

INTERIM REPORT
RACE MEETING 13 – SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

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Weather:	Sunny
Track:	2.8 Normal
Rail Position:	2m

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: **ZOBERI** (Trainer Daby and Apprentice Sophie)

KOLA TONIC (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Rama)

CLOUD SEEDER (Trainer Sewdyaal and Jockey Sonaram)

Race 2: **EXALTED LOVE** (Trainer Awotar and Jockey Van Niekerk)

TAKING SILK (Trainer Narang and Jockey Aucharuz)

Race 3: **FEAR OF FIRE** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Nunes)

Race 4: **UNITED PRINCE** (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Schwarz)

CAPTAIN COLA (Trainer Daby and Jockey Sooful)

Race 5: **WARHEAD** (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Schwarz)

WILLIAM RUFUS (Trainer Ruhee and Jockey Rama)

Race 6: **CUMBRE VIEJA** (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Nunes)

UNSUNG HERO (Trainer Hewitson and Jockey Ramsamy)

NEW YORK CITY (Trainer Sewdyaal and Jockey Bhaugeerothee)

Race 7: **MERIDIUS** (Trainer Narang and Jockey Orffer)

ZIL MORIS (Trainer Gujadhur and Jockey Danielson)

THE MAURITIAN (Trainer Gujadhur and Jockey Sooful)

HAVANA MOON (Trainer S.Gujadhur and Jockey Mansour)

Race 8: **DANILO DANILOVITCH** (Trainer Mootien and Apprentice Kulloo)

NOT IN DOUBT (Trainer Mootien and Jockey Bhaugeerothee)

NOU PRAAT JY (Trainer Allet and Jockey Bheekary)

IBHELE (Trainer Allet and Jockey Curatolo)

Prior to the race meeting, Jockeys Curatolo and Mansour submitted their medical reports to the Stipendiary Stewards, and were cleared to ride.

RACE 1: LE TURBO – RED STAR TROPHY – 1500M – [0-25]

Prior to the start being effected, **Fire Starter** rushed the front gate of its stall. After reviewing the footage of the start, the Stipendiary Stewards were satisfied that there was no advantage gained at the start and took no further action, with the correct weight being declared on the Judges' Semaphored numbers.

Zooberi – Raced wide in the early stages. Leaving the 900m, was urged forward to secure a position closer to the rails. Leaving the 500m, when being urged forward, commenced to hang out, despite Apprentice Sophie's attempts to straighten it. Commenced to give ground from leaving the 300m.

Fire Starter – Shortly after the start, was crowded onto **Kola Tonic**, which resulted in **Kola Tonic** losing its position. Leaving the 150m, when being ridden with the whip in the left hand, commenced to shift ground inwards and brushed **River Hawk**, which was racing on its inside. Jockey Ramsamy was shown video footage of this section of the race, issued with a warning and advised to stop riding with the whip and straighten his mounts earlier when they shift ground in future.

Kola Tonic – Slow into stride and shortly thereafter, was crowded for room on the inside of **Fire Starter** and lost its position.

Gang Leader – Shortly after jumping, shifted ground inwards, resulting in **Zooberi** shying away and shifting ground inwards onto **Fire Starter**, with **Fire Starter** crowding **Kola Tonic**, with **Kola Tonic** losing its position.

River Hawk – Passing the 100m, commenced to shift ground outwards and carried **Fire Starter** outwards. Jockey Sooful was shown video footage of this section of the race, issued with a warning and advised to stop riding with the whip earlier than he did on this occasion and straighten his mounts when they shift ground in future. When questioned with regards to its apparent improved performance, Trainer Gujadhur explained that **River Hawk** had improved

before its last start, however it proved to be extremely disappointing. For today's race, the gelding had pleased in the lead-up, showing improvement at track work with Jockey Sooful in the saddle. As such an improved run was expected, although he did not expect it to win. In his opinion, the even pace in the race may have accounted for its improved performance.

Cosmic Captain – Leaving the 1300m, was slightly inconvenienced and had to be steadied when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Fire Starter**.

Cloud Seeder – Jockey Sonaram reported that this gelding took no interest in the early stages of the race and was not travelling well.

Lingotto – Slow into stride. Raced fiercely in the early stages and leaving the 1300m, was eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **River Hawk**.

Vet Report:

Cloud Seeder: Cast near hind shoe

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	5	River Hawk	700	Win
2 nd	3	Kola Tonic	370	-0.20L
3 rd	2	Fire Starter	175	-1.80L
4 th	6	Cosmic Captain	2000	-3.00L
Favourite				
3 rd	2	Fire Starter	175	

RACE 2: THE CAVENDISH MEMORIAL CUP – 1650M – [B.31]

Exalted Love – Leaving the 300m, was switched to the outside of **Royal Port Louis** to improve its position.

San Andreas – Approaching the 700m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide leaving the 600m.

The Regulatory Veterinarian had no reports

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	Exalted Love	160	Win
2 nd	2	Royal Port Louis	270	-2.50L
3 rd	4	Amancio	820	-7.10L
4 th	3	San Andreas	1600	Distanced
Favourite				

1 st	1	Exalted Love	160
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RACE 3: THE VEEJAY KUMAR BEEHAREE MEMORIAL CUP – 1365M – [0-26]

Fine One – Leaving the 1100m for some distance, raced in restricted room on the inside of **Fear Of Fire** and passing the 1000m, had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Blown Away**. Was hanging outwards in the home straight. When questioned, Jockey Orffer explained that this gelding had pleased in the lead-up to this race and was expecting a forward showing. He added that he had to ask his mount for an effort leaving the 1200m to keep the position behind the leader, as **Fear Of Fire** wanted to secure that position. He further added that from then onwards, **Fine One** commenced to race fiercely and when asked for an effort leaving the 400m, failed to quicken, being extremely disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination of **Fine One** revealed it was coughing.

Lava County – Stood flat-footed and lost considerable ground at the start. Carried wide leaving the 450m and raced wide into the home straight. Was hanging inwards in the home straight.

Master Point – Raced wide in the early stages and passing the 1200m, was eased to secure a position closer to the rails. Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of **Fine One** and in doing so, carried **Lava County** wider on the track, with **Lava County** racing wide into the home straight. Passing the 250m, was switched to the outside of **Fear Of Fire** to continue going forward and raced wide into the home straight.

Fear Of Fire – Passing the 1200m, when eased to settle off the leader, commenced to race fiercely and from leaving the 1100m, raced tight onto **Fine One**.

Midnight Flyer – Leaving the 250m, was switched to the inside of runners to secure clear running.

Vet Report:

Fine One: Coughing post-race

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	6	Blown Away	900	Win
2 nd	4	Fear Of Fire	370	-2.35L
3 rd	3	Master Point	800	-3.25L
4 th	1	Fine One	200	-6.10L
Favourite				
4 th	1	Fine One	200	

RACE 4: THE ROTARY END POLIO CUP – 1450M – [B.51]

United Prince – Leaving the 800m, was urged forward to keep its position behind **Captain Cola**. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the inside of runners to continue going forward.

Captain Cola – Leaving the 250m, was inconvenienced and had to be taken out to continue going forward.

Makazole – Leaving the 250m, shifted ground outwards, which resulted in **Captain Cola**, which was racing on its outside, becoming inconvenienced and having to be taken out to continue going forward. Was hanging outwards in the home straight.

Manhattan Cafe – Raced wide throughout and commenced to give ground from leaving the 450m, finishing tailed off.

Opague – Leaving the 900m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide from then onwards.

Comedy Club – Slow into stride. Leaving the 200m, was switched to the inside of **Rich Folks Hoax** to continue going forward.

Vet Report:

Rich Folks Hoax: Cast off-hind shoe

Makazole: Bled both nostrils, suspended for 30 days

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	Rich Folks Hoax	190	Win
2 nd	4	Makazole	300	-1.70L
3 rd	7	Comedy Club	1000	-2.30L
4 th	3	Captain Cola	2200	-3.60L
Favourite				
1 st	1	Rich Folks Hoax	190	

RACE 5: THE ROTARY CLUB LE RÉDUIT CUP – MIDDLE STAKES – 990M

Following the running of this race, the Stipendiary Stewards sounded the inquiry siren, viewed the video replays of the home straight and considered an objection lodged by Jockey Curatolo, rider of second placed **Captain Mike**, against the winner, **Warhead** on the grounds of interference in the closing stages. Evidence was taken from Jockeys Curatolo, Schwarz and Trainers Allet and Ruhee. After considering the evidence, viewing the video footage of the closing stages from all angles, taking consideration of the degree of interference and the margin of 0.75L

at the finish, the Stipendiary Stewards were satisfied that **Captain Mike** would not have finished ahead of **Warhead**. Jockey Curatolo's objection was therefore over-ruled in terms of Rule 449 (a) and the correct weight was declared on the Judges' Semaphored Numbers.

Solomons Seal – Approaching the 400m, was switched to the outside of runners and raced wide into the home straight.

Warhead – Slow to begin. Passing the 150m, shifted ground outwards, slightly inconveniencing **Captain Mike**.

Jewel Cat – Shifted ground outwards passing the 900m. Was hanging inwards throughout and brushed the running rails passing the 600m.

Captain Mike – Slightly inconvenienced passing the 150m.

Mystery Cache – Slow to begin and passing the 900m, was steadied when racing in restricted room between **Jewel Cat**, which had shifted ground outwards, and **Captain Mike**. Leaving the 800m, commenced to race fiercely and when being restrained to avoid the heels of **Jewel Cat**, got its head up and raced ungenerously for some distance

Vet Report:

Jewel Cat: Lameness near fore

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	2	Warhead	200	Win
2 nd	4	Captain Mike	300	-0.75L
3 rd	1	Solomons Seal	400	-0.95L
4 th	5	William Rufus	2200	-2.20L
Favourite				
1 st	2	Warhead	200	

RACE 6: THE AQUA SPRINGS MAURITIUS DERBY – GROUP 1 – 1850M

Bounceback – Jumped awkwardly and was slow into stride.

Unsung Hero – Fractious in its stall prior to the start being effected. Fly-jumped. Shortly after the start, commenced to race fiercely and when being settled, threw its head up and raced ungenerously over a short distance. Leaving the 1700m, clipped the heels of **New York City** and stumbled. An inquiry into the handling of this gelding was adjourned till Tuesday morning.

New York City – An inquiry into the handling of this gelding was adjourned till Tuesday morning.

Vet Report:

New York City: Cast off hind shoe

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	1	Cumbre Vieja	115	Win
2 nd	2	Bounceback	650	-2.80L
3 rd	4	New York City	2000	Distanced
4 th	3	Unsung Hero	1100	Distanced
Favourite				
1 st	1	Cumbre Vieja	115	

RACE 7: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CUP – PINNACLE STAKES – 1650M

Meridius – Leaving the 1500m, lost interest in the race and gave ground to the rest of the field. Leaving the 900m, bridged the gap to the rest of the field. Leaving the 600m, again lost interest in the race and gave ground to the rest of the field. When questioned, Jockey Orffer explained that after jumping, he felt his mount had dropped the bit and shortened its stride, and when he endeavored to encourage his mount, **Meridius** further shortened its stride, losing ground. He added that he then decided to sit still on that gelding and allow it to race in its pace. He further added that **Meridius** then slowly made up ground to rejoin the field passing the 1000m. Jockey Orffer further explained that down the backstraight, **Meridius** then felt comfortable and kept pace with the field. He further stated that when asked for an effort leaving the 600m, **Meridius** failed to respond and pinned its ears and eased up, with him losing ground yet again, but upon straightening for home, it again picked up the bit and quickened to make up ground in the closing stages. Jockey Orffer further added that at track work, **Meridius** has also demonstrated erratic behaviour and recommended a change of equipment to Trainer Narang to address this issue. In view of this gelding's performance, it has been suspended for 30 days and will be required to pass a Barrier Trial to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards appropriately equipped to improve this behaviour.

Xavion – Carried wide approaching the 600m and raced wide from then onwards.

Zil Moris – Passing the 300m, was switched to the outside of **The Mauritian** and approaching the 250m, to the outside of **Havana Moon** to continue going forward and in doing so, carried **Xavion** wide. Was hanging inwards in the home straight.

Havana Moon – Approaching the 600m, was switched to the outside of **The Mauritian** and in doing so, carried **Xavion** wider on the track, with **Xavion** racing wide from then onwards.

Vet Report:

Meridius: No apparent abnormalities

The Mauritian: Lame near fore

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	4	Havana Moon	200	Win
2 nd	3	Zil Moris	290	-1.75L
3 rd	1	Meridius	550	-7.25L
4 th	2	Xavion	700	-7.50L
Favourite				
1 st	4	Havana Moon	200	

RACE 8: THE RACING ORAX CUP – 1365M – [B.41]

Following the running of this race, the Stipendiary Stewards sounded the inquiry siren and viewed video footage of the closing stages. It was established that approaching the 75m mark, **lbhele**, which was shifting ground inwards, and **Theres A Light**, which was shifting ground outwards, came together and raced tight over the concluding stages, with both Jockeys riding their mounts out to the finish. The Stipendiary Stewards, being of the opinion that this incident had no bearing on the finishing positions of both horses, decided not to proceed further and correct weight was declared on the Judges' Semaphored numbers. Jockeys Curatolo and Orffer appeared before the Stipendiary Stewards and were questioned regarding the closing stages of the race. The Stipendiary Stewards had concerns regarding Jockey Orffer's change of riding style, where Jockey Orffer raised his elbow close to Jockey Curatolo in a tight finish. Jockey Curatolo gave evidence to the effect that he did not feel impeded by Jockey Orffer of that stage of the race, and was able to ride his mount to the finish. In light of the evidence, the Stipendiary Stewards took no further action, other than to tell Jockey Orffer to exercise care towards his fellow riders.

Danilo Danilovitch – Slow to begin. Approaching the 1100m, was taken out from behind **World Warrior** and allowed to stride forward to race closer to the lead. In doing, carried **Sound Of The Sea** wider on the track. Evidence was taken from Apprentice Kulloo in respect of the handling of this gelding, and was adjourned till Tuesday morning.

Sound Of The Sea – Jumped awkwardly, throwing its head. Carried wide passing the 1100m.

Theres A Light – Over the concluding stages, raced tight onto **lbhele**.

Nou Praat Jy – Slow to begin.

lbhele – Over the concluding stages, raced tight onto **Theres A Light**.

Not In Doubt –

Paved With Gold – Slightly inconvenienced leaving the 700m. Leaving the 250m, was switched to the inside of **Theres A Light** and **Not In Doubt** to secure clear running.

World Warrior – Leaving the 1200m, when being settled, got its head up and raced ungenerously over a short distance. Leaving the 700m, shifted ground inwards, despite Jockey Rama's attempt to straighten it, and slightly inconvenienced **Paved With Gold**. Leaving the 450m, was switched to the outside of runners to improve its position and raced wide into the home straight.

Vet Report:

Danilo Danilovitch: No apparent abnormalities

World Warrior: Lameness off fore

Results			Closing Odds	Distance
1 st	7	Paved With Gold	370	Win
2 nd	3	Theres A Light	1500	-0.45L
3 rd	5	Ibhele	220	-0.70L
4 th	6	Not In Doubt	1300	-1.45L
Favourite				
3 rd	5	Ibhele	220	

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 and **Fine One**
- c) All Jockeys passed a breathalyzer test, and urine specimens were taken from Jockeys Curatolo, Sonaram and Sooful for analysis.

SUMMARY		
Suspension		
Fine		
Warning	1	Jockey Ramsamy (Fire Starter) Jockey Sooful (River Hawk)
Severe Warning		
Horse Suspension	4 7	Makazole – 30 days Meridius – 30 days

OVE	1	Cloud Seeder – cast near hind shoe
	3	Fine One – coughing post-race
	4	Rich Folks Hoax – cast off hind shoe
		Makazole – bled both nostrils
	5	Jewel Cat – lame near fore
	6	New York City – cast off hind shoe
	7	The Mauritian – lame near fore
	8	World Warrior – lame off fore
Barrier Trial	7	Meridius