

**13 May 2024**

**STEWARDS REPORT**

*Inquiry into an incident passing the 800m during the running of Race 3 at Thoroughbred Park on Wednesday 20 March 2024 in which jockey S Cherchi (Hasime) was dislodged when his mount fell and jockeys S Guymer (Dunjenni) and J Penza (Epic Statement) were both dislodged and further interference was suffered by other runners including Taytay Bay and Hardazhell.*

**Inquiry conducted in the Stewards Room at Goulburn Racecourse**

**Committee of Stewards: J D Walshe (Chairman), S G Railton, G E V Hargraves, X C Dalton & J Whitney**

After taking preliminary evidence on 20 March 2024, Stewards today continued their inquiry into an incident passing the 800m during the running of Race 3 at Thoroughbred Park on Wednesday 20 March 2024 in which jockey S Cherchi (Hasime) was dislodged when his mount fell and jockeys S Guymer (Dunjenni) and J Penza (Epic Statement) were both dislodged and further interference was suffered by other runners including Taytay Bay and Hardazhell.

Further evidence was taken today from jockeys D Budler (Imalovaboy), apprentice Ms C Keatings (My Rock Singa), S Guymer (Dunjenni), J Penza (Epic Statement), J Martin (Taytay Bay), Ms E Hennessy (Hardazhell) and J Richards (Jennio’s Filly) and Ms A Collett (Ferghana) was also present during proceedings.

On the evidence it was established that in the lead up to the incident Hasime (S Cherchi) was racing in restricted room between Imalovaboy (D Budler) which was improving to its outside and Jennio’s Filly (J Richards) which was racing to Hasime’s inside. It was also found that Jennio’s Filly had shifted to the outside of the heels of Ferghana after that runner had earlier pressed forward and crossed Jennio’s Filly after the 900m.

However, on the available evidence, which included video coverage which was lateral to the relevant section of the race, Stewards were not satisfied to the requisite standard that any charges should be laid under the Rules of Racing in respect of the fall.

Accordingly, the matter was formally concluded.

J D Walshe

Chief Steward

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