

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Bundaberg 2 June 2020

Date: Tuesday, 7 July 2020

Panel: E. Barron, P. McLean and J. Hackett

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into AXIS (M. Cox) falling and dislodging its rider near the 1000m, and GAMBIT (Apprentice L. Dillon) which was following, being severely checked and dislodging its rider on 2 June 2020 in Race 5, Iron Jack Benchmark 50 Handicap- Base Rating 40 (1212m).

Evidence was taken from riders M. Cox (AXIS), Apprentice L. Dillon (CRISSCROSS), R. Faehr (DARK FORCE) and Apprentice I. Rabjones (CRISSCROSS), with her master R. Smith present.

After considering the evidence and reviewing the race day patrol footage, Stewards established that shortly after the start and prior to the incident CRISSCROSS was laying in and racing ungenerously. It was further established that near the 1000m AXIS was racing in restricted room between CRISSCROSS and MAGIC PANTHER and on the point of the turn when Apprentice I. Rabjones was attempting to keep her mount straight, the gelding changed stride and shifted out despite her efforts and made contact with AXIS, resulting in that gelding falling and dislodging Jockey M. Cox, and GAMBIT, which was following, having to be severely checked and dislodging Apprentice L. Dillon.

As stewards could not be comfortably satisfied to the requisite standard of proof that any rider could be found culpable under the rules, no further action was taken.