

## MEDIA TIPSTER'S COMPETITION - 2018

### Upsets galore

Derby Day is always filled with excitement and the Carib's 2018 version was no exception. A mixture of upsets and favourites both on the horses and tipsters front created the right fuel for a fantastic day of racing. After a fairly predictable first race which saw outstanding favourite **Bankers Rule** maintain his unbeaten run, the day of surprises started with **Nabawi** who has disappointed backers several times in the past, appeared to wait for the big occasion to defeat his more favoured stable mates in the 45-30 handicap in the second. Last year's one time Derby hopeful **Caesar Country** returned to winning ways with a workmanlike victory in the third whilst **Princess Sophia** returned to her pet distance to sprint away from a competitive bunch of 70-55 handicappers in the next. Things seemed to be going relatively smoothly up to that point until **Feel The Heat** turned up the pressure in the fifth with a double digit return in the fifth. Little did anyone know, this was a sign of things to come. Next on the program was the Trinidad Derby which attracted the smallest field for the longest time due to the participation of the highest ranking three year old and Triple Crown contender **General JN**. Patrons were stunned into silence as **Cape Canaveral** rocketed past the 1 to 5 favourite end route to a famous victory and in the process making **Ricardo Jadoo** the oldest jockey to win the Blue Riband event. **Princess Suri** showed that she is the best horse in training when she ran down **Rocket Wheels** to win the co-feature Diamond Stakes. It is difficult to see any one beating her for the remainder of the year. **D'Spirit** came alive in the tipsters competition when his nap selection **Precise Faith** won at odds of 20 to 1 to snatch the third's quarter "biggest winner" category. In total, tipsters had a good day with six of them having their main choice win. So we are now at the business end of the competition and **David C** continues to hold slim leads in both the value and wins category but he has a host of rivals on his heels waiting to pounce. Finally, we would also like to acknowledge Carib on their sponsorship and the Giddy Up crew for the contribution to a fantastic day of racing. Always great to see new faces at the track.

### STANDINGS AFTER DAY 30

Category 1		Category 2		Category 3		
Value		Wins		Biggest winner		
Tipster	Return	Tipster	Wins	Tipster	Return	Horse
David C	\$ 488.25	David C	79	1st quarter		
The Guru	\$ 480.15	Musketoon	78	Dancing Brave	\$ 49.25	Red Moon
Mr. Knowledge	\$ 471.85	Skipper	73	D'Insider	\$ 49.25	Red Moon
D'Spirit	\$ 455.25	Jasen	71	2nd quarter		
Dancing Brave	\$ 453.90	Kelvin N	70	Dancing Brave	\$ 45.65	Tiz a Vibe
Skipper	\$ 415.55	Mr. Knowledge	68	3rd quarter		
Musketoon	\$ 406.20	Mechanic	66	D'Spirit	\$21.45	Precise Faith
Kelvin N	\$ 379.25	Nayah	65			
D'Insider	\$ 361.20	The Guru	65			
Jasen	\$ 351.30	D'Insider	52			
Nayah	\$ 344.10	Dancing Brave	50			
Mechanic	\$ 262.40	D'Spirit	34			