

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY : PAUL HAMBLIN**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Bill Kneebone, Mr Graeme Johnson

Appearances Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the Stewards.
Mr Sam Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Hamblin.

At Warrnambool on Tuesday, 1 May 2012, jumps jockey Paul Hamblin was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Phaze Action* in Race 6 the *3YB Scotty Stewart Brierly Steeplechase* (3450m).

The careless riding being that after negotiating the jump at the 1000m he did direct his mount from behind *Sea Town* to a position inside that gelding and as a result, when approaching the third last jump at the 800m, was left with insufficient room. *Phaze Action* then shifted in abruptly from that jump and made contact with the wing resulting in *Phaze Action* falling.

Paul Hamblin had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 1 May 2012 and to expire after the Maiden Hurdle Race at Ballarat on Thursday, 10 May 2012 - a total of 6 jumps and highweight races

In assessing the penalty, the Stewards took into account Mr Hamblin's good record and that the incident was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 2 May 2012.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight on Monday, 7 May 2012.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed.**
The period of suspension for 6 jumps and high weight races to remain.

Taking into account the stay of proceedings the suspension will now expire after the first jumps race at Mount Gambier on Friday, 18 May 2012 (amended from midnight 18 May 2012).

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR W. KNEEBONE
MR G. JOHNSON**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 3YB SCOTTY STEWART
BRIERLY STEEPLECHASE OVER 3450 METRES
AT WARRNAMBOOL ON 1/5/12**

JOCKEY: PAUL HAMBLIN

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2012

MR R. MONTGOMERY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR S. HYLAND appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: This, on the face of things, was a contentious appeal, but in the end, the Board is of the opinion that Paul Hamblin, the Appellant, was careless. It was clear that the field was in open country after jumping the fence prior to where the incident happened, at which stage the Appellant, Hamblin, found himself outside the line of the jump. He tried to give himself room by putting pressure on Sea Town who in turn contacted Fareer's hindquarters.

The Appellant himself was responsible for putting himself in a position of danger and, unfortunately for him, he was unable to extricate himself from such a dangerous situation. He created the situation and, accordingly, the Board is satisfied that he was careless. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

DISCUSSION

In the circumstances, the Board is of the opinion that there should be no reduction in the penalty and the suspension will expire at midnight on 18 May 2012.
