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SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK:

Racing was at FLEMINGTON Saturday for "Super Saturday" and what a day! The rail was not the place to be as the day wore on but other than that, the track played very well.

Run Of The Day:

Hard to go past WEEKEND HUSSLER with a good horses weight (he is a 3yo remember!), he beat a world-class sprinter in Magnus and they beat the rest easily. Wow !

...they ran 1-8.97 and GRAND DUELS was gallant, SWICK worked home well for 1400m and ZIPPING, hit the line beautifully, still he is yet to run a bad race in his life !

The Sires was Race 3 and it was a 3-way go! VON COSTA DE HERO got the stride in (every chance) over CARNERO (hit line super) and BURGEIS (looked winner 100m, peaked). MINNESOTA SHARK flew very late (best late sectionals) and ZAPURPLE is one to watch when he learns more, and gets over ground. Time: 1-23.75 off a 48.6 1st-800m.

Race 4 and that tough filly ZARITA pulled out all stops to roll ABSOLUT GLAM who looked a 'cert' at the 100m, in fairness to her, she pulled with a problem so... ? BASHFUL GIRL should have finished closer (tightened late/ ran well) and ARAPAHO MISS absolutely flew late, wow! Her last 200m was the equal-fastest of the day. QUEEN OF QUEENS was out-spiced by Absolut Glam but was warming up nicely on the line, and she was only 2nd-up (off a heavy track run 1st-up) and wants 2000m. Time: 1-36.76

The Guineas was Race 7 and what a race, what depth we have in the 3yo's. LIGHT FANTASTIC had the right run and 'fell in' a little bit but it was the end of his very first prep remember... Outstanding effort ! MARCHING got out in time for mine, he goes to Sydney now, PLAYWRIGHT worked home nicely (might be better outside them) and SOUND JOURNEY kept coming well... LARGO LAD ? You watch the replay and make your own mind up... me? He should have won !!! (maybe I am biased though) Time: 1-36.41

The Australian Cup was Race 8 and SIRMIONE sprinted like a very good horse and won easily. PRINCESS COUP had no luck at a vital stage and hit the line hard to nut CASINO PRINCE (just didn't get 2000m) for 2nd.... there was a big gap to the rest...

ORANGE COUNTY in the last absolutely launched late to get up, his 22.05/11.46 late sectionals were the fastest of the day.... Still underrated ! GOTTA HAVE HEART was gallant and COUNT TO ZERO really hit the line late. SONIC QUEST worked home well (2nd-fastest sectionals) and he was only 2nd-up. Time: 1-23.58 off a modest 49.24 1st-800m

The Forgive File:

KATHERINE GOLD (wide), ESKIMO QUEEN (most unlucky !), BON HOFFA (played up prior?), LARGO LAD (sigh!), RAFFEOLLO (wide), VALEDICTUM (wide).

In Sydney racing was at ROSEHILL on a slow track, they were certainly off the rail pretty quickly up there.

Run Of The Day:

BOBADAH for mine, he was given no hope, sat wide, went forward mid-race working, yet ran them down! Serious horse.

Speaking of serious horses, here were the other star runs on the day:

RACING TO WIN (only 2nd-up !!!), OCCURRENCE (classes above), TUESDAY JOY (top return), FIGHTING FUND (measured up!), SNIPER'S BULLET (nice), HOTDANISH (how good !?!?).

Not taking much note of relative times of the day (slow track) and think this form can shift around on dry tracks to come but these above can be followed...

The Forgive File:

MARSMAGIC (too wet), SIR JAMES (ridden upside/ down), LA SARONET (poor recovery), GERGIS (slaughtered), DILLINGER (he is better than that!), SPIRIT OF TARA (given no hope/ ran well), BELLAGIO WYNN (ditto), MY LADY'S CHAMBER (wide/ poleaxed), CENTURY SERB (amiss).

To today's racing...

BET OF THE DAY (Melb)

FLEMINGTON - Race 6 No.8 - **TRANSLATE** - Put the writing on the wall last time with a flashing second to Catechuchu (who had a soft lead) running some of the fastest sectionals of the day. Peaks here 3rd-up and note, 3rd-up last prep she beat all-bar Divine Madonna in a G1/WFA race at 1600m, the Myer Classic. Go close on that !!

BET OF THE DAY (Syd)

ROSEHILL - Race 4 No.3 - **NEWPORT** - Was a month between runs into last start and settled a mile back (held-up turn) then was finding the lien very nicely before being held-up again his last 100m. Will be fitter, he has great form at 1800m and with even luck, can go very close here at nice odds.

BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY

FLEMINGTON - Race 9 No.6 - **ELECTROMOTIVE** - Had no luck 1st-up then sprinted quickly 2nd-up but couldn't hold off the promising Tintern. Back in 3rd was Jabal Tarik who then won by panels. Peaks 3rd-up and ran super here at 1600m in a Carbine Club in the spring. That \$10 can't be right can it !?!?!?

BEST EACH-WAY BET OF THE DAY

FLEMINGTON - Race 4 No.5 - **PINNACLES** - Ran enormous 1st-up at juicy odds when close-up 4th to Molotov (then ok in G1) despite a 3-wide trip. Suspect he had a flat run 2nd-up off that tough run then he just missed the promising Skiddaw Peak in the Echuca Cup and they spaced the rest. Go well.

BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY

FLEMINGTON - Race 8 No.8 - **SOMETHING ANYTHING** - Tough race with lots of queries. Wonder if this good trier will be silly odds? He resumes and ran a great race fresh last prep at Rosehill when 4-wide and kept at it. In light here and if he is in touch 300m out... Hmmm.

TOP-RATED RUNNERS

FLEMINGTON

Race 1 - 2yo Sprint - 1000m

1. 14 - SILENT BUT DEADLY - She loomed-up ominously on debut behind some top-shelf 2yo's in Montana Flyer (then forgivable flop) and Typhoon Fury (then 2nd in Black Opal Stks) on heavy. Unless some debutantes are very smart this race is much easier and a drier track may see sharp improvement. Tough race but happy to back her each-way.
2. 2 - FOLAU - He raced solo on the outside rail here and was right with them until the last 100m. The effort was super. The only horse I have seen win "solo" up the straight in 18-years of doing form is Choisir, who was a freak talent. Debut run to Whisper Bay etc now looks good form too.
3. 6 - SIDEREUS - Drawn well. Was not far from Sebring on debut who looks the top 2yo right now (but wait !!!) then made ground in the Prelude in what was a totally on-pace dominated race. Can win!
4. 15 - ALTITUDE - Started very short on debut but she blew the start and then raced wide. Winner there Red Flair was \$8-to-\$12 so expecting Altitude to beat her home here with a softer run, and, also expecting that form to be good... so, she goes in and may be odds.
5. 11 - PENNY BANGER - Was backed heavy on debut (Smerdon!!! Follow this stable when they have a crack) and he won brilliantly. May just come out and win here given natural improvement. Likely favourite.

Race 2 - Hcp - 2000m

1. 3 - SARATIME - Accounted for About Face and Road To Athens at Caulfield/ 2000m then wasn't far away in the Launceston Cup at 2400m when favourite. Much prefer him back at 2000m and this lacks depth. Run well.
2. 5 - BROM BROM - Massive odds last start for a horse that was competitive with the favourite, giving him weight. His win was very good, he made a long wide run and kept going. He is in light being a 3yo against more seasoned horses but certainly expect 2000m to suit. Winning chance.
3. 2 - JUKEBOX JOHNNY - Loomed to beat About Face at Caulfield but he was much too strong, that form obviously ties in and he was only 2nd-up so should be peaking for this. He ran well (no luck) 1st-up too.
4. 6 - BLUE COLLAR JACK - Closed ok in the Pakenham Cup despite a mainly on-pace bias prevalent that day. He ran well 1st-up prior (not sure what happened between those runs/ 2nd-up blues?) but has claims here.
5. 9 - ROMANTIC DANE - He was driven mad in the lead last time and stuck on ok. He made the promising Putney Bridge work to beat him prior. May get a soft lead here with no weight so has a good case.

Race 3 - 3yoF Hcp - 1000m

1. 6 - BOLD MOMENT - 1st-up. I have a bit of time for this filly. She won easily when resuming last prep then went on to be very competitive with Gamble Me/ Beaming etc. That form-line ties her right into this race with it's lack of depth and expect she has come on also...
2. 1 - BEAUTY SCHOOL - 1st-up. Doubt she is any star but she does try hard and looks well-placed here despite the weight. Forget she went around 1st-up last prep when never out of trouble. She did win her 1st-up run prior to that (a Blue Diamond Preview).

3. 2 - LISTEN HERE - 1st-up. Has some handy (male) scalps through her last campaign. Like her at 1000m, ridden cold and if those tactics are applied, certainly this small field will suit her.
4. 8 - NUCLEAR FORCE - She found Sienna's Star too strong 1st-up giving her weight. Fitter now and note, she was only 5L off Belcentra and Beaming 2nd-up last prep. That Beaming form-line ties her in here...
5. 4 - JOYEUSE - Very genuine filly who sat 3-wide at MV when resuming but won anyway. Her worst career finish is a 3L 4th (on debut) and she gets weight off a few 'better performed' ones.

Race 4 - Hcp - 1400m

1. 5 - PINNACLES - Ran enormous 1st-up at juicy odds when close-up 4th to Molotov (then ok in G1) despite a 3-wide trip. Suspect he had a flat run 2nd-up off that tough run then he just missed the promising Skiddaw Peak in the Echuca Cup and they spaced the rest. Go well.
2. 4 - AT THE OASIS - Forget he went around 1st-up when sat back as leaders walked up front, on a day on-pacers fared very well anyway. His trial win prior over Marching shows he has come back. He ran ok in a G1 Rupert Clarke 2nd-up last prep. Bounces back today.
3. 7 - DIAMOND COVE - Her form this prep is terrific when you delete one 1600m run against the males. Much prefer her back to 1400m and she is well-weighted here. Chance!
4. 9 - ANTIDOTES - Made a very pleasing return at Caulfield behind Bel Mer & Co. running home late in a fast race over an unsuitable trip. Fitter and out to 1400m suits much better. Must have bone-dry track.
5. 3 - MONTECHORO - Genuine beast who likes 1400m. He won a race here at this trip over the carnival beating Muzdaher. Forget he ran 1st-up when very wide. Note, he won 2nd-up last prep at Sale with ease!

Race 5 - Hcp - 2500m

1. 9 - KALASHNIKOV - Beat Winnersaregrinners and co quite easily last time, that form looks strong after Winnersaregrinners then came out and won. Note, that was his first attempt beyond 2000m and he was strong there so 2500m should be ideal. He is yet to run a poor race (2nd is worst finish) since coming to Oz 5 starts ago.
2. 8 - WINNERSAREGRINNERS - Tough win last time out to the 2400m. He tried hard prior behind Kalashnikov and the thing in his favour ism he is proven at this distance range. Will sit handy and fight.
3. 12 - BEHOLD - Has similar form-lines of late to Kalashnikov/ Winnersaregrinners and can't get that MV run (3-back) out of my head when wide, over-raced, yet kept coming... By Zabeel so suspect he will put it all together one day soon...
4. 4 - WATCHES - Found the 58kg and firm track against her at Lakeisde. Her MV run prior when running on well despite a slow pace, and racing in inferior ground was terrific. Peaks here and she won the SA Oaks at this trip remember.
5. 1 - SHORT PAUSE - Fel in three runs back but the form around his last run (behind Cefalu / then ran super in an Adelaide Cup) says he is right in this moderate affair. Has carried big weights before and run ell. Goes in.

Race 6 - Matron Stks - Mares - 1600m

1. 8 - TRANSLATE - Put the writing on the wall last time with a flashing second to Catechuchu (who had a soft lead) running some of the fastest sectionals of the day. Peaks here 3rd-up and note, 3rd-up last prep she beat all-bar Divine Madonna in a G1/WFA race at 1600m, the Myer Classic. Go close on that !!
2. 5 - ILLINOIS GIRL - Looked a good thing at Caulfield but ah, the joys of the punt, she pulled-up with sore front legs. Her previous two runs this prep were excellent (flew late 1st-up in slick sectionals/ attacked line 2nd-up off walking tempo). Bounces back.
3. 6 - CANCANELLE - One day everything will fall into place, and she will win at nice odds. Her late sectionals were good 1st-up and she wasn't far off Devil Moon when 2nd-up last prep. Her previous two 2nd-up runs.. she won !
4. 7 - PLEASANTSUNDAYGIRL - Super-honest filly who may well enjoy getting away from Zarita & Co. and she is in ok at weights Vs older mares here. Looks the bullet-proof one each-way... Goes in everything.
5. 12 - TRICK OF LIGHT - Disappointed as a stayer late in her last prep. She resumes here and boasts terrific 1st-up form including a second to Blitz'em Riley 1st-up last prep (Skiddaw Peak was 3rd). Her worst ever 1st-up run was 2nd... Has the class & well-weighted.
6. 4 - POST THYME, 2-LIKE IT IS and 1-BROM FELINITY can all win too... Typically tough mares race.

Race 7 - G3 Blamey Stks - 1600m

1. 5 - ORANGE COUNTY - Sensational 1st-up run off a walking tempo (best late sectionals of the day) at 1100m then jumped sharply to 1400m 2nd-up and just needed that one, plus slow pace was no help. Stormed home late last week here again, running the best sectionals of the day to win very well. 1600m no problem. In well relative weights. Go well again.
2. 6 - CARGO CULT - Flying! Kept coming well in the G1/WFA Futurity Stks last time. Had no luck turning and flew home prior. Back to a handicap suits. Good chance.
3. 3 - COUNT TO ZERO - He rushed late (after getting off heels) to the outside behind Orange County last week. He had no hope prior off a slow pace and he found trouble. Out to 1600m suits but meets Orange County worse at weights. Best form is when outside horses.
4. 10 - MOLOTOV - Terrific return win here at 1400m (normally puts in a shocker fresh) so come back well, he then ran well in a G1 Futurity Stks (crossed line with Miss Finland). Out to 1600m suits and can peak here. Good dry-tracker.
5. 8 - ARBITRATION - Raced 3-wide no cover in the futurity and refused to yield. He flew at the line prior with his big weight and may well have tested Poised To Win. Very good miler. Over the odds.

Race 8 - ATA/Hoysted Hcp - 1000m

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2. 7 - IMMORTALITY - 1st-up. Has placed 3 of 4 at 1000m (no luck in other). Ran 1L 3rd to Spectacular Saint 1st-up last prep at 1100m. Can run fast time and has scope... also in light.
3. 1 - LET GO THOMMO - The class galloper but does have the 60kg. Won at WFA three run sback and has had no luck at all his last two in much harder races. Goes in.
4. 6 - GIBRALTAR CHAMPION - Ran super 1st-up and as it turns out, a second to Light Fantastic was not a bad run!!! She actually couldn't kick off that hot speed anyway. Is a G2 winner at 1200m. Tiny query back to 1000m 2nd-up for mine and she will be favourite!?!?
5. 3 - ZUPAONE - 1st-up. Very good fresh horse. In fact, he is just a very good horse. There are genuine excuses for his flops. He boasts three wins fresh and one terrific 3rd (flew late in a good race in Adelaide in fast time). If 100%, he will go very close.

Race 9 - 3yo Hcp - 1400m

1. 6 - ELECTROMOTIVE - Had no luck 1st-up then sprinted quickly 2nd-up but couldn't hold off the promising Tintern. Back in 3rd was Jabal Tarik who then won by panels. Peaks 3rd-up and ran super here at 1600m in a Carbine Club in the spring.
2. 5 - ANAVALANCHE - Very, very nice late work last week off a slow pace. Desperate for 1400m and remember his top win here last prep ?? Can win.
3. 10 - LA ROCKET - Won well enough 1st-up with track pattern in his favour then bolted in a showcase race 2nd-up breaking 1-9 for the 1200m... Looks very promising!
4. 4 - VANDALO - Was trapped wide and struck trouble when resuming so forgive that. He won 2nd-up last prep in style then went on to be competitive with good quality 3yo's.
5. 8 - TARGET - Was near top-pick until he drew barrier 344. Wonder if the pattern will help him by race 18 in 7-days though??? Very talented but still learning the caper. Goes in!
6. 20 - CLASS PREVAILS - Include her if she gets a run at cricket-score odds.... Other hopes too! Tough race !

ROSEHILL

Race 1 - 86RB Hcp - 2000m

1. 10 - SIR JAMES - Our Bet Of The Day last week, and after they had gone 200m, we were worried as he was taken to the lead, against the pattern of the day, and the horse's best form. Stable change jockeys today. His form prior was excellent ridden back. Expecting much better.
2. 9 - FANTASTIC ANGEL - Was still a mile back turning last start in an on-pacers race and had no hope. He found the line very nicely (2nd-fastest late sectionals) and a steep rise to 2000m, whilst always a tiny query, may well suit this filly. Loves Rosehill.
3. 5 - FORT N WON - Attacked the lead a long way out last week and no surprise the swoopers dominated the race. Drawn to get a good run here and with a more patient

approach can threaten Sir James (but was no match for him two runs back). Each-way hope.

4. 8 - READY TO LIFT - His only poor run this prep was on heavy ground. Impressed in winning last start and is unbeaten at 2000m. In well after claim. Winning hope.
5. 1 - SEPIA - Has the big weight but suspect he will improve sharply on dry ground today. Ran well 1st-up considering he is no wet-tracker then found 1400m way too sharp 2nd-up. Out to 2000m suits.. May be silly odds here!?

Race 2 - 86RB Hcp - 1400m

1. 8 - BLACK PIRANHA - Sat back and produced a big finish at Canterbury last time (blanket finish). Out to 1400m and down in weight are big ticks. The speed looks genuine here which will suit and Rosehill is his best track (3 runs here, 3 very good efforts!). Will be happier on dry ground too.
2. 13 - ANY HUMOUR - Was a big tip around last time but had little hope as he was pressured and raced in inferior ground. He wasn't far away. Sat wide and kept coming in excellent effort 1st-up. Peaks now. Go well.
3. 2 - BLESSUS - Good effort last time with his massive weight when only run down by the promising Musket. The claim here is a big help and all his form on Good/Dead tracks is either very good, or luckless. Can win.
4. 7 - TEST EDITION - Had every hope last time but kept coming well (equal 2nd fastest splits). Blessus now meets him 2.5kg better for beating him but this guy was only 2nd-up and with natural improvement... Note: He beat Upper Echelon easily 3rd-up last prep. Goes in.
5. 1 - SOILED - 1st-up and in new stable. May improve sharply this campaign under the A.Cummings banner and has trialled very nicely. Big weight but genuinely promising.

Race 3 - 3yo Qlty - 1100m

1. 3 - CRAVINGS - 1st-up. Sat off midfield and impressed on debut sweeping home then easily beat the handy Maltese at start No.2... then spelled. Has trialled well and expect she has come on from her first prep.
2. 2 - XAARDANTE - Co-led in a hot 34.48 1st-600m in the Challenge Stks when resuming and stuck on bravely. Gate 1 again and it looks a pressure race again but if he can get the right run, and off the rail, he can win. Note, he won easily 2nd-up last prep.
3. 1 - RAPID JACKO - 1st-up. Won his first four last prep and had some good scalps (El Cambio !). Trialled well and is just so tough! A must.
4. 8 - SEETHING DUCK - Led and ran along (was 3L clear turning) and raced in inferior ground last time but stuck on gamely. Back to 1100m no concern. Another advantaged here taking a sit and getting off the rail. Has a case.
5. 9 - TENANT'S TIARA - Was sent out big odds on debut but she bolted in and her time was ok. That was only a city/midweek/maiden but it looked good! Level of improvement the key.

Race 4 - Welter Hcp - 1800m

1. 3 - NEWPORT - Was a month between runs into last start and settled a mile back (held-up turn) then was finding the lien very nicely before being held-up again his last

100m. Will be fitter, he has great form at 1800m and with even luck, can go very close here at nice odds.

2. 9 - NUCLEAR SKY - Had the good run as it turned out last week (leaders went hard from 700m & set it up) but he finished well and was carting a lazy 59kg. Plummet in weight. Go well again.
3. 5 - EXINITE - Was backed 1st-up at Wyong but that track was suiting on-pacers, and he had the big weight, yet ran on ok. He goes well 2nd-up and is suited by the rise in distance. Improver here and also may get out to silly odds.
4. 6 - MI CASA - Did enough 1st-up then sat handy and tried hard but just found Spirit Of Tara too strong, that horse ran super last week. Peaks 3rd-up and drawn to get the gun run. Good Rosehill horse.
5. 12 - FORT N WON - Also accepted in race 1. Chance if runs here to avoid Sir James.

Race 5 - 3yo Hcp - 1200m

1. 5 - HE'S CANNY - Good return 1st-up behind Paratroopers (had some very good gallopers in his wake: Racing To Win/ Snipers Bullet) and he won 2nd-up last prep here by 3 Lengths! All his form on Good/Dead tracks is terrific. This is easier!
2. 9 - SCORCHED EARTH - Excellent win in fast time two-back accelerating off a strong speed and running fast time. Battled hard last time on the heavy. In with 51.5kg here which is amazing (after claim). 1200m is his best trip!
3. 1 - DOUBLE DARE - Class act resuming. Big finish/ win 1st-up last prep. Similar story 1st-up prior flashing home. In with 55.5kg after the claim which is a luxury weight. His stats at 1200m, at Rosehill are excellent... Goes in everything.
4. 4 - FOX LAKE - The biggest victim of track bias in history!? Always lays to inside rail and almost always the rail is "off" by the time he runs. Loaded with ability but has his share of problems (and a few others' share).
5. 3 - CANARY ISLANDS - Put in an average one last time but he wasn't beaten far. Likes this track/trip. This lacks depth.

Race 6 - Silver Slipper Stks - 2yo - 1100m

1. 6 - AMELIA'S DREAM - Hard to not be impressed by her debut win by nearly 10 Lengths when \$1.60 fav. on heavy. Onto a dry track, up to the A-grade but must be top pick.
2. 1 - DUBAI TO SYDNEY - Tough effort on debut to beat Typhoon Fury who then ran super. Made the smart Sebring really work to beat him last time... That is great form. Very tough 2yo and can keep improving here. The danger.
3. 4 - HIPS DON'T LIE - Ran on ok in the Blue Diamond but never looked like winning. The diamond/Melb form is shaping well (Sugar Babe last week). Not 100% sure back to 1100m suits her but she is very genuine.
4. 2 - STAR RIPPER - 1st-start. Son of the might Dane Ripper who has trialled very well. Cost them \$400k. Big watch.
5. 5 - ROCK ME BABY - Ran well but just found Portillo a shade too strong 1st-up. Had some good one's in her wake and will be better for that. Has a case.

Race 7 - G2 Golden Rose - 3yo - 1400m

1. 3 - EL CAMBIO - Chased hard 1st-up but Triple Honour was a bit strong, meets him 2kg better now. Good tough win 2nd-up and certainly expecting 1400m to suit 3rd-up, and peaking.
2. 7 - TRIPLE HONOUR - Smart horse who won well 1st-up over subsequent winner El Cambio. Has more upside than most and acts like he will relish 1400m. Has won 4 of 5... Relative weights against but can offset that with natural improvement.
3. 11 - MIMI LEBROCK - Terrific win 1st-up over the older mares then had no luck at all at a vital stage last time. All her Rosehill form is excellent, she has always looked suited at 7-furlongs and is in well this weight-scale. Can win.
4. 10 - FORENSICS - Hard to knock that 1st-up win coming from last and running down spruik horse Sliding Cube off her excellent trial. Looks back in town! Drawn out but that may be ok by now and she also is suited at 1400m now.
5. 2 - CENT PER CENT - Unbeaten this prep and keeps beating a good filly in Isurava. Ran an ok 3.4L 6th to El Cambio one day giving him weight, obviously better now...

Race 8 - G3 Millie Fox Stks - F&M - 1300m

1. 6 - ABSOLUTELYFABULOUS - Underrated dry-tracker. Forgive her (wet) run 1st-up when nearly fell early then she ran on hard 2nd-up on a Dead surface. Gets onto a firm track here 3rd-up and out to 1300m, these are all ticks and, a genuine speed here will suit. Loves Rosehill. May be silly odds?
2. 13 - SWISSAC - Terrific win 1st-up off her long spell then raced a touch flat 2nd-up but kept coming. Kept fresh for the drop back to 1300m (tiny query) but again, pace on suits and stable flying.
3. 7 - PERFECT DROP - Hit the line super when resuming (clear best sectionals) despite a moderate tempo (quinella were 1-2 all way) and she now gets a nice weight-pull on November Flight. Smart mare suited stepping up in trip (may even want further now???)... Goes in.
4. 5 - A COUNTRY GIRL - Top return win at Canberra in good time then raced very wide in a good race 2nd-up and was eased down late. Drawn out again but that may suit today and she has the quality and may be odds.
5. 2 - FLYING ALPHA - Settled closer last start and beat all-bar 1st-up specialist Gallant Tess. Keeps hitting the line super. Out to 1300m suits but gate 1... check pattern.
6. 15 - DISTINCTIVE LASS - Should have won last start. Promising filly who goes in here if she gets a run...

Race 9 - 86RB Hcp - 1500m

1. 8 - ABSENT FRIENDS - Thought he was terrific in the Canberra Guineas tracking very wide yet kept coming, winner there Steel Giant is smart. Keeps improving and in an impossible race, hoping he is some value.
2. 3 - EMPERATOR - Nicely-related and very promising colt. Beat all-bar Gergis on debut then spelled. Two very good runs back and won very well 2nd-up at 1400m picking-up like a good horse. Wants the extra trip. Drawn out. Pattern?

3. 1 - GUILLOTINE - 1st-up. Has the best form but has 59.5kg and gate 16? Beat all-bar the handy older horse Party Crasher 1st-up last prep then won easily 2nd-up. Both dry-track runs have been very good. Will win better races than this...
4. 13 - IMVULA - Struck a dry-track for the first time last start when 2nd-up and won easily at \$1.40. Ok that was a Kembla maiden but he had 58kg and ran time. Keeps improving, goes in all bets.
5. 11 - DEALER PRINCIPAL - Forgive his debut (missed kick/ leaders track/ wet) then strong win over Cigar Royale (above average) at only start No.2... Wants 1500m, was plenty of scope, and may go through the roof on bone dry...

Good luck !

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