



INQUIRY INTO APPRENTICE TOM SHERRY'S RIDING OF AL SNIP IN RACE 6, B'MARK 64 HANDICAP 1350M,
WYONG 31ST JULY 2020

STEWARDS: C L Albrecht - Chairman
J J E Earl

Racing NSW Office, Sydney
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Racing NSW Stewards today finalised an inquiry into the handling of Al Snip in Race 6 the "TAB.COM.AU Benchmark 64 Handicap" over 1350m at Wyong on 31st July 2020.

Evidence was taken following the race from rider of Al Snip Apprentice Tom Sherry and Trainer Mr John O'Shea via phone. Mr Pat Webster, the Racing NSW Apprentice advocate, also made brief submissions. The matter was adjourned to allow Stewards to review other aspects of the event, including the betting and the relevant sectional times, as well as to allow Mr Mark Newnham, master of Apprentice Sherry to be present.

Further evidence was taken today from Apprentice Tom Sherry and from his master Mr Newnham.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued Apprentice Sherry with a charge under the provisions of AR129(2) which states:

A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.

The specifics of the charge being:

1. After being ridden forward from the widest barrier and obtaining the lead, near the 1000m when leading by a considerable distance and with the pace extremely fast, he failed to make an effort to restrain Al Snip to set a slower and more sustainable pace when it was reasonable and permissible for him to do so.
2. After passing the 600m to the 400m when leading the field by a considerable distance and with the pace extremely fast, he applied pressure to Al Snip to expend more effort by commencing to ride hands and heels when it was reasonable and permissible for him to have ridden Al Snip in a more conservative manner.

Such riding resulted in Apprentice Tom Sherry, failing to ensure Al Snip was given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.

Apprentice Sherry pleaded not guilty and with his master Mr Newnham, made submissions in defence of the charge.

After considering these submissions, Stewards determined his riding of Al Snip fell short of the reasonable standard expected and were satisfied to the requisite standard that the charge issued against Apprentice Sherry could be sustained and therefore Apprentice Sherry was subsequently found guilty.

In assessing an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Apprentice Sherry's level of experience as a Metropolitan Apprentice and his record in relation to the rule. Considering all of the

abovementioned matters, Apprentice Sherry had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of four (4) weeks, to commence Monday 31st August 2020 and to expire on the 28th September 2020 on which day he may ride.

Apprentice Sherry was advised of his appeal rights.