



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF LIGNOCAINE IN A POST-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM BENJAMERY AFTER THE GELDING COMPETING IN RACE 7 – CLASS 3 HANDICAP CONDUCTED AT ALBURY RACING CLUB ON 13 MAY 2019.

Stewards Room
Murrumbidgee Turf Club, Wagga Wagga

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Stewards: J A Shultz (Chairman)
T J Davidson

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into reports from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) into findings of Lignocaine in a post-race blood sample taken from Benjamery after the gelding competed in and won Race 7 (Class 3 Handicap, 1400m) conducted at Albury Racecourse on 13 May 2019.

Evidence was today taken from trainer of Benjamery, Mr Pat Widdup, Licensed Owner Mr Trevor Hughes, Racing NSW Veterinary Officer Dr James Mizzi and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley. The inquiry established that Mr Widdup had been treating Benjamery for a rash on its neck with Illum Neocort, a product which contains Lignocaine.

Mr Widdup pleaded guilty to a charge under AR245(1) of having administered or caused to be administered a prohibited substance namely Lignocaine to the race horse Benjamery which was detected in a post-race blood sample taken from Benjamery following the running of Race 7 (Class 3 Handicap, 1400m) at Albury Racecourse on 13 May 2019.

Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty, including this was Mr Widdup's first offence under this rule, his guilty plea and his forthright evidence he was fined the sum of \$4000. Mr Widdup was advised of his rights of appeal.

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), Benjamery was disqualified from its first placing in Race 7 (Class 3 Handicap, 1400m) conducted at Albury Racecourse on 13 May 2019 and the placings amended as follows.

12. Liberty Boy	1 st
10. Anna Baabella	2 nd
06. Sherpa Trail	3 rd
08. Pintang Prince	4 th
14. Robusta	5 th
09. Gagosian	6 th
02. Bray(NZ)	7 th
07. Funky Farm	8 th
03. Hurry Up Harry	9 th
15. Maco Napret	10 th
16. Running Broke	11 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.*

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