

**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT**  
**CALCUTTA RACES**  
**SPRING MEETING, FOURTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

False rails were in position from about 800 metres to about 400 metres.

Penetrometer Reading 2 cms

**1<sup>st</sup> RACE (144) THE SILVER HANDICAP – For Horses Rated 1-26 (About) 1200 Metres (2.00/2.01) : 8 runners**

ASTRAL GOLD and DANCING QUEEN missed the jump.

Jockey Md. Imran (KINDRED SPIRIT) was suspended from riding in races on 11<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 for the indifferent handling of his mount. Tr. B Mahesh was advised to ensure that his charges are run and ridden in such manner that leaves no room for query.

The Veterinary Officer reported that ASTRAL GOLD returned bleeding from both nostrils. Tr. Patrick Quinn was advised not to accept with his charge until certified fit by the Veterinary Officer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> RACE (145) THE EASTERN AIR COMMAND CUP – For Horses Rated 41-66, Rated 21-46 eligible (About) 1400 Metres (2.30/2.30) : 10 runners**

Tr. Rutherford Alford was once again reprimanded for parading his charge late to the paddock (CONJURER).

GALWAY GIRL and BRAVE MAJESTY were slow to begin.

Jockey Vishal N Bunde (CASH N RUN) reported that his mount was hanging in from about the 300 metres of the race. Tr. Sabeel Shariff was advised to take appropriate remedial measures.

DANCE ALONG finished the race detached from the field. On examination the mare was found to be trotting sound. Tr. Ritesh E K was advised not to accept with his charge until it was capable of a better performance.

**3<sup>rd</sup> RACE (146) THE INDIAN AIR FORCE CUP – For Horses Rated 61-86, Rated 41-66 eligible (About) 1400 Metres (3.00/3.00) : 7 runners**

As Jockey N Darshan failed to claim his permitted allowance on NATURAL GRACE (59.5 kgs), Tr. Neil Darashah was permitted to substitute Jockey Abhishek Mhatre on his charge. Jockey N Darshan was fined a sum of Rs. 2,500/- for the lapse.

NATURAL GRACE and FABLE were slow to begin.

NATURAL GRACE running on the rails was tightened for room and had to be checked by its rider passing the 800 metres.

**4<sup>th</sup> RACE (147) THE RASALAS HANDICAP – For Horses Rated 21-46, Rated 1-26 eligible (NO WHIPS ALLOWED) (About) 1400 Metres (3.30/3.32) : 11 runners**

For failing to produce the registered colours in respect of his charge CRISTALDO, Tr B Mahesh was fined a sum of Rs 1000/-. Subsequently the use of 'ALL BLACK' was permitted and the Trainer was charged a sum of Rs 500/-.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR fly jumped out from the gates as the start was effected momentarily unbalancing the rider.

KEITARO was slow to begin.

The Veterinary Officer reported that CALIFORNIA CONDOR returned lame on its right fore. Tr. V Ajith Kumar was advised not to accept with his charge until certified fit by the Veterinary Officer.

On the morning of Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, GRENOBLE was examined by the Veterinary Officer and found to be lame on left fore. Tr. Vijay Singh was advised not to accept with his charge until certified fit by the

Veterinary Officer.

**5<sup>th</sup> Race (148) THE MOSSY BEAR HANDICAP – For Horses Rated 41-66, Rated 21-46 eligible, which have run at Kolkata having completed the course since 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025 and have not won a race at any centre since that date (About) 1200 Metres (4.00/4.02) : 12 runners**

PRICELESS PRINCE was fractious in its stall.

SIR WINSTON was slow to begin.

TRILLIONAIRE was fractious in its stall, reared up as the start was affected losing approximately 3 – 4 lengths at the start.

MADRAS CHEQUE jumped out awkwardly from the gates momentarily disbalancing its rider.

SIR WINSTON which was running keenly ran into the heels of INTO THE STORM passing the 800 metres and stumbled.

The Veterinary Officer reported that SIR WINSTON returned lame on its left hind. Tr. Vijay Singh was advised not to accept with his charge until passed fit by the Veterinary Officer.

**6<sup>th</sup> RACE (149) THE CALCUTTA ST. LEGER (2025-2026) – For Indian Horses 4 years old only (About) 2800 Metres (4.30/4.30) : 4 runners**

SUPERSTAR was slow into its stride.

**7<sup>th</sup> RACE (150) THE ALTERIO CUP – For Horses Rated 41-66, Rated 21-46 eligible (About) 1400 Metres (5.00/5.02) : 9 runners**

QUEEN ANULA (Vinay Jaiswal) jumped awkwardly unbalancing the rider and thereafter was sluggish to raise a race gallop. In the process the Jockey lost his stirrup irons. Tr. V Ajith Kumar was advised not to accept with charge until shown to the satisfaction of the Starter in a Barrier Trial.

An enquiry has been opened into the running and riding of HERMOD, trained by Mr. Rutherford Alford and ridden by Jockey Vishal N Bunde.

### **GENERAL**

1. **Change of Jockeys :** As Jockey M S Deora reported sick and Jockey Arman Khan was declared medically unfit to ride, the following change of Jockeys were permitted:-

Race No	Name of Horse	Name of Trainer	Substituted by Jockey
1 <sup>st</sup>	DIAMOND GOLD	Rutherford Alford	Md. Azharuddin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	LAGUNA SECA	Vijay Singh	Hindu Singh
5 <sup>th</sup>	SIR WINSTON	Vijay Singh	Sah Farid Ansari
7 <sup>th</sup>	STORMY OCEAN	Rutherford Alford	Md Azharuddin

2. **Urine samples :** Urine samples from the following horses were taken for clinical analysis :-

LAGUNA SECA - 2<sup>nd</sup> Race.  
GOLD EMPIRE - 6<sup>th</sup> Race.

**Amit Chaturvedi**  
Stipendiary Steward

**D M David**  
Asst. Stipendiary Steward

26/02/2026

## **In the matter of:**

Appeal filed by Mr. Suraj Narredu against the Order of the Stipendiary Stewards in connection with the race: BM Khaitan Memorial Calcutta Gold Cup(Grade II)

## **ORDER**

### **1.Constitution of the Tribunal**

In view of the non-availability of some Stewards, a Tribunal with the members indicated below was constituted to hear the appeal on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

- Mr. Sudipto Sarkar – Chairman, RCTC
- Mr. Shib Sanker Mukherji - Steward
- Mr. Pritheesh Varma- Appeal Board member
- Mr. Rustom Daroga- Appeal Board member
- Lt. Col. Rohit Thool (Retd.) - CEO & Secretary

### **2.Proceedings, Consideration and Findings**

The Tribunal looked at the race in question (BM Khaitan Memorial Gold Cup), other races run by the horse Trakila, other races involving Suraj, the medical records of Trakila and considered various matters carefully.

While the Tribunal was of the view that the impugned order could not be said to be totally unjustified in view of various matters including the discrepancy regarding the directions of the trainer which is crucial in a graded race, the Tribunal felt that it was unclear whether Suraj's riding could be the primary cause of the performance of Trakila, even if it was one of the causes.

**The Tribunal felt he should be given the benefit of the doubt and the appeal should be allowed.  
Ordered accordingly.**

Lt. Col. Rohit Thool (Retd)  
CEO & Secretary

25/02/2026