

Stewards Report

15.10.2013

Present: L Lane, R Merritt, L Twomey, R Hamilton, L Jackson

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the analysts report on the following swab samples;
Quick Thoughts 6th July 2013. The analyst had reported that the swab sample taken from Quick Thoughts was shown upon analysis to contain Caffeine and Theophylline.

Frisky Albert 17th July 2013. The analyst had reported that the sample taken from Frisky Albert was shown upon analysis to contain Caffeine.

Quick Thoughts 20th July. The analyst had reported that the sample taken from Quick Thoughts was shown upon analysis to contain Caffeine, Theophylline and Theobromine.

Evidence was today taken from Mr A Trengrove, trainer of Quick Thoughts and Frisky Albert.

Quick Thoughts and Frisky Albert had been disqualified from their respective races and the placings amended.

The inquiry had been adjourned as stewards were awaiting the analyst's findings on 2 feed/supplement samples sent for analysis. The samples were taken from 2 containers of Oxydane. One container was sourced from WA and this was shown upon analysis to contain Caffeine. The second container was sourced from SA and it was shown upon analysis not to contain Caffeine.

A summary of the testing carried out on feed/supplements is as follows;

Sample A – Oxydane Found to contain Caffeine

Sample B – Proflam Aid Found not to contain Caffeine

Oxy 1 – Oxydane Found to contain Caffeine

Oxy 2 – Oxydane Found to contain Caffeine

Proflam Found not to contain Caffeine

Herbanerve Found not to contain Caffeine

Oxy 3 - Oxydane Found not to contain Caffeine

Oxy 4 – Oxydane Found not to contain Caffeine

Oxy 5 – Oxydane Found to contain Caffeine

Mr A Trengrove as the trainer of Quick Thoughts and Frisky Albert was found guilty of the following charges under AR 178;

He brought Quick Thoughts to Fannie Bay racecourse on Saturday 6th July a day on which Quick Thoughts ran in and won the 0-58 handicap. A swab sample taken from that gelding subsequent to the event was shown upon analysis to contain the prohibited substances Caffeine and Theophylline.

He brought Frisky Albert to Fannie Bay racecourse on Saturday 17th July a day on which Frisky Albert ran in and won the 0-66 handicap. A swab sample taken from that gelding subsequent to the event was shown upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Caffeine.

He brought Quick Thoughts to Fannie Bay racecourse on Saturday 20th July a day on which Quick Thoughts ran in and won the 0-58 handicap. A swab sample taken from that gelding subsequent to the event was shown upon analysis to contain the prohibited substances Caffeine, Theophylline and Theobromine.

In assessing penalty the stewards took into account the following matters.

Mr Trengrove commenced to use the feed supplement Oxydane following a request from one of his owners. Prior to feeding Oxydane to any horses in his care Mr Trengrove sought and was given assurance by the supplier that there were no prohibited substances contained in Oxydane and nothing in the product would breach the rules. The Oxydane product label refers to use in Thoroughbreds and does not mention Caffeine albeit that it does mention Green Tea Extract.

Stewards analysed 2 containers of Oxydane from Mr Trengrove's stable, both were shown to contain Caffeine.

The evidence tendered by Mr Clarke on 9th October whereby he was advised in May that one of the horses in his care was identified as having a low level of Caffeine whilst he was feeding Oxydane was considered to be corroborative that Oxydane was the source of the Caffeine.

Stewards were satisfied to the appropriate standard of the following matters;

That the analyst's findings on the above swab samples was due to the feeding by Mr Trengrove of Oxydane.

That Mr Trengrove had made appropriate inquiries as to the contents of the product Oxydane from the supplier whom he purchased the product from.

Given his inquiries and the information provided by the supplier, Mr Trengrove was entitled to believe that Oxydane contained no prohibited substances.

That the Oxydane product label provided no indication which would suggest that the feeding of Oxydane could lead to a breach of the prohibited substance rules.

Stewards also took into account Mr Trengrove's record in the industry in that over a 40 year period as a trainer he had never breached the rules in respect of prohibited substances.

Having considered all the evidence and the above matters stewards issued no penalty to Mr Trengrove in respect of all 3 charges set out above.

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