

Additional Stewards Report



RACINGS A

Thursday, 16 November 2023

Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), P. Ryan, and S. Callanan

FERAGO – Mr. Patrick Ryan (Jnr)

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Saturday, 24 June 2023 from the racehorse **Ferago**, which was presented to race in Race 6 the Hindmarsh Plumbing Labs Handicap run over 2500m at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Arsenic, at a concentration of 0.35 mg/L, which is 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. Patrick Ryan, the trainer of **Ferago**, Racing SA Chief Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. T. Koenig, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Dr. A. Cawley. Stewards also considered a report received from the Racing Victoria Compliance Team who conducted a stable inspection at Mr. Ryan's training location, on behalf of Racing SA. In addition the findings of a study conducted in Australia relating to "Urinary excretion of Arsenic from wood ingestion in horses" was considered. 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. Patrick Ryan under AR240(2) (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Ferago** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 24 June 2023, he did bring the said racehorse to Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in Race 6 the Hindmarsh Plumbing Labs Handicap run over 2500m, following which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of 0.35 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared under Part 2 - Division 3 - Prohibited List B Thresholds of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mr. Ryan pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of **Ferago** 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. Further, acting under AR240(1), Stewards determined that **Ferago** be disqualified from Race 6 the Hindmarsh Plumbing Labs Handicap run over 2500m on 24 June 2023 at the Morphettville Racecourse.

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

- 1st Dixie Whistler
- 2nd Canford
- 3rd Smiling Assassin
- 4th Ironincal
- 5th Ritratto

Mr. Ryan was informed of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity