



GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

FINAL REPORT
RACE MEETING 3 – SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026

BOARD OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS	
Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards	Mr. Stephane De Chalain
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Weather:	Sunny
Track:	Normal 2.8
Rail Position:	1 metre

GENERAL

The following Trainers and Jockeys appeared before the Stipendiary Stewards to confirm their instructions and discuss their intentions in their respective races:

Race 1: **EXALTED LOVE** (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Van Niekerk)

STEPPING OUT (Trainer Sewdyal and Jockey Da Silva)

Race 3: **SOUND OF THE SEA** (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Van Niekerk)

Race 5: **SECRET OASIS** (Trainer Narang and Jockey Collis)

Race 7: **XAVION** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Santana)

CAPTAIN ARROW (Trainer Sewdyal and Jockey Da Silva)

RACE 1: THE DHANKUWAR GUJADHUR CUP – 1365M – [0-25]

After the field was loaded, **Fire Starter** rushed the front gate and broke through the starting stalls. The starter sounded the false start siren and the field was unloaded. **Fire Starter** was restrained shortly thereafter and reined in by Jockey Santana. Acting on the Regulatory Veterinarian's advice that **Fire Starter** had sustained a head injury, the Stipendiary Stewards ordered its withdrawal (a 15% deduction on winning bets was declared). **Stepping Out**, which had forced its gate open, was restrained in its stall by Jockey Da Silva. It was examined by the Regulatory Veterinarian and passed fit to race. **Exalted Love**, which had reared in its stall, was also examined by the Regulatory Veterinarian and passed fit to race. The Stipendiary Stewards, being dissatisfied with the performance of **Fire Starter** in the starting stalls, informed Trainer Hewitson that this gelding will be required to pass a Barrier Trial to their satisfaction prior to being nominated.

Exalted Love – Slow into stride. Came off the crossing at the 450m awkwardly and shifted ground outwards. Leaving the 200m, became slightly inconvenienced and had to be switched outwards to continue going forward.

Spirito Selvaggio – Slow into stride.

Indigenous – Slow into stride and when being urged forward, failed to muster speed. Crowded onto **Spirito Selvaggio** leaving the 450m.

Ashikule – Over-raced in the middle stages and when being settled, got its head up. Leaving the 200m, commenced to shift ground outwards under pressure, which resulted in **Exalted Love**, which was racing on its outside, becoming slightly inconvenienced and having to be switched outwards to continue going forward.

Lunar Descent – Raced wide in the early and middle stages, and leaving the 900m, was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the rails. Leaving the 450m, when struck with the whip, shifted ground inwards, momentarily crowding **Indigenous** onto **Spirito Selvaggio**.

Stepping Out – Raced fiercely in the early stages.

Vet Report:

Stepping Out: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	4	Ashikule	200	Win
2 nd	1	Exalted Love	300	-0.90L
3 rd	2	Spirito Selvaggio	1200	-5.70L
4 th	6	Lunar Descent	5000	-8.50L
Favourite				
1 st	4	Ashikule	200	

RACE 2: THE BOUNGI & POPS HANDICAP SPRINT – 990M – [BM 36]

Secret Passage – Leaving the 250m, hung inwards under pressure, resulting in **Fencing Captain** which was following, being switched to it's outside to continue going forward. Leaving the 200m, when being ridden with the whip in the left hand, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in Jockey Mansour switching his whip to his right hand.

Fencing Captain – Shortly after the start, when being urged forward, failed to muster speed. Leaving the 700m, raced tight on the inside of **Secret Passage** and was steadied passing the 600m. On inquiry, Jockey Mansour (**Secret Passage**) was issued a severe warning for racing tight onto **Fencing Captain** and advised that he should always allow enough room to horses on his inside when riding in races. Jockey Ramsamy was advised against making undue use of his mount to prevent a competitor from obtaining a run on the rails when it has become

obvious that he would have had to ask too much of his mount to be able to keep that position. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the outside of **Secret Passage** to continue going forward.

Fine One – Was hanging outwards from leaving the 600m and had difficulty in negotiating the final turn, raced wide from then onwards.

Unsung Hero – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, inconveniencing **Global Warrior**. Leaving the 250m, when trying to switch his whip from his left to his right hand, Jockey Santana dropped his whip. On inquiry, Jockey Santana explained that he first lost the grip of his whip after it was entangled in his reins and managed to regain it, but instead of catching his whip on its grip, he took hold of the shaft and when attempting to move his hand back to the grip, he opted to open his hand and in so doing dropped it. The Stipendiary Stewards, being of the view that Jockey Santana took an unnecessary risk of opening his hand to adjust his grip, concluded that such an action could not be said to be accidental and therefore found him guilty of a contravention of Rule 360. In considering the penalty, the Stewards took into account his clean record and the fact that in their opinion, **Unsung Hero** would not have beaten the winner of the day, fined Jockey Santana the sum of Rs 25,000.

Global Warrior – Slow into stride and was inconvenienced shortly thereafter.

Vet Report:

Fencing Captain: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	Secret Passage	270	Win
2 nd	4	Unsung Hero	370	-1.85L
3 rd	2	Fencing Captain	250	-4.95L
4 th	5	Global Warrior	2000	-7.60L
Favourite				
3 rd	2	Fencing Captain	250	

RACE 3: THE MAJESTIC SPRINGS WATER HANDICAP – 1500M – [BM 41]

Courtly – Hanging outwards in the early stages of the home straight.

Happy Days – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Leaving the 800m, shifted ground inwards abruptly and had to be straightened. Came off the crossing at the 450m awkwardly. When questioned regarding this gelding’s apparent poor performance, Jockey Santana explained that **Happy Days** had pleased in the lead up to this race and that he was expecting a good showing. After jumping reasonably well, **Happy Days** raced fiercely and had a tendency to hang inwards in the early and middle stages, and that approaching the 800m, shifted in sharply. He also stated that when asked for an effort leaving the 450m, **Happy Days** failed to quicken and was disappointing.

Sound Of The Sea – Hesitated at the start.

All About Love – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 400m, for some distance, was held up when unable to improve into a tight gap between **Balouchi** and **Backpacker**, which were not making up ground. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the outside of **Balouchi** to secure clear running. Hanging inwards in the home straight.

Backpacker – Slow into stride.

Vet Report:

Balouchi: Stirrup injury, right side

Happy Days: Small injury, right stifle

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	Courtly	370	Win
2 nd	5	Sound Of The Sea	820	-2.00L
3 rd	7	Master Of Mystery	370	-2.10L
4 th	4	Iditarod Trail	2200	-2.35L
Favourite				
5 th	3	Happy Days	220	

RACE 4: THE ANGLO MAURITIUS INVESTMENT PRESTIGE HANDICAP – 1365M – [BM 46]

After being loaded, **Palermo** became fractious and reared on numerous occasions. The Stipendiary Stewards, being dissatisfied with the performance of **Palermo** in the starting stalls, informed Trainer Hewitson that this gelding's starting stalls certificate has been suspended, and will be required to pass a Barrier Trial to their satisfaction prior to being nominated again.

Alpine Challenge – Raced wide throughout. On inquiry into the handling of this gelding, Jockey Juglall was found guilty of a breach of Rule 414 (a) for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that throughout the race, his horse was given the full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the race, the particulars being that after having jumped reasonably well, when approaching the 1300m there was an opportunity for him to ask his mount for an effort to secure the lead, where instead, he elected to restrain **Alpine Challenge**, resulting in the latter racing wide without cover for the remainder of the race and fading in the home straight. He was suspended from riding in races for 12 Mauritian race meetings. In coming to this penalty, the Stewards carried a balancing exercise between the necessity to protect the public, who could legitimately expect better professional judgment from a Jockey who is riding a horse which has won his races leading and where there was a clear opportunity for him to take the lead, against his clean record and his personal circumstances.

On inquiry, Trainer Hewitson was found guilty of a breach of Rule 126 (r) for failing to give instructions to his Jockey to allow him to ensure that the horse he is riding is given the full opportunity to achieve the best possible position at the finish, the particulars being that he, being the trainer of the horse **Alpine Challenge**, which was being ridden by Jockey Juglall, failed to ensure that Jockey Juglall was given instructions that would ensure that **Alpine Challenge** was given the full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place at the finish, in that, whilst recognizing that **Alpine Challenge** is a strong front runner and has won the majority of its races while leading, instead of instructing Jockey Juglall to endeavour to secure the lead on that gelding, he instructed the said jockey to “jump well and sit handy” which resulted in **Alpine Challenge** not opting to lead, being caught wide without cover throughout the race and finishing last. He was fined Rs 50,000.

Palermo – When the start was effected, fly-jumped and was slow to begin.

Bounceback – Slow into stride.

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	5	Bounceback	320	Win
2 nd	1	Rich Folks Hoax	190	-0.70L
3 rd	4	Comedy Club	3000	-7.10L
4 th	3	Palermo	1200	-8.55L
Favourite				
2 nd	1	Rich Folks Hoax	190	

RACE 5: THE NOORESH JUGLALL AQUA ROYAL MIDDLE STAKES – 1500M

Magnum P I – Raced wide throughout. When entering the straight, shifted ground inwards onto **Solomons Seal**, making contact with the latter.

Solomons Seal – Raced fiercely in the middle stages. When entering the home straight, made contact with **Magnum P I**, when the latter shifted ground inwards. On inquiry, Jockey Mansour (**Solomons Seal**) explained that this gelding has a tendency to pull hard at trackwork and in races and is difficult to control. He added that at its first race this season, he found himself racing handy by default as the gelding was well drawn in a small field. He added that the gelding over-raced that day and faded late. For today’s race it was decided to try to settle the horse from the start and hopefully it would relax and run on at the end of the race. As such, from the start, he elected to bring his mount back with it commencing to over race leaving the 1100m and becoming awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Transonic** near the 1000m. He added that when asked for an effort it failed to quicken and stayed one pace. He also added that in his opinion, the horse would be better suited to racing over a shorter distance. When further questioned, Jockey Mansour stated that he was aware of a gap between **Transonic** and **Cool Cat** passing the 1300m, but elected against improving into it as

doing so would have more likely than not resulted in his mount over-racing and he would not have been to bring it back. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further with the inquiry.

Quantifier – Slow into stride. Entering the home straight, was switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running.

Vet Report:

Magnum P I: Not striding out

Trasonic: Small injury right hind

Cool Cat: Abnormal respiratory noise

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	6	Secret Oasis	420	Win
2 nd	4	Bugalugs	220	-1.85L
3 rd	2	Solomons Seal	420	-6.35L
4 th	1	Magnum P I	1200	-6.40L
Favourite				
2 nd	4	Bugalugs	220	

RACE 6: THE AQUA SPRINGS DERBY TRIAL – GROUP 3 – 1400M

Daring Dash – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages, and approaching the 1000m, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance.

Bacchus – Leaving the 1300m, raced tight onto **Cumbre Vieja** for some distance when **Cumbre Vieja** was angled in to secure a position closer to the rails.

Cumbre Vieja – Leaving the 1300m, raced tight onto **Bacchus** when it was angled in to secure a position closer to the rails. Jockey Santana was shown video footage of this incident, given a severe warning, and advised to allow sufficient room for horses on his inside in future. Approaching the 300m, was switched to the outside of **Daring Dash** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Havana Moon** wider on the track. Leaving the 150m, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground away from the whip, with Jockey Santana putting his whip away and straightening his mount.

Havana Moon – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Carried wide approaching the 300m.

Brave Bomber – Slow into stride. Passing the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Vet Report:

Daring Dash: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	3	Cumbre Vieja	160	Win
2 nd	4	Havana Moon	420	-1.10L
3 rd	5	Brave Bomber	1200	-2.45L
4 th	2	Bacchus	650	-3.20L
Favourite				
1 st	3	Cumbre Vieja	160	

RACE 7: THE 'L'EAU C'EST LA VIE' PINNACLE STAKES – 1400M

After considering a request from Trainer Narang, the Stipendiary Stewards agreed that **Formagear** is to race equipped with alumite shoes, as he has done in his previous two races. Accordingly, **Formagear** was equipped with alumite shoes. This was communicated to the public on Thursday 14th May at 15h38. Trainer Narang (**Formagear**) signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of Rule 218, in that he failed to declare alumite shoes at the time of declarations. Trainer Narang was fined Rs 7,500.

Following the running of the race, the Stipendiary Stewards reviewed footage of the start, and took evidence from Jockey Mansour (**Captain Lannister**) and the starter. It was established that prior to the start being effected, **Captain Lannister** got its head turned to the left of the gate, with the handler trying to straighten it when the start was effected, with **Captain Lannister** being slow into stride. Applying Rule 405 of the Rules Of Racing and considering that **Captain Lannister** finished 3rd, the Stipendiary Stewards took no further action and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' Semaphored numbers.

Formagear – Inconvenienced passing the 800m. Carried wide leaving the 600m. Passing the 150m, Jockey Collis momentarily lost the use of his left side rein and regained it shortly thereafter.

Captain Lannister – In the early stages of the home straight, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, shifted ground outwards.

Xavion – Threw its head on jumping. Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1000m, was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead.

Zil Moris – Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced very wide into the home turn.

Gimmeanotherchance – Over-raced in the middle stages. Passing the 800m, when racing fiercely, had to be taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Captain Arrow** and in doing so, inconvenienced **Formagear**. Leaving the 600m, was switched to the outside of **Captain Arrow** and in doing so, carried **Formagear** and **Zil Moris** wider on the track.

Vet Report:

Captain Arrow: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	4	Zil Moris	190	Win
2 nd	3	Xavion	600	-0.05L
3 rd	2	Captain Lannister	370	-0.60L
4 th	1	Formagear	750	-3.55L
Favourite				
1 st	4	Zil Moris	190	

RACE 8: THE LIQUID MOTION PLATE – 1450M – [BM 31]

Canford Club – Half-reared and was bumped by **Royal Port Louis**, which had jumped inwards. Inconvenienced passing the 75m and leaving the 50m, had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Zooberi**, which was giving ground.

Iko Iko – Hesitated at the start and was slow to begin. Leaving the 1300m, was inconvenienced and carried wide by **Royal Port Louis**. Carried wide leaving the 400m. Hung inwards in the home straight. Passing the 100m, brushed and shifted ground inwards, inconveniencing **Canford Club**. On inquiry, Trainer Hewitson explained that he had instructed jockey Santana to endeavour to jump well and get to the lead as per its previous start, where it had led and won. Jockey Santana confirmed these instructions and explained that **Iko Iko** turned its head just as the start was being effected and was slow away. He added that shortly after the start, **Master Point** which had proved faster, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in him not insisting on the inside as he would have been interfered with, had he done so. He further added that leaving the 1300m, he was inconvenienced and carried wide on the turn by **Royal Port Louis** which had not cornered well. He further stated that he then decided to settle his mount behind the pace and move from the 400 metres where he was again carried wide. He concluded that in the home straight, his mount had laid in and was brushed by **Lava County** when the latter improved on its outside and shifted ground inwards. Trainer Hewitson concurred with his rider and explained that taking all that had happened into consideration he was of the opinion that this gelding had run a satisfactory race. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed any further.

Aeneas – Jumped inwards. Leaving the 700m, for some distance, whilst hanging in, raced tight onto **High Key** on a number of occasions.

Royal Port Louis – Jumped inwards and bumped **Canford Club**. Leaving the 1300m, shifted ground inwards, inconveniencing **Iko Iko** and carrying the latter wide. When questioned, Jockey Santos explained that this gelding hung outwards throughout and had difficulty in negotiating the turns, and that he found it difficult to handle on both turns.

Cosmic Captain – Jumped awkwardly and shortly thereafter, shied away and shifted ground inwards when **Aeneas** jumped inwards.

Lava County – Slow to begin. Passing the 100m, whilst hanging in, brushed **Iko Iko**, with **Iko Iko** shifting inwards and inconveniencing **Canford Club**.

Vet Report:

Royal Port Louis: Injury right nostril

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	6	High Key	1700	Win
2 nd	8	Master Point	2000	-0.65L
3 rd	10	Lava County	800	-0.70L
4 th	2	Iko Iko	270	-3.70L
Favourite				
4 th	2	Iko Iko	270	

GENERAL

- Pre-race blood specimens were taken from all runners.
- Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners, **Unsung Hero** and **Transonic**
- All Jockeys passed a breathalyser test and urine specimens were taken from Jockeys Collis, Joorawon and Matsunyane for analysis.

SUMMARY		
Suspension	4	Jockey Juglall (Alpine Challenge) – 12 Race Meetings
Fine	2	Jockey Santana (Unsung Hero) – Rs 25,000
	4	Trainer Hewitson (Alpine Challenge) – Rs 50,000
	7	Trainer Narang (Formagear) – Rs 7,500
Reprimand	2	Jockey Mansour (Secret Passage)
	6	I.Santana (Cumbre Vieja)
Horse Suspension	4	Palermo – Intractable Fire Starter – Intractable
OVE	1	Fire Starter – Sustained a head injury Stepping Out – Coughing post-race
	2	Fencing Captain – Coughing post-race

	3	Balouchi – Stirrup injury right side
		Happy Days – Small injury right stifle
	5	Magnum P I – Not striding out
		Transonic – Small injury right hind
		Cool Cat – Abnormal respiratory noise
	6	Daring Dash – Coughing post-race
	7	Captain Arrow – Coughing post-race
	8	Royal Port Louis – Injury right nostril
Barrier Trial	1	Fire Starter
	4	Palermo