

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr T. Edmonds & Mr S. McLean – BURNING BELL

Date: 15th April 2025

Panel: Danielle McMahon, Brett Wright, Clayton Warren & Piper Gore(Cadet)

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today inquired into a report from the RSC Analyst that the prohibited substance TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE was detected in the blood sample taken from BURNING BELL, following its winning performance at Eagle Farm on 15 February 2025.

After considering the evidence, Co-Trainers Mr Edmonds and Mr McLean were issued a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

(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.

On 15 February 2025, Mr Toby Edmonds & Mr Stephen McLean, as the Co-trainers of BURNING BELL, brought the thoroughbred mare to the Eagle Farm Racecourse for the purpose of participating in Race 9, the STRADBROKE SEASON BOOK NOW Class 6 plate over 1000metres, where a post-race blood sample taken from BURNING BELL following its winning performance on that date, upon analysis, was found to contain Triamcinolone acetonide; a substance prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing pursuant to Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Prohibited List B) due to its effects on the musculo-skeletal system, the nervous system, the endocrine system and the immune system; in breach of AR 240(2).

Co-Trainers Mr Edmonds and Mr McLean pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined \$3000.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Co-Trainers Mr Edmonds and Mr McLean's guilty plea, record in relation to this rule, history in the industry, their cooperation leading up to and throughout the inquiry, precedents for offences pursuant to AR240(2) in regard to the substance, personal circumstances and the need for the penalty to act as a general deterrent to the wider racing industry.

Co-Trainers Mr Edmonds & Mr McLean were advised of their appeal rights.

Stewards took submissions in relation to AR240(1) from Co-Trainers Mr T. Edmonds and Mr S. McLean, as well managing owner, Mr Grant Morgan, who was in attendance. After considering these submissions, under the provisions of AR240(1), disqualified BURNING BELL from its first placing in the above-mentioned race and amended the placings as follows:

1st – MR GALAZI

2nd – BLUE SPINEL

3rd – WILD BOTANICA

4th – FLAG HALL

5th – NASHIRA