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APPEAL DECISION

JAMIE MOTT and RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 5 June 2018

Heard By: Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair)

Appearances: Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the Stewards
Des O'Keefe of the VJA appeared on behalf of Jamie Mott

At Sale on 30 May 2018, rider Jamie Mott was found guilty of charge AR 137(b) on *Call it a Day* in Race 3 the Helen Cantwell bm64 Handicap (1008m).

The particulars of the charge being that "*Call It A Day* was slow to begin. Raced keen in the early and middle stages. Layed in from the 100 metres and until approaching the winning post, where J. Mott stopped riding. Rider J. Mott pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions AR 137(b) in that he failed to ride the gelding out over the last stride and a half of the event."

Jamie Mott had his licence to ride in races suspended for a total of 8 meetings (2 metro and 6 provincial), commencing midnight 2 June 2018 and concluding midnight 10 June 2018.

In assessing penalty, account was taken of J. Motts guilty plea, record and that his lack of action affected the result of the race.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty imposed was lodged on 31 May 2018.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal against penalty allowed. Penalty varied to 6 race meetings so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday 6 June 2018.

**Grace Gugliandolo
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

JAMIE MOTT

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of Mr J. Mott

MR B. WRIGHT appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is an appeal by jockey Jamie Mott against the severity of an eight-meeting suspension for his ride on Call It a Day in race 3 at Sale on 30 May 2018. Stewards found that Jamie Mott, in breach of AR 137(b), had failed to ride his mount out to the end of the race, specifically that he sat up over the last one and a half strides, thereby depriving his horse of third placing. Call It a Day finished fourth, officially .2 of a length, in racing parlance a half-neck, from the third placegetter, Yulong Yongxing.

On the day, Jamie Mott pleaded guilty to the charge. He explained that over the final 100 metres, his mount was tiring badly and laying in. In determining penalty, Stewards acknowledged the horse laid in and also took into account the guilty plea.

Jamie Mott is an experienced and accomplished rider. He has a very good record. His statement that his mount was tiring badly and laying in is a plausible explanation for his actions; in his words, being "a bit easy in the last two strides". I note here that in this race, Call It a Day was resuming from a 12-month injury lay-off.

Mr O'Keeffe, on behalf of Jamie Mott, submitted that his riding did not affect the placings. Mr Wright, for the Stewards, disagreed. While allowing for the camera angle, I am inclined to the view the result was affected by the riding.

After considering all of the above and having regard to the submissions of Mr Wright and Mr O'Keeffe, an additional discount on the penalty is in my opinion warranted. That being so, I vary the penalty by a reduction in the period of suspension from eight to six meetings. Accordingly, the suspension will now expire midnight Friday, 6 June 2018.
