

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 6 October 2015

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

Panel Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain & Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Parnham.
Mr Peter Ryan appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Bendigo on Thursday 1 October 2015, jockey Chris Parnham was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Flying Spark* in Race 2 the *Cup Eve Gala @ All Seasons Maiden Plate* (1100m).

The carelessness being that rounding the home turn he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Seeyawheniseeya*, resulting in that mare being taken out off its course and *Belsapphire*, which was racing to the outside of *Seeyawheniseeya*, being hampered and having to be checked to avoid heels.

Chris Parnham had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 4 October 2015 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 11 October 2015 - a total of eight race meetings (one metropolitan, seven provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Chris Parnham’s good record and that the incident was in the low-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 4 October 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal against conviction dismissed.**
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 9 October 2015 (6 race meetings.)

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman
MR S. CURTAIN
PROF R. HARBRIDGE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CUP EVE GALA @ ALL SEASONS
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1200 METRES AT BENDIGO ON 1/10/15**

JOCKEY: CHRIS PARNHAM

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2015

MR P. RYAN appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

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

CHAIRMAN: We find the charge of careless riding proven. We are satisfied that Mr Parnham altered the course of his horse from behind the horse ridden by Dean Yendall and in so doing, bumped the horse ridden by Dale Smith. This in turn impacted upon the horse ridden by Patrick Moloney, the interference occurring at the turn into the straight.

We are not convinced that Mr Moloney contributed to the situation to the degree suggested by Mr O'Keeffe. The bump from Mr Parnham's mount may not have been severe but in our view it was careless in bumping Dale Smith's mount at all. That bump was the basic cause of the interference and we are of the view that that was careless riding.

We think this is a genuinely low-level offence resulting from a bump which should not have occurred but was of very low severity. Bearing in mind Mr Parnham's agreed good record, we are varying the period of suspension to six meetings which means the suspension expires at midnight, Friday, 9 October 2015.
