



*INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF LIGNOCAINE IN A POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM MADEIRA BAY AFTER THE FILLY COMPETING IN RACE 4 – THE MAIDEN PLATE 1600M CONDUCTED AT THE MURRUMBIDGEE TURF CLUB ON 13 FEBRUARY 2020.*

**09 April 2020**

**Murrumbidgee Turf Club (Via Video Conference)**

**Stewards: J A Shultz (Chairman)  
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Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into reports from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) which confirmed the presence of Lignocaine in a post-race blood sample taken from Madeira Bay after the filly competed in and won Race 4 – The Maiden Plate 1600m, conducted at the Wagga Wagga Racecourse on 13 February 2020.

Evidence was today taken from Co Trainers of Madeira Bay Mr David Hayes and Mr Tom Dabernig who acted with the authority of the remaining member of the training partnership Mr. Ben Hayes, Stable Veterinarian's Dr Dave McKellar & Dr Alex Tremlett and Stable Foreperson Mr Russell Treloar. Evidence was also taken from Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley. The inquiry was unable to establish the reasons for the detection of Lignocaine in the post-race blood sample taken from Madeira Bay.

Co-Trainers Mr D. Hayes, Mr B. Hayes & Mr T. Dabernig subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2) of having brought Madeira Bay to Wagga Wagga racecourse on Thursday 13 February 2020 for the purpose of participating in Race 4 The Maiden Plate 1600m when a blood sample taken from the filly following it running in and winning that race was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Lignocaine. Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty including the training partnership's guilty plea, excellent record and forthright evidence, a fine of \$4500 was imposed. The partnership was advised of their rights of appeal.

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), Madeira Bay was disqualified from its first placing in Race 4 –Maiden Plate 1600m conducted at Wagga Wagga racecourse on 13 February 2020 and the placing's amended as follows.


Horse	Finished
06. Opposite	1 <sup>st</sup>
09. Sir Eagle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
08. Visavis	3 <sup>rd</sup>
01. Bouddi	4 <sup>th</sup>
13. Flying First	5 <sup>th</sup>

**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.

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- (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.*

**J A Shultz**  
**Chief Steward**  
**Southern District Racing Association**