



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 12 April 2012

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: LUKE LONDREGAN**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Brian Forrest, Chris Enright

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Londregan.
Mr Allan Reardon appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Tatura on Saturday 7 April 2012, jockey Luke Londregan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Stately Dash* in Race 8 the *Centrebet’s Best Price Guarantee 0-68 Handicap* (1000m).

The careless riding being that near the 300m he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Amalfi Coast* taking that horse in onto *Indian Diamond*, which was in turn taken in onto *Undercurrent*, which then shifted in and tightened the running of *New Avenue* which had to be checked.

Luke Londregan had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 7 April 2012 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 15 April 2012- a total of 9 race meetings (2 metropolitan, 7 country).

In assessing the penalty, Stewards viewed the incident to be in the low range and took into account his relatively good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 9 April 2012.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal Allowed.**

Tara Watson
Acting Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman
MR C. ENRIGHT**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CENTREBET'S BEST PRICE
GUARANTEE 0-68 HANDICAP OVER 1000 METRES AT
TATURA ON 7/4/12**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY: LUKE LONDREGAN

MELBOURNE

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2012

MR A. REARDON appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

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

CHAIRMAN: The Stewards in this case are in a position where they are really having to perform their duties with one hand, as it were, tied behind their back. It is just not good enough. The evidence, from what we have seen there, is insufficient to found a charge of careless riding. We have no alternative but to allow the appeal. We emphasise it is no fault of the Stewards in this case, it is just inadequate, and something has got to be done, surely, to have better film than that. The evidence is not there, so we allow the appeal.
