

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 6 October 2014

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JACOB RULE**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr Rule appeared on his own behalf, assisted by Mr Des O’Keeffe.
Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Mornington on Tuesday 30 September 2014, jockey Jacob Rule was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Parousia* in Race 3 the *Roy Francis Plate* (1000m).

The careless riding being that nearing the 100 metres he rode his mount out when not sufficiently clear of *Bel Vuitton (NZ)* resulting in that gelding being taken out and having to be checked to avoid the heels of *Parousia*.

Mr Rule had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 1 October 2014 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 11 October 2014 – a total of 12 race meetings (4 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty stewards were of the view that the incident qualified for the mid range category of carelessness.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 2 October 2014.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Sunday, 5 October 2014.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.

Taking into account the stay of proceedings the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Thursday, 16 October 2014.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
PROF R. HARBRIDGE
DR J. SMITH**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROY FRANCIS PLATE
OVER 1000 METRES AT MORNINGTON ON 30/9/14**

JOCKEY: JACOB RULE

MELBOURNE

MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2014

MR R. CRAM appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. RULE (assisted by Mr D. O'Keeffe) appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: This appeal is against both conviction and penalty. In relation to the conviction, the Board has no difficulty in finding that Jacob Rule was careless. The still which was shown to the Board by Mr Cram clearly indicates the precarious position in which Jacob Rule placed Vlad Duric.

On the question of penalty, the Board is of the view that it was a serious case, certainly mid-range, and in the Board's view, the Stewards gave appropriate discounts of two meetings and the Board is unable to extend the quality of mercy to the point where it should interfere with the Stewards' decision.

Accordingly, the appeal against penalty is dismissed.
