



INQUIRY INTO THE DETECTION OF FLUNIXIN IN A PRE RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM TUDOR MUSIC PRIOR TO RACING AT RANDWICK ON 10 APRIL 2021.

Racing NSW Offices
June 2021
Druitt Street
Sydney

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Stewards: **M F Van Gestel (Chairman)**
 S G Railton
 C L Albrecht

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts finding of flunixin in a pre-race blood sample taken from Tudor Music prior to running at the Randwick race meeting on 10 April 2021. Evidence today was taken from Mr Greg Hickman, trainer of Tudor Music, licensed foreperson Mrs Erika Hickman, Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) General Manager Dr John Keledjian and Racing NSW General Manager – Veterinary Services Dr Toby Koenig.

The evidence was unable to conclusively establish how flunixin was found to be present in the sample, however Stewards accepted the most likely cause was due to stable contamination from another horse that was being treated with flunixin.

Charge

Mr Hickman was charged with the following offence.

AR240(2) – Presented Tudor Music to race at the Randwick race meeting on 10 April 2021 and a pre-race blood sample was found to contain the prohibited substance Flunixin.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty

Stewards issued the following penalty having considered the following relevant matters;

1. Guilty Plea
2. Personal and professional circumstances.
3. This was Mr Hickman's second positive swab offence over 30 years of training.
4. Principles applied by Stewards when issuing penalties.
5. Relevant circumstances of this case.

Mr Hickman was fined the sum of \$6000.

Tudor Music

Under the provisions of AR240(1) Stewards disqualified Tudor Music from its 15th placing in Race 10 – P J Bell Stakes conducted at Randwick on 10 April 2021.

Relevant Rules

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.

(2) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race 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 trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

**M F VAN GESTEL
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
GENERAL MANAGER - INTEGRITY**