

RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



INQUIRY INTO THE TACTICS ADOPTED BY JOCKEY HUGH BOWMAN ON FARNAN IN RACE 6 – RUN TO THE ROSE CONDUCTED AT ROSEHILL GARDENS ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2020.

Racing NSW Offices
Druitt Street
Sydney

17 September 2020

Stewards: **M F Van Gestel (Chairman)**
 W R Birch
 T P Moxon

Racing NSW Stewards today continued an inquiry opened on Saturday 12 September 2020 in respect to Hugh Bowman's riding of Farnan in Race 6 – Run To The Rose conducted on that day. Evidence today was taken from H Bowman, Co-trainer of Farnan Mr A Bott and Racing NSW Form and Betting Steward Mr L Dalton. Sectional analysis of the race performed by Dailysectionals.com.au were also considered.

H Bowman pleaded not guilty to the following charge under AR129(2) for failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures on Farnan throughout the said race to ensure that Farnan was given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field by reason of all or part of the following particulars;

- 1) That from near the 1100 metres, when positioned forward and to the outside of Peltzer, and when Rothfire was holding an advantage on Farnan, he rode Farnan along to cross and lead Rothfire until near the 1000 metres which resulted in Farnan setting a very fast early pace when it was both reasonable and permissible to maintain a more favourable position to the outside of Rothfire.
- 2) After clearing Rothfire approaching the 900 metres and when Farnan continued to set a very fast early pace, he failed to make sufficient endeavour to restrain Farnan between approximately the 900 metres and 500 metres in an attempt to set a slower and more sustainable pace, when it was both reasonable and permissible to do so, which ultimately resulted in Farnan continuing to set a very fast pace through that section of the race.
- 3) Between approximately the 500m and 350m, when holding a four length advantage on Rothfire, he rode Farnan along when it was both reasonable and permissible to ride Farnan more conservatively having regard to the very fast pace set by Farnan during the early and middle sections of the race.

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After considering the evidence and submissions, Stewards found H Bowman guilty of the charge.

Penalty

Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty, including this was the first occasion H Bowman had been found guilty of a similar offence in over 20 years of riding and the penalty is to be served during the Spring Carnival and includes 4 Group 1 races, his licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of 20 days to commence on Sunday 27 September 2020 and to expire on Saturday 17 October 2020 on which day he may ride.

Relevant Rule

AR 129 Running and handling

- (2) A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.*

**M F Van Gestel
Chairman of Stewards
General Manager - Integrity**