

Otago RC 11 April 2019 - R 9 - Chair, Prof G Hall

Rules:

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Name(s):

Mr J Laking - Class A Jockey

Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Mr Davidson alleged that Mr Laking (ROAD TO REDEMPTION) in race 9, the SEE YA AT WINGATUI 24TH MAY HANDICAP, allowed his mount to shift outwards when insufficiently clear of MADAM DE SOIR (C Barnes) which clipped a heel and blundered.

Mr Oatham, Chief Stipendiary Steward, demonstrated on the films that Mr Laking at the 600 metres was racing mid field with Ms Barnes a little further back and to his outside. He then shifted outwards off the heels of MORENA ROC (L Hemi) and into the line of Ms Barnes. He was not his length and another clear. Mr Oatham pointed out that Ms Barnes had come from behind Mr Laking quite quickly.

Mr Laking explained he had been following Ms Hemi and he saw Ms Jonker come up and he decided to go with her. He said he did have "a peep" before shifting and saw Ms Jonker but did not see Ms Barnes. He acknowledged he had come out too quick and too sharp. He had over-reacted when he saw Ms Jonker coming and should have waited another 3 or 4 more strides. He accepted he had taken Ms Barnes' line and had caused interference.

Decision:

As Mr Laking has admitted the breach it found to be proved.