

Stewards' Report

Stewards' Report – Michael Nolan

Date – 28 October 2016

Panel – R Hitchener, G Dimsey, & B Cooke

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the Queensland Government Racing Science Centre, that a prohibited substance, namely 4-hydroxy xylazine, was detected in a post-race urine sample taken from Angel Dancer after winning the Benchmark 85 Handicap 1350m at Doomben on 23 July 2016.

Evidence was taken from the registered trainer of Angel Dancer Mr Michael Nolan.

Mr Nolan was charged under the provisions of AR.178, which reads;

Subject to AR178, when any horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalized.

The particulars of the charge were that; Mr Nolan as the trainer of Angel Dancer presented that mare to race at Doomben on July 23 2016 when a urine sample taken from that mare was found, upon analysis, to contain a prohibited substance, namely 4-hydroxy xylazine.

Mr Nolan pleaded guilty to the charge as specified.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account a number of factors including Mr Nolan's prior record in relation to this rule, and also his personal circumstances. Mr Nolan was fined the sum of \$5000. Mr Nolan was advised of his appeal rights.

Acting under the provisions of AR.177 Angel Dancer was disqualified from its first place in race 6 at Doomben on July 23 2016, the Benchmark 85 Handicap 1350m with the placings amended accordingly.

- 1st Binalong Road
- 2nd Sea Red
- 3rd Good Job Bro
- 4th Chariot of Gold