

Trainers Jim and Tom Best and Leon Best – an apology

ON JUNE 12, 2009 we published an article headlined “Bests blame ‘jealousy’ after being cleared” in which we stated that trainer Jim Best, his brother Tom and their father Leon had been arrested in April on suspicion of making threats to kill but no charges had been brought.

On June 13, 2009, we published an article, “Smith denies Best allegations” in

which we incorrectly stated that Jim, Tom and Leon had been charged with these offences.

We wish to make it clear that while the June 12, 2009 article was correct, the article we published the next day on June 13 was not correct. In particular, we are happy to make clear that no charges whatsoever were ever brought against any members of the Best family in relation to the

April police investigation, and they have, therefore, been completely exonerated of all wrongdoing whatsoever in relation to those claims.

We recognise the error made in our June 13 article and are happy to correct the position and apologise to the Best family for the distress and embarrassment we have caused them as a result of our mistake.