

# <u>FINAL STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT – SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUG</u>UST 2025

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Weather:	Sunny
Track:	N 2.8
Rail Position:	Out 1.25m

# RACE 1: FASHION HEIGHTS – MIA BIJOUX CUP 1400M – [0-25]

Trainer A. Nagadoo failed to present his horse MYSTERY CACHE timeously in the parade ring, he was reprimanded and advised to ensure that he presents his runners in the parade ring at least 12 minutes before the starting time of the race.

RAINWATER was slow to begin and failed to muster speed when urged forward in the early stages.

MYSTERY CACHE when leaving the gates, jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards and brushed LE QUARTIER, thereafter, commenced to race fiercely threw its head when restrained and raced wide until passing 1000m.

CAPTAIN'S CONSORT jumped outwards and over-raced in early stages and when being settled, got his head up.

LE QUARTIER jumped and shifted sideways shortly after the start.

On leaving the 1200m, CAPTAIN'S CONSORT raced fiercely and approaching the 1000m was momentarily awkwardly placed close to the heels of LE QUARTIER.

Approaching the 600m, LE QUARTIER had to be checked when crowded for room off the heels of MYSTERY CACHE which shifted grounds inward. An inquiry was held into this incident. Apprentice C. Goolgar was charged with a contravention of Rule 43.2.2 in that he failed to ensure that he did not cause interference to LE QUARTIER passing the 600m by shifting inwards when insufficiently clear resulting in LE QUARTIER having to be checked. He was found guilty as charged and suspended from riding in races for two race meetings.



CAPTAIN'S CONSORT, approaching the 600m, was inconvenienced and was taken out to avoid the heels of LE QUARTIER which had been checked. As a result, CAPTAIN'S CONSORT carried KAISARISSA outwards and thereafter raced wide around the turn.

Approaching the 100m, CAPTAIN'S CONSORT was inconvenienced and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of KAISARISSA which had shifted grounds inwards in the final stages of the race. Jockey R. Joorawon pleaded guilty to a contravention of Rule 43.2.5 of the Rules of Racing, in that he carelessly allowed his mount to shift inwards near the 100m when insufficiently clear of CAPTAIN'S CONSORT, resulting in the latter having to be steadied. Jockey Joorawon was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian Race Meeting and imposed a fine of MUR 25,000.

In the home straight, CYBOTIX hung inwards throughout the race and proved difficult to be properly assisted in the home straight.

Apprentice C. Gooljar was brought before the board and was advised that his ride was not up to standard. The Stipendiary Stewards placed Apprentice C. Goolgar under review, where his training rides will be monitored over the upcoming weeks.

#### **Vet Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Favourite: MYSTERY CACHE** 

#### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: KAISARISSA

2<sup>nd</sup>: MYSTERY CACHE

3<sup>rd</sup>: CYBOTIX

4<sup>th</sup>: LE QUARTIER

## RACE 2: FASHION HEIGHTS – GONG CHA CUP 990M – [0-26]

The race was delayed by 10 minutes following a request from the Horse Racing Organiser and the race was rescheduled to 13:30 hrs.

STEPPING OUT was unruly in the stalls, slow into stride and shortly after the start, was inconvenienced and raced in restricted room between KRIM and MIND MAP.

Approaching the 600m, KRIM became awkwardly placed close to the heels of MIND MAP and when being taken out to avoid the heels, carried CRESCENT wider on the track.

In view of the performance of KRIM, Jockey D. Mansour was questioned; he explained that he had intended to lead, however his mount felt to muster sufficient speed to do so he then elected to get cover, however, KRIM, when attempting to do so over-raced. Passing the 450m, when asked for an effort, he had expected his mount to quicken and proved disappointing.

Passing the crossing at the 450m, KRIM shifted outwards and bumped CRESCENT which was carried further outwards and raced wide from then onwards.

CRESCENT hung inwards in the home straight.



In view of the performance of CRESCENT, Jockey M. Nunes was questioned; he explained that as he approached the 600m, he was brushed by KRIM, with his mount racing green, and throwing its head and racing wide on the turn.

## **Vet Report:**

MIND MAP – Not striding out.

**Favourite:** KRIM

#### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: MIND MAP 2<sup>nd</sup>: CRESCENT

3<sup>rd</sup>: CIDER HOUSE RULES

4<sup>th</sup>: STEPPING OUT

## RACE 3: FASHION HEIGHTS ETAM – GROUP CUP 1365M – [BM 36]

CHARLIE SQUADRON was unruly in the stalls, kicked the back gates, stood flat footed and was slow to begin.

BABYLON stumbled leaving the stalls.

CITADEL was slow into stride and shortly after the start, was inconvenienced and carried inwards by MASTER POINT, which had shifted ground inwards despite Jockey D. Schwarz attempting to straighten it.

ORANGE RED, passing the 600m, was hanging in and brushed the running rail.

Passing the 1300m, BABYLON was inconvenienced and had to be taken out when placed awkwardly close to the heels of ORANGE RED which had been taken inwards sharply to secure a position on the rails. At an inquiry into this incident Jockey C. Segeon pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 43.2.5 for careless riding and was suspended to ride in races for one Mauritian Race Meeting and fined MUR 25,000.

MASTER POINT when entering the home straight, commenced to hang in with Jockey D. Schwarz, shifting his whip to his right hand and had to be switched outside of BABYLON to continue going forward.

In view of the performance of ORANGE RED, Jockey C. Segeon was questioned; he explained that he expected more from his mount and passing the 600m, had brushed running rails and thereafter, stayed one pace. The Regulatory Veterinarian was requested to examine ORANGE RED and reported no abnormalities.

An inquiry was held into the handling of ORANGE RED. Evidence was taken from Trainer Ruhee who explained that having reviewed the previous performance of BABYLON, which he thought was his main danger in that race, he was of the opinion that it would be best for ORANGE RED to race in front of BABYLON; he therefore instructed Jockey Segeon to urge his mount forward with a view to secure the lead and dictate from the front, despite his wide draw. Evidence was taken from Jockey Segeon who confirmed that after jumping well, he urged his mount forward, as instructed, to secure the lead and did so earlier than expected. He added that once in the lead, he elected to settle his mount but that the latter proved difficult to settle because it was fresh and wanting to over-race. Jockey Segeon further explained that,



despite his best efforts, he had difficulty in getting ORANGE RED to drop the bit with the latter racing fiercely up to passing the 700 metres. He further stated that being conscious that his mount had made an effort in the middle stages of the race, he elected to sit on it for as long as possible and only asked it for an effort when challenged by BABYLON upon entering the final straight. His horse then failed to quicken and stayed one-paced.

Jockey Segeon further gave evidence that in his opinion this gelding might have needed the run as he was some 20 kgs overweight compared to when it had won last year.

After having heard the explanations of Jockey Segeon, Trainer Ruhee expressed his view that that Jockey Segeon could have done a bit more to restrain his mount in the middle stages.

After having considered the evidence before them and reviewed the film of the race, the Stewards decided not to proceed further with this matter.

After the running of Race 3, Apprentice C. Goolgar was stood down by the Course Medical Doctor (Dehydration) and was replaced on his remaining riding engagements.

# **Vet Report:**

ZOOBERI – Lame near fore ORANGE RED - NAD

**Favourite: ORANGE RED** 

### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: BABYLON

2<sup>nd</sup>: MASTER POINT

3<sup>rd</sup>: ZOOBERI

4<sup>th</sup>: ORANGE RED

# RACE 4: FASHION HEIGHTS – CÔTE SUSHI CUP 990M – [BM 56]

GRAND BAY raced wide throughout and commenced to give ground passing the 450m.

AMPERSAND switched inward to secure an inside run.

#### **Vet Report:**

QUATRO FIVE SIX – Injury near hind fore GRAND BAY – NAD

**Favourite:** CAPTAIN MIKE

#### **Results:**

1st: CAPTAIN MIKE

2<sup>nd</sup>: QUATRO FIVE SIX

3<sup>rd</sup>: AMPERSAND

4<sup>th</sup>: EMERALD BAND

### RACE 5: FASHION HEIGHTS – CELIO CUP 990M – [BM 41]

WARRIOR CAPTAIN jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride.

ZIVA LA WINTER was slow into stride.



SAN ANDREAS felt to muster speed in the early stages when being urged forward. From passing the 450m, SAN ANDREAS, to improve its position, was taken out from behind CLOUD SEEDER which was not improving despite being urged forward. CLOUD SEEDER commenced to give ground approaching the 400m.

Near the 250m, WARRIOR CAPTAIN was shifted to the outside of SAN ANDREAS to secure a clear run.

## **Vet Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Favourite: WARRIOR CAPTAIN** 

#### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: BON BOYAGE 2<sup>nd</sup>: ZIVA LA WINTER 3<sup>rd</sup>: SAN ANDREAS

4th: WARRIOR CAPTAIN

## RACE 6: THE DUCHESS OF YORK CUP G2 1400M – [WFA WITH PENALTIES]

The Stipendiary Stewards approved Jockey B. Sooful as replacement of Apprentice C. Goolgar on MERIDIUS.

After being loaded into the starting stalls, WILLIE JOHN threw its head down and forced the front gates open and bolted the course. WILLIE JOHN was withdrawn after being examined by the Regulatory Veterinarian. All monies invested on WILLIE JOHN were ordered to be refunded. A deduction of 12 cents per rupee was declared.

With the Stipendiary Stewards being unsatisfied with the performance of WILLIE JOHN in the starting stalls, Trainer S. Gujadhur was advised that this gelding has been suspended and will have to pass a barrier trial before being eligible to race again.

An inquiry was held into a report from Trainer S. Gujadhur and Jockey Joorawon following the scratching of Willie John at the start.

Evidence was taken from Jockey Joorawon, rider of WILLIE JOHN and the Chief Handler. Jockey Joorawon explained that after entering the stalls, his mount became fractious and tried to duck under the front of the gates, but he managed to raise its head back up. He further explained that he then called for a handler to hold the head of his mount but was told there was no handler available to assist him at that particular moment.

The Chief Handler explained that he did not hear Joorawon's call as he was busy attending SUGAR BLAST, which was proving difficult to load. When further questioned, Mr Gregoire explained that one handler mentioned there was no one to hold WILLIE JOHN'S head as there were six handlers busy trying to push SUGAR BLAST in its stall. Jockey Joorawon added that after reviewing the footage of the start he realised that the other handlers were all busy with SUGAR BLAST and that it was unfortunate that his mount, which was racing for the first time in Mauritius, became fractious and went under the gate. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further. The Stipendiary Stewards will make recommendations to the Gambling Regulatory Authority for the Authority to issue directives to its licensees, the HRO,



for it to take any necessary corrective measures as appropriate to avoid such incident from happening again.

GOOD COUNCIL was slow to begin.

PORT LOUIS jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards.

CAPTAIN BOMBSHELL was slow into stride.

Approaching 1300m, WOLF MOUNTAIN was taken in sharply inwards towards the rails and in doing so, carried ITSRAININGWILLIAM onto WILLIAM IRON ARM with WILLIAM IRON ARM being badly hampered and severely checked, thereafter became imbalance and shifted ground inwards, WOLF MOUNTAIN continued to shift inwards, carrying ITSRAININGWILLIAM onto BRAVE BOMBER, with BRAVE BOMBER being carried in onto CAPTAIN BOMBSHELL and CAPTAIN BOMBSHELL being checked to avoid clipping the heels of BRAVE BOMBER. Following this incident, CAPTAIN BOMBSHELL raced ungenerously throwing its head over some distance. On inquiry into this incident, Jockey D. Mansour pleaded guilty to a contravention of Rule 43.2.5 of the Rules of Racing in that he shifted his mount in a reckless manner causing horses racing on his inside to be severely hampered. After hearing evidence in mitigation from jockey Mansour, the Stipendiary Stewards suspended jockey Mansour from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings and imposed a fine of MUR 50,000.

MERIDIUS, SUGAR BLAST and WILLIAM IRON ARM raced wide in the early stages.

MERIDIUS raced fiercely for some distance leaving the 1100m.

CAPTAIN BOMBSHELL raced fiercely in the middle stages and being restrained threw its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Approaching the 600m, PORT LOUIS had to be steadied while racing in restricted room between MERIDIUS and WILLIAM IRON ARM.

PORT LOUIS, approaching the 600m, raced in restricted room between GOOD COUNCIL and WILLIAM IRON ARM which had a tendency to hang in. Passing the 600m had to be steadied when tightened for room on the inside of WILLIAM IRON ARM which had shifted in momentarily. Jockey D. Schwarz was reprimanded and told to make more effort to keep his mount on a straight course in the future.

BRAVE BOMBER raced wide throughout and commenced to give ground leaving the 400m.

WILLIAM IRON ARM hung inwards in the home straight and proved difficult to assist.

Following the conclusion of the race, the Regulatory Vet reported that the winner of the race, WOLF MOUNTAIN was in the parade ring without having completed its post-race sampling procedure.

An inquiry was opened into the circumstances relating to this event. Evidence was taken from Trainer Hewitson, Dr Domaingue (Regulatory Veterinarian) and the sampling staff conducting the sampling procedure. It was established in evidence, that no permission had been sought from the Stewards prior to the horse being removed from the sampling area and brought back into the parade ring. Trainer Hewitson was advised that it is strictly forbidden for horses



undergoing sampling to be released before the procedure is completed and that in future that permission must be sought from the Stewards.

# **Vet Report:**

BRAVE BOMBER - Injury off hind

**Favourite: ITSRAININGWILLIAM** 

#### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: WOLF MOUNTAIN 2<sup>nd</sup>: GOOD COUNCIL

3<sup>rd</sup>: MERIDIUS

4<sup>th</sup>: ITSRAININGWILLIAM

# RACE 7: APEX – APPLE PREMIUM RESELLER CUP 1400M – [BM 56]

GRAND VISION became fractious after being loaded.

GRAND VISION and CHOSEN WAY were slow to begin. ZOOMIE jumped inwards and brushed BALOUCHI.

Leaving the 800m, BALOUCHI commenced to race fiercely and was restrained to avoid the heels of SEA DANCE.

Approaching the 450m, BALOUCHI in spite of being urged forward, commenced to give ground which resulted in ZOOMIE which was following racing on the inside of GRAND VISION being inconvenienced and having to be steadied on numerous occasions until rounding the home turn.

Approaching the 200m, CAPTAIN COLA commenced to shift ground outwards resulting in GRAND VISION who was improving, having to be switched inwards to continue going forward, tightening ZOOMIE which was improving on its inside, onto BALOUCHI. In this incident, GRAND VISION was bumped on its hind quarters, turned sideways and shifted ground onto ZOOMIE.

In the concluding stages, GRAND VISION shifted ground inwards racing tight onto ZOOMIE. Jockey Schwarz was brought before the Board and his attention drawn to make more effort to keep his mount on a straight course in future.

# **Vet Report:**

BALOUCHI – Injury off hind – cut into CHOSEN WAY not striding out.

**Favourite:** ZOOMIE

#### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup>: CAPTAIN COLA 2<sup>nd</sup>: GRAND VISION

3<sup>rd</sup>: ZOOMIE 4<sup>th</sup>: MENELAUS



## RACE 8: THE WORSHIPFUL DAY PLATE 1365M – [BM 31]

Whilst being readied for the stalls, the Stipendiary Stewards were informed that the stirrup strap of Jockey K. Ramsamy's saddle had become loose and could not be refitted. In view of this report and in order to prevent unduly delay the start of the race, the Stipendiary Stewards ordered the withdrawal of UNSUNG HERO. All monies invested on UNSUNG HERO were ordered to be refunded. A deduction of 7 cents per rupee is applied.

An inquiry was held into the circumstances of UNSUNG HERO being withdrawn from the race. Evidence was heard from Jockey K. Ramsamy and the Chief Handler. After considering the evidence, the stewards were satisfied that waiting for UNSUNG HERO to be resaddled when most of the field had been loaded would have caused undue delay to the race. Jockey K. Ramsamy was reminded of his responsibility to ensure that his equipment is well fitted in future.

BESTDAY OF MYLIFE threw its head on jumping.

SUMMER SNOW threw its head and fly jumped.

MALINOIS raced wide in the early stages.

Passing the 400m, AMANCIO switched to the outside of HAVANA MOON to improve position and raced wide into home turn.

Passing the 250m, SUMMER SNOW switched to the inside of BESTDAY OF MYLIFE to secure a clear running.

An inquiry was held into the handling of SUMMER SNOW. Evidence was taken from Jockey D. Mansour and Trainer C Hewitson. Jockey Mansour explained that at trackwork, this gelding has proved to be very difficult and had a tendency to pull very hard during its workouts. It was therefore decided that from its wide draw, he would not insist in the early stages but try to obtain cover with a view to get this gelding to settle and run on at the finish.

Trainer Hewitson confirmed these instructions and explained that he expected the gelding to run a decent race. He added that he was happy with the way it was ridden and the way the horse ran. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further other than to advise Trainer Hewitson that he is to inform the Stewards of any change in the racing pattern of a horse irrespective of the fact that this the first run of this horse in Mauritius.

### **Vet Report:**

AMANCIO – Not striding out. DOUBLE SILVER – Lost near fire shoe. SUMMER SNOW – Not striding out.

**Favourite: HAVANA MOON** 

#### **Results:**

1st: HAVANA MOON

2<sup>nd</sup>: BESTDAY OF MYLIFE

3<sup>rd</sup>: SUMMER SNOW

4<sup>th</sup>: AMANCIO



# **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.
- c) All the Jockeys passed a breathalyser test. Urine specimens were taken from Jockeys R. Perez, C. Segeon and B. Sooful for analysis.

SUMMARY		
Suspension	1 1 3 6	Apprentice C. Goolgar was suspended for 2 Mauritian Race Meetings. Jockey R. Joorawon was suspended for 1 Mauritian Race Meeting. Jockey C. Segeon was suspended for 1 Mauritian Race Meeting. Jockey D. Mansour was suspended for 3 Mauritian Race Meetings.
Fine	1 3 6	Jockey R. Joorawon was fined MUR 25,000. Jockey C. Segeon was fined MUR 25,000. Jockey D. Mansour was fined MUR 50,000.
Reprimand	1	Trainer A. Nagadoo
Horse Suspension	6	WILLIE JOHN was suspended for 7 days.
OVE	2 3 3 4 4 6 7 8 8	MIND MAP – Not striding out.  ZOOBERI – Lame near fore ORANGE RED – NAD QUATRO FIVE SIX – Injury near hind foot GRAND BAY – NAD BRAVE BOMBER – Injury off hind BALOUCHI – Injury off hind – cut into CHOSEN WAY not striding out AMANCIO – Not striding out DOUBLE SILVER – Lost near fore shoe SUMMER SNOW – Not striding out.
Barrier Trial	6	WILLIE JOHN