

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 5 August 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JUMPS JOCKEY: STEVEN PATEMAN**

Panel Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Stephen Curtain.

Appearances Mr Sam Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Pateman.
Mr James Hitchcock & Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Warrnambool on Saturday 1 August 2015, jumps jockey Steven Pateman was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Paraggi* in Race 3 the *Jockey Celebration Day Rookie Jumpers Series Heat 3* (3236m).

The careless riding being that approaching the second last obstacle, he carelessly permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Moxie Air* that has been tightened for room and in turn taken in onto *Onehundredcaves* which has also been tightened. A short distance later this has resulted in *Moxie Air* and *Onehundredcaves* both being checked, becoming unbalanced and *Onehundredcaves* making contact with the rail.

Mr Pateman had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 1 August 2015 and to expire following the two jumping events programmed at Morphettville on 15 August 2015 – a total of 6 jumps/highweight races.

In assessing penalty stewards deemed the incident to be in the high range and took into account the degree of interference and S Pateman's good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 3 August 2015.

A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman
MR S. CURTAIN**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOCKEYS CELEBRATION DAY
ROOKIE SERIES HEAT 3 HURDLE OVER 3236 METRES
AT WARRNAMBOOL ON 1/8/15**

JUMPS JOCKEY: STEVEN PATEMAN

MELBOURNE

WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2015

MR J. HITCHCOCK, with MR R. MONTGOMERY appeared on behalf of
the RVL Stewards

MR S. HYLAND appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: Having heard the evidence, viewed the film and listened to submissions, we are satisfied that the charge of careless riding has been made out. We are satisfied that Mr Pateman tightened the runners on his inside approaching the second-last jump. We note that he was not aware of the runners on his inside until his horse was in the air, over the jump. It was his obligation to be aware of the horses on his inside as he approached the second-last jump and to keep a straight course. We are not satisfied that the interference was caused by a jumping error.

We have given the matter of penalty considerable thought, as is probably evident. Our ultimate conclusion is that the appeal against the severity of the penalty is dismissed. Taking into account Mr MacDonald's persuasive submission, we certainly gave it consideration. We have taken into account the very good record of Mr Pateman. We even discussed the penalty that he may be paying for not being able to ride in New Zealand.

At the end of the day, the penalty imposed by the Stewards is at the bottom end of the high range. We have sympathy for the position of Mr MacDonald and Bashboy and appreciate how it is a blow to Mr Pateman not to be able to ride it. He is perhaps a little unfortunate also in the way that the calendar has been adjusted and the way the meetings have panned out. At the end of the day, it is our unanimous view that the appeal against the severity of the penalty should be dismissed.
