



*INQUIRY INTO NASH RAWILLER'S RIDING OF GREEK HERO (GB) IN RACE 9 THE PFD FOOD SERVICES
BENCHMARK 78 HANDICAP 1400 METRES AT THE KEMBLA GRANGE RACE MEETING ON SATURDAY 21
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Racing NSW Stewards today resumed an inquiry into Nash Rawiller's riding of **Greek Hero (GB)** in race 4 the PFD Food Services Benchmark 78 Handicap, 1400 metres, at the Kembla Grange race meeting on Saturday 21 November 2020. Of concern to the Stewards was Nash Rawiller's riding of **Greek Hero (GB)** in the early stages after the gelding was slow to begin, and the urgency and degree of vigour shown by Nash Rawiller in the early stages of the home straight when attempting to shift **Greek Hero (GB)** wider on the track into clear running.

Today a report outlining the findings of a full review of wagering on the event was tabled by Racing NSW Betting Steward Mr. Leigh Dalton. Oral evidence from Mr. Dalton in explanation of the written report concluded that wagering on the event did not give rise to any integrity concerns with **Greek Hero (GB)** the best supported runner in the event and the lay activity on the exchange was within normal parameters of a runner in this price range.

In response to the concerns outlined by Stewards, Nash Rawiller explained that the instructions he received from Co-Trainer Mr. Richard Freedman was to position **Greek Hero (GB)** prominently, but with cover, and Mr. Freedman believed that a position trailing the leaders should be achievable given the favourable draw. He added that **Greek Hero (GB)** shifted in its stance just prior to the start being effected and as a result was slow to begin. When questioned about his decision to take a position trailing **Insensata** shortly after the start, a horse whose pattern is to race in the second half of the field, Nash Rawiller stated that he was reluctant to ride **Greek Hero (GB)** aggressively in the early stages as it is a horse that can overrace and he anticipated **Insensata** holding a more forward position from its good draw. He further stated that when this did not eventuate and **Insensata** raced towards the rear of the field, **Greek Hero (GB)** was obliged to settle at the tail of the field to the inside of **Tenorino**.

When questioned about his urgency and degree of vigour in the early part of the home straight, Nash Rawiller stated that **Greek Hero (GB)** was reluctant to shift wider despite his efforts and tended to lay in. When asked about his riding near the 300 metres when he repeatedly reined up **Greek Hero (GB)**, Nash Rawiller stated that when he moved **Greek Hero (GB)** wider leaving the 350 meters a run commenced to develop between the eventual first and second placegetters **Monegal** and **Night of Power** and he momentarily discontinued **Greek Hero's (GB)** outward movement in an endeavour to secure that run. He further stated that **Night of Power** was shifting to the outside of the heels of **Cuban Royal** at a similar time and whilst the run remained available, he was reluctant to place **Greek Hero (GB)** into that run due to the movement of **Night of Power** and he then continued to shift to the outside of **Monegal** to ensure **Greek Hero**

(GB) was given an uninterrupted passage to the finish line. He added that this necessitated him changing his hold on **Greek Hero (GB)** on several occasions when it was again reluctant to shift wider and tended to lay in.

After considering the explanation provided by Jockey Nash Rawiller, Stewards informed him that he had erred by positioning **Greek Hero (GB)** on the running rail behind **Insensata** at such an early stage of the race and informed him that the better option would have been to hold a line to the outside of that runner trailing **Misteed**. Stewards accepted the explanation for his riding of **Greek Hero (GB)** in the early stages of the home straight having regard to the Stewards Patrol Footage which supported the explanation provided by Jockey Rawiller that **Greek Hero (GB)** tended to lay in and was reluctant to shift wider on the track. Despite this, Stewards informed Jockey Rawiller that whilst his actions in continuing to shift **Greek Hero (GB)** to the outside of **Monegal** passing the 250 metres was reasonable having regard to the movement of **Night of Power** at the relevant time, he was nevertheless reminded that his obligation is to secure clear running on his mounts at the earliest opportunity and immediately place them under full pressure after having done so.

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