

Gore RC 21 August 2020 - R 4 (request for a ruling) - Chair, Prof G Hall

Rules:

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Stipendiary Steward(s):

Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Name(s):

Mr K Mudhoo - Licensed Jockey, Mr K Price - Starter

Facts:

Mr Oatham sought a ruling as to whether the horse NO QUANTUM was denied a fair start in Race 4.

Decisions:

Mr Oatham demonstrated on 2 video angles that the head of NO QUANTUM was being held by a starter's assistant at the time the gates opened. The horse was very slow away as a result.

Mr Mudhoo, the rider of NO QUANTUM stated that the horse had been restless before the start and he had the assistance of a starter's attendant who was steadying the horse. He could see on the videos that that person was still holding on to the head of the horse when the gates opened.

The Starter, Mr Price, agreed that the videos showed that the head of NO QUANTUM was being held when the gates opened.

The video replays of the start show that the head of NO QUANTUM was being held by a starter's assistant at the time the gates opened. The horse was unbalanced and can be seen to be lifting its head to free the assistant's grasp at this time. As a result the horse lost considerable ground and its chance in the race.

The Committee ruled that NO QUANTUM was denied a fair start and advised the Stewards accordingly.

The Stewards declared NO QUANTUM to be a non-starter and all bets on that runner were refunded.