

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 17 August 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CRAIG NEWITT**

Panel Judge John Bowman (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr Newitt appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Brent Scarlett appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Sale on Thursday 13 August 2015, jockey Craig Newitt was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Mefnooda* in Race 3 the *Condo's Horse Transport Maiden Plate* (1205m).

The careless riding being that near the 150 metres he failed to prevent his mount from shifting out whilst riding with the whip and as a result shifted out and across the running of *Tricky Affair* placing that mare in a dangerous position and having to be checked. In issuing the charge Stewards acknowledge *Mefnooda* was racing greenly

Mr Newitt had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 15 August 2015 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 21 August 2015 – a total of 6 race meetings.

In arriving at penalty Stewards took into account the racing manners of *Mefnooda*, C Newitt's good record in this area and that the degree of carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 13 August 2015. 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 J. BOWMAN, Chairman
PROF F. HARBRIDGE
MR D. McGEE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDO'S HORSE TRANSPORT
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1250 METRES AT SALE ON 13/8/15**

JOCKEY: CRAIG NEWITT

MELBOURNE

MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2015

MR B. SCARLETT appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR C. NEWITT appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: The Board has considered what each side has had to say and the propositions that have been put. We are of the view that the appeal should be dismissed. We appreciate Mr Newitt's position, but it seems to us he persisted with the whip when he should have perhaps been taking hold of his mount again to stop it ducking out, as it was.

The whole incident was obviously not a lengthy one. The charge relates to one comparatively easy-to-identify event. In our view, that event does show some carelessness on the part of Mr Newitt, so the appeal is dismissed. The appeal against penalty is also dismissed.
