



**30 July 2020**

**STEWARDS REPORT**

*Inquiry into analyst's findings relative to a urine sample obtained from Wichita Warrior after it competed at Goulburn on 24 May 2020.*

**Canberra Racing Club**  
**Thoroughbred Park, ACT.**

**Stewards Panel: J D Walshe (Chairman) and J A Dinopoulos**

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Stewards today inquired into analyst's findings of 4-hydroxy xylazine in a urine sample obtained from Wichita Warrior following the gelding's first placing in Race 2 MU-X Ready When You Are Class 1 Showcase Handicap 1400m at Goulburn on 24 May 2020.

Evidence was taken from licenced trainer Mr K Dryden and evidence was obtained via teleconference from licensed stable foreperson Mr T Baldwin, Dr A Cawley - Science Manager of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory and Dr T Koenig – Chief Veterinarian Racing NSW.

The following matters were established during the inquiry:

- 1) That at the direction of trainer Mr K Dryden, stable foreperson Mr T Baldwin, on Tuesday 19 May 2020, administered intravenously, a prescribed sedation containing xylazine hydrochloride to Wichita Warrior prior to it being clipped.
- 2) 4-hydroxy xylazine is a metabolite of xylazine hydrochloride.
- 3) Xylazine hydrochloride is commonly administered to horses as a sedative.
- 4) The level of 4-hydroxy xylazine detected in the sample by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory was low.

Mr Dryden pleaded guilty to a breach of AR240(2) of presenting Wichita Warrior at Goulburn Racecourse on 24 May 2020 for the purpose of engaging in Race 2 MU-X Ready When You Are Class 1 Showcase Handicap 1400m when a prohibited substance, namely 4-hydroxy xylazine, was detected in the urine sample taken from the gelding following the event.

Mr Dryden was fined the sum of \$4000.

In considering penalty Stewards took into account the following:

- 1) Mr Dryden's first breach of the Rule in 39 years of training.
- 2) The significant scale of his stable operation and number of runners during this period of time, without incurring a breach of the Rule.

- 3) The low level of detection.
- 4) The circumstances of the administration of the substance.

Mr Dryden was advised of his right of appeal.

Stewards acting under the powers of AR240(1), disqualified Wichita Warrior from its first placing in the aforementioned event and amended the placings to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reoffender
- 2<sup>nd</sup> River Charge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> You're Next
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosy Dawn
- 5<sup>th</sup> Foxy Free
- 6<sup>th</sup> Glamour Cruise
- 7<sup>th</sup> Alqaab

Mr Dryden, who also represented the interests of the owners in respect to the decision of Stewards to disqualify Wichita Warrior from its first placing under the provisions of AR240(1) was advised of the appeal right in respect to this decision.

JD Walshe  
Chief Steward  
South East Region – Racing NSW & Canberra Racing Club

### **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.*