

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: David Rewald

**Date: 1 November 2024**

### **Panel: Shane Larkins & Sharon Coulthard**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts findings that the prohibited substance Lignocaine was detected in a blood sample collected from the horse HEYINGTON STATION, when it competed in and won race six (6) the Noel Allom Memorial Cup Open Handicap 1400m, at the Barcoo Amateur Race Club meeting held on 22 July 2024.

Submissions were made by David Rewald, trainer of HEYINGTON STATION at the relevant time.

After considering the evidence in its entirety the following charge was issued against Mr Rewald.

Charge 1

#### ***Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse***

#### ***AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting***

*(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.*

Mr David Rewald, as the trainer and person in charge of the thoroughbred HEYINGTON STATION at the relevant time before and after it competed in and won race six (6) the Noel Allom Memorial Cup Open Handicap 1400m, at the Barcoo Amateur Race Club meeting on 22 July 2024 and the substance Lignocaine being detected in a post-race blood sample by Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Ltd, he did breach these Australian Rules.

Mr Rewald pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr Rewald was found guilty of the charge.

When assessing penalty stewards considered the following factors.

- Mr Rewald's plea of not guilty to the charge;
- Mr Rewald's full cooperation throughout the investigation and inquiry process;
- Mr Rewald's time in the thoroughbred racing industry as a trainer, being approximately ten (10) years;

- Mr Rewald's disciplinary history, noting he has no prior breaches under AR240(2) of the Prohibited Substances Rules in ten (10) years of training;
- The current number of horses currently in training under Mr Rewald's care and custody, being fourteen (14) horses;
- The current number of staff that Mr Rewald employs;
- Mr Rewald derives his income from the racing industry;
- The nature of the prohibited substance, Lignocaine, being classified as Prohibited List B substance;
- The need to maintain the integrity of thoroughbred racing industry and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr Rewald and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- The need for the general public to maintain confidence in the integrity control of the thoroughbred racing industry;
- Relevant penalty precedents of similar categorised substances;
- The Human Rights Act 2019;

The following penalty was imposed against Mr Rewald;

Charge 1 AR 240(2) Prohibited substance present in a race day sample – Fined \$5000 with \$2000 of the fine wholly suspended for a period of 24 months on the basis that the trainer does not breach the Prohibited Substance rules in that period.

***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.*

After considering submissions from Mr Rewald on behalf of the connections of HEYINGTON STATION, in accordance with AR 240(1) HEYINGTON STATION was disqualified from the subject race and placings are ordered to be amended as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> – MORICONI

2<sup>nd</sup> – GALACTIC EXPRESS

3<sup>rd</sup> – PEPPER'S GHOST

4<sup>th</sup> – CAFFREY (IRE)

Mr Rewald was advised of his rights to appeal.

