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### **SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK:**

Racing at FLEMINGTON last week was on a GOOD track, the rail was out 9M. Winner's were getting off the inside as the day wore on so be forgiving of any runner who stayed on inside especially later in the day.

#### **RUN OF THE DAY:**

DIVINE MADONNA ! Outstanding win. Drew wide, back to last and she was still "hopeless" coming to the 300m before not only running them down but clearing out by 3Lengths... How about these for closing sectionals 600/400/200m: 32.34/ 21.44/ 10.86... It is very, very rare for a horse to have a last 200m split over half-a-second faster than any other runner. Her last 200m was .64 faster than her nearest rival. What a win !!!

Other good runs in Race 9: IMANA (midfield, to centre, ran on well.. beat all-bar freak performance), OPEN CUT (every chance, fitter) and LYRICAL BID (worked home very well again). Interestingly, they ran 1:23.35 faster than the 3yo's (Snort) but slower than the Open (race 10 – Royal Ida). 1<sup>st</sup>-810m of 49.32 was the slowest early split of the 3 x 1410m events.

Race 1 and ZIZOU did a very good job after striking trouble at the start, stretched out nicely! TOWER CAT hit the line late and CHOISISM, who also found heavy trouble at the jump, kicked strongly and was only grabbed the last 100m. Time was 58.33 in race 1 (track rated Dead-4)

Race 2 saw GALEN back to a bigger track and successful, was given a nice ride. Had struggled pervious run at MV. SIR LAGO hit the front 300m out and was only grabbed late. Good effort. ULFAH (worked home) SHOWIFY (doubt stays) were noteworthy. Early tempo was a modest 61.73 1<sup>st</sup>-1000m. Overall time 1:49.67

SNORT could not get a crack at them for most of the straight in Race 3, saw daylight late and burst through. Won well and the rest of them were in a bit of a line so...? Ran 1:24.15 off a 49.03 1<sup>st</sup>-810m (slowest of 3 x 1410m races) but it was early in the day. Track did firm up. MUZDAHER fought very hard, EXCITES loomed to win, he will be fitter! LUCIANO got back, joined in, battled last 100m and ENEMY OF AVERAGE came from back & widest. Matched winner's last 400/200m splits and they qwere the fastest of the race. SIRMIONE ran on ok (3<sup>rd</sup>-fastest late splits)

Race 5 and HASSLE stormed down the centre at big odds. All honours with him as he had no cart-in. On his day..... ATAPIU was held-up a touch at the 300m but it didn't cost him victory. Ran well though. JOSE AMIGO had no run/room into straight, hit the line super last 150m at odds. SPIELMEISTER led and was pressured (taken on 1200m). JUKEBOX JOHNNY did enough without best of

luck and will be fitter. TICK BY is in the sin bin. Time was 1-44.43 for the 1720m

Race 6 and who says there are certainties in racing... MISS FINLAND takes off early and jock cannot get her to come back underneath him. Clock says she didn't go hard (49.51 1<sup>st</sup>-810m) but she was not relaxing and that's what hurt late. SHE WILL BE LOVED just kept coming and coming, terrific effort to roll that filly then hol doff the swoopers no matter how the race was run. MY ONLYHOPE faced breeze a bit, kept chasing, loomed at the 100m, going very well... SEFRAH kept finding the line for further (She had fastest last 400m split of the race) LECTRICE got back today and matched Sefrah's last 400m, and went a touch quicker her last 200m. JUSTE MOMENTE last, widest did enough... Time of 1:37.08 for 1610m.

Race 7 up the straight. FAST N FAMOUS won very well. Had good run but sat on the speed and ran the fastest last 200m of the race with weight-scale against him. Impressive stuff! SHADOWWAYS came from back and flew home down the outside, looked winner, couldn't quite match him late. DANCE HERO held on ok for third, he is not known for 2<sup>nd</sup>-up heroics. Ran a 35.25 1<sup>st</sup>-600m so had his chance. UNDUE kept closing and CINQUE CENTO nice run on effort were next. These five gapped the rest of the field... Time of 1-8.34 is sharp! Home 33.09.

SPHENOPHYTA raced his way to Caulfield Cup favouritism with impressive Turnbull Stks win (Race 8). Made a move 800m to co-lead and fought all the way home. 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m of 1:16.07 says he had his chance to fight but the win was very good as he did make an early move. OUR SMOKING JOE was enormous running second, 3&4 wide the trip, forward 600m, kept coming! SERENADE ROSE had her chance but will be fitter. Outpaced top of straight but strong on line and what of ZIPPING. Drew the car park got a mile back and rattled home in 22.22 and 11.30... only Divine Madonna had a faster last 200m on the day, can settle closer in a Caulfield Cup and win but needs to get in first! Sigh... HEADTURNER & RAILINGS did enough as did DEMERGER (nice late – 2<sup>nd</sup>-fastest last 400/200m).. Who was that horse impersonating (poorly) LAD OF THE MANOR ?????? Time for the Turnbull was 2:01.90 which is a good gallop.

In the last, all honours with ROYAL IDA with the massive impost. Travelled up so sweetly & shot away off a 48.20 1<sup>st</sup>-810m (solid – fastest of 3 x 1410m events). CHIACK had fastest last 200m of the race, he is still flying! ORANGE COUNTY ran on nicely between after being held-up a touch 350m. ACCARDO copped a check at similar point but had his chance, does have upside at least. THREEDEE (did enough) and ELBRUS (ran on well, 2<sup>nd</sup>-fastest last 200m here and fitter) were noteworthy. Time of 1:23.06 for 1410m is another good gallop.

#### THE FORGIVE FILE:

SUNBURNT LAND (very wide run), SARATIME (severe check 300m), COUNT RICCARDO (action queried), SCARLET SCENE (3 & 4 wide), MISS FINLAND..., BEL DANORO (too close inside), CALIFORNIA DANE (hung, too close inside), RECAPLITALIZE (too close inside), STORMHILL (led, pressured on inside), ASTRODAME (ran on in worst ground), NOVA STAR (too close

inside), MOCK (went inside rail, error!) and JUGGLE THE BOOKS (worked early, faced breeze).

In Sydney racing was at RANDWICK on a GOOD track. Again, they looked to be getting off the inside as the day wore on.

RUN OF THE DAY:

TUESDAY JOY (Again!). Popped out 3wide 1200m when on heels, forward 3-wide 800m, wide into straight. Severe check 200m, picked herself up and flew at the line off a slow pace... My god !!!

TERANABA led was well-rated and won at cricket-score odds. Ran 2-4.49 (not flash time) but as stated no speed about (especially mid-race). ALL BLACK GOLD worked a bit early, had good run from 1600m, kept at it. HE'S NO PIE EATER also kept coming, very tough racehorse! MEARAS mile back, to o/s, copped a check 200m (with Tuesday Joy) and kept coming himself. Off to paddock now. It was real blanket finish here!

Race 1 for the 2yos and HURRIED CHOICE was given a very good ride, won well, was backed! SUPERFLY was held-up a touch 250m, did find line, touch unlucky. Sectionals were bettered only by WEEKEND IN PARIS who worked home very nicely from well back. Ran 58.34 the babies...

Race 2 and leaders went slow. 36.21 1<sup>st</sup>-600m for this class of 3yo. REIGNING TO WIN rounded them up, all honours with him. GOLD EDITION was brave on-pace but had her chance. Time was 1-10.74

CATECLIPSE out to 2000m and at WFA... it didn't stop him. He led in 1:15.38 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m and held them all off. TESTAFIABLE looked every chance, GAWNE was wide early but got in and ICE CHARIOT worked home in on-pace dominated affair, copped a check turning also. Weak Craven Plate. Won in 2:03.42

They went hard in Race 4 (Shorts/ 1100m) with SPARK OF LIFE calving out a 28.66 1<sup>st</sup>-500m. He fought on well considering he is a wet-tracker. Winner BENTLEY BISCUIT sat back and charged up the centre, grabbed MAGNUS on the line. They ran a sharp 1-3.36. BLACK INK (wide with trail, ran on), MAC'S TUNE (fastest last 400m) and MUSTARD (fastest last 200m) did enough...

The Metrop. was race 5 and TAWQUEET had a beaut run but it was a strong win. Pace to the 1200m was sluggish (1:18.16) but then one took off and put some pace on. ACTIVATION was out 3-wide from 1200m, got a tag-in 600m, flew down outside, looked winner at the 100m. Had best sectionals home. DIZELLE came from back, then widest and ran well and VANQUISHED moved up 4-wide turn, ran on, held last bit. Overall time was 2:31.10 for the 2400m.

The Epsom was race 6. RACING TO WIN was too good. Had a good horse's weight and beat them. Now to get the 2040m !?!? DESET WAR led and was tough as ever. MALCOLM came from back 3<sup>rd</sup>-last, ran on very well, held ground with the winner last 200m. REGAL CHEER is not quite finishing off lately but did like the run of MNEMOSYNE, her last 100m was particularly strong (3<sup>rd</sup>-fastest late sectionals). Time of 1:35.06 was not the quickest Epsom off a 48.05 1<sup>st</sup>-800m

Race 7 the Flight Stks saw CHEEKY CHOICE lead, travel well and kick strongly. 1<sup>st</sup>-1000m of 59.21 here. MY LADY'S CHAMBER was tough as boots again, worked forward 3 & 4 wide then sat wide on speed. Top effort! AMITOLA tracked up 6-wide, kept coming, ran well. Backmarkers never really got in the race... The fillies ran 1:35.95 for their 1600m.

In the last it was MORE THAN READY (somehow paying \$57) who came off midfield and ran them down. Ran smart time (1:22.86) and her last 200m was very strong. MELODY was last at the 600m and ran on well. A COUNTRY GIRL found the line super, only 2<sup>nd</sup>-up, she's come back great! AMRTINIFORUS got the split 1-off inside and had her chance if inside track was even, AT EASE hit the line but stayed inside herself and YOLO led, fought on well staying inside.

#### THE FORGIVE FILE:

I HAVE NO FEAR (wide on speed), HOSTEE (slow 2L, checked top of straight, home nice), CLOSET ROCKER (wide, poleaxed 400m), RERAISE (severe check 400m), PURE ENERGY (Stewards, tell them to spell this bloody thing!), WRITTEN TYCOON (4-wide), OUR LIAM (wide), FOX LAKE (slow out, in traffic in straight), LANTWIN (lame), MAGIC INSTINCT (severe check 300m), COUNTY TYRONE (set a task!), GALLANT TESS (no hope today), MISS FANTABULOUS (worked, wide), DANASIERRA (no run 400m-to-200m, hit line late), FIRE SONG (5 deep), ZENARTA (wide on speed) and KAKAKAKATIE (resp distress).

To Today's Selections...

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

All ratings for CAULFIELD are for GOOD track. Rail is True. Track has been playing beautifully of late. Always watch and monitor for emerging patterns though!

In Sydney racing is at ROSEHILL. Ratings for GOOD track, rail is out 6M. Rail was 3M here Sept 23 and it was no disadvantage on-pace but doubt there was a "bias"... Expecting an even playing field here.

#### **BET OF THE DAY (Rosehill – Win Bet)**

ROSEHILL – Race 5 No.8 – **AMEN** – This good class son of Zabeel resumed with a ripping run here over 1300m in the race won by COMMANDING VICTORY. He settled a mile back in what was a real on-pace dominated race (and day) and managed to get very close late and must have made up 8 Lengths or so in the straight against the pattern. Both he and NEWPORT recorded equal fastest last 200m split of that race. Those two then quinella'd a race at Warwick Farm when sharply out to 1600m and

that winner, Newport, is no slouch! AMEN will be peak-fit now 3<sup>rd</sup>-up and is desperate for the 1900m of today's assignment. As soon as he got out to this distance range in his first prep he sprouted wings and won a race at Randwick by 3.5L before going on to roll COROWA who himself won races. This does look the right race for him, especially with a bit of speed engaged and in-form Zac Purton to steer. \$8 early !?!?!?

#### **BET OF THE DAY (Caulfield – Each-Way Bet)**

CAULFIELD – Race 2 No.3 – **AMERRYKING** - Promising galloper who possesses a nice turn of foot. Still does things wrong which indicates he is still learning but is proven 'Melb way' (not that it is a worry this stable) and did finish just 4L off Thin And Crispy (Then flying) and Serenade Rose this track/trip in Autumn. That was his only defeat on a dry track. 3 from 3 this prep including dominant win on dry track last start running fast time. Beat subsequent city winner (Ashkabar) prior. He is flying and doubt he has stopped improving. This is a good race but he has real upside and he has come up each-way odds in early markets.

#### **BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:**

CAULFIELD – Race 6 No.8 – **PURDE** – She is going very well but has had no luck at all her last two starts. Was shuffled back and in traffic in the Gp1 Underwood but was spotted very late making nice ground out wide. Did like her right on the line there at WFA. Previous run at MV she was never out of first gear with Scotty Seamer running into dead-end after dead-end. The last time she saw daylight she came from last off a slow pace to beat subsequent (impressive) winner PAVLOVA here over 1600m and she now meets that Mare 4kg better! Her run against the boys in the SA Derby (won by Testafiable) says she'll run a strong 2400m. She was asked to make a long run there (inside 900m) and would have finished closer but for being checked on the home turn when making ground. She can sprint off any speed and gate 14 says she'll go back but the early quote of \$15 (Sportsbet) is well above her true odds of winning and as such, she is the best value bet of the day.

#### **BEST EACH-WAY / PLACE BET OF THE DAY:**

ROSEHILL – Race 7 No.4 – **HIPSTER DOOFUS** - Big-finisher resuming. Was unlucky 1<sup>st</sup>-up last prep when well back off slow pace before launching late to just miss. Got back and beaten by on-pace bias (and King Rex) previous fresh run. Trialed very nicely for his return and has great 1200m form (his only miss was close-up fourth to King Rex fresh 2-preps back Vs bias coming from 8L off the speed). Has great Rosehill form (no poor runs from 6 goes)... will be charging here!

#### **BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY:**

CAULFIELD – Race 7 No.2 – **CHURCHILL DOWNS** – Has come up around double-figure odds in early markets (Sportsbet). Just loved the win in the Stutt Stks as he was asked to make a long, wide run and he just kept coming. Ran straight past GALEN (since won) and would have run past MAGIC JET but for being hampered (in my view, still, don't agree with protest, not conclusive!). MAGIC JET then ran ok in Gp1 Spring Champion Stks last week despite probably coming to the end of his campaign. CHURCHILL DOWNS was 1200m-to-1600m in the Stutt Stks so safe to assume there is more improvement in him and it looks as though he will get the speed on to suit him here. Only other Caulfield run was very

good 3<sup>rd</sup> to Haradasun sitting 3-wide on speed. This race invariably throws up a roughie and if this guy gets the runs through the field from gate 1 from 600m home he will be hitting the line hard...

**BEST QUINELLA:**

ROSEHILL – Race 5. Numbers 8 & 9

**BEST TRIFECTA:**

ROSEHILL – Race 8. Box (flexi) Tri. Numbers: 1,2,4,8,10

**TOP RATED RUNNERS:**

**CAULFIELD**

**Race 1 - Harrolds Fashion Plate 3yoC&G - 1200m**

1. 2 - HARB - Took a few strides to wind-up 1st-up but hit the line very nicely off slow-ish pace (secs bettered only by Enemy Of Average, since run well). Fitter now and out to 1200m big ticks. Has improved sharply at both 2nd-up runs to date and pace on here suits him. In well on relative weights too.
2. 3 - SOMETHING ANYTHING - Resumed with strong win here over 1100m. Had every chance but won well and that was his first look at a dry track. Form through Cheeky Choice & All Black Gold last prep now looks super. Up in the wights but drawn to get good run and may well go on...
3. 7 - FAR HORIZONS - Sat outside Here De Angels 1st-up and stuck on ok for third (Muzdaher ran 2nd). They ran very fast time. Went to Werribee (VRC) but went too hard up front, chance now peak-fit but does want softer run on speed.
4. 1 - CENOTAPH - Blinkers on and sat on-pace 2nd-up before going down swinging behind Enemy Of Average/ Something Anything. Did run a 36.09 1st-600m so had his chance but now peak-fit 3rd-up and gate 1 days he'll get gun run. E/way.
5. 5 - EXALATION - Stablemate of Far Horizons resuming. Was competitive with Sharkbite/ Estelle Collection in on-pace dominated race on debut. Is yet to see a dry track so may go "through the roof" here. Been working well. Market ?

**Race 2 - Hayman Classic - 1400m**

1. 3 - AMERRYKING – reasons outlined

2. 2 - DR NIPANDTUCK - Kept finding the line 2nd-up when desperate for further than 1200m. Gets out to 1400m here and no stranger to big weights. All 3 x 1400m runs very good and he has had 6 goes on dry tracks and been in the money every time (incl. 3 wins!)
3. 1 - ROCKFORD BAY - Beat home Dr Nipandtuck 1st-up here over 1200m and ran very well. Been placed 7 of 8 dry track runs at 1400m and 2nd-up form includes 2.7L off Lieutenant in an Alister Clark Stks. Big weight the obvious stumbling block but has the score on the board. Likes Caulfield, needs dry!
4. 11 - BODACIOUS HARMONY - Had support 1st-up from year off but went forward and faced breeze all the way. Will improve with cover and with added fitness and out to 1400m. Won only other 2nd-up run. Gets to Open company here but right down in weights suits.
5. 6 - FLYING LANGFUHR - Rolled Byway 3-back then only 2.5L off Black Panther (since won again) at MV when they broke the track record (Gallant Guru since won also from the race). Went to Sandown but had no luck at all last start, may well have won with even luck. Good chance no weight.

#### **Race 3 - Thoroughbred Club Stks 3yoF - 1200m**

1. 2 - INDUSTRIOUS - Was backed and came right away at Wbee (VRC) meeting last start. Was a good win (beat Far Horizons - ran in race 1) Kept closing strongly previous run beating Permaiscuous (since won well). If anything, 1200m suits better for mine and she has never finished worse than second. Very honest. Drawn ideally to trail likely fast speed.
2. 4 - CORTON CHARLEMAGNE - Ridden off the speed 2nd-up and ran on well with big weight. Fitter now and gets 3.5kg off Flame Of Sydney from that and in well all relative weights. Like her at some value here ridden off likely fast pace and sweeping home.
3. 8 - SPLASHING OUT - Beat a few of today's rivals at MV at only start no.2... Still in well this weight scale and has real upside. Gate 11 not a major concern here at Caulfield over sprint trips (one turn only) and will take trail off solid speed. May go right on!
4. 5 - SATIN ROBES - Keeps running well but cant break through. Just 3.4L off Miss Finland and finished alongside She Will Be Loved last start so that form is hot! Good effort previous run under 58kg. Dont mind her back to 1200m here if pace (as expected) is on. In this !
5. 3 - FLAME OF SYDNEY - Obviously very competitive through same race as 2 & 4 last start. Weights against here and not sure she has much scope but drawn well and seems to be relishing being ridden off the speed. e/way.

#### **Race 4 - Schillaci Stks WFA - 1000m**

1. 7 - MISS ANDRETTI - Looks very well placed on recent Gp1 form. May well have beaten Rewaaya last start with even luck (1400m) which followed strong WFA Manikato Stks win (1200m) over Dance Hero (since good Vs Fast N

- Famous). One word of warning... dont see back to 1000m any great plus and she will be short!?!?
2. 5 - TESBURY JACK - Isnt a "brilliant" sprinter but sits on any pace, keeps running & digging and runs very fast times! Good win here last start when led into strong headwind and fought them all off. Back to 1000m will not worry him. May be the way to go e/way here if odds allow. Loves Caulfield (all three runs excellent).
  3. 4 - LET GO THOMMO - Chased hard behind Tesbury Jack here 1st-up and the run was very good considering he came wide and didnt have a cart in to the race. Comes back to 1000m but he is 5 wins & 1 second from 8 x 1000m runs...Meets Tesbury same weight terms.
  4. 9 - NEDIYM'S GLOW - Raced wide and should have won the Quezette 1st-up. Since had set-back and 8 week break but back in town now and stable have her firing for this. Form around Gold Edition / Anamato and Co.is terrific. Gate 3, no weight (WFA) and a race lacking a little for class says she can win. Value.
  5. 1 - PROPRIETOR - 1st-up. He resumed last prep with 3.5L off Takeover Target in Gp1 Lightning Stks at Flem at WFA. That run was good as he over-raced badly in traffic but still hit the line and they ran 56.8. Dont see 'Takeover' here & all his 1000m form is terrific.

#### **Race 5 - Gp1 Yalumba Stks WFA - 2000m**

1. 5 – EL SEGUNDO – Best horse in the land. Outstanding winning the Underwood off slow pace (49.86 1<sup>st</sup>-800m) and he came from 3<sup>rd</sup>-last and made a long run before racing away from them... Polar Bear then ran 4<sup>th</sup> in Epsom. Oh, and that was off a set-back so doubt he was 100%. Won this last year clearing right out... Looks winner!
2. 7 – ZIPPING – Another sensational effort last week rattling home from mile back (drew car park) and leaders went 1:16.07 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m. Wonder if he will go forward here in a race devoid of speed, Won previous start with 58kg sitting forward but for mine, he is a better horse ridden colder (can over-race forward). Is the Caulfield Cup horse if he can just get in !?!?!
3. 6 – CASUAL PASS – Led in the Underwood and didn't go hard, was joined 650m out so was pressured early. Forget previous run when pulled-up with Thumps. 2000m form is terrific and may get soft lead here... e/way.
4. 8 – POMPEII RULER – Loved his Craiglee win over Sphenophyta racing in worst ground before jarring-up on hard track here in Underwood, must forgive that and if you do.. he can win. Gets good run on speed from gate 4 and certainly think he wants (at least) 2000m.
5. 4 – GRAND ZULU – Missed Craven Plate last week which looked his race. Form through Eremein and Desert War obviously strong and can sit on the speed himself and fight. Live place chance against these.

#### **Race 6 – Gp2 Winning Edge Stks – 2400m**

1. 8 – PURDE – Reasons outlined.

2. 3 – DEMERGER – Did enough in the Craiglee 1<sup>st</sup>-up then very good in Turnbull when hit the line very nicely late off slow pace. Only zipping had a faster last 400/200m there. 3<sup>rd</sup>-up and back to Hcp are big ticks. Her record outside blue-chip races is really good. Run very well with even luck.
3. 12 – GOTHIC MARIAN – Was good Vs bias at Flemington 2-back behind Field Hunter. Forget ran at MV when no luck/run all the way. Peak fit here 4<sup>th</sup>-up and did stick on very well in SA Oaks over 2500m.
4. 6 – PAVLOVA – Was only 2<sup>nd</sup>-up here 2-back when second to Purde when really liked her work in the straight! Was month between runs and again ran on strongly to beat Spinney (on protest) who had been competitive at WFA. Even fitter now and Queensland Oaks 4<sup>th</sup> when endured wide run was super. Purde does get her at the weights here but has the upside!
5. 10 – SAVLATE – Good effort at Mornington albeit no match for winner (Sarrera), meets him again here but has drawn much better in gate 2 to get gun-run. Dry track record is excellent having never missed the drum from 7 goes. Out to 2400m but no reason to doubt him. Tough race, gets good run so right in the mix.

#### **Race 7 – Gp1 Caulfield Guineas 3yo SW – 1600m**

1. 2 – CHURCHILL DOWNS – Reasons outlined.
2. 7 – DANEVER – Run of the day (for mine) last start when back last (very patiently ridden) and held-up off a 50.36 1<sup>st</sup>-800m (a walk!). he couldn't open throttle until inside the 300m then absolutely flew late! Out to 1600m a huge tick for him and more pace likely here... winning chance!!!
3. 3 – EXCITES – Much fitter for last week's run (was virtually 5-weeks between runs ignoring Newcastle when ran off track) where he did join the leaders very early in the straight and fought on well. Was a mile back and ran on well in the Golden Rose to finish 3L off Court Command on what was a bit of a leaders day. 1600m definitely suits him especially off a likely solid speed. Relative weights in his favour. Loads of talent!
4. 1 – COURT COMMAND – No knock on him at all, loved his win last start when actually ran along in the lead (47.18 1<sup>st</sup>-800) and did it easy running fast overall time (1-22.13) just think 'evens' is 'unders' out to 1600m, first look at Caulfield and he will have rivals up front! This race has been a graveyard for favs...
5. 6 – SNORT – Couldn't get a crack most of the straight last week, when saw daylight he flew through to score, did come away late! Forgive previous run when sore... the run before he just about wins the Danehill Stks at Flem. Acts like 1600m should suit, bit of rain would help!
6. 13 – ANAMATO – Obviously competitive with Miss Finland (who'd rolled boom colt Haradasun) is good form. History is against her but desperate for 1600m and only 3<sup>rd</sup>-up into this so peaking... place best for mine.

#### **Race 8 – Gp1 Toorak Hcp – 1600m**

1. 2 – NICONERO – Very even race so looking for value. Ran ok in Rupert Clarke when in traffic, shuffled back (doesn't suit him in there, he over-races/ resents it) and found the line late. Was 3-wide with trail 1<sup>st</sup>-up and just 2L off El Segundo there. Fitter now, 1600m form is much better than stats show including 3wide, no cover & 1.2L 4<sup>th</sup> in this last year and WFA Futurity 5<sup>th</sup> (1.4L) when he was storming home before running out of room last 200m. May well have beaten Red Dazzler there and get 3kg off him now. Value runner!?!?
2. 4 – RED DAZZLER – Split subsequent Epsom Hcp quinella last start (Racing To Win/ Desert War) so that is obviously great form. Does have a love for Caulfield and piped late in WFA Gp1 Futurity this track/trip in Autumn. Gets gun-run here...
3. 7 – REWAAYA – Good strong win last start in Gp1, brilliant win previous. Only other 1600m run she beat Serenade Rose home in Gp1 Thousand Guineas. Goes forward form awkward draw but doubt great pressure inside her. Has really matured and come of age this prep... top shelf!
4. 8 – MAYBE BETTER – Good effort in the Underwood when sat 3-wide no cover, went forward to join lead 650m and fought on terrific. Beat home the Turnbull trifecta there: Sphenophyta/ Our Smoking Joe/ Serenade Rose. Gets good run from gate 5 and back to handicap. Good value runner.
5. 3 – PRIMUS – Inclined to forgive last run in Gp1 George Main behind Racing To Win & Red Dazzler when forced to make long run. He is not brilliant but tries very hard. Has to make up 2.7L on Red Dazzler but certainly competitive with him given softer run and only run here was enormous third in Gp1 Caulfield Guineas. Rain wont hurt...

#### **Race 9 – LR Northwood Plume Stks Mares – 1200m**

1. 15 – LEKITAMA – Talented Tassie mare resuming. She is pretty smart this one and has a very nice turn on foot. Gave Open Cut wind-burn in WFA race at Launceston before spell and that Mare was very competitive last week Vs Divine Madonna & Co. Trialled well, drawn well (12 perfect) for Bossy and come up big odds. Good value in typically tough Mares race.
2. 1 – COOLROOM CANDIDATE – Been flying this prep in very handy mares races in Sydney. Carted big weight last start and just missed. Wide gate her is no major concern to her as she must be outside horses to do her best and Caulf/1200m has just the one turn. May just get out to silly odds here...
3. 4 – STEFLARA – 1<sup>st</sup>-up. Very good win 1<sup>st</sup>-up last prep running down Wild Queen, Imana and Co. at Randwick, had support there (\$12-to-\$10). Then beat Regal Cheer 2<sup>nd</sup>-up. Has trialled well recently and drawn to get good run off the speed and finish hard. Just 2.3L off them in Gp1 Coolmore at the end of last prep shows her class. Go well !
4. 12 – MELROSE GARDENS – 1<sup>st</sup>-up. Came form midfield and wide 1<sup>st</sup>-up last prep and ran over Joie More/ Storm Signal at juicy odds. Had won previous fresh (debut) by 4L (and easily) at Bendigo. Six dry track runs, 5 very good, 1

- very forgivable (drew wrong spot up straight). Good chance in even race.
5. 6 – PASIKATERA – Also resumes. Ran on hard 1<sup>st</sup>-up last prep to beat all-bar Regal Cheer in receipt of just 1kg, she went on to Gp1 glory. She has run poorly once in the last 12 months and that was a 2000m race (doesn't get trip) and she was checked severely anyway! Stable don't have great strike-rate in Melb but this mare has a 4L 5<sup>th</sup> here to Serenade Rose/ Doubting over 1600m when slow pace up front no help.

## **ROSEHILL**

### **Race 1 – Open Hcp 2yo – 1100m**

1. 10 – SILKEN APPEAL – Close-up in both trials and wasn't hammered in either. Mac Qua showed pace (not much luck) last week to draw a line. Drawn to get good run, stable have three runners... check market !
2. 3 – KICK N CHASE – Ran second in only trial to tearaway/runaway winner (Without Compromise) on Sept 19. Given time to add to his fitness. Wasn't punished in that trial. One of three from stable, market?
3. 8 – FUTURE IMPACT – First trial was good, 2<sup>nd</sup> trail not so good not given tough time. Gerald Ryan can get them ready 1<sup>st</sup>-up.
4. 12 – VECCHIA ROMA – Trialled ok behind the very impressive Moonboat. Gate 1 a big plus and stable won the 2yo race last week from inside draw. Expected to run well...
5. 4 – WASHED – Ran second to Royal Esprit in trial and he ran well on debut. Respect Beadman taking the ride here and gate 3 ideal.

### **Race 2 – Class 3 Hcp 3yo – 1400m**

1. 2 – BERATE – Ran about on debut but simply too good before running on nicely with the blinkers on for 3.9L 4<sup>th</sup> to Court Command at Randwick when out to 1400m. They ran fast time! 1-22.13. Expecting him to have derived great benefit from that. Good little race but very happy to back him back to a C3...
2. 3 – DEVOUT – Was niggled at a fair way out here 2-back over 1200m but the pace was a cracker and she really got home hard. Went straight to 1600m Gp1 Flight Stks (fair assignment!!!) and was not disgraced. Back to this grade, back to 1400m. Go well !
3. 8 – MUSAYTIR – Half-brother to a handy one called Alinghi. Showed good natural ability on debut and probably wins with even luck there! In with just 51.5kg after the claim and drawn gate 1. In this !
4. 1 – MARITESS – Good win 1<sup>st</sup>-up coming from off the speed in slowly run race carting 57kg. Has to do it again

(carry the weight) Vs some real up and comers but fitter and 1400m trip are plusses.

5. 4 – MEDUESA – Started fav behind Maritess 1<sup>st</sup>-up and had her chance there on pace. Fitter now. Very well bred and bred to want 1400m. Competitive.

### **Race 3 – Class 6 Hcp F&M – 1400m**

1. 1 – REVERENZA – Resumed with good strong win at Warwick Farm and ran good time doing it. Her last two 2<sup>nd</sup>-up runs she was beaten less than 1L by At Ease at Canterbury (Astronomia was third) and last prep... she won by 4.3L at Wyong! Very hard to beat here...
2. 5 – AUNTY BETTY – Liked the way she got home last start after getting well back. They ran good time. Winner of that race A Country Girl has since run super in hot race at Randwick last Saturday. Only 1400m start she did fail but that was early in career and she is certainly acting like it will help her now. Run well.
3. 7 – TINSLEY – Was a bit much to ask of her last start going from 1100m-to-1600m. Back to 1400m now and previous run when supported (\$19-to-\$14) and third to Geigeron despite swinging wide well before the turn was terrific. Will sit on pace at this trip and fight.
4. 4 – INTERCHE – Good solid win 1<sup>st</sup>-up. Last two 2<sup>nd</sup>-up runs very good including last campaign when .6L off Dandrina over 1400m at WFM. In with no weight here after the claim but does have inexperienced jockey... All 1400m form very solid.
5. 2 – FLURO FEVER – Has a very good 1400m record (only miss was luckless 5<sup>th</sup> here) but coming off 7-week break into this. Has performed well off similar breaks in the past. In well after claim. E/way.

### **Race 4 – Class 3 Hcp – 1200m**

1. 9 – HOYSTAR – Debut win was outstanding running near record time (who does that on debut !?!?), the word was out, he started \$1.30... If he brings that to the races today he will be winning and will go onto much better things...
2. 7 – INSIDE FIFTY – Carried 61.5kgs 1<sup>st</sup>-up, started \$1.24, and won by panels! Won last prep (debut) by more than 7Lengths. Only defeat to date came at the hands of Magnus here over 1100m when they ran 1-3.27. Potentially could be something pretty special himself... The danger!
3. 2 – OOLITE – Good effort 1<sup>st</sup>-up when slow out and ran on very well for second to Geigeron here over 1100m. Is 2 from 2 2<sup>nd</sup>-up including big win last prep carting 59.5kgs. Gate 14 so not sure if he goes forward or back? Has the talent to be competitive but may want fav to have an off day to beat him!?!?
4. 12 – YIELDS OF GOLD – Started \$401 in the Nivison at Randwick won by Whoever but actually ran ok for easier. Was back and very wide there (4-wide) and was spotted hitting the line very late. Still not sure this is the race but if there is to be a major blowout...??? More likely value for multiples though. Would like to see her in mid-weeker...

5. 10 – MIMIDAE – Ran on 1<sup>st</sup>-up and wasn't beaten far. Did win easily 2<sup>nd</sup>-up last prep before stretching the smart At Ease at Canterbury and then was just 2.8L off Street Smart/ Regal Cheer in Light Fingers Stks. Place.

#### **Race 5 – Class 6 SW – 1900m**

1. 8 – AMEN – reasons outlined
2. 9 – ON THE UP – All three runs this prep really good but cant crack it for a win. Very unlucky last start when well back and in traffic before launching late. Previous effort he was mile back and too patiently ridden (again home hard, too late) and that was 2<sup>nd</sup>-up sharply to 1800m. The danger.
3. 4 – OLD MYSTIQUE – Started big odds 1<sup>st</sup>-up but had to like the run (never really been known for 1<sup>st</sup>-up heroics) when split subsequent WFA winner Cateclipse and the very promising Safwa. Fitter now performed ok 2<sup>nd</sup>-up in the past. Winning chance on that run/form.
4. 2 – CHESS RECORD – Led own pace and won 2-back this distance range before finding 2400m too far last time. Looks more speed engaged here which is his concern but can win if able to dictate. Scared under the odds here!
5. 7 – CASA DEL ROYALE – Peak fit now after three runs back. Got a mile back in on-pace dominated race last start and was shuffled back at a vital stage. Handles all conditions but never run a bad race on dry ground. In the mix for sure.

#### **Race 6 – Class 3 Hcp – 1500m**

1. 10 – FAT POSSUM – Has improved lengths this prep. Won Hawksbury Mdn 1<sup>st</sup>-up at odds before going to Warwick Farm, sitting 3 & 4 wide and running home hard. It was some run! Now he gets to 1500m 3<sup>rd</sup>-up and will be peaking. Real upward spiral to him.
2. 8 – PATRIOTISM – His run in the Gloaming Stks was good as he was 3-wide early, got in 900m but then was forced out again 4-wide before the turn. Beat a handy one (Fianchetto) in Hawks Class 1 prior. This is easier than Gloaming (All Black Gold/ Tuesday Joy ran quinella. Form!) just needs touch of luck from gate. Can win!
3. 3 – O'REASONATE – Ran on hard behind Fat Possum 1<sup>st</sup>-up and in well on relative weights after claim. Fitter now and pace on here suits. Forget latest 2<sup>nd</sup>-up run on wet ground. In the mix...
4. 2 – PARTY CRASHER – Another through that Fat Possum race and he sat on the speed before fighting on strongly. Much fitter here 3<sup>rd</sup>-up and did improve sharply 3<sup>rd</sup>-up in initial campaign. Relative weights against but gets nice run on speed from 4.
5. 1 – COMMANDING VICTORY – Super-honest and will find this much easier than the Bill Ritchie run at a scorching tempo (46.19 1<sup>st</sup>-800m) and he wasn't knocked around late there after being held-up. Previous form very strong and 3kg claim a big help. e/w

#### **Race 7 – Class 6 Hcp – 1200m**

1. 4 – HIPSTER DOOFUS – reasons outlined
2. 1 – ANWAAR – 1<sup>st</sup>-up also. Has a super fresh record himself (2 wins 1 third from 3) and his excellent dry track record is very hard to ignore (4 wins, 1 third from 5) and he is unbeaten at 1200m from 4 attempts. Claim sees him in well. Big danger!
3. 2 – GEIGERON – Under-rated horse. Liked the win 1<sup>st</sup>-up in fast time set up by subsequent winner Biscayne Bay. Is 3 from 3 at this track and has had a month off to recover from that good/tough 1<sup>st</sup>-up win! Very genuine.
4. 14 – SORBEAUX – Had no weight but had to like the win at WFM when no closer than 3-wide the trip and beat a couple of handy ones in Sonny Bill/ Innings running good time. Previous win (Acton Tk) very strong. He is in the zone at the minute and can sit on pace. Value for multiples.
5. 7 – REVERENZA – Obviously promote right-up if runs here instead of race 2 (reasons outlined there), If he runs there 12-TURN THE TIDE next best here.

#### **Race 8 – Open Hcp – 1400m**

1. 10 – OPERETTA LASS – Certainly did enough 1<sup>st</sup>-up in much harder race which turned out to be very much on-pace dominated. That form held up through At Ease last week and this mare drops in grade with added fitness and she is in very light after the claim for a group winner. Likely solid speed on here a big plus!
2. 1 – DIAMOND SUN – Settled midfield in hot Bill Ritchie 2<sup>nd</sup>-up but got 'pin-balled' when going for an inside run. Looked to have something to give there. This is easier but does cop the 58kg. Previous win carting the grandstand was terrific and pace on here a bonus.
3. 4 – TRIPLE DEE – Could have done more 1<sup>st</sup>-up but he flies 2<sup>nd</sup>-up. Was beaten a lip 2<sup>nd</sup>-up last prep by Orpington on Derby Day last prep. Has poor figures here at Rosehill which is the only concern. Drawn ideally for Beadman.
4. 8 – ASHKABAR – Too much pressure up front in the Bill Ritchie (46.19 1<sup>st</sup>-800m) but didn't drop right out. Back to this grade a help and previous run/win showed he is in that frame of mind that makes him very hard to run down. (when in this form last prep he stretched Our Apache & Malcom etc)
5. 2 – MR UBIQUITOUS – Claim a help. Been sitting on pace of late and giving his all. Still, he has poor winning strike-rate but a must for multiples. Meets Ashkabar better at weights for beating him in Bill Ritchie.

Good luck !

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