

INTERIM REPORT
RACE MEETING 11 – SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026

BOARD OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS	
Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards	Mr. Stephane De Chalain
Deputy Chief Stipendiary Stewards	Ms. Julia Keevy Mr. Yahia Nazroo
Stipendiary Steward	Mr. Mark Blackman

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, who was unwell, 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.Soorful

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 hanging inwards in the home straight.

Cloud Seeder – Hesitated and was slow to begin.

Love On Time – Leaving the 1300m, was crowded onto **River Hawk** and had to be checked, losing its position. Was eased out of the race approaching the 600m. When questioned, Jockey Aucharuz explained that leaving the 1300m, he was interfered with and 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 it approaching the 600m. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Love On Time** revealed it was coughing post-race. Jockey Aucharuz was told 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**. Leaving the 1300m, was taken inwards, and in doing so, crowded **Love On Time** onto **River Hawk**, with **Love On Time** having to be checked, losing its position. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

Moon Jumper – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground inwards, and was slow to begin.

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 – Passing the 1100m, raced tight on the inside of **Indigenous** and leaving the 1000m, was cramped for room and had to be checked, losing its position. Leaving the 800m, was switched to the outside of **Indigenous**. 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, resulting in **Dance To The Sun** becoming cramped for room and having to be checked, losing its position. An inquiry into this incident was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Global Warrior – From the start, was taken across to race behind runners.

Vet Report:

Global Warrior: Lamé 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 on all four hooves.

Lomu – Brushed shortly after the start and stumbled. 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, commenced to shift ground outwards, despite Jockey Schwarz's attempt to straighten it, carrying **Cosmic Captain** outwards.

Trick Or Tequila – 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**.

Cosmic Captain – Approaching the 50m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and passing the 450m, was carried outwards by **Lomu**, which had commenced to shift ground outwards, despite Jockey Schwarz's attempt to straighten it.

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.

Military Force – Slow to begin.

Wugug – Slow to begin.

Babylon – Shortly after the start, the noseband that had been fitted to **Babylon** came loose. After becoming loose, the sheepskin noseband moved up and down against its head, inconveniencing the horse, with Jockey Joorawon grabbing the noseband passing the 800m and pulling it to the side. Trainer Mahadia was questioned regarding this incident. He explained that he had checked the equipment and that after saddling **Babylon**, he checked that the noseband was properly fitted. He added that he could not explain how it became 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 widely 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. 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.

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.

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.

Menelaus – Raced wide in the early stages. Apprentice Taka reported that this gelding was hanging inwards throughout.

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, 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.

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 to its outside 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.

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. An inquiry into this incident will be held on Tuesday morning.

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

- 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 Jockeys passed a breathalyzer test, and urine specimens were taken from Jockeys Chumun, Danielson and Ramsamy for analysis.

SUMMARY		
Suspension		
Fine	6	Jockey Van Niekerk (War Chariot) – Rs 30,000
Warning		
Severe Warning		
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