



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – W. CLARKEN / BERNIE

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2017

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Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 11 February 2017 from the racehorse BERNIE, which was presented to race in and won Race 4 the Projection Graphics Three-Year-Old Maiden Plate run over 1100 metres at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of *Triamcinolone Acetonide*, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. W. Clarcken, the Trainer of BERNIE, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. A Vermeulen – Stable Veterinarian for Mr. Clarcken, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. W. Clarcken under AR178, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse BERNIE at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 11 February 2017, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 4 the Projection Graphics Three-Year-Old Maiden Plate run over 1100 metres, after which a post-race blood sample taken from the horse disclosed, upon analysis, the substance *Triamcinolone Acetonide*, which substance is a prohibited substance under the Rules of Racing. Mr. Clarcken pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Clarcken's guilty plea, his personal circumstances, the circumstances surrounding the treatment of the horse in the lead-up to the race, factors relating to individual and general deterrence, the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substances and the fact that TRSA Stewards had provided notice on a number of occasions in recent years that offences in relation to prohibited substance matters may in future attract more severe penalties. Stewards noted that this was Mr. Clarcken's second offence under this rule. In the circumstances Mr. Clarcken was fined \$10,000.

Acting under AR177, BERNIE, which finished in first place, was disqualified from this event. The placings have been amended to –

First	No. 7	TWO ODD SOX (J. Bowditch)
Second	No. 2	EXPLODE INTO SPACE (S. Price)
Third	No. 4	NEEDY ROCKET (J. Kah)
Fourth	No. 6	SILENT WARRIOR (S. Cahill)
Fifth	No. 15	BARSHONTI (E. Finnegan)

Mr. Clarcken was informed of his right of appeal.

J. C. PETZER

CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

30 May 2017