

FINAL REPORT
RACE MEETING 11 – SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026

BOARD OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS	
Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards	Mr. Stephane De Chalain
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Weather:	Sunny
Track:	2.8 Normal
Rail Position:	3m50

GENERAL

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

Race 1: **FIRE STARTER** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Ramsamy)
CLOUD SEEDER (Trainer Sewdyal and Apprentice Taka)
MOON JUMPER (Trainer Sewdyal and Apprentice Kulloo)

Race 2: **All Trainers and Jockeys**

Race 3: **LOMU** (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Schwarz)
KOLA TONIC (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Rama)
MALINOIS (Trainer Allet and Apprentice Taka)
RAINWATER (Trainer Allet and Jockey Bheekary)

Race 4: **WARBIRD** (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Van Niekerk)
TSUNAMI WARNING (Trainer Narang and Jockey Orffer)
MASTER POINT (Trainer Allet and Jockey Bheekary)

Race 5: **BOUNCEBACK** (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Van Niekerk)
LETS PLAY POKER (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Sooful)
FATEFUL DAY (Trainer Mahadia and Jockey Bhaugerothee)

MAKAZOLE (Trainer Gujadhur and Jockey Danielson)

Jockey Danielson was stood down by the Chief Medical Officer following the running of Race 5. The following riding replacements were approved by the Stipendiary Stewards:

Race 6: **MOONLIGHT TRADER**: B.Sooful

Race 7: **DIAMOND DAYS**: D.Schwarz

RACE 1: THE MR BROCK – RED STAR TROPHY – 1400M – [0-20]

River Hawk – Was hanging outwards in the home straight.

Fire Starter – Leaving the 200m, commenced to shift ground outwards, resulting in **Nordic Prince**, which was following, having to be switched to its inside to continue going forward.

Canford Lights – Was inconvenienced leaving the 1350m. Was hanging inwards in the home straight.

Cloud Seeder – Hesitated on jumping and was slow to begin. Leaving the 900m, commenced to give ground to the rest of the field, fading badly in the home straight.

Love On Time – Approaching the 1300m, was momentarily crowded for room on the inside of **Lunar Descent**, which was carried inwards. **Lunar Descent** was then taken outwards, inconveniencing **Canford Lights** and shortly thereafter, was taken back in, crowding **Love On Time** onto **River Hawk** and had to be checked, losing its position. Leaving the 900m, commenced to give ground to the rest of the field. Was eased out of the race approaching the 600m. When questioned, Jockey Aucharuz explained that leaving the 1300m, **Love on Time** was interfered with and he had to check his mount severely. Following this incident, he stated that **Love On Time** never felt comfortable and thereafter kept changing legs throughout. Thinking there was something amiss with this gelding, he decided to not persevere with his mount approaching the 600m. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Love On Time** revealed no significant findings other than that it was coughing post-race. Jockey Aucharuz was advised that his ride had come under notice.

Nordic Prince – Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1100m, was eased to secure a position midfield behind **Canford Lights**. Approaching the 250m, was switched to the inside of **Lunar Descent** to secure clear running. Leaving the 200m, was switched to the inside of **Fire Starter** to continue going forward.

Lunar Descent – Leaving the 1365m, was carried inwards and in doing so, carried **Love On Time** inwards onto the heels of **Fire Starter**. Shortly thereafter, was taken outwards, inconveniencing **Canford Lights**. It was then taken back in and in doing so, crowded **Love On Time** onto **River**

Hawk, with **Love On Time** having to be checked, losing its position. On inquiry, Jockey Joorawon pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 414(g) in that he carelessly took his mount inwards leaving the 1300m when insufficiently clear of **Love On Time**, resulting in that horse becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs 30,000.

Moon Jumper – Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground inwards and was slow to begin. Leaving the 900m, commenced to give ground to the rest of the field.

Vet Report:

Love On Time: Coughing post-race

Lunar Descent: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	2	Fire Starter	370	Win
2 nd	6	Nordic Prince	1200	-0.15L
3 rd	7	Lunar Descent	250	-7.20L
4 th	3	Canford Lights	1000	-8.55
Favourite				
3 rd	7	Lunar Descent	250	

RACE 2: THE AQUA SPRINGS MADE BY NATURE CUP – 1450M – [0-26]

Dance To The Sun – Leaving the 1200m, raced in restricted room on the inside of **Indigenous** and passing the 1000m, was cramped for galloping room and had to be checked, losing its position. **Global Warrior**, which was following, became awkwardly placed close to its heels, had to be eased and taken out. Leaving the 800m, was switched to the outside of **Indigenous** to improve its position. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the inside of horses to secure clear running.

Indigenous – Passing the 1000m, was shifted inwards to secure a position on the rail, which resulted in **Dance To The Sun** becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be checked, losing its position. On inquiry, Jockey Orffer was found guilty of a breach of Rule 414 (g) in that passing the 1000m, he carelessly took his mount inwards when insufficiently clear of **Dance To The Sun**, resulting in the latter becoming cramped for galloping room and having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs 50,000.

Global Warrior – From the start, was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 1000m, became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Dance To The Sun**, had to be eased and taken out. Dipped passing the 800m.

Lava Burst – Leaving the 300m, when being urged forward, commenced to shift ground outwards, resulting in **Indigenous** being able to improve on its inside. Jockey Aucharuz was shown video replays of this section of the race and advised to keep his horses as close to the rails as possible at all times when in a position to do so in future.

Vet Report:

Global Warrior: Lameness near-fore

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	2	Indigenous	210	Win
2 nd	4	Lava Burst	800	-0.80L
3 rd	1	Dance To The Sun	280	-1.40L
4 th	3	Global Warrior	400	-3.25L
Favourite				
1 st	2	Indigenous	210	

RACE 3: THE BOUNGI & POPS ZERO SUGAR CUP – 1650M – [0-25]

Prior to the running of this race, **Fortune Hunter** had to be re-shod.

Fortune Hunter – When questioned regarding the poor performance of this gelding, Jockey Orffer explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead up to the race and as such, a forward showing was expected from it today. He added that after jumping well, he settled his mount where comfortable and that from the 600m, he had to niggle his mount to maintain his position. He further stated that when asked for an effort leaving the 400 metres **Fortune Hunter** stayed one-paced, being very disappointing. Jockey Orffer concluded by saying that at the pull up, the gelding felt sound and was not blowing.

Lomu – Stumbled shortly after the start and was brushed by **Kola Tonic**. Crowded onto **Cosmic Captain** approaching the 1500m. Commenced to race fiercely leaving the 1450m and when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 450m, when urged forward, commenced to shift ground outwards, despite Jockey Schwarz's attempt to straighten it, carrying **Cosmic Captain** outwards.

Trick Or Tequila – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Approaching the 300m, for some distance, was baulked for a clear run. Passing the 250m, was switched to the outside of runners to secure clear running and made the turn into the home straight very wide.

Kola Tonic – Jumped inwards and brushed **Lomu** shortly after the start, with **Lomu** stumbling. Approaching the 1500m, when being urged forward, shifted ground inwards, crowding **Lomu** onto **Cosmic Captain**. Leaving the 1300m, commenced to race fiercely and passing the 1200m, for some distance, was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **New York City**.

Cosmic Captain – Passing the 1200m, had to be eased for some distance when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Grande Rosalie**. Approaching the 500m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and passing the 450m, was carried outwards by **Lomu**.

Malinois – Slow into stride.

Vet Report:

Rainwater: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	5	Kola Tonic	1600	Win
2 nd	4	Trick Or Tequila	250	-0.05L
3 rd	2	New York City	600	-1.95L
4 th	3	Lomu	300	-2.55L
Favourite				
2 nd	4	Trick Or Tequila	250	

RACE 4: THE AQUA SPRINGS PIETER BOTH LEGACY CUP – 1450M – [B.41]

The start of this race was delayed when **My Archangel** was re-saddled behind the starting stalls. It was further delayed when **Military Force** proved fractious, refused to load and was eventually loaded riderless. The Stipendiary Stewards, not being satisfied with the behaviour of **Military Force** behind the starting stalls, informed Trainer Ruhee that this gelding will need to pass a Barrier Trial to their satisfaction prior to racing again.

Warbird – Shortly after the start, Jockey Van Niekerk adjusted his left-side stirrup iron. An inquiry into the handling of this horse will be held upon the return of Jockey Van Niekerk from South Africa.

Military Force – Slow to begin.

Wugug – Slow to begin.

Babylon – Shortly after the start, the noseband that had been fitted to **Babylon** came loose. The sheepskin noseband moved up and down against its head, inconveniencing the horse for some distance, with Jockey Joorawon grabbing the noseband passing the 800m and pulling it to the side. Trainer Mahadia was questioned regarding this equipment failure. He explained that he had checked the equipment and that after saddling **Babylon** the noseband was properly fitted. He added that he could not explain how it had become undone. After consideration, the Stipendiary Stewards reminded Trainer Mahadia of his obligations regarding equipment as provided for under the Rules of Racing. On post-race inspection of the gear, it was established that the noseband strap had snapped at the buckle, which is likely to have occurred when the horse had opened its mouth wide when being restrained shortly after the start.

Master Point – Commenced to race fiercely passing the 1300m, and when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Warbird**, threw its head and raced ungenerously for a short distance.

The Regulatory Veterinarian had no reports

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	3	My Archangel	165	Win
2 nd	6	Tsunami Warning	900	-2.65L
3 rd	1	Warbird	250	-3.40L
4 th	5	Babylon	2000	-6.35L
Favourite				
1 st	3	My Archangel	165	

RACE 5: THE AQUA SPRINGS LIVE HEALTHY CUP – 1600M – [B.51]

Bounceback – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Inconvenienced shortly thereafter. Leaving the 400m, was switched to the outside of **Lets Play Poker** and raced wide into the home straight. Was hanging inwards into the home straight. An inquiry into the handling of this horse will be held upon the return of Jockey Van Niekerk from South Africa.

Lets Play Poker – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, inconveniencing **Bounceback**.

Makazole – Was hanging inwards into the home straight.

Vet Report:

Fateful Day: Lamé off-fore

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	5	Brave Bomber	220	Win
2 nd	4	Makazole	900	-3.70L
3 rd	1	Bounceback	160	-4.90L
4 th	3	Lets Play Poker	2000	-11.00
Favourite				
3 rd	1	Bounceback	160	

RACE 6: THE AQUA SPRINGS GLOBAL HERITAGE CUP – 1450M – [B.61]

Moonlight Trader – Slow to begin.

William Rufus – On Inquiry, Trainer Ruhee explained that this gelding has proven to be extremely difficult at trackwork and in races as it refuses to work and has the tendency to stop passing the 1000m in its races. As such, due to the fact that it was racing over 1450m for the first time in Mauritius, he had instructed jockey Schwarz to try to secure a good start and get a position on the rails behind **Menelaus** and **Rich Folks Hoax**, who he believed would be the quicker horses in the race and to ride his race from there. Jockey Schwarz stated that this gelding jumped very well and having in mind that it has the tendency to stop by the 1000m and that it was racing over 1450m for the first time in Mauritius, he decided to ease his mount and settle it on the rails behind **Moonlight Trader**. He added that from there onwards, his mount travelled and was unlucky because he was baulked for a run leaving the 400m as **Moonlight Trader** was not improving. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed with the inquiry.

War Chariot – Slow to begin and from its wide draw, was taken across to race behind runners. Passing the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight. Was hanging inwards into the home straight. Jockey Van Niekerk signed an Admission of Guilt for a contravention of Rule 414 (k), in that he failed to ride his mount out to the finish. Jockey Van Niekerk was fined Rs 30,000. An inquiry into the handling of this horse will be held upon the return of Jockey Van Niekerk from South Africa.

Menelaus – Raced wide in the early stages. Apprentice Taka reported that this gelding was hanging inwards throughout. On inquiry, Trainer Nagadoo was found guilty of a breach of Rule 126 (r) in that being the trainer of **Menelaus**, he failed to give instructions to Apprentice Taka that would have ensured that this gelding be given the full opportunity to achieve the best possible position at the finish by instructing Apprentice Taka not to bounce **Menelaus** to take the lead or endeavour to take the lead as it did on its previous two outings this season, where it finished second on both occasions racing in that manner and that these instructions resulted in **Menelaus** racing further back in the field than expected, thereby jeopardising its chances of achieving the best position at the finish. He was fined Rs 75,000.

On inquiry, Apprentice Taka was found guilty of a contravention of Rule 414 (b) for failing to ride **Menelaus** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that leaving the 400m when there was an opportunity for him to urge his mount forward to bridge the gap on **Common Grounds** which was being urged forward, he instead sat on his mount and only started urging it forward approaching the 300m, resulting in both **Common Grounds** and **Rich Folks Hoax** getting away from him in that section of the race. He was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs 30,000. In reaching that penalty, the Stewards took into consideration Apprentice Taka's clean record, the nature of the offence and the mitigating factors put raised by him and by his Trainer on his behalf.

Vet Report:

War Chariot: Not striding out

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	6	Rich Folks Hoax	200	Win
2 nd	4	War Chariot	260	-0.60L
3 rd	1	Common Grounds	820	-3.45L
4 th	3	William Rufus	2000	-4.30
Favourite				
1 st	6	Rich Folks Hoax	200	

RACE 7: THE AQUA SPRINGS PEAK PERFORMANCE STAKES – 1365M – [B.31]

Unsung Hero – Approaching the 1200m, commenced to race fiercely and was hanging outwards, and when being restrained, proved difficult to assist in negotiating the turn. When questioned on Saturday after the race, Jockey Nunes explained that this gelding started pulling and hung outwards badly. He added that from leaving the 1000m when he thought of letting his mount improve to the lead, Jockey Taka (**That'll B The Day**) increased the pace, with **Unsung Hero** dropping the bit and relaxing.

Upon inquiry on Tuesday, Jockey Nunes was found guilty of a contravention of Rule 414 (b) for failing to ride to the satisfaction of the Stewards in that being the rider of **Unsung Hero**, leaving the 900m when his horse had changed lead and was not hanging outwards anymore, when the pace was still a slow one and there was an opportunity for him to allow that gelding to race in its pace, he instead continued to over restrain it, this being counterproductive to its chances in the race. He was suspended from riding in races for three Mauritian race meetings and fined Rs 30,000. In reaching that penalty, the Stewards took into consideration his clean record, the idiosyncrasies of **Unsung Hero** and the fact that despite his view that it should not race with blinkers on this distance, it was fitted with that equipment.

Trainer Hewitson was issued with a warning for failing to ensure that this gelding was presented in the paddock wearing the declared equipment. The gelding entered the paddock fitted with a noseband, which was not a declared equipment on the racecard.

Balouchi – Carried wide leaving the 400m and raced wide into the home straight.

Cider House Rules – Leaving the 450m, was awkwardly placed close to the heels of **That'll B The Day** and was switched out to avoid its heels, and raced in restricted room between **That'll B The Day** and **Unsung Hero** for a short distance.

Diamond Days – Fractious in its stall prior to the start. Slow to begin. Inconvenienced and eased over the concluding stages.

Fine One – Leaving the 400m, was switched to the outside of **Cider House Rules** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Balouchi** wider on the track, with **Balouchi** racing wide into the home straight. Leaving the 100m, commenced to shift ground inwards, resulting in **Diamond Days**, which was improving on its inside, becoming inconvenienced and having to be eased over the concluding stages. Jockey Orffer was shown video footage of this section of the race, issued with a severe warning and told that he is to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future.

The Regulatory Veterinarian had no reports

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	That'll B The Day	185	Win
2 nd	6	Fine One	550	-0.45L
3 rd	5	Diamond Days	280	-2.40L
4 th	2	Unsung Hero	820	-4.40L
Favourite				
1 st	1	That'll B The Day	185	

GENERAL

- Pre-race blood specimens were taken from all runners.
- Routine post-race urine and blood specimens were taken for analysis from all winners.
- All Jockeys passed a breathalyser test, and urine specimens were taken from Jockeys Chumun, Danielson and Ramsamy for analysis.

RACE MEETING 9 – 11TH JULY 2026 – RACE 3: THE PREMIER GROUP CORPORATE SERVICES TROPHY – MIDDLE STAKES – 990M

Pennsylvania - On inquiry, Trainer Daby explained that it was the gelding's first run in Mauritius. He added there were front runners that appeared faster out of the gates than he was. To avoid the horse being over eager over the crossings, as he had had a tendency to jump the crossings in his first trial, he wanted Jockey Corrales to drop the horse behind other runners and settle it as soon as it was comfortable and start to accelerate after the 450m. Jockey Corrales confirmed these instructions and further explained that after jumping, the horse dipped and thereafter he had to work at keeping up with the rest of the field. He added that from there onwards, **Pennsylvania** raced in a relaxed manner and went over the crossing at the 450m well. He further stated that at the top of the straight, he could see that **Colour My Fate**, which was racing on the outside in front of him, beginning to move inwards as the rider was pulling at it to go out, as such, so as not to run into traffic problems he decided to shift his mount outwards to ensure a clear run. He concluded by saying, in his opinion, he was unlucky as his horse quickened up well but

just failed to catch the winner at the finish. After consideration, the Stipendiary Stewards decided to not proceed any further with this line of questioning.

SUMMARY		
Suspension	1 2 6 7	Jockey Joorawon (Lunar Descent) – one race meeting Jockey Orffer (Indigenous) – one race meeting Apprentice Taka (Menelaus) – three race meetings Jockey Nunes (Unsung Hero) – three race meetings
Fine	1 2 6	Jockey Joorawon (Lunar Descent) – Rs 30,000 Jockey Orffer (Indigenous) – Rs 50,000 Jockey Van Niekerk (War Chariot) – Rs 30,000 Trainer Nagadoo (Menelaus) – Rs 75,000 Apprentice Taka (Menelaus) – Rs 30,000
Warning	7	Trainer Carl Hewitson (Unsung Hero)
Severe Warning	7	Jockey Orffer (Fine One)
Horse Suspension		
OVE	1 2 3 5 6	Love On Time – coughing post-race Lunar Descent – coughing post-race Global Warrior – lame near-fore Rainwater – coughing post-race Fateful Day – lame off-fore War Chariot – not striding out
Barrier Trial	4	Military Force