

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Clinton Thompson – MAGIC SCENE

Date: 07 January 2020

Panel: J Adams & T Hudson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE was detected in a urine sample taken from MAGIC SCENE at the Yeppoon Turf Club on 02 November 2019.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with written evidence from licensed trainer Mr Clinton Thompson.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Thompson was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been 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 any 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 such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Clinton Thompson as the trainer of MAGIC SCENE brought that gelding to the Yeppoon Turf Club on 02 November 2019 for the purpose of engaging in a race and a post-race urine sample taken following the Benchmark 50 Handicap 1400m, was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

Mr Thompson pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in regard to mitigation regarding the reason for DEXAMETHASONE being present in the sample.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr Thompson's unblemished record over a long period. However, Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Mr Thompson was subsequently fined \$3000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) MAGIC SCENE was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows –

Yeppoon 2 November 2019 – Benchmark 50 Handicap 1400m

1st – WARNERS LANDING

2nd – MISS SMINKER

3rd – HULK HENRY

4th – PERFECT TIMES

5th – QUEEN CONSORT

6th – RESET EXPRESS

Mr Thompson was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.