



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT:**
JOCKEY 'A' CROSS COUNTRY – TRENT WELLS

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

Appearances: Ms Heidi Lester, Stipendiary Steward, appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards.
Mr Claude Harran of Kelly Hazell Quill Lawyers appeared on behalf of Mr Wells.

At Kilmore on Tuesday 21 July 2009 jockey Trent Wells was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Nurey* in Race 3 the *Melrose Airport Parking Highweight Maiden Plate* (1900m).

The careless riding being that he permitted his mount to shift in shortly after passing the winning post on the first occasion when not sufficiently clear of *Goosebumps*, resulting in *Goosebumps* having to be eased and losing its position.

Trent Wells was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Tuesday 21 July 2009 and to expire midnight Saturday 25 July 2009, a total of 2 jumps races. In assessing penalty Stewards deemed this incident to be in the lower scale and also took into account Trent Well's good riding record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday 23 July 2009. The application for a stay of proceedings was not required.

A late application to enter a guilty plea and withdraw the appeal against decision was accepted by the Board.

DECISION: **Appeal against the severity of the penalty allowed.**

Penalty varied – period of suspension to expire after the first jumps race at Moonee Valley on Saturday 25 July 2009 (a total of one jumps race).