

MR GARY SPENCER- INQUIRY CONDUCTED

23 AUGUST 2022

On Wednesday 17 August 2022, Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry into a report received from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) that Scopolamine was detected in the post-race urine sample taken from the horse LOUIGI following its win in race 7, the HRNSW 2YO GUARANTEED PACE (1609 metres) conducted at Newcastle on Friday 6 August 2021

The reserve portion and control solution were confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

Mr Spencer appeared at the Inquiry and provided evidence in relation to his registered training establishment. Evidence including the Reports of Analysis from ARFL and RASL were presented to the Inquiry as well as analytical reports in relation to plant/weed samples obtained from Mr Spencer's registered training establishment.

Mr Spencer pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190 (1), (2) & (4) for presenting LOUIGI to race not free of a prohibited substance.

In respect of that charge Stewards recorded a conviction on Mr Spencer's offence record, however, did not impose any further penalty.

In considering penalty Stewards were mindful of the following;

- Mr Spencer's first Prohibited Substance offence;
- Circumstances involved in this matter;
- Class 3 Prohibited substance;
- Mr Spencer's licence history and other personal subjective facts.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 195, LOUIGI was disqualified from the abovementioned race.

Mr Spencer was advised of his right of appeal.

For further information on this matter contact:
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