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#### TRACK: Good 4

# WEATHER: Fine

# <u>RAIL</u>: Gradual shift out from 400 metres to 6 metres at 300 metres, gradual shift back to 200 metres, true remainder

#### **RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
4	MELI MELO	T. Pannell	D. Tourneur	Indisposed
5	SOCIAL LANE	"	C. Lindop	"

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# RACE 1 : PEARLE BOUTIQUE / SABOIS FILLIES & MARES MAIDEN PLATE - 1103 metres

**QUICK BISCUIT** (L. Stojakovic) – raced keenly in the early and middle stags.

LADY OF WAR (P. Gatt) – jumped away awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**LUCKY LEXI** (J. Kah) – jumped away awkwardly.

**SHE'S STARSTRUCK** (M. Neilson) – rider explained that the filly had not travelled at all during the event and when placed under pressure had failed to respond to his riding and was disappointing to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

# RACE 2 : FESTIVAL HIRE CLASS ONE HANDICAP - 1103 metres

**ARWA** (V. Wong) – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight. Inside the 200 metres rider accidentally dropped his whip and was reprimanded under AR137(a) for carelessness. Dipped for no apparent reason inside the 100 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

#### RACE 3 : LION NATHAN GROUP / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1203 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately five minutes.

**IRON MAX** (J. Toeroek) – shifted out in the vicinity of the 400 metres to improve and in doing so contacted NEVER WITHOUT YOU.

**LET'S TANGO** (J. Bowditch) – contacted on jumping away.

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**YOUBETCHA** (C. Lindop) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted out contacting LET'S TANGO.

GET NO ANSWERS (J. Holder) – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

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**DANCING JOURNEY** (C. Lindop) – shifted out on jumping away onto HARLEM LOVE.

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**COOL MAVERICK** (D. Caboche) – jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto BRILLIANT CREATION. Rider reported that in his opinion the gelding did not feel comfortable in its action behind. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

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