

PRESS RELEASE

PJA STATEMENT FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL APPEALS BY PAGE FULLER AND LORCAN WILLIAMS

The Disciplinary Panel of the BHA has today upheld in part the appeals of Page Fuller and Lorcan Williams against the decision by the BHA Stewards at Newbury to find them in breach of improper conduct and to suspend them for four days. Whilst the Disciplinary Panel found that they were in breach of improper conduct, in that their behaviour was “only just above the line”, they quashed the suspension and issued a caution.

Reacting to the decision, Paul Struthers, Chief Executive for the PJA, said:

“It was always clear to us from the public and media comment that no one other than the BHA thought it was improper. This was an incident that wouldn’t even attract a yellow card in other sports and many people enjoyed seeing jockeys showing emotion and passion. The only negative comment was about the decision of the BHA stewards itself.

“In advance of today’s hearing we invited the BHA to quash the decision or offer no evidence against the appeal and it is very disappointing that they declined that invitation. As a result the BHA has put us to completely unnecessary cost but we are pleased that common sense has eventually prevailed.”

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