

RACING STEWARDS' REPORT – SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

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

Weather: Fine
Track: Good 2.8
Rail position: 3m

RACE 1 – THE SERGE HENRY CUP – 1500M

Prior to the start being effected, **Friday On My Mind** was fractious in its barrier and forced the front gate open. It was quickly restrained and the gate was closed.

Kash Is King – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position, and approaching the 300 metres, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Blunderbuss**. Near the 250 metres, was switched to the outside of **Sea Pass**, and improved into a tight gap on the inside of **Spun Out**.

Dark Liability – Bumped and carried in on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages.

Plain Of Wisdom – Brushed shortly after the start. Passing the 1300 metres, was momentarily tightened on the inside of **Sea Pass**. Vet report: Injured off fore cannon bone.

Spun Out – Was taken out from behind **Space Agent** near the 400 metres and carried **Al Hamd** wider on the track. Near the 200 metres was switched to the outside of **Al Hamd** to continue going forward.

Al Hamd – Inconvenienced shortly after the start. Carried wide at the 300 metres and made the turn into the home straight very wide. In the early stages of the home straight, jockey Ghunowa dropped his near side rein, which he regained passing the 200 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Space Agent – Brushed on jumping.

Friday On My Mind – Slow to begin and lost considerable ground at the start.

Blunderbuss – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **Space Agent**, then shifted out and brushed **Plain Of Wisdom**. Leaving the 1100 metres, commenced to over-race and near the 1000 metres, was steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Dark Liability**.

Sea Pass – Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Was taken out to improve its position from the 450 metres and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Blazing Heart – Jumped awkwardly, stumbled and shifted ground inwards, carrying **Dark Liability** onto **Al Hamd**, with the latter being inconvenienced. Hung out in the home straight.

GENERAL

On inquiry, apprentice Louis (**Sea Pass**) was shown the video replays of an incident passing the 1300 metres, severely reprimanded and advised to allow for more room to runners on his inside.

Result: 1st: **Blazing Heart**, 2nd: **Al Hamd**, 3rd: **Friday On My Mind**, 4th: **Kash Is King**

RACE 2 – LE MONIN CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1400M

Choir Of Angels – Passing the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of runners to continue going forward. When questioned in relation to the apparent improved performance of this gelding, Trainer Merven explained that this gelding started its racing career in Mauritius with a rating of 46 and had been disappointing although improving at its last start when fitted with a tongue tie. He added that for today's race, as the gelding had improved at track work, he expected a better performance from it but did not expect it to win. He also said that in his opinion, the fact that it was racing in a lower rating band and the interference suffered by well backed horses at a crucial stage of the race probably accounted for its improved performance.

Perfect Pursuit – Slow to begin. Shortly after, was carried outwards and inconvenienced close to the heels of **Choir Of Angels**. Commenced to over-race passing the 1000 metres.

Zenzero – Leaving the 1100 metres commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mysterious Omen**.

Carlton Heights – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1000 metres, commenced to race fiercely and when being settled, threw its head, raced ungenerously for some distance and shifted ground outwards. Leaving the 200 metres was severely checked and became unbalanced on the inside of **Dark Force**.

Dark Force – Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted ground inwards, crowding **Carlton Heights**, which was improving on its inside, onto **Mysterious Omen** with both horses being interfered with, shifting ground inwards and hampering **Tyrian**, which was improving on their inside, with the latter having to be eased to avoid the heels of **Zenzero**.

Barking Irons – Raced wide throughout.

It Doesn't Matter – Leaving the 250 metres, switched to the outside of **Barking Irons** and raced wide into the home straight. Hung in in the home straight.

Mysterious Omen – Shortly after the start, shifted out when being urged forward. Interfered with leaving the 200 metres.

Tyrian – Slow to begin and shortly after, was carried outwards by **Mysterious Omen**, which had shifted out when being urged forward and inconvenienced **Perfect Pursuit**. Raced fiercely in the middle stages. Leaving the 800 metres momentarily taken out to avoid the heels of **Zenzero**, when taken back in, inconvenienced **Fairbanks**, which had improved on its inside. Hampered leaving the 200 metres and had to be eased.

Fairbanks – Fractious in its gate prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground inwards and bumped the right side of its gate. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. Leaving the 800 metres, was inconvenienced by **Tyrian**, shifted ground inwards and brushed the running rail.

GENERAL

On inquiry, jockey Holland (**Dark Force**) was found guilty of a contravention under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that leaving the 200 metres he carelessly allowed his mount to shift ground inwards when insufficiently clear of **Carlton Heights**, which was racing on his inside, and at the same time continuously used his whip in his left hand, resulting in **Carlton Heights** running out of galloping room on his inside and being carried inwards onto **Mysterious Omen**, with the latter being carried inwards onto **Tyrian** with all three horses being badly interfered with and having to be severely checked. He was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings.

Result: 1st: **Choir Of Angels**, 2nd: **It Doesn't Matter**, 3rd: **Zenzero**, 4th: **Perfect Pursuit**

RACE 3 – THE ROUGIÉ CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1850M

The Brass Bell – Slow to begin. Carried wide passing the 400 metres. Leaving the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight very wide. Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the inside of **Overdose** to secure clear running.

The Grey Crusader – Slow into stride. Was contacted shortly after. Leaving the 450 metres, was momentarily tightened on the inside of **Jama** and approaching the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and carried **The Brass Bell** wider on the track.

Emaar – Jumped awkwardly and shifted out, making contact with **The Grey Crusader**. Leaving the 200 metres commenced to shift ground outwards and, when straightened, shifted back in, inconveniencing **Bouclette Top**, which was shifting ground outwards.

Jullidar – Near the 500 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced very wide from then onwards.

Wordbuster – Raced wide throughout. When questioned, jockey David explained that he was instructed to go forward, follow **Emaar** and settle in 3rd position if possible. After jumping slower than expected, he was caught wide and when trying to secure a position closer to the rail, **Overdose** improved on his inside and his mount would not go in. Passing the 1200 metres, commenced to hang out. He added that passing the 1000 metres, the pace slowed and he elected to improve around horses on his outside and let his mount stride freely to go forward. This gelding however continued to hang out and was caught wide on the home turn. He added that this gelding may not have been suited to be equipped with side winkers.

Black Indy – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Commenced to give ground from passing the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. Vet report: Nothing untoward detected.

Bouclette Top – Near the 300 metres, for a short distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Emaar**. Approaching the 150 metres, shifted ground outwards and was inconvenienced by **Emaar**, which shifted in abruptly when being straightened.

Jama – Inconvenienced and carried outwards leaving the 200 metres. Vet report: Not striding out off fore.

Bypass – Slow to begin.

Result: 1st: **The Grey Crusader**, 2nd: **Overdose**, 3rd: **Jama**, 4th: **Bouclette Top**

RACE 4 – THE CHAMPAGNE BILLECART SALMON CHALLENGE TROPHY – 1450M

Good Buddy – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 200 metres, commenced to shift out under pressure, resulting in **Supreme Orator**, which was following, having to be switched to its inside to continue going forward.

Apollo Star – Reared on jumping and was slow to begin. Leaving the 200 metres, was switched to the outside of **Master Of Spain** and **Promissory** to secure clear running. Hung in in the home straight.

Clipper Captain – Slow to begin. Shortly after, was taken across to race behind runners. When questioned, jockey De Gouveia explained that from its wide draw, he was instructed to endeavour to secure a position at the back of the field, and to start improving from the 1000 metres. He added that approaching the 900 metres, when the pace slackened, he encouraged his mount to improve its position, however the gelding commenced to race fiercely. Being of the opinion that **Clipper Captain** would be fatigued prematurely, he elected to settle it behind **Good Buddy**. He further added that passing the 600 metres, when **Good Buddy** moved onto the rails, he allowed his mount to improve around it. When asked for an effort near the 400 metres, it quickened only fairly and stayed one-paced over the concluding stages.

Riding Shotgun – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride.

Supreme Orator – Slow to begin. Near the 150 metres, was switched to the inside of **Good Buddy** to continue going forward. When questioned, jockey Sooful explained that passing the 1200 metres, seeing that there was a gap on the fence behind **Apollo Star**, and that his mount was hanging in, he elected to ease the latter to secure the run behind **Apollo Star**, with his mount throwing its head and racing ungenerously for some distance. From then onwards, his mount raced erratically and, in the back straight, had to be encouraged to keep up with the field. He further reported that this gelding was not striding out properly and hung in throughout.

Master Of Spain – Approaching the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Dunzie**, when awkwardly placed close to its heels. **Apollo Star**, which was following, was also inconvenienced to avoid the heels of **Master Of Spain**.

Dunzie – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Commenced to give ground from the 300 metres onwards.

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

Result: 1st: **Promissory**, 2nd: **Master Of Spain**, 3rd: **Itdawnmedonme**, 4th: **Apollo Star**

RACE 5 – THE REYNAUD LES HALLES SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Sentido** was lame on its off fore leg, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 11.25 am. In view of this, all bets on **Sentido** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened.

Dollar Tractor – Near the 100 metres, when switching his whip to his left hand, jockey Simons's whip became entangled in his reins with him losing the use of his near side rein which he gathered close to the winning post.

Iditarod Trail – From its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Viking Trail – Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and carried **All About The Bass** wider on the track.

Captainofthesea – Leaving the 200 metres, when being ridden with the whip, shifted in away from it, resulting in jockey de Gouveia switching his whip to his right hand.

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

Charleston Hero – Slow to begin. Near the 400 metres, raced in restricted room between **Rock On Geordies** and **Iditarod Trail** for a short distance, when **Rock On Geordies** was taken out from behind **Dollar Tractor** to improve its position.

All About The Bass – The saddle was readjusted at the start. Slow into stride. Approaching the 700 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Carried wide passing the 450 metres.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Bhaugerothee (**Rock On Geordies**) was reprimanded for taking his mount out leaving the 450 metres with **Charleston Hero** (David) which was following, becoming inconvenienced and having to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to its heels.

b) On inquiry, Jockey Simons (**Dollar Tractor**) explained that after racing on the rails just off the pace throughout, he managed to secure an inside run into the home straight, he expected his mount to kick when asked for an effort but it only quickened fairly when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, he then decided to switch his whip to his left hand in order to get the gelding to change leg and quicken. He added that in doing so, his whip got entangled in the reins with him losing the use of his near side rein. He also said that as it happened close to the finish, he continued to ride his mount out with the use of one rein and that he had never stopped urging his mount forward during this incident. He concluded by saying that in his opinion, had he ridden the gelding with the use of both reins, he still would not have won. After consideration the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

Result: 1st: **All About The Bass**, 2nd: **Edge Of The Sun**, 3rd: **Dollar Tractor**, 4th: **Charleston Hero**

RACE 6 – L'EPICERIE CHALLENGE TROPHY – 990M

Ernie – Slow to begin. Approaching the 300 metres was taken out to improve its position and raced wide rounding the home turn. Hung in the home straight.

Big Mistake – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, crowding **Zud Wes** onto **Pera Palace**. Leaving the 150 metres was switched to the inside of **Henry Tudor** to secure clear running.

Pera Palace – Raced in restricted room in the early stages between **Zud Wes** and **Chili Con Carne** for some distance. Leaving the 900 metres, when racing tight on the inside of **Chili Con Carne**, had to be steadied, and when being steadied, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Chili Con Carne – Jumped inwards, making contact with **Pera Palace**, which had been carried out by **Zud Wes**, becoming unbalanced for some distance. Hung in throughout.

Purple Tractor – Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Zud Wes – Bumped at the start and shifted ground outwards onto **Pera Palace**, was then bumped on its hindquarters, turned sideways and became unbalanced for some distance. Over the concluding stages, could not secure clear running and was eased to avoid the heels of **Bono** in the closing stages.

Aladel – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Bono – Stumbled on jumping.

Superstitious - Slow to begin. Raced wide from the 600 metres.

GENERAL

On inquiry, it was established that on jumping, **Zud Wes** was carried outwards by **Big Mistake**, crowding **Pera Palace** onto **Chili Con Carne**, which had jumped inwards with both **Zud Wes** and **Chili Con Carne** becoming unbalanced with their respective jockeys having difficulty straightening their mounts, which resulted in **Pera Palace** racing in restricted room for some distance. Blame could not be apportioned to any particular rider and the Stewards decided to report this as a racing incident.

Result: 1st: **Henry Tudor**, 2nd: **Big Mistake**, 3rd: **Superstitious**, 4th: **Ernie**

RACE 7 – THE HARVEY BEEF CENTENARY SOUVENIR TROPHY – 1450M

Whilst being saddled, **Northern Rebel** kicked out in its box. It was then examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to race. Acting on veterinary advice, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 4.25 p.m. today. In view of this, all bets on **Northern Rebel** were ordered to be refunded and winning bets with bookmakers were paid less 20 cents per rupee, the average price of **Northern Rebel** being 4-1.

Cool Water – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, crowding **Sir Capers** onto **Sacred Night**. Near the 1365 metres, when being settled, shifted ground outwards, crowding **Sacred Night** onto **Artax**. Passing the 1300 metres was crowded for galloping room and had to be checked and taken to the inside, bumping **Lucky At Last** when **Artax** was taken in when insufficiently clear. Commenced to give ground from the 400 metres and was not persevered with in the home straight. Vet report: Injury off fore fetlock.

Melson – Approaching the 450 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards. Hung in in the home straight.

Sacred Night – Near the 1365 metres had to be eased to avoid the heels of **Artax**. Raced wide in the early stages. Vet report: Not striding out, dry-coated.

Silver Rock – Jumped awkwardly. Over-raced in the middle stages. Passing the 300 metres, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve from behind **Rebel Alliance**, and leaving the 250 metres, was switched to the inside of **Rebel Alliance** to continue going forward.

Sir Capers – Slow to begin. Shortly after, crowded onto **Sacred Night**. Approaching the 1000 metres, was taken out to avoid the heels of **Silver Rock**. Over-raced in the middle stages. Approaching the 300 metres, was taken out to improve its position and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

Artax – Passing the 1300 metres shifted in, crowding **Cool Water** onto **Lucky At Last**.

Rebel Alliance – Contacted on jumping. Passing the 1200 metres, threw its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Shifted ground inwards in the home straight.

Silver Song – Half reared and was slow to begin. Over-raced in the middle stages.

Lucky At Last – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **Rebel Alliance**. Bumped and unbalanced passing the 1300 metres. In the early stages of the home straight, shifted out away from the whip, resulting in jockey Bardottier shifting his whip to his left hand.

GENERAL

a) On inquiry, jockey Ngwane (**Artax**) pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of MTC Rule 160 A (f) in that passing the 1300 metres, he carelessly allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Cool Water**, resulting in the latter being cramped for galloping room and having to be taken in and bumping **Lucky At Last**, which was racing on his inside, unbalancing the latter. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs.20,000.

b) On inquiry, jockey Ghunowa (**Cool Water**) was shown the video replays of an incident passing the 1365 metres, severely reprimanded and advised to make every effort to better control his mounts.

Result: 1st: **Lucky At Last**, 2nd: **Silver Song**, 3rd: **Melson**, 4th: **Artax**

RACE 8 – THE TRACKRIDERS CUP – 990M

Acting on veterinary advice that **Gordonstoun** was lame on its off hind leg, the Stewards ordered its withdrawal at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 18 October. In view of this, all bets on **Gordonstoun** were ordered to be refunded and betting with bookmakers was re-opened. With the withdrawal of **Gordonstoun**, the Emergency Acceptor **Sierra Redwood** became a runner and was ridden by jockey S. Bussunt.

Jockey Sooful was stood down by the Club's Medical Officer on medical grounds. The Stewards approved jockey K. Ghunowa as the replacement rider for **Dealer's Charm**.

Dealer's Charm – Slow to begin. Approaching the 100 metres, was switched to the outside of **Midnight Messenger** to continue going forward, and in doing so, inconvenienced **Kali's Champ** and carried the latter outwards. Jockey Ghunowa was shown video replays of this incident, reprimanded and advised that he should ensure that he is clear of horses before shifting ground.

It's Him – Contacted on jumping. Shortly after, shifted ground inwards, brushing **Sarah's Secret**.

Wendylle – Leaving the 400 metres, was taken out to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Sarah's Secret – Brushed shortly after the start.

Philosopher – Raced wide from the 600 metres. Hung in in the home straight.

Two Moon Junction – Near the 150 metres, was switched to the outside of **Wendylle** to secure clear running.

Kali's Champ – Slow to begin. Hung in in the home straight and was carried outwards near the 100 metres.

Line Of Sight – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, making contact with **It's Him**. **It's Him** then shifted inwards, brushing **Sarah's Secret**. Vet report: Bled both nostrils.

Result: 1st: **It's Him**, 2nd: **Wendylle**, 3rd: **Sarah's Secret**, 4th: **Two Moon Junction**

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 Spun Out (Race 1), Emaar (Race 3), Apollo Star (Race 4) and Viking Trail (Race 5).

c) Urine specimens were taken for analysis from the following riders: R. Hoolash, B. Louis, D. De Gouveia & M. Nunes.

SUMMARY – RM 31

Suspension	Race 2: D. Holland (Dark Force): 3 race meetings for careless riding (200m)
Suspension & Fine	Race 7: E. Ngwane (Artax): 1 race meeting & Rs.20,000 for careless riding (1300m)
Reprimands	Race 1: B. Louis (Sea Pass): severely reprimanded and advised to allow sufficient room to runners on his inside (1200m). Race 7: K. Ghunowa (Cool Water): severely reprimanded and advised to make a greater effort to better control his mounts (1365m) Race 8: K. Ghunowa (Dealer's Charm): reprimanded and advised that he should ensure he is clear of horses before shifting ground.
Vet Certificates	Race 1: Plain of Wisdom: OVE Race 3: Jama: OVE Race 6: Purple Tractor & Alaadel: Bled – Suspended 30 days Race 7: Cool Water & Sacred Night: OVE Race 8: Line of Sight: Bled – Suspended 30 days

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