

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Ray Hermann – BOLLENTE & TIME FOR US

Date: 7 July 2020

Panel: D Aurisch, P Chadwick & A Turner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today finalised an inquiry into reports from the analyst that samples taken from BOLLENTE at Stamford on 6 July 2019 and from TIME FOR US at Corfield on 3 August 2019 and from both horses at Winton on 21 September 2019, contained the prohibited substances CAFFEINE, THEOBROMINE & THEOPHYLLINE.

After considering the documentation regarding the samples, including the explanation taken from trainer Mr Ray Hermann at the Stewards Inquiry and also the evidence of Mr Clarence Hermann, the (QRIC) Stewards issued Mr Ray Hermann with four (4) charges 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.

Charge 1

The specifics of the charge being that as the trainer of BOLLENTE, which was brought to Stamford on 6 July 2019, for the purpose of participating in the 2YO Up Maiden SW 1000 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain prohibited substances, namely CAFFIENE, THEOBROMINE & THEOPHYLLINE.

Charge 2

The specifics of the charge being that as the trainer of TIME FOR US which was brought to Corfield on 3 August 2019, for the purpose of participating in the QTIS Maiden Plate 1000 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain prohibited substances, namely CAFFEINE, THEOBROMINE & THEOPHYLLINE.

Charge 3

The specifics of the charge being that as the trainer of BOLLENTE, which was brought to Winton on 21 September 2019, for the purpose of participating in the BM 55 1000 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain prohibited substances, namely CAFFIENE, THEOBROMINE & THEOPHYLLINE.

Charge 4

The specifics of the charge being that as the trainer of TIME FOR US which was brought to Winton on 21 September 2019, for the purpose of participating in the 0 – 50 Handicap 1200 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain prohibited substances, namely CAFFEINE, THEOBROMINE & THEOPHYLLINE.

Mr Hermann pleaded not guilty to the charges and made brief submissions in response.

After considering these submissions, the panel were satisfied to the requisite standard, particularly on the documentary evidence, that the charges could be substantiated and Mr Hermann was formally found guilty of the charges.

When considering an appropriate penalty, the Stewards took the following factors into account:

1. Mr Hermann had an unblemished record over a long period.
2. Personal circumstances and financial impact any penalty may have.
3. Need for a penalty to serve as both a specific deterrent to Mr Hermann and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate the negative impact that breaches of this kind have on the image of the sport.

After considering the above-mentioned factors, the Stewards were of the view that a fine of \$2000 on each charge was appropriate. A total of \$8000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR 240 (1), Bollente and Time For Us were disqualified from winning their respective races and the placings amended as follows:

Bollente

Stamford 6 July 2019 – Maiden Plate – 1000m

1st – STRYKINGLY SO

2nd – HINA MATSURI

3rd – VIAHEL

4th – GOT THE TICKETS

Winton 21 September 2019 – Benchmark 55 – 1000m

1st – MAKUBA

2nd – STRIVE TO SUCEED

3rd – HUNTING

4th – DREAMWARD BOUND

Time For Us

Corfield 3 August 2019 – Maiden Plate 1000m

1st – PRINCIPLE

2nd – CHEERS FOR CHARLIE

3rd – QUEZMAR

4th – CLAIRVUE SAGA

Winton 21 September 2019 – 0-50 Handicap 1200m

1st – NICCONI PASQUALE

2nd – NITRO CITY

3rd – DUTCH TWIST

4th – BLINKIN DUSTY

Mr Hermann was advised of his rights to an internal review into the decision.