

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 16 March 2012

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JAMIE MOTT**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Graeme Johnson, Dr June Smith.

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Mott.  
Mr Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

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At Cranbourne on Friday 9 March 2012, jockey Jamie Mott was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Maury* in Race 1 the *TAB Sportsbet SV 2YO Maiden Plate* (1000m).

The careless riding being that rounding the home turn, he shifted his mount out from behind *Kid Gloves*, where in the opinion of Stewards, there was insufficient room between that horse and *Sarazen*, resulting in *Sarazen* being carried out onto *Princess Palya*, with *Sarazen* being checked.

Jamie Mott had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 14 March 2012 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 25 March 2012 - a total of 13 race meetings (5 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty, the Stewards were of the view that the incident qualified for the mid range category of carelessness and his good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 12 March 2012. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION:** Appeal allowed.

**Penalty varied – the period of suspension to now expire at midnight on Wednesday, 21 March 2012.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR G. JOHNSON  
DR J. SMITH**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TAB SPORTSBET SV  
TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1000 METRES**

**JOCKEY: JAMIE MOTT**

**MELBOURNE**

**FRIDAY, 16 MARCH 2012**

MR B. WRIGHT appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellant

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CHAIRMAN: In the end, this case came down to what the Board makes of the films rather than anything which appeared in the transcript. In the Board's view, there is clear evidence of careless riding and, for reasons which will soon be obvious, it is a pity that Jamie Mott did not recognise the inevitability of the stewards' finding and plead guilty at the time. It may have helped him. However, he did not, and pleaded not guilty.

The Board is nevertheless of the opinion that the proper characterisation of this example of careless riding is at the top of the low range rather than the mid range. The Board adopts the Stewards' approach to allow a small discount for what is a reasonable record, although not a perfect one in the past. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed and the penalty is varied so that the suspension expires at midnight on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, which will not be pleasing to Mr Mott. However, for the reasons I stated, the plea of guilty would have allowed him to have ridden.

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