched to the outside of **Starsky** to improve its position and shortly after from behind **It Doesn't Matter** to continue going forward, and carried **In The Loop**, which was improving on its outside, outwards.

**Barking Irons** – Urged forward and raced wide in the early stages.

**Jet Path** – Jumped awkwardly, brushing the right side of its gate. Raced wide in the early stages. Hung in in the home straight and near the 200 metres had to be switched inwards to avoid the heels of **Fire Song**.

**In The Loop** – Slow to begin. Carried wide in the home straight.

**It Doesn't Matter** – Was taken out from the 450 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn. Carried wide passing the 300 metres.

**Starsky** – Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and, in doing so, carried **It Doesn't Matter** wider on the track.

**Fire Song** – Stumbled on jumping and shortly thereafter, made contact with **Bouclette Top**, which had shifted in. When questioned, jockey Bardottier explained that from leaving the 1100 metres, his mount started to shift out and made an abnormal respiratory noise; he thought that the gelding had bled, however when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres, it responded before fading in the home straight where he did not persevere with the gelding. A veterinary examination of this gelding revealed a slight paralysis of the left air passage.

**Middlemarch** – Slow to begin. From its wide draw was taken across to race behind runners. Commenced to give ground leaving the 600 metres. Was not persevered with in the home straight.

### GENERAL

On inquiry, trainer S. Narang was severely reprimanded for not informing the Stewards of a change of tactics for **Barking Irons** prior to the race, and advised that in future, he should inform the Stewards of any change of tactics pertaining to his runners.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Jama**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Bouclette Top**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **It Doesn't Matter**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Overdose**

### RACE 3 – THE EMPERORS PALACE-IMPERIUM CLUB STAKES SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1400M

**Badawee** – Brushed shortly after the start.

**Sky High Flyer** – When questioned, jockey Placais explained that from leaving the 1200 metres **Greenflashsunset**, which was racing directly in front of him, was hanging out with jockey Balloo having difficulty in keeping his mount on the rail. He also said that from leaving the 600 metres **Greenflashsunset** tended to hang out further with jockey Balloo being unable to assist it properly. He added that from that moment he decided to improve on the inside of **Greenflashsunset**, however was only able to do so once the gap was wide enough passing the 300 metres.

**Taranak i** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards. Approaching the 1300 metres shifted ground inwards, resulting in **Vision Of Trust** and **Carlas Mambo** racing tight on its inside. Raced wide in the early stages. From the 1200 metres, when being restrained to secure a position one off the rails, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Was taken out from approaching the 450 metres to improve its position, carrying **Varside** out. When questioned, jockey Juglall explained that this gelding usually races towards the rear of the field and that today taking into consideration that **Badawee** would be the hardest to beat and would most probably take the lead he was instructed to have a good jump and place his horse closer to the pace without asking it for too much of an effort as it tends to over-race. He explained that after jumping well, he encouraged his horse in the early stages to ride as per instructions, however passing the 1300 metres he found himself racing 4-wide as the inside horses were insisting to keep their position. He also said that he then decided to bring back his mount in order to secure a position closer to the rail and that his mount tended to over-race from then onwards.

**Varside** – Raced wide throughout. Carried wide from the 450 metres. When questioned, jockey Nunes explained that after jumping well, he urged his mount forward, however he felt that he did not have enough horse under him to clear the inside horses, as such, being caught in a 3-wide position, he elected to bring back his mount to get a position closer to the rail. He added that he did not manage to do so and from the 450 metres he was carried wide on the track.

**Carlas Mambo** – Jumped awkwardly. Raced fiercely in the early stages and was inconvenienced leaving the 1300 metres when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Greenflashsunset**, which had shifted ground outwards. Raced wide from the 450 metres onwards. When questioned, jockey Allyhosain explained that he was instructed to place the gelding where it felt comfortable in the race although to endeavour to be closer to the pace. He added that after insisting for the first 100 metres, his mount commenced to over-race passing the 1300 metres when **Vision Of Trust** improved on its outside. He added that from approaching the 1200 metres he allowed his mount to improve behind the leader, however as **Vision Of Trust** was still insisting on his outside, he elected to bring his mount back and let **Vision Of Trust** improve around him so as to obtain cover. He also said from thereon his mount raced relaxed until the 400 metres when it commenced to give ground.

**Greenflashsunset** – Jumped awkwardly and brushed the left side of its gate. Steadied to avoid the heels of **Badawee** leaving the 1300 metres. Raced fiercely in the early stages and, when being restrained, got its head up. Leaving the 450 metres commenced to hang out with **Sky High Flyer** improving on its outside passing the 300 metres. Hung out throughout.

**Newsman** – Jumped outwards, contacting **Tyrian**, which then shifted ground and brushed **Badawee** shortly after the start. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the inside of runners to secure clear running.

**Vision Of Trust** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, crowding **Northern Rebel**. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Tyrian** – Contacted on jumping and shifted ground, brushing **Badawee**.

**Northern Rebel** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 400 metres for some distance was held up when unable to improve from behind **Sky High Flyer** and passing the 250 metres was taken out from behind **Sky High Flyer** to secure clear running.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Balloo explained that **Greenflashsunset** hung out from the start of the race and leaving the 1300 metres became unbalanced, got its head up and had great difficulty in negotiating the turn. When further questioned, he explained that he was not restraining his mount at that stage of the race but was merely trying to get this gelding to negotiate the turn. He added that had his mount not proved difficult around the turn, he would have been able to follow closer to the lead. Mr. Maingard concurred and explained that **Greenflashsunset** is a disappointing horse that has not achieved his potential in Mauritius. Under the circumstances, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Badawee**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Sky High Flyer**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Northern Rebel**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Varside**

#### RACE 4 – THE RACING ASSOCIATION TROPHY – 1850M

**Consul Of War** – Slow into stride. Approaching the 400 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide rounding the home turn.

**Euroklidon** – Shifted ground outwards entering the home straight, inconveniencing **Paddingtons Luck**. Approaching the 150 metres, commenced to shift ground inwards under pressure, resulting in **The Grey Crusader**, which was following, having to be taken out to go forward. Jockey Sooful was shown the video replays of the incident, reprimanded and told that he should straighten his mounts earlier when shifting ground in future.

**Down Under** – Slow into stride. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the outside of **Top Of The Rock** to secure clear running, slightly inconveniencing **Gat Henshaw**.

**Gat Henshaw** – Stood flat-footed, was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. When the pace slackened near the 1200 metres, was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Consul Of War**. Leaving the 700 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Inconvenienced leaving the 200 metres.

**Hamaan** – Slow to begin. Vet report: Lameness off fore.

**The Grey Crusader** – Brushed the rail at the 600 metres. Came off the crossing at the 450 metres awkwardly and dipped. Near the 100 metres, was switched outwards to continue going forward. When questioned with regard to the concluding stages of the home straight, jockey de Gouveia explained that his mount had raced green and when passing the 450 metre-crossing, took an awkward stride and dipped. Thereafter, when entering the home straight, he elected to take the inside run as **Euroklidon** had shifted ground outwards entering the home straight. He added that leaving the 150 metres **Euroklidon** started to shift ground inwards under pressure, as such he had to take his mount outwards behind the latter. He also said that he then anticipated **Paddingtons Luck**, which was improving on the outside of **Euroklidon** and shifting ground inwards, to close the gap between these two horses, as such, switched his mount further outwards to avoid the heels of **Paddingtons Luck**.

**Slightly Scottish** – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head and was slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early stages and near the 1450 metres, when being settled, threw its head on a number of occasions. When the pace slackened near the 1200 metres, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Hamaan**, and threw its head on a number of occasions.

#### GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Juglall (**Paddington's Luck**) was found guilty of a breach of the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (h), the particulars being that he used his whip in an improper manner by striking

**Paddington's Luck** at least 7 times on consecutive strides without allowing this gelding time to respond. He was fined Rs 5.000.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Paddingtons Luck**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **The Grey Crusader**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Euroklidon**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Consul Of War**

#### **RACE 5 – THE GOLD CIRCLE TROPHY – 1400M**

**Racing For Fun** – Slow to begin, shortly after was crowded for room and shifted onto **Silken Prince**. Leaving the 200 metres was switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running and, in doing so, slightly inconvenienced **Drageda**.

**Virtue** – Hung in in the home straight.

**Drageda** – Stood awkwardly in its gate, jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously. Slightly inconvenienced in the early stages of the home straight.

**Silken Prince** – Carried outwards shortly after the start. Leaving the 900 metres was taken out and allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

**Flower Blue** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards crowding **Racing For Fun** onto **Silken Prince**, with the latter being carried outwards. Raced wide in the early stages. Passing the 1200 metres was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the pace. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Hung in in the home straight.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Virtue**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Silken Prince**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Huyssteen**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Racing For Fun**

#### **RACE 6 – THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS CARGO CUP – 1450M**

**Big Mistake** – Carried wide leaving the 1300 metres. Leaving the 1200 metres was eased to secure a position behind **Pera Palace**, **Speed Limit**, which was following, became inconvenienced when awkwardly placed close to its heels and had to be taken out to avoid its heels. Leaving the 600 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards, shying away when shifting ground outwards.

**Captain Swarovski** – Slow into stride. Leaving the 1300 metres, when being urged forward, had to be eased and taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Haylor**.

**Pera Palace** – Approaching the 1300 metres, when being settled, got its head up, raced ungenerously and shifted out, carrying **Big Mistake** outwards thereafter becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Wavebreaker**. From then onwards continued to race ungenerously, throwing its head until the 600 metres.

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

**Speed Limit** – Leaving the 1200 metres, eased off the heels of **Big Mistake** and shifted out, racing wide for some distance. Was taken out leaving the 400 metres and raced wide from then onwards.

**Dreamforest** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin

**Haylor** – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 200 metres was angled outwards to secure clear running, at the same time, **Big Mistake** was carried outwards by **Haylor**, resulting in **Ouzo** having to be switched to the inside of these horses to continue going forward.

**Ouzo** – Slow into stride. Vet report: Severely lame near fore (knee fracture).

**Wavebreaker** – Approaching the 150 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted ground outwards, carrying **Haylor**, which was racing on its outside, outwards onto **Big Mistake**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

#### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, trainer Maingard explained that he instructed jockey Balloo (**Pera Palace**) to endeavor jump well, ask his mount for an effort in view to secure the lead and dictate from the front. Jockey Balloo confirmed these instructions and explained that after asking his mount for an effort in the early stages, he realized that **Wavebreaker** was going better than him approaching the 1300 metres as such elected to bring his mount back being of the opinion that had he insisted he would have created a cut throat as **Pera Palace** has a tendency to race fiercely. He added that during the race it was a split second decision he had to take and that after seeing the film of the early stages acknowledged that he might have erred. Mr. Maingard concurred and added that in his opinion there seemed to be no ill intentions from jockey Balloo but just a lack of confidence. After consideration, the Stewards

decided not to proceed further other than to advise jockey Balloo that his ride had come under notice and that he is to ride his horses so as to leave no room for query.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Wavebreaker**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Ouzo**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Haylor**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Big Mistake**

#### **RACE 7 – THE BLOODSTOCK SOUTH AFRICA SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1500M**

**All Aboard** – Slow into stride. Leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift in under pressure. Over the last 100 metres raced tight with **Carlton Heights**, which, when being ridden with the whip, shifted out slightly.

**Carlton Heights** – Over the concluding stages shifted out away from the whip and raced tight onto **All Aboard**.

**Greatfiveeight** - Slow to begin.

**Midnight Messenger** – Leaving the 1300 metres, after being urged forward in the early stages, threw its head when being settled and raced ungenerously for some distance. Leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Phoenix Rising**, which was following, becoming inconvenienced. Jockey Hoolash was shown the video replays of the incident, severely reprimanded and advised that in future he should stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when shifting ground.

**Phoenix Rising** – Slow to begin. Inconvenienced leaving the 200 metres.

**Silver Rock** – Standing awkwardly in its gate, being slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Hung in in the early stages of the home straight.

**Sir Capers** – Raced wide throughout.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Carlton Heights**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **All Aboard**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Kali's Champ**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Silver Rock**

#### **RACE 8 – THE BONNY AIR TRAVEL TROPHY – 990M**

**Cool Water** – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

**Manolete** - Slow to begin.

**One For One** – Slow to begin.

**Sarah's Secret** – Near the 850 metres, shifted in when being cramped for room, crowding **Night Chapel**, which in turn shifted in and bumped **Seven Colours** with both these horses becoming severely unbalanced and **Night Chapel** losing its position

**Dark Force** – Leaving the 250 metres shifted out, slightly inconveniencing **Sarah's Secret**.

**Wow Holiday** – Near the 850 metres, inconvenienced and taken out to avoid the heels of **Night Chapel**.

**Very Vary** – Was taken out to improve its position passing the 400 metres and raced wide rounding the home turn.

**Seven Colours** – Near the 850 metres, was crowded for room on the inside of **Night Chapel**.

**Night Chapel** – Near the 850 metres, was carried inwards and bumped on its hindquarters by **Seven Colours**, becoming unbalanced, carried back outwards, and had to be checked to avoid the heels of **Sarah's Secret**.

#### **GENERAL**

On inquiry, jockey Balloo (**Dark Force**) pleaded guilty to a contravention of MTC Rule 161 A (f) in that leaving the 850 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Sarah's Secret**, resulting in the latter being taken inwards onto **Night Chapel**, with **Night Chapel** being carried inwards and bumping **Seven Colours** with both these horses becoming unbalanced and **Night Chapel** having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for two Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs.25,000.

Result: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Dark Force**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Sarah's Secret**, 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Very Vary**, 4<sup>th</sup>: **Philosopher**

#### **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 Doyles (Race 1), Overdose (Race 2), Consul of War (Race 4) and Racing For Fun (Race 5).

c) Urine specimens were taken for analysis from the following riders: S. Bussunt, P. Horil, S. Rama & C. Ségeon

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines</b>	<b>Race 4:</b> N. Juglall (Paddingtons Luck): Rs.5,000 for striking his mount excessively (home straight)
<b>Suspension &amp; Fine</b>	<b>Race 8:</b> A. Balloo (Dark Force): 2 race meetings & Rs.25,000 for careless riding (950m)
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> J. Bardottier (Logan): and advised to leave enough room to horses on his inside (450m). <b>Race 2:</b> S. Narang (Barking Irons): For falling to inform the Stewards of change of tactics. <b>Race 4:</b> B. Sooful (Euroklidon): and told that he should straighten his mounts earlier when they shift ground (150m). <b>Race 7:</b> R. Hoolash (Midnight Messenger): severely reprimanded and told to stop riding with whip and straighten his mount in future (200m)
<b>Vet Certificate</b>	<b>Race 6:</b> Wavebreaker: Bled – Suspended 30 days

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