

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 17 March 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: MICHAEL WALKER**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Geoff Ellis.

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Walker.
Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Flemington on Saturday 14 March 2015, jockey Michael Walker pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Wawail* in Race 5 the *TAB Kewney Stakes* (Group 2, 1400m.)

The careless riding being that near the 200 metres he angled his mount out to obtain a clear run and in doing so made contact with *Bottle Of Smoke* on two occasions resulting in that horse getting off balance, shifting out and inconveniencing *Cristalina Lago*.

Mr Walker had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 14 March 2015 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 21 March 2015 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metro, 5 provincial).

In assessing penalty the Stewards were of the view that the incident qualified for the low range category of carelessness and took into account his guilty plea and good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 16 March 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed.**