



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – CRAIG COX / TASKMASTER

MORPHETTVILLE – MONDAY, 30 APRIL 2018

CEDUNA – SATURDAY, 06 JANUARY 2018

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 6 January 2018 from the racehorse TASKMASTER, which was presented to race in and won Race 4 the Flinders Ports Benchmark 54 Handicap run over 1200m at the Ceduna Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine.

Evidence was taken from Mr. Craig Cox, the Trainer of TASKMASTER, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra and Port Augusta Veterinary Clinic Principal Veterinary Surgeon Dr. D. Anderson.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Cox under AR178, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse TASKMASTER at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 6 January 2018, he did bring the said racehorse to the Ceduna Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 4 the Flinders Ports Benchmark 54 Handicap run over 1200m, following which a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding disclosed upon analysis, the prohibited substances Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine. Mr. Cox reserved his plea in respect of the charge. Mr. Cox was found guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Cox's personal circumstances and forthrightness prior to and including at the inquiry and in the circumstances was fined \$5000.

Acting under AR177, Stewards disqualified TASKMASTER from Race 4 the Flinders Ports Benchmark 54 Handicap run over 1200m on Saturday, 06 January 2018 at the Ceduna Racecourse.

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

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| 1 st | COPERNICUS |
| 2 nd | FOTO ART |
| 3 rd | JOHN D'NON |
| 4 th | MAGNUS MAGIC |
| 5 th | FINNISS MOMENT |

Mr. Cox was informed of his right of appeal.

Mr. Cox was also reprimanded under AR178F in that he failed to provide a treatment record book when requested to do so.

S. B. CALLANAN
STIPENDIARY STEWARD
30 April 2018