Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Out 6 metres

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

RACE 1: TIMG Class 1 Handicap 1200M

Bridyn May – The mare, which fractured a section of its jaw housing two teeth during transportation to the course was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 12:25pm. Foreperson Mr L Webb was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

Dreaming Of Biscay – Began awkwardly.

Captain Ryder – Slow to begin.

Ultraviolet – Pulled hard in the early and middle stages.

RACE 2: luxegoulburn.com.au Maiden Plate 1000M

Jellambi – Slow to begin.

Ranger Suzie – Slow to begin. Held up until passing the 250m.

Bombdiggity – Laid out inside the final 100m.

Nobody’s Perfect – Inside the final 100m shifted out and away from Bombdiggity which shifted out when laying out. Prior to correct weight the connections of Nobody’s Perfect requested to view a replay to ascertain whether there were grounds to lodge an objection against the winner Bombdiggity. After viewing the replay and when satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds to warrant the lodging of a protest, correct weight was declared on the Judge’s placings.

Hasty Minx – Over-raced in the middle stages and was obliged to race wide throughout.

Cunning Cat – When questioned, rider app Ms C Gravener stated that her mount hung out from the 700m until straightening and proved somewhat difficult to ride. A post-race
veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr G Kirkup was told that a warning would be recorded against the racing manners of the filly.

**RACE 3: Hellenic Club Class 1 & Maiden Plate  2000M**

*Lady Conjurer* – Slow to begin.

*Opera tickets* – Slow to begin. Passing the 1600m was restrained from the heels of Away She Goes which was being eased when racing keenly. Laid in in the straight.

*Home Win* – Knuckled badly on jumping and was then immediately heavily bumped by Mr Beasley which shifted out after being bumped by Northern Voyage which shifted out. When questioned regarding the performance of the colt, rider app J Van Overmeire stated that his mount travelled blandly throughout, was under pressure a long way from home and did not run on under pressure in the straight. He added that the only explanation he could offer was that the colt may not have appreciated today’s firm surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the colt did not reveal any abnormality.

*Away She Goes* – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that in her view her mount, which was significantly up in distance today, did not run out today’s journey. Trainer Mr L Pepper stated that the mare had given all indications that she would see out the 2000m journey and was confident that the mare was accordingly conditioned for today’s race, however in light of today’s performance he advised that the mare would now be freshened and dropped back in distance for its next start. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

*Hilltop Hood* – Raced wide throughout.

**RACE 4: Benmax Benchmark 55 Handicap  1000M**

*The Last Sommet* – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

*Your Knuckleship* – Slow to begin. Pulled hard in the middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

*Luxurial* – Contacted on jumping by Excitable which shifted in.

*Caccini* – Raced wide throughout.

*Invincible Dream* – Raced wide throughout.

*Living Doll* – Raced wide throughout.

*Usainly* – Held up until passing the 250m.

*Jewel Of The Clan* – 30m after the start was eased when crowded along with Luxurial as a consequence of being tightened between The Inflamer which laid out and Excitable which shifted in slightly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the filly which was resuming, rider R Bensley stated that his mount never travelled at any stage of
the event and did not respond to his riding in the straight. He added however that after
dismounting he observed that the saddle had slipped back noticeably. After viewing a replay
of the race in the presence of the Stewards it was also obvious that the saddle had slipped
back during the event and whilst R Bensley advised that it did not disadvantage him during
the race he suggested that it may have had a bearing on the filly’s performance. A post-race
veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr N Olive
expressed disappointment in today’s performance and undertook to report any condition
which may become apparent in the days subsequent.

The Inflamer – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Penza
stated that his mount travelled well in a forward position but did not let down in the
straight and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not
reveal any abnormality.

Patrika Belle – After the 600m was taken out by Excitable which laid out momentarily and
had to be eased when awkwardly placed close to the heels of Living Doll.

RACE 5: Dawson heating & Cooling Benchmark 70 Handicap 1200M

Lord Denman – After being loaded into its barrier stall and when rider J Penza noticed that
the gelding’s tongue-tie had slipped, he requested a barrier attendant to adjust the gear. At
this point and as evidenced on video, the gelding then reacted, became fractious, reared up
and struck its head on the superstructure of the barrier stalls. The gelding was withdrawn on
veterinary advice at 4:03pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Lord Denman be
refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4:03pm
be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Treasure Boss: 11c win and 12c place
2nd: Thorn In My Side: 13c place
3rd: Rhyming Puppet: 10c place

In the circumstances, no action was taken against Lord Denman.

Dangerous Breeding – When questioned, rider M Heagney stated that his mount knuckled
on jumping lost ground and therefore raced much further back than had been planned. He
added that on straightening, after initially responding to his riding, his mount then felt very
uncomfortable in its action and when he was concerned that his mount may have gone
amiss he did not test it for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination
of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D Kelley was told that the mare
would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again. Mr Kelley was also
asked to report to Stewards any condition which may become apparent in the days
subsequent.

Tiger By The Tale – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

Rhyming Puppet – A little slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.
Hurricane Harbour – Held up on straightening. Passing the 250m had to be checked when disappointed for a run between Treasure Boss and Tiger By The Tale which laid out and was held up until near the 100m when it was shifted out to obtain clear running.

Vigourish – Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running in the straight and for some distance passing the 150m raced very tight when attempting to improve along with Not Too Sure into a narrow two horse run between Bid Of Faith and That’s Freedom.

Not Too Sure – Had difficulty obtaining completely clear running in the straight and for some distance passing the 150m raced very tight when attempting to improve along with Vigourish into a narrow two horse run between Bid Of Faith and That’s Freedom.

RACE 6: MCM Projects Benchmark 65 handicap 1400M
Confidential – Slow to begin and tightened soon after by Tyres Are Crucial which shifted out.

Emerald Fortune – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Upper House – Fractious prior to the start being effected and then reared as the start was effected and lost ground (5L). Trainer Mr N Gardner was told that the gelding must barrier trial to the Steward’s satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Patrika Belle – Missed the start (5L). In only recording a warning against the mare, Stewards determined that the mare had not been tailed in accordance with trainer Mr N Osborne’s request which was recorded in the Starter’s notes which the Stewards acknowledged may have been a contributing factor to the mare missing the start. The Starter was spoken to, to ensure there is not a repetition.

Prince Jacko – Raced wide throughout. Passing the 150m when weakening was inconvenienced by Balonne which laid out under pressure.

Bull Bailey – Pulled hard in the middle stages.

Maid Of Ore – After straightening was contacted by Appoint Percy which shifted to the outside of Magic Search to obtain clear running.

Elle A Walking – When questioned, rider A Banks stated that his mount travelled up very well to the point of the home turn but then did not let down under pressure in the straight and was disappointing.

Balonne – Badly held up until passing the 150m.

RACE 7: TAB Federal Maiden Handicap 1300M
Old Trafford – Slow to begin.

Zamaking – Slow to begin.
**High Street** – Bumped on jumping with Sepulchre.

**Hajduk** – Raced wide throughout. Was not tested close to the line when awkwardly placed near the heels of Beersheba Lass (S Guymer) which shifted in under pressure when not quite clear. S Guymer was advised to exercise more care.

**RACE 8: Slicedtech Benchmark 55 Benchmark 55 Handicap 1300M**

**Ridgi Ridge** – Trainer Mr D Parsons was fined the sum of $100 under LR35 for the late declaration of A Layt as the rider of the gelding. After the 200m was checked when badly crowded for room between Posh Arli which laid in after being contacted on the hindquarter and turned in and Missile Attack which was taken out by Laughing Or Crying (N Heywood) which after shifting out slightly was turned out after its hindquarter came into contact with Missile Attack exacerbating the interference to Missile Attack and Ridgi Ridge. In all the circumstances N Heywood was reprimanded (AR137(a)), in that whilst his mount had initially only shifted out slightly, after contact was made between his mount and Missile Attack, which largely contributed to the incident, whilst he made some attempt to correct his mount, he had not stopped riding altogether to correct it.

**Missile Attack** – Slow to begin (2L).

**Red Hot Tango** – Raced wide throughout.

**Palamedes** – Raced wide throughout.

**Merciabelle** – Raced wide throughout.

**Posh Arli** – Held up for clear running until passing the 250m.

**Laughing Or Crying** – Held up for clear running until passing the 200m.

**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.

| Race 2 | R Bensley (Who’s Knocking) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m |
| Race 6 | App P Scorse (Emerald Fortune) | 7 strikes prior to the 100m |
| Race 7 | S Guymer (Beersheba Lass) | 8 strikes prior to the 100m |

**SWAB SAMPLES:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners.
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