

## **THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – W CLARKEN/HANDSOME AS

## MORPHETTVILLE - FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST, 2012.

## MORPHETTVILLE PARKS – SATURDAY, 23 JUNE 2012

RACE 8: ALAN SHEPPARD HANDICAP - 1400 metres

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken from the racehorse HANDSOME AS prior to this event recording a total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) level at a concentration greater than 36 mmol/L in plasma as prescribed by the Rules.

Evidence was taken from Mr. W. Clarken, the Trainer of HANDSOME AS, TRSA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Director, Dr. D. Batty, and in addition a submission was heard from Licensed Trainer, Mr. M. Nunan.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Clarken under ARR.178 as the licensed Trainer of the horse HANDSOME AS, which had been brought to Morphettville Parks on Saturday, 23 June 2012 to contest Race 8 following which analysis of a pre-race blood sample detected a prohibited substance, namely total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) at a concentration greater than 36.0 mmol/L in plasma. He was found guilty and fined \$7,000.

Mr. Clarken was informed of his right of appeal.

Acting under ARR.177, HANDSOME AS, which finished first, was disqualified from this event. The amended the placings are –

First	No. 7	FINAL COMMAND (J Frew)
Second	No. 14	OUR IRIDIUM (J Potter)
Third	No. 8	ROWDY ROCKER (M Neilson)
Fourth	No. 5	ROCCIN JO (S Westover)