

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Leslie Gordy – MIGHTY MARMALADE

Date: 6 July 2020

Panel: P Lane & P Gillard

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance ARSENIC was detected in a urine sample taken from Mighty Marmalade at Townsville on 14 December 2019.

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

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

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 licensed trainer Mr Leslie Gordy brought the horse Mighty Marmalade to Townsville on 14 December 2019 for the purpose of engaging in the 0-60 Handicap 1200m and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance ARSENIC.

Mr Gordy pleaded not guilty to the charge and was afforded the opportunity of further submissions.

After considering all the submissions the Stewards were comfortably satisfied that sufficient evidence existed to substantiate the charge and Mr Gordy was formally found guilty of the charge.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were of the view that the following points were relevant:

1. Mr Gordy's unblemished record as a trainer since March 2017
2. His forthright evidence.
3. His personal and financial circumstances.
4. Penalty precedents for Arsenic.

5. 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.

Taking the above into account, Mr Gordy was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) Mighty Marmalade was disqualified from winning the Ratings Band 0-60 Handicap 1200m and the placing's were amended as follows:

Townsville 14 December 2019 – 0-60 Handicap 1200m

1st – SLAYDEM

2nd – MAKARIOS

3rd – FLYING ONE MORE

4th – ANIMAL SPIRITS

5th - ZERO SECRETS

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