

STEWARDS REPORT

SEOUL RACECOURSE

Saturday 23rd January 2010

Weather: Fine
Track: 17% (races 1-7); 16% (races 8-12)

Stewards: **Byung-sun Kim (Chairman), Kwang Ho Lee, James Perry, In-wook Hwang, Bae Young-phil, Brett Wright**

RACE ONE: CLASS 6 - DOMESTIC BRED – 1400 METRES

Shortly after the start **BIG GUN** was checked when crowded between **DAEMASIN** (Lee Sang Hyeok) which shifted out and **BATTLE BINGO** (Jung Pyeong Soo) which shifted in slightly. Lee Sang Hyeok was reprimanded and Jung Pyeong Soo was advised to exercise more care. A post race veterinary examination of **HAETBITSESANG** did not reveal any abnormality and a swab sample was taken. A post race veterinary examination of **BIG GUN** did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE TWO: CLASS 4 - FOREIGN BRED – 1200 METRES

Lee Gi Hweoi (**BELONG TO YOU**) was fined W100,000 for weighing in 600 grams below his declared weight. Han Sung Youl (**GULF DREAM**) was fined W100,000 for careless riding in that near the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **BELONG TO YOU** which was checked. **CHEONGNYEONAM** and **GPPEUN SESANG** which were following were checked in consequence. **CARNIVAL BETTY** knuckled over on jumping shifted in and crowded **MICHANG**. In the home straight **BELONG TO YOU** hung out and a final warning was issued. A post race veterinary examination of **PILSEUNG KOREA** and **YONGSAN HWANGNYONG** did not reveal any abnormality. A swab sample was taken from **PILSEUNG KOREA**.

RACE THREE: CLASS 6 – DOMESTIC BRED – 1000 METRES

Near the 600m **SUPER BATON** (Kim Sug Bong) when being momentarily eased, got its head in the air, hung out and lost ground. **EUTTEUM KOREA**, **UNTOUCHABLE** and **UGILSEUNGNI** which were following were checked in consequence. A warning was issued against **SUPER BATON** and Kim Sug Bong was advised to make every effort to have greater control of his mounts when in similar circumstances in future. A post race veterinary examination of **FLYING PUNCH** did not reveal any abnormality and a swab sample was taken.

RACE FOUR: CLASS 6 - DOMESTIC BRED – 1000 METRES

HANEOLDO was fractious en route to the barrier and dislodged Moon Se Young from the saddle who was not injured in the fall. **HANEOLDO** was a late scratching and betting time was extended five minutes. **HANEOLDO** will be required to compete

satisfactorily in an official barrier trial prior to its next start. A warning was issued against **SADUE** which jumped awkwardly shifted in and crowded **HANHYEOLHWASIN** and **NAUICHUKBOK**. Lee Dong Kug (**NIKE SEVEN**) was reprimanded for careless riding in that passing the 800m he shifted in when not clear of **MOON PRINCESS** which was carried in onto **BALHAEMYEONGJANG** which was crowded into **HANHYEOLHWASIN** which was steadied. A post race veterinary examination of **SONGDOTEUKGEUP** and **DAEBAKSINHWA** did not reveal any abnormality. A swab sample was taken from **SONGDOTEUKGEUP** and **HANEOLDO**.

RACE FIVE: CLASS 5 - DOMESTIC BRED – 1300 METRES

Immediately following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was displayed for Stewards to inquire into an incident near the 25m. On the evidence, it was established that for a short distance approaching the 25m **HWALLYEOK PLUS** (Yoo Seung Wan) shifted in whilst laying in and **TRACKER** (Lee Joon Chel) shifted out and as a result of the two horses shifting ground **HWALLYEOK PLUS** struck the heels of **TRACKER** and fell. Stewards attributed blame equally to both runners and under those circumstances they did not believe a case existed for them to exercise their powers under Article 61-2 of the Rules of Racing and consequently confirmed the order of finish. Immediately after the winning post Kim Hae Sun (**GANJI CHARISMA**) became dislodged when she was unable to avoid the fallen runner and her gelding bumped heavily with it. No further action was taken.

RACE SIX: CLASS 5 - DOMESTIC BRED – 1700 METRES

Betting time was extended for five minutes due to the inquiry in race 5. **KING EASY** broke down badly when rounding the home turn and was retired from the race. A post race veterinary examination of **KING EASY** revealed the horse to have sustained a fracture to its off fore leg and will now be retired. A post race veterinary examination of **MAKGANG FORCE** and **MURIM CHOEGANG** did not reveal any abnormality. **RUNNING MACHINE** bled during the race and will be ineligible to race for one month. When questioned in relation to his ride on **MURIM CHOEGANG**, Kim Ok Sung explained that he was instructed to ride in a rearward position. He stated that he endeavored to push his mount forward in the middle stages of the race however it did not respond to his urgings and it failed to improve. He stated that when rounding the turn and in the early part of the home straight he elected to take his runner wide on the track as it had a tendency to lay in and when racing in the home straight the colt hung in severely hampering his effort to ride the colt out to the finish. Trainer Ko Ok Bong explained that he instructed Kim Ok Sung to have the colt in the middle position and that it was his first start under his care after changing stables. He stated that he had warned Kim Ok Sung that the colt may have a tendency to lay in. Stewards advised Kim Ok Sung that he unnecessarily restrained his mount in the early stages of the race and raced it further back than necessary. Further, Stewards were of the view that he failed to make a sufficient effort to improve his position between the start of the race to the 500m when it was reasonable and permissible for him to do so. Stewards deemed that whilst **MURIM CHOEGANG** hung in when racing in the home straight, his actions in the early and middle stages of the race were, in the opinion of the Stewards, the main factors that contributed to it not finishing in its best possible position. Kim Ok Song was found by

Stewards to have not to ridden to their satisfaction and his license to ride in races was suspended for 10 race days. In considering penalty Stewards considered his record in respect to this offence

RACE SEVEN: CLASS 3 – DOMESTIC BRED - 1700 METRES

BAEKDUD HUNPUNG bled during the race and will be ineligible to start in a race for one month. When questioned Yang Hee Jin (**AERO COP**) explained that he was instructed to ride in a forward position but missed the start slightly however was able to progress forward in the early stages. He stated that in the back straight his mount began to race fiercely and threw its head in the air on a number of occasions. Stewards advised Yang Hee Jin that in the circumstances it was a better option for him to let his horse run along to lead in the race instead it pulled hard and as a result it compounded over the concluding stages of the race.

RACE EIGHT: CLASS 2 - DOMESTIC BRED – 1800 METRES

Kim Ok Sung (**TAEGEUK MUSA**) was reprimanded for careless riding in that near the 800m he shifted in when not quite clear of **GWACHEONUIBIT** which had to be steadied. A post race veterinary examination of **GOOD LEADER** did not reveal any abnormality. In the early part of the back straight **TOP STAR** when being restrained, the saddle on the horse shifted forward placing its rider at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race. Stewards questioned the rider and trainer of **TOP STAR** and in the circumstances decided to take no further action given that **TOP STAR** had commenced to pull hard at that stage of the race that may have contributed to the saddle shifting.

RACE NINE: CLASS 1 – FOREIGN BRED - 1900 METRES

A post race veterinary examination of **SAEROUNBISUL** revealed it had ruptured its off fore suspensory ligament. Acting on veterinary advice **SAEROUNBISUL** will be retired from the racing.

RACE TEN: CLASS 3 – FOREIGN BRED – 1400 METRES

HAMMER PUNCH was difficult to load in the barrier and must undergo a stall test prior to its next start. When questioned, Moon Se Young (**SINHWACHEOREOM**) stated that approaching the 900m he began to feel something seriously amiss with the near hind leg of his filly and subsequently retired it from the race. A post race veterinary examination of **SINHWACHEOREOM** revealed the filly to have sustained a puncture wound to its near hind leg. Acting on veterinary advice **SINHWACHEOREOM** will be ineligible to race for two weeks. No further action was taken. Park Sang Woo (**HIDDEN GUY**) was fined W40,000 for careless riding in that near the 1200m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **GREAT HERO** which was crowded onto the running rail and checked. Park Sang Woo has incurred two recent fines for this offence so, in accordance with the KRA penalty guidelines, his penalty was increased and his license to ride in races was suspended for 2 race days.

RACE ELEVEN: CLASS 4 – DOMESTIC BRED – 1400 METRES

Moon Se Young replaced Yoon Tae Hyoug (sustained a chest injury whilst riding in race 10) as the rider of **NURI JEONSEOL**. **KKONNAM** was a scratching when it was

revealed that the colt was showing symptoms of colic. **BULGURUISTAR** reared on jumping and was slowly away (3L). A post race veterinary examination of **HWANGSO BARAM** did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE TWELVE: CLASS 5 – DOMESTIC BRED – 1400 METRES

A post race veterinary examination of **JUNGSIM** did not reveal any abnormality.

In addition to the swab samples noted above, all the first three place getters in each race were sent to be swabbed.