



STEWARDS REPORT

INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF 4 HYDROXY XYLAZINE IN A URINE SAMPLE OBTAINED FROM MOROTAI FOLLOWING THE GELDING'S WIN IN RACE ONE, MAIDEN PLATE 1100m AT FORBES ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2018.

Tuesday 9th October 2018

Stewards Room
Dubbo Racecourse

STEWARDS: T.W. Smith (Chairman), S.P. Fitzgerald.

PRESENT: Licensed Trainer Mr. B. Thompson, trainer and part-owner of Morotai.
Mr. S. Moss, Farrier.

Racing NSW Stewards today inquired into analyst's findings relative to a urine sample obtained from Morotai following the gelding's first placing in the Maiden Plate 1100m at the Forbes Jockey Club meeting held at Forbes Racecourse on Monday 6th August 2018.

Evidence was taken from licensed trainer Mr. Brett Thompson, trainer and part-owner of Morotai, Mr. Shane Moss, stable farrier for Mr. Brett Thompson, Dr. Adam Cawley (Science Manager of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory), Dr. Toby Koenig (Senior Official Veterinarian Racing NSW) and Dr. Ian Binks (Mudgee Veterinary Hospital – Trainer Mr. B. Thompson's Licensed Stable Veterinarian).

Mr. B. Thompson was found guilty of a breach of AR178 in that as the licensed trainer of Morotai at all relevant times leading up to and including the 6th August 2018, he did present that gelding to race in the Maiden Plate 1100m at the Forbes Jockey Club meeting held at Forbes Racecourse on Monday 6th August 2018, where a sample was taken from it following it winning that race that was found upon analysis to contain a substance banned under AR 178B, namely 4-hydroxy xylazine.

Mr. B. Thompson was fined the sum of \$6000.

In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration Trainer Mr. B. Thompson's not guilty plea, his clean record in over ten years of training, his personal circumstances and the fact Morotai was disqualified from its first placing in the abovementioned race.

Mr. B. Thompson pleaded guilty to a breach of AR178F(1) of having failed to record details of a sedation treatment which was administered to Morotai on Tuesday 31st July 2018.

Mr. B. Thompson was fined the sum of \$400.

Mr. B. Thompson was advised of his right of appeal.

Stewards acting under the powers of AR177, disqualified Morotai from its first placing in the aforementioned event and amended the placings to:

First: Arnault
Second: Gaze Beyond
Third: Never Tardy
Fourth: Southern Strategy
Fifth: Zarwrinkles
Sixth: Working Together

Mr. B. Thompson also represented the interests of his fellow co-owners in respect to the decision of Stewards to disqualify Morotai from its first placing under the provisions of AR177 and was advised of the appeal right in respect to this decision.

Relevant Rules

AR 178. *Subject to AR 178C, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalized.*

AR 178F. *(1) A trainer must record treatment and medication administered to each horse in his or her care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given, and each record must include the following information:*

- (a) the name of the horse;*
- (b) the date and time of administration of the treatment or medication;*
- (c) the name of the treatment or medication administered (brand name or active constituent);*
- (d) the route of administration including by injection, stomach tube, paste, topical application or inhalation);*
- (e) the amount of medication given (if applicable);*
- (f) the duration of a treatment (if applicable);*
- (g) the name and signature of person or persons administering and/or authorizing the administration of the treatment or medication.*

AR 177. *Subject to AR 177C, any horse that has been brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*