
THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – J. HICKMOTT / RIGHT AND READY

Stewards: - S. Callanan (A/Chairman), M. Santoro, C. Deakin & T. Vanderstok (cadet)

TRSA OFFICES – THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

MORPHETTVILLE – FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2018

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Friday, 14 December 2018 from the racehorse RIGHT AND READY, which was presented to race in Race 8 the Iron Jack Benchmark 56 Handicap run over 1600m at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Arsenic, at a level in excess of the threshold set for Arsenic under the rules of racing, being 0.30 mg/L (0.3 milligrams per Litre).

Evidence was taken from Mr. J. Hickmott, the trainer of RIGHT AND READY, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra and TRSA Compliance Assurance Officer Mr. A. Hayles. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia. Stewards noted, having regard for this study, that in certain circumstances, where there is evidence of a horse being exposed to ingestion of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated wood fencing, it is possible for such horse to disclose elevated levels of Arsenic. Notwithstanding these findings, after considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. J. Hickmott under AR240(2) (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse RIGHT AND READY at all relevant times leading up to and including Friday, 14 December 2018, did bring the said racehorse to Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in Race 8 the Iron Jack Benchmark 56 Handicap run over 1600m, following which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of >0.60 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared under Division 3 – Prohibited List B Thresholds of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mr. Hickmott pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of RIGHT AND READY to, and ingestion by the gelding of CCA treated wood fencing. Consequently, Stewards imposed no penalty. The effect of this determination means that Stewards recorded a conviction without penalty.

Acting under AR240(1), Stewards determined that RIGHT AND READY be disqualified from Race 8 the Iron Jack Benchmark 56 Handicap run over 1600m on 14 December 2018 at the Morphettville Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

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| 1 st | SUPERVELOCE (NZ) |
| 2 nd | SYLVAN CREST |
| 3 rd | SPRINGFIELD LEW |
| 4 th | DELLACQUA |
| 5 th | JUST LIVE ON |

Mr. Hickmott was informed of his right of appeal.

Sean Callanan
Stipendiary Steward
06 September 2019
