

**FINAL REPORT**  
**RACE MEETING 12 – SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**

| <b>BOARD OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS</b>     |                                         |
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| <b>Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards</b>  | Mr. Stephane De Chalain                 |
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| <b>Stipendiary Stewards</b>              | Mr. Mark Blackman<br>Mr. Hugues Maigrot |

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| Weather:       | Sunny      |
| Track:         | 2.8 Normal |
| Rail Position: | True       |

**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: **DANCE TO THE SUN** (Trainer Nagadoo and Apprentice Taka)

**AMANDLA** (Trainer Mootien and Jockey Sooful)

**RAINWATER** (Trainer Allet and Jockey Bheekary)

**MALINOIS** (Trainer Allet and Jockey Chumum)

Race 2: **MASTER OF MYSTERY** (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Schwarz)

**ALL ABOUT LOVE** (Trainer S.Gujadhur and Jockey Joorawon)

Race 3: **HOLY STAR** (Trainer Nagadoo and Apprentice Taka)

Race 4: **WILLIAM RUFUS** (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Schwarz)

Race 6: **SELUKWE** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Ramsamy)

**TAMARISK TREE** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Nunes)

Race 7: **PORT LOUIS** (Representative of Trainer Gujadhur and Jockey Sooful)

**CRESCENT** (Representative of Trainer Gujadhur and Jockey Danielson)

**GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE** (Trainer Nagadoo and Jockey Taka)

**BETATHANTHEREST** (Trainer Nagadoo and Apprentice Ecoignard)

Race 8: **CAPE CANNERY** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Nunes)  
**KRIM** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Juglall)

Prior to the race meeting, it was reported that Jockey Mudhoo was medically indisposed. The Stipendiary Stewards approved Jockey Rama as the replacement rider for **Celestial Magma** (Race 1) at 08h00.

Prior to the race meeting, it was reported that Jockey Mansour was medically indisposed. The Stipendiary Stewards approved the following riding replacements at 09h30:

Race 1: **TRICK OR TEQUILA** – M.Nunes

Race 2: **ALL ABOUT LOVE** – R.Joorawon

Race 6: **RAPIDASH** – R.Joorawon

**RACE 1: THE DAY TO REMEMBER CUP – 1650M – [0-26]**

**Dance To The Sun** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards.

**Trick Or Tequila** – Bumped passing the 1300m. Passing the 450m, was taken out from behind **Amandla** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Rainwater** wider on the track.

**Amandla** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, brushed the left side of its gate and made contact with **Rainwater**.

**Rainwater** – Leaving the 1300m, shifted ground inwards and bumped **Trick Or Tequila**. Raced wide throughout. Passing the 450m, was carried outwards when **Trick Or Tequila** was taken out from behind **Amandla** to improve its position. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 450m.

**Malinois** – Slow to begin. Approaching the 400m, was switched to the outside of **Celestial Magma**, which was not improving despite being urged forward. Approaching the 200m, was switched to the inside of **Amandla** to continue going forward. Was hanging inwards in the home straight.

**Celestial Magma** – Jumped awkwardly, brushed the left side of its gate and shifted ground outwards. Shortly thereafter, was inconvenienced when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Dance To The Sun**. Commenced to give ground from approaching the 400m. Momentarily unbalanced when turning into the home straight.

**Vet Report:**

**Amandla:** Lamé off-fore

**Celestial Magma:** Cast near hind shoe

| Results | Closing Odds | Distance |
|---------|--------------|----------|
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|                  |   |                         |      |        |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1 | <b>Royal Port Louis</b> | 290  | Win    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3 | <b>Trick Or Tequila</b> | 165  | -3.10L |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 2 | <b>Dance To The Sun</b> | 800  | -3.65L |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 6 | <b>Malinois</b>         | 4000 | -9.70L |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                         |      |        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3 | <b>Trick Or Tequila</b> | 290  |        |

## **RACE 2: THE SUPERTOTE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY – LOWER DIVISION STAKES – 1850M**

**Princeofgreen** – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected. Slow to begin.

**View Of The World** – Contacted shortly after the start.

**Palermo** – Fly-jumped. Brushed leaving the 450m. When questioned, Jockey Nunes explained that this gelding was racing over 1850m for the second time in Mauritius, and that it had performed well in its last outing when carrying 52kg, and was carrying 61kg for today's race. He added that after studying the race, he was of the opinion that he would be able to lead. He further added that **Palermo** raced fiercely in the early stages and that from leaving the 450m, he received a bump from **Master Of Mystery** and became unbalanced over some distance. From then onwards, the gelding shortened its stride and when asked for an effort leaving the 400m, failed to quicken and plodded on. Jockey Nunes concluded that in his opinion, the fact it had over-raced in the early stages, may have been detrimental to its poor performance.

**Master Of Mystery** – Leaving the 450m, when being urged forward, shifted ground inwards and brushed **Palermo**.

**All About Love** – Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground inwards and made contact with **View Of The World**. Passing the 1600m, was momentarily awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Master Of Mystery** and had to be eased. Passing the 600m, when **Backpacker** improved on its outside, commenced to race fiercely and had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Master Of Mystery**. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight. Leaving the 200m, commenced to shift ground inwards and passing the 150m, raced tight onto **Backpacker**, which had shifted ground outwards away from the whip.

**Backpacker** – Slow into stride and shortly thereafter, Jockey Sooful adjusted his right-side stirrup iron. Passing the 1600m, was inconvenienced and had to be taken out to avoid the heels of **All About Love**. Leaving the 800m, was switched to the outside of runners and urged forward to race closer to the lead, and raced wide from then onwards. Leaving the 200m, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards.

**Vet Report:**

**Princeofgreen:** Cardiac arrhythmia, suspended for 30 days

| Results          |   |                          | Closing Odds | Distance |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4 | <b>Master Of Mystery</b> | 400          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 2 | <b>View Of The World</b> | 230          | -0.30L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 5 | <b>All About Love</b>    | 1100         | -0.40L   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 | <b>Palermo</b>           | 290          | -2.95L   |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                          |              |          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 2 | <b>View Of The World</b> | 230          |          |

### **RACE 3: THE SUPERTOTE OFF-COURSE TROPHY – LOW DIVISION STAKES – 990M**

**Ampersand** – Slow to begin. Came off the crossing at the 450m awkwardly and leaving the 400m, was carried wide by **Danilo Danilovitch** and raced wide from then onwards.

**Danilo Danilovitch** – Slow to begin and shifted ground outwards shortly thereafter. Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of **Old Fashioned** to improve its position and in doing so, carried **Ampersand** wider on the track.

**Grand Bay** – Leaving the 200m, was switched to the outside of **Holy Star** to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages, was carried outwards by **Holy Star** and inconvenienced **Mind Map**.

**Old Fashioned** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow to begin. Leaving the 700m, became inconvenienced when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Mind Map**.

**Military Force** – Slow to begin.

**Mind Map** – Fly-jumped and shifted ground inwards. Leaving the 800m, was switched inwards to take a position on the rails. Approaching the 700m, **Old Fashioned**, which was following, was inconvenienced when awkwardly placed close to its heels. Inconvenienced over the concluding stages.

**Holy Star** – Apprentice Taka became severely unbalanced on jumping, nearly losing the use of his right-side stirrup. Leaving the 200m, commenced to shift ground inwards, which resulted in **Grand Bay**, which was following, having to be switched to its outside to continue going forward. Over the concluding stages, commenced to shift ground outwards, which resulted in **Grand Bay** being carried outwards, with **Grand Bay** inconveniencing **Mind Map**. Apprentice Taka was shown video footage of the home straight, issued with a warning, and advised that in future, he is to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts earlier than he did on this occasion.

#### **Vet Report:**

**Holy Star:** Lameness near-fore

| Results         |   |                  | Closing Odds | Distance |
|-----------------|---|------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8 | Holy Star        | 280          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 | Grand Bay        | 550          | -1.20L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 | Smith And Wesson | 1000         | -2.45L   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 7 | Mind Map         | 500          | -2.55L   |
| Favourite       |   |                  |              |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8 | Holy Star        | 280          |          |

#### **RACE 4: THE SUPERTOTE MOBILE APP TROPHY – 1400M – [B.56]**

**Spirit's Unite** – Stood flat-footed and was slow to begin, losing considerable ground. Leaving the 1100m, commenced to race fiercely and leaving the 900m, was allowed to stride forward to secure a position closer to the lead. Approaching the 600m, was taken in, resulting in **William Rufus**, which was racing on its inside, becoming cramped for galloping room, shifting ground inwards and cramping **Isikwishikwishi**. On inquiry, Jockey Nunes pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 414 (g) for careless riding, in that passing the 600 metres, he carelessly took his mount inwards when insufficiently clear of **William Rufus**, resulting in the latter becoming cramped for galloping room, shifting grounds inwards and cramping **Isikwishikwishi**, with **Isikwishikwishi** having to be checked. He was suspended from riding in races for one Mauritian race meeting and fined Rs 30,000.

**Monumental** – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected. Leaving the 400m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

**William Rufus** – Approaching the 1100m, for some distance, appeared to hesitate in the race and had to be urged forward to keep up with the leader. Approaching the 600m, was inconvenienced on the inside of **Spirit's Unite** and was cramped onto **Isikwishikwishi**. The Stewards questioned Jockey Schwarz and Trainer Ruhee regarding the gelding's racing manners. It was established that, when racing over 1365 metres or further, the gelding has a recurring tendency to want to stop approaching the 1000-metre mark. However, it was noted that he never displayed this tendency when racing over 990 metres. Having considered the matter, the Stewards were of the opinion that the gelding's particular racing idiosyncrasy could potentially lead to an accident when racing over distances in excess of 990 metres. Trainer Ruhee was therefore informed that the gelding will not be permitted to be entered to race over any distance other than 990 metres.

**Isikwishikwishi** – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride. Approaching the 600m, became cramped for galloping room on the inside of **William Rufus** and had to be checked, brushing the running rail.

**Stated** – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected.

**Vet Report:**

**Monumental:** Cast off-fore shoe

| Results          |   |                        | Closing Odds | Distance |
|------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 5 | <b>Stated</b>          | 520          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Spirit's Unite</b>  | 200          | -0.10L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 4 | <b>Isikwishikwishi</b> | 250          | -1.05    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 | <b>Monumental</b>      | 700          | -1.20L   |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                        |              |          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Spirit's Unite</b>  | 200          |          |

**RACE 5: THE HOLLYWOODBETS TROPHY – MIDDLE STAKES – 2050M**

**Bacchus** – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Approaching the 1100m, when the pace slackened, continued to race fiercely. Passing the 900m, shifted ground outwards when being restrained and was taken back behind **Transonic** by **Magnum P I**. Following this incident, **Bacchus** continued to race fiercely. Passing the 450m, for some distance, was baulked for a clear run when **Transonic** commenced to give ground. It was then switched to the outside of **Transonic** to continue going forward. Passing the 200m, was switched to the inside of **Join The Dots** to secure clear running.

**Magnum P I** – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Passing the 1100m, when the pace slackened, was switched to the outside of **Bacchus**.

**Superior Force** – Leaving the 1200m was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Magnum P I** and in doing so, carried **Join The Dots** wider on the track. Approaching the 300m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

**Transonic** – Slow into stride. Raced wide in the early stages. Commenced to give ground passing the 450m, resulting in **Bacchus** being baulked for a clear run for some distance, with **Bacchus** being switched to its outside to continue going forward.

**Join The Dots** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 1200m, was carried wide when **Superior Force** was taken out when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Magnum P I**. Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Vet Report:**

**Magnum P I:** Lamé off-fore

| Results | Closing Odds | Distance |
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|------------------|---|-----------------------|------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 3 | <b>Superior Force</b> | 150  | Win    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 6 | <b>Join The Dots</b>  | 1000 | -1.75L |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Bacchus</b>        | 550  | -3.25L |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 | <b>Magnum P I</b>     | 500  | -6.85L |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                       |      |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 3 | <b>Superior Force</b> | 150  |        |

#### **RACE 6: THE SUPERTOTE GOLDEN TROPHY – GROUP 2 – PINNACLE – 2200M**

**Good Council** – Upon entering the home straight, shifted ground outwards and was brushed by **Tamarisk Tree**, which had commenced to hang inwards.

**Selukwe** – Raced fiercely in the early stages. Leaving the 1000m, when the pace slackened, was switched to the outside of **Bugalugs** to improve its position. When questioned, Jockey Ramsamy explained that he was instructed to endeavour to lead, without using his mount as it might over-race. He added that from the start, **Good Council** and **Bugalugs** proved faster than his mount, and as such, he elected to settle **Selukwe** in the one-off position behind **Bugalugs**. He further stated that from leaving the 1500m, **Bugalugs** kept slowing the pace in front, with him having to steady his mount on a couple of occasions, and when the pace slackened leaving the 1100m, he decided to shift his mount to the outside of **Bugalugs** and let his mount improve in its stride, with **Bugalugs** also improving on his inside, with him having to do more than anticipated to secure the lead. He concluded that from then onwards, **Selukwe** raced relaxed on the outside of **Good Council**, and when asked for an effort leaving the 450m, failed to quicken and commenced to shift ground outwards, being very disappointing.

**Rapidash** – Jumped awkwardly and shifted ground outwards, inconveniencing **Prime Example**, and thereafter, was slow into stride. Was hanging outwards in the home straight.

**Tamarisk Tree** – Leaving the 300m, was switched to the outside of **Good Council** and in doing so, carried **Bugalugs** wider on the track. In the early stages of the home straight, commenced to hang inwards and brushed **Good Council**.

**Bugalugs** – Carried wide leaving the 300m and raced wide into the home straight. When questioned, Jockey Danielson explained that he was instructed to endeavour to jump and if possible, lead without insisting too much, as this horse was racing over the 2200m for the first time in its career, and if not able to lead easily, to settle on the rails where comfortable. He further explained that after jumping well, he saw **Good Council** being urged forward in view to secure the lead, as such, he elected not to insist on his mount and rather settle it behind the leader. However, **Bugalugs** commenced to race fiercely, with him not being able to bring the latter back in order to secure a position behind **Good Council**. When further questioned, Jockey

Danielson explained that passing the 1800m, it was running in a good rhythm and not pulling at this stage, and to be able to secure a position behind **Good Council**, he would have had to break the horse's stride to secure the position. As such, he elected to settle **Bugalugs** in the one-off position on the outside of the leader where it raced relaxed, and when asked for an effort passing the 400m, quickened and then plodded over the concluding states. In his opinion, **Bugalugs** failed to stay the distance.

**Prime Example** – Slow to begin and shortly thereafter, was inconvenienced when **Rapidash** shifted ground outwards onto it.

**The Regulatory Veterinarian had no reports**

| Results          |   |                      | Closing Odds | Distance |
|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4 | <b>Tamarisk Tree</b> | 210          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 3 | <b>Rapidash</b>      | 370          | -1.00L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Good Council</b>  | 400          | -2.85L   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 5 | <b>Bugalugs</b>      | 700          | -4.45L   |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                      |              |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4 | <b>Tamarisk Tree</b> | 210          |          |

#### **RACE 7: THE SUPERScore TROPHY – 1400M – [B.71]**

**Formagear** – Passing the 1200m, for some distance, commenced to race fiercely and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Crescent**. Leaving the 1000m, when the pace slackened, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Crescent**, got its head up and shifted ground outwards onto **Gimmeanotherchance**. When questioned, Jockey Orffer explained that he was instructed to endeavour to get his mount in the race, without bustling it too much, as this horse has a tendency to pull hard in its races and has a soft mouth, and when restrained, grabs its bit to one side and proves difficult to control. He added that after jumping well, he managed to get in a forward position, however, seeing that **Crescent** was improving on its outside, he decided against pressing forward on his mount, being wary that it would start to over-race. He further stated that leaving the 1000m, **Crescent** suddenly slowed down the pace, with him having to ease his mount when awkwardly placed close to **Crescent's** heels, when being eased, **Formagear** got its head up and shifted ground outwards and commenced to race fiercely, with him managing to get the gelding to drop the bit shortly thereafter.

**Port Louis** – Slow to begin.

**Royal Wulff** – Slow to begin. Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

**Crescent** – Jockey Danielson reported that at the start, his saddle slipped backwards and sideways.

**Gimmeanotherchance** – Slow into stride. Over the concluding stages, attempted to savage **Crescent**, with Apprentice Taka hesitating and straightening his mount.

**Betathantherest** – Passing the 600m, raced tight on the inside of **Port Louis**. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the inside of **Formagear** to continue going forward.

**Vet Report:**

**Port Louis:** Cast off-hind shoe

**Betathantherest:** Lamé near-fore

| Results          |   |                    | Closing Odds | Distance |
|------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4 | <b>Crescent</b>    | 140          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 2 | <b>Port Louis</b>  | 600          | -1.30L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 3 | <b>Royal Wulff</b> | 900          | -1.80L   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 1 | <b>Formagear</b>   | 800          | -1.90L   |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                    |              |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 4 | <b>Crescent</b>    | 140          |          |

**RACE 8: THE LINES OF POWER PLATE – 1400M – [0-25]**

Acting on veterinary advice that **Captain Marsala** was suffering from urticaria and was off-feed, it was withdrawn at 08h00. All bets placed on **Captain Marsala** were ordered to be refunded, and a deduction of 3 cents per rupee was applied to winning bets placed prior to the withdrawal of **Captain Marsala**.

Jockey Nunes was stood down by the Course Medical Officer following the running of Race 6. The Stipendiary Stewards approved Jockey Ramsamy as the replacement rider for **Cape Cannery**.

**Jet Blackfire** – Jumped awkwardly, with Jockey Schwarz becoming unbalanced and losing the use of his right-side stirrup iron, which he regained shortly thereafter. Leaving the 1200m commenced to race fiercely and when being restrained, got its head up and raced ungenerously. Leaving the 900m, when still over-racing, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **William Blake**, and when being restrained, got its head up and raced ungenerously. Leaving the 200m, when being ridden with the whip, commenced to shift ground outwards, inconveniencing **Krim**, which was racing on its outside.

**Boom Town** – Jumped outwards, crowding **Cape Cannery** onto **Krim**. Passing the 1200m, commenced to race fiercely and switched to the outside of **William Blake** and in doing so, carried

**Krim** wider on the track. Leaving the 150m, when being ridden with the whip in the right hand, commenced to shift ground outwards, with Jockey Danielson switching his whip to his left hand.

**Cape Cannery** – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected. Jumped awkwardly, shifted ground outwards and bumped **Krim**. Shortly thereafter, was crowded onto **Krim** by **Boom Town**, which had jumped outwards. When questioned regarding its poor performance, Jockey Ramsamy explained that this gelding had improved following its last race and as such, expected an improved run today. He added that after jumping only fairly, he settled **Cape Cannery** at the back of the field where it raced in a relaxed manner. He further added that when asked for an effort leaving the 400m, **Cape Cannery** failed to quicken, being very disappointing.

**Krim** – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected. Bumped at the start. Raced wide in the early stages and leaving the 1200m, was carried out by **Boom Town**. Passing the 1100m, commenced to race fiercely and when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Boom Town**, threw its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance. Passing the 450m, was switched to the outside of **Boom Town** and raced wide from then onwards. Inconvenienced leaving the 200m and passing the 150m, was switched to the inside of **Jet Blackfire** to continue going forward.

#### GENERAL:

Stable Supervisor S.Bussunt signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of Rule 218, in that at the time of nominations, he failed to declare a Hood to be worn as equipment on the horse **Boom Town**. He was fined Rs 7,500.

#### **Vet Report:**

**Jet Blackfire:** Cast off-fore shoe

| Results          |   |                      | Closing Odds | Distance |
|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 2 | <b>Boom Town</b>     | 550          | Win      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Jet Blackfire</b> | 150          | -1.05L   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 5 | <b>Krim</b>          | 1000         | -4.15L   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 | <b>William Blake</b> | 3000         | -5.45L   |
| <b>Favourite</b> |   |                      |              |          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1 | <b>Jet Blackfire</b> | 150          |          |

#### ADDENDUM

#### 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Race 4 of the 11<sup>th</sup> race meeting – THE AQUA SPRINGS PIETER BOTH LEGACY CUP

On inquiry into the handling of **Warbird**, Trainer Awotar explained that **Warbird** was having her third outing this season after having won both starts to date over 1450m and 1400m respectively

in Benchmark 36. He added that she was now racing in Benchmark 41 and although drawn 2, he expected the horse drawn one, **My Archangel**, to be faster than her. As such, he instructed Jockey Van Niekerk to endeavour to jump well and if the pace was a fast one, he could settle her on the rails behind the leader, otherwise to sit on the outside of the leader and if the pace was a slow one, to make an early move. Jockey Van Niekerk confirmed these instructions and explained that **My Archangel** proved faster in the early stages and instead of asking his mount for an undue effort early he decided to settle her on the outside of **My Archangel**. He added that from then onwards she raced in a relaxed manner on the outside of the leader and when the pace quickened from the 800m his mount had difficulty in going with **My Archangel**. When further questioned he explained that he was of the opinion that Jockey Nunes had not slowed the tempo leaving the 1100m and that in the back straight he was against asking **Warbird** to improve on the outside of the leader as she had over-raced in her races in the past and he did not want her to be over racing at that stage of the race. He concluded by saying that when asked for an effort leaving the 450m to bridge the gap on **My Archangel**, **Warbird** failed to quicken as he had expected her to and plodded on over the concluding stages to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Awotar explained that in his opinion, **Warbird** was beaten by better horses on the day. After consideration, the Stewards decided not to proceed further.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Race 5 of the 11<sup>th</sup> race meeting – THE AQUA SPRINGS LIVE HEALTHY CUP**

On inquiry into the handling of **Bounceback**, Trainer Awotar explained that this gelding was having its 5<sup>th</sup> race this season, was racing over 1600m and had pleased in the lead up to the race. As such, a forward showing was expected from it. He also said that after studying the race, he was somewhat wary that there would be a lack of pace in the race, as such, he instructed Jockey Van Niekerk to ride this gelding as per its usual racing pattern, which was to settle it at the back of the field and move from the road as its turn of foot was its main asset. He also said that should the pace prove to be slower than expected, Jockey Van Niekerk was to move early and loop the field as it had the ability to do so according to him. Jockey Van Niekerk confirmed these instructions and explained that from the start, the pace proved to be a fast one in the race with **Bounceback** coming under pressure from a long way out in the race. He added that he felt that the horse had not put its best foot forward on the day and had hung in when asked for an effort, being disappointing. When further questioned, Jockey Van Niekerk explained that the going was sticky which was to the advantage of the leading horses and it put horses coming from behind at a disadvantage. He also added that he could not have been closer to the pace in the early stages of the race due to the fast pace set by the leader. He further stated that he felt he had ridden **Bounceback** as he usually rides it and had moved at the right time to be able to win the race, but that the leader had kept going and **Bounceback** did not accelerate as it did in its last start. After consideration, the Stewards found Jockey Van Niekerk guilty of a breach of Rule 414 (b) for failing

to ride **Bounceback** to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the particulars being that shortly after the start when there was an opportunity for him to urge his mount forward in order to get it to race closer to the pace, he failed to do so, resulting in that gelding racing at the back of the field about 7 lengths off the leader. Furthermore, when there was an opportunity for him leaving the 700 metres, to start urging his mount forward with his usual vigour and determination, in order to bridge the gap with the rest of the field, he failed to do so, this being counterproductive to its chances in the race. He was suspended from riding in races for eight race meetings and fined Rs 50,000.

### **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 Bheekary, Orffer and Apprentice Ecroignard for analysis.

| <b>SUMMARY</b>          |       |                                                                |
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| <b>Suspension</b>       | 4     | Jockey Nunes ( <b>Spirit's Unite</b> ) – one race meeting      |
|                         | (115) | Jockey Van Niekerk ( <b>Bounceback</b> ) – eight race meetings |
| <b>Fine</b>             | 4     | Jockey Nunes ( <b>Spirit's Unite</b> ) – Rs 30,000             |
|                         | 8     | Stable Supervisor S.Bussunt ( <b>Boom Town</b> ) – Rs 7,500    |
|                         | (115) | Jockey Van Niekerk ( <b>Bounceback</b> ) – Rs 50,000           |
| <b>Warning</b>          | 3     | Apprentice Taka ( <b>Holy Star</b> )                           |
| <b>Severe Warning</b>   |       |                                                                |
| <b>Horse Suspension</b> | 2     | <b>Princeofgreen</b> – 30 days                                 |
|                         | 8     | <b>Captain Marsala</b> – 14 days                               |
| <b>OVE</b>              | 1     | <b>Amandla</b> – lame off-fore                                 |
|                         |       | <b>Celestial Magma</b> – cast near-hind shoe                   |
|                         | 2     | <b>Princeofgreen</b> – cardiac arrhythmia                      |
|                         | 3     | <b>Holy Star</b> – lame near-fore                              |
|                         | 4     | <b>Monumental</b> – cast off-fore shoe                         |
|                         | 5     | <b>Magnum P I</b> – lame off-fore                              |
|                         | 7     | <b>Port Louis</b> – cast off-hind shoe                         |
|                         |       | <b>Betathanotherest</b> – lame near-fore                       |
|                         | 8     | <b>Captain Marsala</b> – suffering urticaria and was off-feed  |

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| Barrier Trial |  |  |
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