At Bendigo on Thursday 22 September 2011, jockey Lisa Cropp was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount Tigressive in Race 4 the B.P. and R.M. Carboon Pty Ltd Maiden Plate (1600m).

The careless riding being that she permitted her mount to shift in near the 900 metres when not sufficiently clear of Humphrey The Horse and then failed to show sufficient effort to maintain a straight course and as a result Humphrey The Horse clipped the heels of Tigressive became unbalanced and lost ground.

Ms Cropp had her licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 25 September 2011 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 2 October 2011 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metro, 5 country). In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the low range and took into account her good record and the circumstances surrounding this incident.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Friday, 23 September 2011. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.

The Board accepted an application for the period of suspension to be amended to commence at midnight on Saturday, 24 September 2011 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 1 October 2011 (8 race meetings).
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PROCEEDINGS

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR G. ELLIS
MR D. McGEE

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE B.P AND R.M. CARBOON PTY LTD
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1600 METRES AT BENDIGO ON 22/9/11

JOCKEY: LISA CROPP

MELBOURNE

MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

MR P. RYAN appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MS L. CROPP appeared on her own behalf
CHAIRMAN: In this appeal, the Board has taken into account the submissions of Mr Ryan and the explanations of Ms Cropp. There is no doubt that the horse on her inside had been racing ungenerously and, to an extent, Ms Cropp's mount was not racing truly, but the Stewards took those two factors into account.

In the Board's opinion, the Stewards were generous in coming to the conclusion that in all the circumstances, it was in the low range of carelessness. Certainly there was carelessness demonstrated. So the appeal against conviction is dismissed.

The penalty is varied so that the suspension expires at midnight on Saturday, 24 September 2011 and to expire on Saturday, 1 October 2011.

END OF EXTRACT