RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD



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APPEAL RESULT

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FROM:	Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board
DATE:	26 July 2010
SUBJECT:	APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: STACEY RAWILLER
Panel	Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Geoff Ellis, Mr Bill Kneebone
<u>Appearances</u>	Mr Brad Rawiller appeared on behalf of Ms Stacey Rawiller. Mr Stephen Coombes, Senior Stipendiary Steward, appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards.

At Mildura on Monday, 19 July 2010 apprentice jockey Stacey Rawiller was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *Just A Fella* in Race 1 the *Sunraysia Daily Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that near the 800m she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Raywood Belle* resulting in that filly being tightened onto *Rubinator*, resulting in *Rubinator* having to be checked.

Ms Rawiller had her licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 20 July 2010 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 28 July 2010 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metro, 5 country). Stewards deemed the interference to be in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 21 July 2010.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Sunday, 25 July 2010.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.

Penalty to remain – taking into account the stay of proceedings the period of suspension to now expire at midnight on Sunday, 1 August 2010.

TRANSCRIPT OF

PROCEEDINGS

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HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman MR G. ELLIS MR W. KNEEBONE

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

APPRENTICE JOCKEY: STACEY RAWILLER

MELBOURNE

MONDAY, 26 JULY 2010

MR S. COOMBES appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR B. RAWILLER appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: In this case, it is common ground that Stacey Rawiller's mount shifted in. It has been argued that Fry's mount was racing ungenerously. The Board rejects that argument. The Board is of the opinion that as a result of the shift by Stacey Rawiller, her mount contacted Fry's mount, causing it to interfere with Post's mount.

The Board rejects the submission that Stacey Rawiller relieved the pressure on Fry's mount before the interference with Post's mount took place. The fact that Stacey Rawiller did not realise that Post's mount was inside Fry's mount is no excuse. If Stacey Rawiller had not shifted in, then the interference to Post's mount would not have occurred. Accordingly, the appeal against conviction is dismissed.

In the Board's view, the degree of carelessness was properly assessed as being in the low range and the appropriate discount was made by the stewards for the good riding record. Of course, had there been a plea of guilty, she would have got a bigger discount, but she has elected to plead not guilty and contest the conviction, so the Board is of the opinion that the proper penalty was given by the Stewards and there seems no reason to interfere with it. So the suspension will now expire at midnight on Sunday, 1 August 2010, because of the stay of four days which the Board gave.

END OF EXTRACT