

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 21 April 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: NICK HALL**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr Hall appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Caulfield on Saturday 18 April 2015, jockey Nick Hall was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Under the Louvre* in Race 10 the *Mypunter.com Anniversary Vase* (1400m.)

The carelessness being that passing the 300m he endeavoured to shift his mount from behind *Gracious Prospect* and to the inside of *Pin Your Hopes* (NZ) where there was not a run, the carelessness then put himself in jeopardy and resulted in contact being made to *Pin Your Hopes* (NZ) resulting in that horse getting unbalanced.

Mr Hall had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 18 April 2015 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 29 April 2015 – a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the incident was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 19 April 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: In a majority decision of the Board the appeal was allowed -
Mr Forrest dissenting.