
THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - M. HICKMOTT / GOING GAGA

Stewards: S Callanan (A/Chaiman), M Santoro, N Laskey & K Lemay Robbins (Cadet)

TRSA OFFICES - MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2019

OAKBANK - SATURDAY, 20 APRIL 2019

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 20 April 2019 from the racehorse GOING GAGA, which was presented to race in Race 1 the O'Leary Walker Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 1400m at the Oakbank Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of *phenylbutazone*.

Evidence was taken from Mr. M Hickmott, the trainer of GOING GAGA, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Hickmott under AR240(2) (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse GOING GAGA at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 20 April 2019, he did bring the said racehorse to Oakbank Racecourse where it competed in Race 1 the O'Leary Walker Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 1400m, prior to which a blood sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance phenylbutazone a prohibited substance under Division 1 - Prohibited List B.

Mr. Hickmott pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$8000. In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for Mr. Hickmott's guilty plea, the fact he had not breached this rule or any prohibited substance rule previously, and his forthrightness prior to and during the inquiry.

Acting under AR240(1), Stewards determined that GOING GAGA be disqualified from its fourth place position in Race 1 the O'Leary Walker Benchmark 82 Handicap run over 1400m on 20 April 2019 at the Oakbank Racecourse.

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

1 st	PRETTY GLASS
2 ND	TAN TAT TRUSTING (NZ)
3 RD	ROSELLI STING
4 TH	BLUE MORPHO
5 TH	STAR PATRIOT

Mr. Hickmott was informed of his right of appeal.

Sean Callanan
Stipendiary Steward
27 August 2019
