



STATE OF DELAWARE
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DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION
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Stewards Ruling 08-2021

Ruling Date: 05/03/2021

Licensee: John Sgavicchio

DOB: 10/10/1953

Violation Date: 09/21/2020

License Type: Owner/Trainer

RCI ID: 751855

Ruling Type/Description: Medication/Drug Violation-Animal

DTRC Rules Cited: 15.3.1, 15.18, 7.3.1, 7.3.6, 15.3.2 and 15.19

Fine: \$500

Fine Due Date: 05/07/2021

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 05/26/2021

Suspension End Date 06/09/2021

Narrative:

Acting on a report from Truesdail Laboratories, Inc. the official testing laboratory for the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission in 2020, that blood sample 27803 had exceeded the level of detection for "Caffeine", a violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.3.1 and 15.18 which establishes a threshold at the level of detection in blood. The Stewards at Delaware Park determined that blood sample 27803 was obtained from "Pride Leader", First (1) place finisher of the third (3) race on September 21, 2020. The trainer of record for "Pride Leader" was John Sgavicchio.

Trainer John Sgavicchio was notified of the results of the test on "Pride Leader".

Trainer John Sgavicchio then availed his right to a split sample to UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory in Chicago, Il. Sample 27803 detected "Caffeine" in blood.

Trainer John Sgavicchio then "Waived" his right to a hearing, in the matter and agreed to the penalty established by the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties as approved by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission in D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18

Based on the evidence available to them, the Stewards have determined the following: John Sgavicchio was the trainer of record for "Pride Leader" on September 21, 2020 at the time "Caffeine" was found in the blood sample provided by "Pride Leader" following the third race.

UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory in Chicago, Il. detected "Caffeine" in blood sample 27803.



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The report from Truesdail Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the D.T.R.C. reported that blood sample 2780 3 had exceeded the level of detection for "Caffeine" in the blood of "Pride Leader".

Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rule 7.3.1, 7.3.6 and 15.3.2. A registered Trainer shall bear primary responsibility for the proper care, health, training condition, safety and protection against administration of prohibited drugs or medication of horses in his charge.

The Stewards FIND Mr. Sgavicchio in Violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18 for exceeding the level of detection in blood for "Caffeine" in "Pride Leader" in the third (3) race on September 21, 2020. "Caffeine" is a class "2" drug with a "B" penalty which has been established by the Uniform Classification Guideline for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Rule.

Pursuant to the Guidelines noted above and the rules of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, the Stewards hereby ORDER the following:

Trainer John Sgavicchio is fined \$500 and Suspended 15 days, May 26, 2021 through and including June 9, 2021.

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"Pride Leader" is disqualified from first place for the purpose of receiving purse money. Owner Royal Stables LLC (John Sgavicchio and Jules Sgavicchio) is ORDERED to return the purse money earned by "Pride Leader" in that race to the Horseman's Bookkeeper, the purse money is to be redistributed as followed:

1. #4 Alin Azul
2. #3 Broad Storm
3. #2 No Sniveling
4. #9 Ocean Delight
5. #6 Shrew Meaning
6. #7 So Who's Back
7. #8 Rooney
8. #5 Paz the Wine
9. #12 Lively Kitten
10. #11 Sundrenched



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Under D.T.R.C. Rule 15.19, points are assigned to medication violations and Mr. Sgavichio is being assigned 4 penalty points for the Caffeine violation.

This ruling does not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs for this race.

Failure to pay the assessed fine by the due date may result in a suspension of license.

Monetary fines not paid within the parameters of the official ruling are subject to penalty and interest charges at the rate of 1.5% per month compounded monthly.


Eric Coatrieux


Robert Colton


William Troilo