



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF HEPTAMINOL IN A POST-RACE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM LENNOX ROAD AFTER THE GELDING COMPETING IN RACE 2 – MAIDEN HANDICAP CONDUCTED AT NARRANDERA RACING CLUB ON 17 AUGUST 2019.

Stewards Room
Murrumbidgee Turf Club, Wagga Wagga

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Stewards: J A Shultz (Chairman)
S K Knight

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into reports from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) concerning the Analysts findings of Heptaminol in a post-race urine sample taken from Lennox Road after the gelding competed in and won Race 2 – Maiden Handicap conducted at the Narrandera racecourse on Saturday 17 August 2019.

Evidence was today taken from trainer of Lennox Road, Mr George Dimitropoulos, Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley. The inquiry established that Mr Dimitropoulos had administered Dynajec, a product which contains Heptaminol on or around 4pm Thursday 15 August 2019 to Lennox Road which fails to comply with recommended veterinary advice regarding the withdrawal time for Heptaminol.

Mr Dimitropoulos pleaded guilty to a charge under AR245(1) of having administered or caused to be administered a prohibited substance, namely Heptaminol to the race horse Lennox Road which was detected in a post-race urine sample taken from Lennox Road following its participation in Race 2 – The Maiden Handicap at Narrandera racecourse on 17 August 2019. Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty, including this was Mr Dimitropoulos first offence under this rule, his guilty plea and his forthright evidence, he was fined the sum of \$5000. Mr Dimitropoulos was advised of his right of appeal.

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), Lennox Road was disqualified from its first placing in Race 2 –Maiden Handicap conducted at Narrandera racecourse on 17 August 2019 and the placing's amended as follows.

11. Under Restraint	1 st
02. Koalabull	2 nd
01. Circus Train	3 rd
05. Whiskaway	4 th
10. Smokin' Coni	5 th
03. Harbour Dream	6 th
08. Masterbiggins	7 th
09. Merry Princess	8 th
06. Dante Pierro	9 th
07. Joyfull Prince	10 th

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.

Division 3 – Administration offences

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