Weather: Fine
Track: Synthetic
Rail: True

J D Walshe (Chairman), J Earl, J Turner & cadet R Loughlin (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Head (Swab), L Milton (Scales) J Dorrington (Judge) Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

As app R Hunt was unavailable Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

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**RACE 1: Laminex Benchmark 70 Handicap 1206M**

Appoint Percy – Slow to begin.

Unyielding – Over-raced in the early stages and passing the 800m pulled its way forward and as a consequence raced wide throughout.

Darts Away – Raced wide throughout and laid in in the straight.

Lord Denman – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a minor laceration to its near-hind leg.

Alastriona – Passing the 300m when weakening was momentarily eased from the heels of Darts Away (app Q Yong), which shifted in. App Q Yong was advised to exercise more care. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare rider Ms J Taylor stated that her mount was contacted on several occasions in the early and middles stages when racing tight to the inside of Darts Away and in her view had resented racing in that restricted room and as a consequence was under pressure from the 600m and did not respond to her riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.
RACE 2: Hygain Benchmark 65 Handicap 1750M

Severn Road – Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Held up in the early part of the straight. Passing the 150m raced in restricted room for a short distance when Cafe Terrace shifted out.

Beyond Brave – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding rider app Q Yong stated that his mount did not travel at any stage of the event and was under pressure from the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr G Stevens was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding also being required to barrier trial to the Steward’s satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 3: Melbourne Cup Day Bookings Maiden Handicap 1080M

Mr Wemmick – Bounded on jumping. Rider B Murphy was spoken to regarding the use of his whip on his mount when it was out of contention.

Compare The Market – Slow to begin.

Nothing Needed – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that her mount was under pressure a long way from home, laid in in the straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

First Time Lucky – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider C Reith explained that he was instructed to attempt to lead. He added that his mount however never travelled at any stage of the event and in his view would be now suited to being more softly ridden over further ground. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

I Stole Your Love – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have bled from its left nostril. Trainer Mr M Dale was told that under the provisions of AR53A(7) the filly would be required to complete a satisfactory gallop of 1000m in the presence of a Steward prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 4: John McGrath Ford Handicap 1750M

Oakwoods Hope – Bumped on jumping by Only You which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Plus Belle La Vie – Bounded on jumping.

Street Prince – Trapped wide in the middle stages and passing the 1000m was allowed to stride forward to obtain the lead.

Brian’s Lass – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which raced wide in the early stages and was also obliged to race wide from the 1000m, did not reveal any abnormality.
Decapitor – Passing the 150m was shifted to the outside of Oakwoods Hope to continue into clear running.

RACE 5: Christmas Party Packages Maiden Handicap 1280M

Future Time – Began awkwardly and shifted in. When questioned, rider app A Sweeney stated that his mount hung in in the early and middle stages and as a consequence he was unable to tack onto the back of the field. He added however over that when more tractable over the final 200m metres his mount then ran home well. Trainer Mr G Vella was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding’s racing manners.

Orithyia – Trainer Mr R Potter reported that the mare had lost its near-fore plate in running.

Kozarska – Over-raced in the middle stages and passing the 900m had to be checked away from the heels of Dance Ripper.

Dance Ripper – Passing the 400m had to be restrained when held up on the heels of My Danish Heart which was weakening.

My Danish Heart – Rider S Miller was reprimanded under AR137A(4)(c) for using his whip on his mount when it was out of contention.

RACE 6: Promotion Through Sponsorship Benchmark 56 Handicap 1080M

Suneeze – A pre-race veterinary examination passed the mare fit to start. Near the 300m after initially being held up was directed to the inside of Marzena to obtain clear running.

Brand Works – Reared as the start was effected, made heavy contact with its head on the barrier stall superstructure, lost significant ground and took no competitive part in the race. Trainer Mr P Facoory was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Steward’s satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Zariz No Other – Raced three wide throughout.

RACE 7: TAB Federal Benchmark 60 Handicap 1280M

Dylan’s Deeva – Bumped on jumping by Ninky Nonk which shifted in.

Jar Of Hearts – Slow to begin and shifted in making contact with the hindquarter of Motime which became unbalanced. Raced very wide throughout.

Mr Fox – Rider app P Scorse dropped his whip passing the 150m.

Dylan’s Deeva – Held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 250m.

Zuzzudio – Passing the 250m was eased when tightened for room by Dylan’s Deeva (R Bensley) which shifted out to obtain clear running. R Bensley was advised to exercise more care.
**Ninky Nonk** – Raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app B Owen stated that his mount never travelled at any stage of the event and in his view had raced like a tired horse. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr N Olive advised that Ninky Nonk would now be sent spelled.

**Motime** – Raced wide very wide throughout.

**RACE 8: Functions & Hospitality Packages Class 2 Handicap 1280M**

**Storm Master** – Began awkwardly.

**Lilymorn** – Slow to begin (2L) and then was slow into stride.

**Bonsley** – When questioned, rider app A Sweeney stated that he was instructed to allow his mount to race where comfortable. He added however his mount began particularly well and led without being pressured. He added that his mount then hung out throughout the event, ran wide rounding the home turn and could not be fully tested in the straight. Trainer Mr M Lynch was told that the gelding would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

**Mr De Niro** – Raced very wide throughout.

**True Worth** – Raced wide throughout.

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following rider exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) or on consecutive occasions under AR137A(5)(a)(i). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

**SUMMARY**

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