



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 5 June 2013

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CHRIS SYMONS**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Professor Raymond Harbridge, Mr Ron Taylor.

Appearances Mr Symons appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Ballarat on Sunday 2 June 2013, jockey Chris Symons pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Realist* in Race 2 the *Tracy The Placement People Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that passing the 200 metres he attempted to obtain a position to the outside of *Inkjet Sprinter* where there was insufficient room and as a result when shifting out *Realist* made heavy contact with *Dalanivave*, resulting in that runner becoming unbalanced and losing ground.

Mr Symons had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 2 June 2013 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 15 June 2013 – a total of 13 race meetings (5 city, 8 country). In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the high range took into account his guilty plea, his good record, his personal circumstances and the significance of the meetings missed.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 3 June 2013.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
PROF R. HARBRIDGE
MR R. TAYLOR**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRACY THE PLACEMENT PEOPLE
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1200 METRES AT BALLARAT ON 2/6/13**

JOCKEY: CHRIS SYMONS

MELBOURNE

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2013

MR C. WALLER appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR C. SYMONS appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: This is an appeal where the Board has considerable sympathy for Chris Symons, the Appellant. We are of the opinion that notwithstanding the fact that Stewards did not take sufficient note of the financial loss incurred by the Appellant, the Board still feels that the penalty imposed by the Stewards was well within the range available to them and we cannot see any reason for interfering with the penalty which they eventually handed down.

In all the circumstances, the appeal is dismissed and the penalty stands.
