

## Waikato BOP H 29 April 2021 - R 1 - Chair, Mr A Godsolve

**Rules:**

[869\(3\)\(b\)](#)

**Name(s):**

Mr B Hadley - Amateur Driver

**Charge:**

**Facts:**

admitted

After the running of Race 1, Mr Mulcay submitted an Information in which he alleged that Amateur Horseman, B Hadley, driving ALLEY MAE, drove carelessly in the home straight when allowing his runner to race over the track markers, resulting in his horse breaking.

Mr Hadley was present at the hearing and acknowledged that he understood the Rule, and that he admitted the breach.

Rule 869(3)(b) provides that *'No driver in any race shall drive carelessly'*.

Using the films Mr Mulcay identified the horse ALLEY MAE as the field rounded the home turn. ALLEY MAE was 3 back on the outside at the time, and shortly after Mr Hadley angled his drive down towards the markers behind HIGHVIEW JUSTICE (J Brownlee). Once into the home straight HIGHVIEW JUSTICE was entitled to the passing lane and took that position. Mr Hadley continued to drive ALLEY MAE forward and attempted to improve inside HIGHVIEW JUSTICE when there was insufficient room to do so. As a result ALLEY MAE ran over a number of markers and went off stride.

Mr Hadley said that he driven HIGHVIEW JUSTICE in the past and he was expecting that horse to 'run outwards' in the home straight as it has been known to do. He agreed that he had erred in attempting to drive his horse forward into a gap which was never wide enough.

**Decision:**

Mr Hadley has admitted the breach and therefore the charge is proved.