



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF DEXAMETHASONE IN A PRE-RACE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM MY BOY LUBBY PRIOR TO THE GELDING COMPETING IN RACE 2 – CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 2000M CONDUCTED AT MURRUMBIDGEE TURF CLUB ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2020.

**Stewards Inquiry Room
Thoroughbred Park, Canberra**

01 December 2020

**Committee of Stewards: J A Shultz (Chairman)
L J Martin**

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into reports from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that dexamethasone was present in a pre-race urine sample taken from My Boy Lubby prior to the gelding competing in and subsequently being placed ninth in Race 2, the Class 1 & Maiden Plate conducted at the Wagga Wagga racecourse on 19 September 2020.

Evidence was today taken from trainer of My Boy Lubby, Mr Frank Cleary, licensed foreperson Mr Ben Cleary, Racing NSW Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley. The inquiry established that Mr Cleary had treated My Boy Lubby on Wednesday 16 September on or around 12.15pm with Dexapent a substance that was prescribed and contained Dexamethasone for a mild lameness which was potentially caused by a bacterial infection.

Mr Frank Cleary pleaded guilty to a charge under AR245(1)(b) in that he caused to be administered a prohibited substance namely Dexamethasone to the race horse My Boy Lubby which was detected in a pre-race urine sample taken from My Boy Lubby prior to the to the gelding competing in and subsequently being placed ninth in Race 2 the Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2000m conducted at the Wagga Wagga racecourse on 19 September 2020. Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty including:

- This was Mr. Cleary's second offence under this rule over a lengthy license history
- His guilty plea and forthright evidence; and
- Other subjective matters

Stewards determined an appropriate penalty to be a fine of \$3500.

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), My Boy Lubby was disqualified from its ninth placing in Race 2 – Class 1 & Maiden Plate conducted at Wagga racecourse on 19 September 2020 and the placing's amended as follows.

05. Packer's Bond	1st
12. Jophiel(NZ)	2nd
01. Barcoo Bill	3rd
08. Skyschiller	4th
15. Accellar Raider	5th
07. Sir Winzalot	6th
06. Shadow of Mordor	7th
03. Departing Bullet	8th
02. Cape Cluster	9th
11. Classic Kingdom	10th
13. Fatalie	11th
10. Alpha Lane	12th

Relevant Rules

Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse

AR 240 *Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting*

- (1) *Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

AR 245 *Administration of prohibited substance in sample taken from horse before/after running in race*

(1) *A person must not:*

(a) *administer; or*

(b) *cause to be administered,*

a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B to a horse which is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following the running of a race.

J A Shultz
Chief Steward
Southern District Racing Association