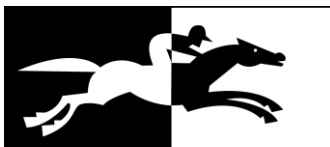


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DATE: 12 October 2009

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CRAIG WILLIAMS**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Bill Kneebone, Barbara Phelan

Appearances Terry Bailey, Chairman of Stewards, appeared on behalf of the Stewards.
Craig Williams appeared on his own behalf.

At an adjourned inquiry on Tuesday 6 October 2009, jockey Craig Williams was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Maldivian NZ* in Race 7 the *Turnbull Stakes* (2000m) at Flemington on Saturday 3 October 2009.

The careless riding being that near the 1600m he failed to make sufficient effort from preventing his mount shifting in when insufficiently clear of *Predatory Pricer*, resulting in severe tightening to a number of horses to the inside of *Predatory Pricer*, they being *Roman Emperor*, *Red Ruler* and *Vigor (NZ)*.

Craig Williams had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence midnight Saturday 10 October 2009 and to expire midnight Tuesday 20 October 2009, a total of 10 race meetings.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday 7 October 2009.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed.**

Georgie Curtis
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

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**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR B. KNEEBONE
MS B. PHELAN**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TURNBULL STAKES OVER
2000 METRES AT FLEMINGTON ON 3 OCTOBER 2009**

DECISION

JOCKEY: CRAIG WILLIAMS

MELBOURNE

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2009

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the Stewards

MR C. WILLIAMS appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: In this appeal, the Board is satisfied that immediately prior to the shift by Craig Williams's mount, Maldivian was in that position because of the presence of Boss's mount, Red Lord. The critical question in this appeal is did Boss contribute to - that is, was Boss in part responsible for - the shift by Williams's mount which aggravated the already tight situation in relation to the horses on the inside, thereby causing interference.

This is a classic case of a relatively minor shift having a potential to cause a catastrophe. The obligation was on Craig Williams in the circumstances to keep his mount straight. In the Board's opinion, there was no reason which would have prevented Williams from keeping his mount straight. There was adequate room between Boss's mount and Williams's mount which the film clearly demonstrates.

The appellant is unable to call in aid his riding record in the last 12 months and since he has contested the charge before the Stewards, receives no discount on that score.

Accordingly, the Board is not satisfied that it should interfere with the penalty imposed by the Stewards and the appeal is therefore dismissed.

END OF EXTRACT