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Stewards Inquiry – Incident Race 5 at Tasmanian Turf Club meeting on 24/02/19

On 6th March 2019, Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) Stewards concluded an inquiry into the reason for Littlemissturf (Ryan Bishop) falling near the 300 metres and Man Of The Moment (D Ganderton) being severely checked and losing its rider in Race 5 Magic Millions 2YO Classic (1200 metres) at the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting (Launceston) on Sunday 24th February 2019.

Jockey Ben Allen (Chase On The Case) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding pursuant to AR 131(a), the careless riding being, near the 300 metres when attempting to obtain clear running to the inside of Sidorova, he shifted in when not sufficiently clear of Littlemissturf (Ryan Bishop), which as a result was tightened for room, clipping the heels Chase On The Case and falling. Man Of The Moment (D Ganderton) which was following was then severely checked, all but falling dislodging its rider.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into account:

- Jockey Ben Allen's guilty plea.
- Jockey Ben Allen's record.
- The significance of the interference.
- The racing manners of all horses involved.

Jockey Ben Allen was suspended from riding in races for a period of one (1) month, to commence midnight 12 March 2019 and to expire at midnight 12 April 2019.

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