

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: John Manzelmann

Date: 21 March 2024

Panel: Shane Larkins, Sharon Coulthard, Hayden Gillett, Shikira Stehbens

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts findings that the prohibited substances Xylazine and 4-Hydroxy Xylazine were detected in a urine sample collected from the horse SIMPLY TINA, when it competed in and won race one (1) the Zenbook QTIS Two Year Old Maiden Handicap, at the Ladbrokes Cannon Park meeting held on 7 December 2023.

Submissions were made by John Manzelmann, trainer of SIMPLY TINA at the relevant time.

After considering the evidence in its entirety the following charges were issued against Mr Manzelmann.

Charge 1

AR 245 Administration of prohibited substance in sample taken from horse before/after running in race

(1) A person must not:

(a) administer; or

(b) cause to be administered,

a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B to a horse which is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following the running of a race.

Mr John Manzelmann, as the trainer of SIMPLY TINA, on 4 December 2023 prior to it competing in and winning race one (1) the Zenbook QTIS Two Year Old Maiden Handicap at Ladbrokes Cannon Park on 7 December 2023, did administer Xylazil to the filly, which resulted in the prohibited substances as defined in Prohibited List B, Xylazine and 4-Hydroxy Xylazine being detected upon analysis by Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Ltd, in a post-race urine sample.

Charge 2

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 John Manzelmann, as the trainer and person in charge of the thoroughbred SIMPLY TINA at the relevant time before and after it competed in and won race one (1) the Zenbook QTIS Two Year Old Maiden Handicap at Ladbroke's Cannon Park on 7 December 2023 and the substances Xylazine and 4-Hydroxy Xylazine being detected in a post-race urine sample by Racing Science Centre and Racing Analytical Services Ltd, you did breach these Australian Rules.

Charge 3

AR 104 Trainers must keep treatment records

(1) A trainer must record any medication or treatment administered to any horse in the trainer's care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given.

Mr John Manzelmann, as the trainer of SIMPLY TINA, failed to record treatment administered to that filly on 4 December 2023, leading up to it competing in race one (1) the Zenbook QTIS Two Year Old Maiden Handicap at Ladbroke's Cannon Park on 7 December 2023.

Mr Manzelmann pleaded guilty to all three charges.

When assessing penalty stewards considered the following factors.

- Mr Manzelmann's immediate plea of guilty to the charges;
- Mr Manzelmann's full cooperation and forthright admissions throughout the investigation and inquiry process;
- Mr Manzelmann's time in the thoroughbred racing industry as a trainer, being approximately thirty-five (35) years;
- Mr Manzelmann's disciplinary history, noting he has six (6) prior breaches under AR240(2) of the Prohibited Substances Rules in thirty-five (35) years of training;
- Mr Manzelmann's disciplinary history, noting he has no prior breaches under AR245(1)(a) of the Prohibited Substances Rules in thirty-five (35) years of training;
- Mr Manzelmann has presented no less than 3260 runners to race meetings since his most recent prohibited substance rule breach;
- The current number of horses currently in training under Mr Manzelmann's care and custody, being sixty (60) horses;
- The current number of staff that Mr Manzelmann employs;
- The nature of the prohibited substances, Xylazine and 4-Hydroxy Xylazine, being classified as Category 3 substances;

- 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 Manzelmann 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;
- The *Human Rights Act 2019*.

The following penalties were imposed against Mr Manzelmann.

Charge 1 AR 245(1)(a) Administration of a prohibited substance – Fine \$4000

Charge 2 AR 240(2) Prohibited substance present in a race day sample – Fine \$5000

Charge 3 AR 104(1) Failure to record administered treatments – Fine \$100

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

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 Manzelmann on behalf of the connections of SIMPLY TINA, in accordance with AR 240(1) SIMPLY TINA was disqualified from the subject race and placings are ordered to be amended as follows.

1st – ROCKET POWER

2nd – MISHANI SUNSET

3rd – MISHANI STYLE

4th – SECRET ENCRYPTION

Mr Manzelmann was advised of his rights to appeal.