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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: TOM SADLER**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Bill Kneebone, Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Sadler.
Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Colac on Saturday 17 December 2011, apprentice jockey Tom Sadler was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Hetty Gee* in Race 1 the *Sungold Milk SV 3YO Maiden Plate* (1000m).

The careless riding being that near the 700 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Perfect Jay*, resulting in *Perfect Jay* having to be checked.

Tom Sadler had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 18 December 2011 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 28 December 2011 - a total of 9 race meetings (3 metropolitan, 6 provincial).

In assessing penalty the Stewards took into account Tom Sadler’s inexperience.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 19 December 2011.

DECISION: **Appeal against decision dismissed – the charge is proved but with no conviction recorded.**

Appeal against severity of penalty allowed – penalty varied to a severe reprimand.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR W. KNEEBONE
MR D. McGEE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SUNGOLD MILK SV
THREE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1000 METRES**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY: THOMAS SADLER

MELBOURNE

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2011

MR R. MONTGOMERY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: This is a case in which the Board agrees with Mr Montgomery that this was low-level interference. The Board thinks it was lower than the Stewards were prepared to concede because of the racing manners of Lyon's mount before the interference occurred and, indeed, that behaviour was accentuated by the interference.

The other aspects which the Board takes into account are the fact that this was Thomas Sadler's first ride at Colac. It was conceded by the Stewards that he is an inexperienced rider. He has had 150 rides, although I think the Board can say that he is a young rider of great promise. For all those reasons, especially as he has never been charged before and has no previous record of careless riding, being such a young jockey, inexperienced, and learning by that experience, the Board is prepared to find the charge proved, no conviction should be recorded, but we issue a severe reprimand.
