

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - MR. S. GEBERT / ZEZE ULATER

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TRSA OFFICES - MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2019

NARACOORTE - SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a pre-race urine sample taken on Sunday, 9 September 2018 from the racehorse ZEZE ULATER, which was presented to race in Race 8 the Mini Jumbuk Benchmark 60 Handicap run over 1430m at the Naracoorte 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. Simon Gebert, the Trainer of ZEZE ULATER, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horrridge and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia by the University of Melbourne. 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. S. Gebert under AR178 (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse ZEZE ULATER at all relevant times leading up to and including Sunday, 9 September 2018, he did bring the said racehorse to the Naracoorte Racecourse where it competed in Race 8 the Mini Jumbuk Benchmark 60 Handicap run over 1430m, prior to 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 in AR.178C(1)(b) of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mr. Gebert pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of ZEZE ULATER to, and ingestion by the mare 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 AR177, Stewards determined that ZEZE ULATER be disqualified from Race 8 the Mini Jumbuk Benchmark 60 Handicap run over 1430m on 9 September 2018 at the Naracoorte Racecourse.

Consequently, the new result of the race is:

1 <sup>st</sup>	AMBER ALERT
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RED DAZZLE
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PEWTER
4 <sup>th</sup>	QUEEN'S PALACE
5 <sup>th</sup>	EL GRECO

Mr. Gebert was informed of his right of appeal.

Johan Petzer  
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

07 March 2019

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