

SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK:

Four meetings to get through from last week:

1. SANDOWN – 24/12

Racing at Sandown last Saturday was on the Hillside circuit and the rail was out 4M. Pretty much every winner came from on the pace, away from inside rail but doubt there was any 'track bias'...

RUN OF THE DAY honours to the 2yo JUMLAH (race 2) who went forward, wide-out to lead and just kept going! She was a mile too good for her rivals in a dominant win. Expect the form to hold up strongly too as they ran a very sharp 57.27 (only .05 slower than the 3yo Pinezero in race 1) and there were big margins 1st to 2nd, 2nd to 3rd etc.

In the same race: FUN IN FLIGHT (no match for winner but beat 3rd filly 3L), SENORITA DE LAGO (1st start, green, hesitant but kept finding the line, expect blinkers on and sharp improvement at start no.2), GYPSY COUPEZ (midfield, ran on well) and TILL TIME (back, much to learn, still green in her action... did close!) all were good.

Race 4 was won quite easily by DISMISSAL who did enjoy being ridden with some cover. It was very much an on-pace dominated race but they certainly didn't walk early covering their 1st-600m in 38.15 for the 1300m trip. JAY KAY BEE led and tried hard KELTHORPE was third, and they beat the 4th horse by a space.

IT'S PICNIC did run on well, and was only 2nd-up... Overall time was 1:18.08

Race 5 was also a 1300m affair, this time for the 3yo fillies, they didn't go hard here (BE DELICIOUS led in a leisurely 39.51 second 1st-600m) but there were some ripper runs in it: FANFARES (won, and she is a real trier, she was niggled at a fair way out), BRONZETTA (ran on well, loomed a nit.. only 2nd start/up), TREMEZZO (3-wide, no cover the trip, kept closing and actually hit the line late despite the tough run, has a future, this was only 2nd start also... best run in race!) and BELLA PRINCESS (2nd-up, ran on very well Vs tempo – she came home last 400m in 21.80 – fastest for the day). The fillies overall time was 1:19.93

TRISTO won race 6, from well back (one of only 2 winners to come from further back than 5TH at the 600m)... simply too good, especially when you consider the leaders ran a leisurely 50.69 1st-800m (1600m race). TRISTO did break 46 seconds for his last 800m (45.82), that's good going! Others: I DO BLUE (covered ground), TARA'S HALLS (ran on well after being held up 300m-to-200m) and even PHENOM (ran ok for easier, tracking wide too soon) were all good.

The pace was on in the other 1600m affair (race 7) with BREEZY setting up a good speed and being taken on (1st 800m in 48.69 – that's 2 seconds or roughly 12 lengths faster than the males in race 6). Winner TALONS SHOWN

had the drop but won very well and ran 1:36.62. RUBY TROIS ran on very well from last.

THE FORGIVE FILE:

TESTATUDE (slow out 2-3L), SURELY YOU JEST (co-led early, eased, cut back inside, not great tactics, ran well), DON'T TELL TOM (61kg and he always struggles when up in the weights), JURLIQUE (wide and attacking fast speed), BREEZY (was attacked and rolled back to inside fence), MY PAL KACHINKA (too bad to be true) and JEUNIQUE (made wide run before turn).

2. WARWICK FARM – 24/12

Racing at Warwick Farm was on a GOOD track and the rail was out 2M. ALL winners on the day were off the inside rail (didn't see that coming), horses were able to sit wide and perform very well. Boy, was it tough to lead today... Be forgiving of any horse who led or made his/her run against the inside.... They all seemed under pressure a long way out and were often beaten a long way...

RUN OF THE DAY award goes to DOUBLE ENTENDRE who's effort to sit very wide (4-deep) and face the breeze throughout, yet run the fastest last 600m of the race (34.64) was full of merit. Will be very hard to beat in similar grade next start, just hope he gets out to some value? In the same race (race 5) the winner CROWN TOWN sat deep and won, was only 2nd up too... The 3yo's ran 1:11.64 which was a good gallop considering the slow 1st-600m of 36.67. COUNT MILANO chased well, cutting back to inside rail.

FROZEN was probably the best run in the race (race 1) as he was caught wide early then 4-wide before the turn after trying to snooker one of the fav's... winner CRESTA RUN was solid (does enjoy being ridden cold), they ran only 1:25.36 (.66 slower than the other 1400m class 3 despite same early sectionals) which was interesting.

ANAMANOR won race 3 and it was one of the wins of the day, back, off a slow pace (1st 600m in 36.81 for an 1100m race) ... top win, and his 22.71 last 400m was the 3rd fastest of the day... OLLIE VOLLIE attacked leaders early and tried very hard when headed and SEXYAZ, who was 1st-up, at only start no.2, hit the line super after sitting back and wide-out... very promising!

Race 5 was taken out impressively by COOL FRONT, he was quite dominant and did enjoy a fast early pace. In fact, this race was very much set-up for the closers. Leaders ran a 47.74 1st-800m but were then attacked 600m out forcing the pressure/pace to be on all the way. The first 5 home here all (no surprise) came from the tail. MAGIC MARVO, TURAGA, XELERATE (only 1st up) and DIAMOND SUN (amazing effort as he missed the start 8 Lengths!!!). Nothing wrong with their time of 1:23.53 (again, no surprise with the pressure on)

Race 7 was won by SLY DOG who was only 2nd up, got there in a deceptive finish to roll CLEVERGAZE (every chance). They did run faster time than the other 1400m class 3 (.66 faster). Did like the effort of PURPLE DANE here who slipped away around the turn and held third up against inside rail (where no winners came). GOLDCHILD flew home here 1st up and he 'flies' 2nd up also... Came home 23.09 his last 400m (4th fastest of day)... watch him next start.

The final event saw 2nd up specialist INFLATION sit back and wide and sprint down the outside to get up, all honours with him as he didn't get a cart into the race at all yet ran the fastest last 600/400/200m of the day! He ran 58.47 for the 1000m trip. Others of note: LIL ELSA (1st up, slight check 300m, got split), STORM SEEKER (inside winner, 1st up, kept coming) and FORCE ZULU (1st up, hit the line...his last 600m = with Inflation) were good.

THE FORGIVE FILE:

NEXGEN (stopped in tracks when making ground, got to outside, flashed home), LADY REMLAP (led), TIRDLETTAR (very wide), CAPE TRINARE (wide early, forward to sit on lead and attacked early), GOTTI (very wide), TIPPU TIP (led), STANDABOVE (behind it), JIVAGO (co-led and attacked early), RESISTOR (co-led and attacked early), TRUE CROWN (same again...), GENGHIS KHAN (back, inside, checked and in worst spot!), FEARS (wide) and HEADLAND (led).

3. FLEMINGTON - 26/12

Racing was on a GOOD track and it was pretty firm, they were running fast times all-day. Rail was out 9M. Most winners came from right up on the pace (all in first 6 at 600m) and straight races were dominated by those towards outside rail.

RUN OF THE DAY? Going with IMPINGE... She sat back and very wide the trip, facing the breeze and consequently over-raced badly, she then somehow got held up at the 250m, she then still managed to chase very strongly to the line and the leaders got away with murder... a 1st-1200m of 1:17.78 is a canter, she still hit the line... does she have some ability or what... When she learns what this racing caper is all about... look out!!!

SWISS STORM and TIS MAIZING settled 3,4 and sprinted well. RUSHED was beaten by the slow tempo, she charged home down the outside recording a 22.53 final 400m split at the end of 2000metres. Even EARLY WAKENING ran ok with pace not on to suit.

KATS CLAUSE won race 1 in 1:02.81 (sharp!!!) and rolled LUCKY DIVA who had broken clear and looked the winner. SHADES OF LAUGHTER had no excuses but ran very well. The 'run' is exactly the same whether they are 100/1 or even money...

Liked the win of KHAPERO in race 2 who led, absorbed some pressure coming on early and held them all out. Pulled

up with slow recovery rate though? Ran 58.29 and is very nicely bred...

GALEN chased well up the middle and SHAKE IT OFF, got back, ran on well up the centre (no advantage for a 2yo) and recorded the fastest last 200m of the day, 11.44 (Galen 11.46, winner 11.48).

MINSON led the 1410m race 3 and just kept kicking... ran 1:22.29 (or 1:21.70 adjusted to 1400m)... that's a good gallop! BENSON lost his spot at the top of the straight and was left flat-footed but finished hard late, nice effort!

A very slow pace was set-up in race 4 and the winner MOLLY'S FOLLY was strong on the post (did have every chance) and is a filly with plenty of upside. Liked the effort of the runner-up, AMATILA who just keeps digging when under pressure, she closed very well off the slow pace and did hit the line (they went 51.11 their 1st-800m which is a walk)... other good efforts: GRINFUL (2L last vs slow pace, flew to the 100m, then held) and JEANARMOUR (kept closing well through on inside). Time for the 1610m was 1:38.25, which is 1:37.64 adjusted to 1600m.

MURRAY DOWNS flew (again) to win race 5. Keeps running super-time. On this occasion, 1-2.38 was just .18 outside the course record! BLUR chased home really well 1st up and recorded the fastest last 600/400m splits of the day (32.87/22.32). He's not over the hill just yet...

ULYSSES continued his resurgence, he won again, and it was a carbon-copy of his last win... ridden cold, with cover (that's the key) through on inside, good win! The speed was on up front here with BOTERO leading through the first 800m in 48.83 for the 1720m trip, had one (SKY LOVE) keeping him honest too... he did a good job, as always. LANDLOPER ran on from last, loomed a bit but couldn't run them down. PERSONAL IMAGE's late secs were ok.

The final event was won impressively by GIBERNAU, he is flying and he flattened out beautifully to run down LARSON who tried to do it all the way... pace was on early (47.40 1st-800m) and the overall time was a sizzling 1:21.43 (adjusted from 1:22.02 for 1410m). POSTCODE flew home for third but GIBERNAU was up 5th and running home in 33.59/22.42 & 11.47, some of the quickest splits of the day and that made him damn hard to run down. Liked the run of PRINCE RHUBARB too who over-raced a bit, was never in enough room but came home nicely. Expect this form to hold up, they ran the time and there were big margins 1st to 2nd to 3rd to 4th

THE FORGIVE FILE:

WALTZ MUSIC (Went solo inside), FASLIYAIRE (went solo inside), VILLA ALVERADO (wide trip), ASPENDALE (very wide trip), KING'S ARCH (upside down), MURCIELAGO (rider concerned with action), GRAND LEGEND (tracked wide) and MENEEF (very wide run).

4. RANDWICK - 26/12

Track was GOOD, rail was True. Thought the racing was very fair, a few came from the back, a few led all the way... no bias evident.

RUN OF THE DAY... Well it was obviously AQUA D'AMORE again... out to 2400m, with the 57kg and she blew them away, just as she did 2-weeks earlier in the Gp2 Villiers over 1600m, gun mare, great trainer!

The Christmas Cup was run at a modest tempo early but they did wind up before the 600m mark (as is the trend, and key, to leader BEAT THE TIDE). COUNTY TYRONE ran on well from the back he recorded virtually identical sectionals to the winner. COMMAND DECISION ran well for something easier.

A field of 4 contested race 1 and SQUATTERS led, and ran them along (34.78 1st-600m for 1300m race is a very solid gallop) and she ran well, has a bit to learn but plenty of raw talent! PLANS knuckled down well to score, overall time was 1:15.84... form should hold up.

OLD MYSTIQUE led all the way in race 2, he looked in trouble at the 100m but toughed it out well. RESPECT loomed to win running on from a long last. 1st-1200m of the event was run in 1:15.41 so leaders didn't go hard. Overall time of 2:02.64 was another good run.

Race 4 was won by ASSERTIVE (who was one of the runs of the day on debut coming home in 11.22 3 weeks back (second fastest of the day) and was \$17 on course here)... big finish up the middle. Home here 11.88 (4th fastest of the day final 200m) and pace was good early (1st 600m in 34.66).

WHAT'S THE TIME and PRINCESS UNO both ran on well, the latter horse home in 11.98 second only to ASSERTIVE. MIRROR MIRROR couldn't sprint, but hit the line and looks to have a future... overall time 1:09.84.

They sped along in race 5. A 33.48 1st-600m (for the 1000m trip). GOLD PIED had the drop on them and dug deep to score. BOLD COUNTESS led, off the rail (Neck in front – never an advantage) and did a super job to hold second (other co-leader dropped out). SHERWOOD GOLD (held up a touch, ran on back to inside), TRUSS (ran on terrific) and SKY FURY (made good ground between runners on inside) and even SIR INTERDANE (slow out 2L ran on down the outside) were all noteworthy efforts. TRUSS had fastest last 400m of the day 22.69, SKY FURT fastest last 200m of the day 11.59 and SIR INTERDANE wasn't far behind (home 22.99/11.96).

Race 7 saw a bit of a blanket finish involving the first 6 runners home. HIT THE ROAD came to the outside, had no cart into the race so plenty of merit in the win. SPIRIT OF TARA dived through inside and didn't miss by much but... winners win!!! Both horses recorded some very slick closing sectionals, in fact, winner's 11.68 home and runner-up's 11.73 were second and third fastest of the day at Randwick.

SPURUSON didn't get much room, did run on nicely and NORTHFIELD DRIVE who went forward to sit outside lead, fought on were both good.

The final event saw our best roughie (was scratched) from a few weeks back PELENNIUM score at around \$20.00, hope you stuck with him? He had the drop on a very fast pace (46.33 first 800m... wow!) and showed great toughness to score. HIPSTER DOOFAS rocketed home, he has hit hoof right on the till, home in 34.55 (last 600m) off a fast pace... he can scoot home cant he...

Loved the effort of APPALACHIAN also who did a power of work to lead as he had one (Ashkabar) continually pushing up inside him, making him work very hard... did a great job to hold 3rd... one of the runs of the day this!!! Ready to win now punters!!!

ISLAND SWING also ran well, did cover ground mostly (fast pace) and kept coming.

THE FORGIVE FILE:

SHEPISHER (slow out and wide), INTERMOO (amiss?), SEVEN STARS (3-wide, facing breeze trip, ran well), MAID FOR ME (ran on very well between despite hanging in quite badly), CATCH THE BIRD (had no run the entire straight, looked to have plenty to give...), PELLUCID (last and wide into straight, ran on well), PULSATOR (saddle slipped), KANETOSHI KING (upside down), VERB (very wide), and JOHNNY REB (very wide the trip).

TO TODAY'S SELECTIONS...

NOTE: We are again using a slightly different format to accommodate racing both on Saturday and Monday (NY Day). I know many of you are keen to play on Ney Year's Day... Thanks for all the great feedback! Drop me a line anytime at gators@ozracingform.com

PLEASE NOTE:

All ratings for MOONEE VALLEY on Saturday are for GOOD track. The rail is True so expecting there to be no problems running on...

In Sydney racing is at CANTERBURY on Saturday, ratings are for GOOD track and the rail is True. There will be no problems running on (pending tempo) here.

BET OF THE DAY:

CANTERBURY – Race 5 No.2 – **CRUMS** – This highly promising son of Champagne did a sterling job at his last start when caught 3-wide, no cover, the trip and pushed forward before the home turn which left him nothing in the tank his last 200m. He did still manage to beat all-bar the leader/winner TEMPURA on that occasion and that horse ran a very nice race, in very good company, at Randwick on Boxing Day. CRUMS was only 2nd up into that race on the back of a very tidy 1st up run when 4th to MIND THE STEP/

ARTISTIQUE & SUN TZU (that form has proven outstanding) and he beat home APPALACHIAN there (since run enormous). What impressed most though was that CRUMS looked like he had so much natural ability but still, plenty to learn, he rolled around but just kept sprinting and he has such a lovely action you just know he will go on and be a top-liner. 3rd up here, Glen Boss takes over, gate 4, out to 1550m...sharp upward spiral !!!

BEST EACH-WAY BET OF THE DAY:

MOONEE VALLEY – Race 5 No.9 – **AVENUE GOOGLE** – Resumed from a break two-starts back here over the 1000m trip and was easily the run of the race... Caught wide, on the speed in pressure race (whilst winner got freak inside run) and went down narrowly. He then stepped out to 1200m 2nd up at the night meeting here when sitting on the speed and beating all-bar NO SPICE (who also obtained freak rails run), they ran very fast time for the event (1:10.37 just outside the course record) and AVENUE GOODLE was able to beat subsequent impressive city-winner CAN LAGO whom he now meets slightly better at the weights. AVENUE GOOGLE is 3rd up into this, loves the valley, loves the 1200m trip and has drawn ideally in gate 8 for in-form hoop Craig Williams. It is also well worth noting, AVENUE GOOGLE has been working a treat at Flemington since his last run and he will prove extremely difficult to beat here!

BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:

CANTERBURY – Race 7 No.4 – **ART'S DEGREE** – All three dry track runs this preparation have been just super (and wet run was only 1.5L off DOUBLOON). Started his campaign with two easy wins in the country but it was his last start effort that indicated there is a good city race in him... ART'S DEGREE was forced to race 3-wide, on a fast speed (1st-800m in 47.68 for 1600m) from inside the 800m mark there and did a great job to hold second to the in-form GYPSY HONOUR. ART'S DEGREE easily held a horse called CARNEGIE BELLE on that occasion and that galloper was then very competitive with today's hot favourite CONTRAST at his next outing so the form has stacked up quite well (he was 1.3L off Contrast at Randwick). ART'S DEGREE has drawn perfectly in gate 4 for in-form apprentice K.Fuji and that 1.5kg claim brings him in on the minimum. ART'S has come up double-figure odds in some early markets and at that quote, he is well over his true odds of winning and as such is the best value bet of the day.

BEST PLACE BET OF THE DAY:

Well, replaced with WIN bet here due to small fields but: CANTERBURY – Race 4 No.6 – **PERMISSIVE** – Resumes here and is a 1st up specialist having won both her 1st up assignments to date (not counting 1st race start, which she also won). 1st up last preparation, as an early 3yo filly, she led and beat the older (mares) running solid time giving some of them weight. At her previous campaign she easily accounted for PENDRAGON/ AQUA BLESSING and co. at Kembla before proving very competitive against the very best 2yo's in Gp1 company. PERMISSIVE has drawn gate 1 here so Lenny Beasley may well be able to dictate the race and with a bit of a spruik around for a couple of her (lesser

performed) rivals, she may just get out to 'silly' odds for a filly of her calibre???

BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY:

MOONEE VALLEY – Race 7 No.2 – **BELLA PRINCESS** – Not sure the big odds quoted in early markets will hold up but this mare did a terrific job at her last start when only 2nd up as she got well back in what was a slowly run race (1st 600m in 39.51 for 1300m) yet she rattled home amongst a very handy crop of 3yo fillies... This event does look easier and is a race where there is certain to be more pressure up front. She has drawn very wide, but doubt that will be a disadvantage come the final event at MV with the rail true in a high-pressure race? BELLA PRINCESS is 3rd up here, it is very much worth noting, at her 3rd run back last preparation she bolted in defeating a multiple city winner (Jestawinna) by 2.5 Lengths... The blinkers go on now and she gets in below the limit weight too after Ben Melham's 2kg claim... Great value!

OTHERS:

CANTERBURY – Race 1 No.3 – **PEKALAN** – Got a mile back in the Villiers and never threatened yet, her late sectionals were more than ok. The run was virtually identical to that of HIT THE ROAD who we saw come out and win well on Boxing Day. Small field here and she won't be a mile off them, this is much, much easier and quite simply, she is weighted to just win!!! Hoping for \$3 or 'triple your money'...???

TOP RATED RUNNERS – QUADDIE RACES AT MOONEE VALLEY:

Race 4 – 1600m Hcp

1. 4 – IT'S PICNIC – Ran on very well in on-pace dominated race last week over unsuitable 1300m trip after no luck at all 1st up. Fitter now, has no weight and is crying out for 1600m. Is very honest, in fact, her entire last campaign she never finished worse than third. Won't get a 'mile' back from gate 2 either.
2. 5 – BONYTHON – Forgive 1st up run on leader's day at Sandown before very, very wide run at MV (only beaten 4.4L), looked good thing at Mornington and won easily when well handled. Gate 4, sure to run well here.
3. 3 – TRANSFERRAL – Didn't do much 1st up but never does. Flies 2nd up, in fact, was big odds last campaign when very, very unlucky 3rd this rack and distance. The value runner...
4. 2 – HIGHCLERE – Hit the line nicely carting 58kg in better race 2nd up at Flemington last start. Moody stable flying and he will be peaking 3rd up here. Small field here but keen to play...
5. 1 – TRUE COURSER – Has the form on the board. Is 6-weeks between runs into this with no precedent

so guessing a bit. 1600m form is excellent and must forgive Ballarat Cup flop on dynamite leaders track.

Race 5 – 1200m Hcp (1mw ly)

1. 9 – AVENUE GOOGLE – reasons outlined
2. 6 – CAN LAGO – Covered ground 600m from home 2-back when 3rd to No Spice/ Avenue Google when only 2nd up then charged his last 100m here last time for impressive win running a track record (1:10.1). Gate 1 so may need touch of luck but... rather back one to have luck than bet against it hoping he doesn't get it.
3. 11 – KRASKY – Liked his 1st up run when ran on from mile back up the centre of straight track recording second-fastest last 400m of the race and they ran super time! Forget 2nd up run when rider nearly came off. Fitter, 1 from 1 here and will be charging home with the rail true.
4. 8 – TANTAT SECRET – 1st up. Goes very well fresh. Was only 4L off Activation 1st up last prep and prior to that contested a Gp2 race 1st up (not disgraced). This obviously much easier... can win!
5. 5 – DIAMONDS AT DAWN – Did enough 1st up. Always improves after 1 run anyway, will sit on the speed and fight hard. Love these horses...
6. 13 – BROKAW – Every chance 1st up but only 1L off Murray Downs in sizzling time (56.58) and that horse has gone right on... maybe 1 more but goes in tri's.

Race 6 – 2040m Hcp (Class 6)

1. 3 – LEONURUS – This really looks his race after good honest efforts at, really, every run this campaign in tougher races. In below the minimum after the claim and should get gun run from gate 1, proven at Valley, that Tommifrancis form will surely hold up. The one to beat.
2. 2 – EL ZAHIA – Ran well 1st up before failing on leader's track 2nd up and struggling (after over-racing) 3rd up. Tristo was also well held in that Werribee Vrc race and he has won since, expect 2040m to suit, expecting a much better effort back in grade.
3. 1 – KINGS LOOT – No excuses last week but was only 2L off Tristo and that was 3rd run back. Now to 2040m, 1 run here for 1 good second and Nikolic to steer... this does look easier!
4. 4 – JARROD – Great ride last time stalking the leader all the way with blinkers on, out to 2040m no worries and stable flying... each-way.
5. 6 – TRAGIC – Rarely wins but rarely far away either, solid win 4th up at Cranbourne and this lacks depth. Place.

Race 7 – 1200m 3yoF (1mw)

1. 2 – BELLA PRINCESS – reasons outlined

2. 6 – SHEEZA BONZA – Good second to Magically 2-back (since won again) covering ground and running fast time and thought she ran very well last week when urged forward mid-race which affected her late finish. Gate 4 and in light after claim. 1200m here is ideal. Value runner!!!
3. 14 – PREROGATIVE – Ridden back last time and ran much, much better. In fact, she was running into the finish when stopped cold 100m out, may well have finished along-side Bronzetta there, that's good form! Will be ridden back here and can finish hard.
4. 3 – BONNELLE – Won her maiden in good time and she was well backed there, straight to town for Danny O'Brien and they invariably run well from this stable when this is the case...
5. 8 – RIVIERA REVELLER – Another out of good maiden win (6 in this race!) for in-form Mick Price stable. Did run fastest of all 1212m races at Kilmore and that is usually a very good sign. Another to stable straight to town after maiden win...
6. 1 – A SWEET TREAT – Just went under 1st race start here (1000m) and now out to 1200m but that form has stood up (Bejeekers ran well Sandown Wed) and with natural improvement...?

CANTERBURY

Race 5 – 1550m Hcp (Class 3)

1. 2 – CRUMS – reasons outlined
2. 1 – WARM RIDE – Good effort 1st up running on well when leaders were winning everything that night then top run 2nd up flashing through late to run second to Purple Dane (since run very well) in fast time. 2kg claim helps as does extra fitness out to 1550m. The danger.
3. 6 – ROCARENA – Late nom here. Ridden upside down last time after getting mile back in slowly run race 2nd up. Gate 3 here so may finally get some luck?
4. 4 – NEXGEN – Did look unlucky last week when cut-out at a vital stage before going back, around them and finishing hard. Tried a protest (why wouldn't you? Although 'uncle' Ray is back in charge up there). Looks to be on the up...
5. 3 – CEZANNE – Finished hard along inside rail at Rosehill running some handy splits. Cant see him turning tables on Crums but place show.

Race 6 – 1200m 3yo C&G (Class 3)

1. 2 – OLLIE VOLLIE – Good effort last week attacking for the lead before the turn (was slowly run) and like the way he fought when headed by the smart Anamanor. Both 1200m runs very good and will be very hard to beat here.

2. 8 – ONION – Forgive last run when on heels at vital stage, shuffled back to last, came outside and ran home. Previous effort to charge home along inside for 2nd to Century Serb is the right form. As is 2.5L 3rd to Strada/Million Lad prior. Expecting solid tempo here which will suit given even luck.
3. 9 – PERFECT ENDING – Given good chance last start but total forgive run as pulled up with respiratory distress. Ran on nicely 1st up to Century Serb and will be much fitter here. May be the value!
4. 6 – BRIGHT CROWN – Easy win 1st up then good third 2nd up running on very well with sectionals slightly inferior to Seven Stars (ran 2nd) who has since run very well. 3rd up here, just needs a break from gate 10 to be right in it...
5. 11 – THE FANGSTA – Was 1st up and came through same race as Bright Crown last time and finishing hard down the outside. Did run well 2nd up last prep (to Assertive Choice) and ran some very nice slits home 1st up...

Race 7 – 1550m F&M (Class 3)

1. 4 – ART'S DEGREE – reasons outlined
2. 3 – CONTRAST – Even an AFL umpire could have seen she should have won last week when just held up a couple of strides too long. That was on the back of terrific 2nd up run covering ground in the run home with no trail in. skinny odds expected and gate 12 says go back but is the one to beat.
3. 2 – ARTISTIQUE – Pipped by Mind The Step 1st up (good form) and how do you spell “Should Have Won” last start when came from back and wide before going back to fence and being held up??? Flashed late to just miss... (not going on the CV Joe?). Peaking here and Boss takes the ride.
4. 1 – REALLY FLYING – Good win 1st up, loomed to win 2nd up (to Tactfully – good form) before rider lost whip but otherwise every chance in much tougher field last time (only 3L off Malcolm – Ashkabar was 2nd). Smart claim gets him in with 56.5kg and 1550m will suit.
5. 9 – AMY BE GOOD – Like the way she stretched out late last time. No weight here, up in distance all big plusses.
6. 6 – SOFT WIN – Ran on ok at Geelong 2-back in clearly fastest 1400m event of the day there, well backed next start and the win was very good at Bendigo. Place chance...

Race 8 – 1200m 3yoF (Class 3)

1. 5 – DEARNESS – Good 2nd to Anamanor 1st up (obviously good form) then shot through early (top of straight) but couldn't hold off big finishers 2nd up. That run tope her off for this. If gate 1 no disadvantage she can possie up in likely solidly run race and be right in the finish.

2. 7 – SCISSION – Good vibes about this one, very impressive debut win over Albaicin and may well have come right on in her spell. Gate 14 the worry???
3. 11 – LAYLIA – Broke 58 seconds on slow track on debut beating Champagnat easily. That horse then ran ok here Dec 22. Boss rides, extra fitness/experience big plusses. Interesting...
4. 1 – CHAUD ROCHE – Got a split and chased very well last time in good race. In relatively well after the claim, sure to be thereabouts (always is)
5. 6 – SARASOTA – Had tough run 1st up then ran ok 2nd up (only 3L off Tactfully and did face breeze). 3rd up now, expecting a good run from Fastnet Rock's little brother.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RACING:

PLEASE NOTE:

All ratings for FLEMINGTON are for GOOD track and the rail is True (2m). No bias expected. Outside rail in straight races the adv id' say.

In Sydney racing is at RANDWICK – ratings are for GOOD track, rail is out 4M 1600m-to-WP. Running on should be no problemo.

BET OF THE DAY:

RANDWICK – Race 5 No.3 – **SEUL AMOUR** – Has run two very pleasing races this preparation over unsuitable distances. Ran on very well 1st up through on inside in listed Festival Stks over 1400m before a tremendous effort in the Gp2 Villiers running on from a mile back and recording some of the very best closing sectionals of the race (3rd only to Aqua D'Amore/ Malcolm). We have already seen horses beaten out of sight in the Villiers come out and run very well. SEUL AMOUR steps out to 2000m here at his 3rd run back and his record this distance range (in better company) is first-rate. Expect him to be flying home over the top of his rivals here.

BEST EACH-WAY BET OF THE DAY:

RANDWICK – Race 8 No.1 – **DAYLIGHT DIAMOND** – Loved the win two-back when pretty much the only horse all night to come from off the speed and win. He rolled subsequent city winner PASS THE BUBBLY there in addition to the smart WARM RIDE so the form certainly has stood up. At his latest outing, DAYLIGHT DIAMOND raced outside MALCOLM and although no match for that very smart galloper over the concluding stages he was only 4.3L off him at the finish and did manage to record the 3rd fastest last 200m of the race (behind Malcom & Hipster Doofas – both since run enormous). There is significantly less depth to this assignment and expecting DAYLIGHT DIAMOND to be at his peak now after 3 runs back from a break.

BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:

FLEMINGTON – Race 8 No.10 – **AL THARB** – Was 'Run of the Day' 3-back at MV flying late in leader dominated race before finishing strongly to score 2-back beating JEUNE'S EDGE (since run well) and easily accounting for subsequent city winner, TRISTO. AL THARB then went to Flemington and 1700m and was again spotted charging to the line late behind ULYSSES/ BOTERO and co. That form has really stood up with those horses then running the quinella in the listed Lord Sticks on Boxing Day. AL THARB is crying out for the 2000m of today's assignment and gets a nice 3kg pull in the weights on BOTERO. In-form hoop Steve Baster has the ride and the race certainly looks to have a bit of speed up front which will certainly suit... early markets have him double-figure odds.. that's value!!!

BEST PLACE BET OF THE DAY:

FLEMINGTON – Race 6 No.16 – **WORLD EXPLORER** – Very solid win 2-back beating subsequent city winner HOME SWEET at the Werribee VRC meeting before very tough effort last start when tracked into the race wide-out, before the home turn here (no trail in) and just kept coming before finishing 4th in what was a 4-way finish. That was his first go at 2500m so expecting him to be a tougher nut to crack here especially right down in the weights and from an ideal barrier draw (gate 6). A much more experienced rider takes the reigns this time and he is another who has come up big overs in early markets. Bet he runs very well...

OTHERS:

FLEMINGTON – Race 3 No.3 – **MUSHROOM** – Ran third in fast time, and good form-race two starts ago before being forced 3-deep from inside the 800m last time yet he still kept closing to the post. That was only 2nd up so expecting that run to top off MUSHROOM for this assignment. Danny Nikolic takes the ride and can simply control the race in the small field. Hoping for \$3 or more...?

FLEMINGTON – Race 9 – No.3 – **SORENSTAM** – Terrific win 1st up when she knuckled down strongly late to beat the very much in-form BELLA CHELLE at Sandown before producing one of the better runs on the day at this track Dec 17. SORENSTAM was forced 3 & 4 deep throughout the 1400m trip on that occasion yet she just kept on coming and recorded the fastest sectionals of the race despite the tough trip. She just loves Flemington, she is out to 1600m and there are a couple of natural leaders to help set up her big finish. Will be very backable here also, confidence grows further if any rain about too...

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Race 6 – Listed 2500m – Bagot Hcp

1. 4 – TOMMIFRANCS – Exploded away from them here last start after big win over Ulysses (since won twice, and at listed level), always showed promise

- and is now delivering, drawn ideally to get the 2500m trip (and is bred to). The one to beat.
2. 16 – WORLD EXPLORER – reasons outlined
 3. 8 – SENTIRE – Very strong late here last start on the back of 'run away' win at Sandown. Wide gate shouldn't worry as gets back, will be charging late, is a real strong stayer this one!
 4. 9 – SOUTHERN CROWN – Forgive last run when led and attacked early, was actually coming back at them on the line, no luck and in unsuitable races prior, may be the blowout here, you know he loves the track/trip (4 wins C/D)
 5. 12 – GENEABEL – Dominant win last start over Captious (since battled but maybe over the top), good staying mare on the up with winning form!!! Chance!
 6. 3 – EXPUNGE – Bit disappointing last time after very good third at WFA in Gp2 Sandown Classic prior. Did have 58kg at Lakeside, back to 2100m after a month off and did carry 58kg there. Gate 3, back up in distance and down in weight, may well hit back hard here...

Race 7 – Gp3 1200m – Standish Hcp

1. 7 – WATCHYERBACK – Massive win 1stup thrashing subsequent city winner then lost no admirers with close 2nd last start over 1100m when maybe saw daylight a touch too soon? 3rdup now, 1200m and gate 1 may not be big disadvantage as he can get a smother up the middle and come with one big run... he certainly has it in him!
2. 3 – HONALEE – Peeled out 700m from home and ran well last start at WFA, only Flem/Straight run was good 3rd to Proprietor in fast time on Oaks Day. Goes very well on the fresh side. Good chance!
3. 6 – RA SUN – Been a revelation since joining Moody's stable. Chased very hard 1stup to score and he ran well 2ndup last prep when 1L 4th in good race at Mildura before winning at Caulfield.
4. 12 – SNAPPY TOM – Heavily backed 1stup and beat some very handy sprinters in 57-flat... nosed out only other 2ndup run this track/distance behind Miss Gaultier but did beat home Rokocoko there.
5. 1 – CASUAL PASS – Gifted galloper returns from yet another injury, ran very well 1stup in January this track (over 1100m) with 60kg when only 4L off Our Quivira & co. Competitive with our very best horses when right. He can win this (I'll be having a little saver)

Race 8 – 2000m Hcp

1. 10 – AL THARB – reasons outlined
2. 3 – BOTERO – Will lead and prove difficult to run down. How tough is this bloke !?!?!?!
3. 7 – MANY ARE CALLED – Forgive last run when tracked very wide into race, previous run very good

when making long-sustained run off slow pace. Not won for a while now but gate 3 should help and will be odds.

4. 4 – HONG KONG CHERI – Late sectionals quite ok last start from 3L last in the run. Peak fitness now, time to do something.
5. 6 – MY GIBREEL – Another non-winner but keeps running on well in good form races. Place!
6. 12 – DRUMBEATER – Ditto Ditto

Race 9 – 1600m F&M Hcp

1. 3 – SORENSTAM – reasons outlined
2. 1 – TALONS SHOWN – Nothing wrong with her form, took sit and too strong last time after chasing Breezy home the start before. Likewise, previous 2nd to Charmed Lady was one of the better runs on the day at MV. Claim helps as does gate 4 to get cosy run.
3. 5 – RUBY TROIS – Finished hard at Sandown and looks genuinely 'on the up'. Weights not in her favour but big Flem track is. Will be running on!
4. 2 – MAXERELLE – Bit lucky last time (2nd and 3rd had wide runs) but never knock winning form. Beat the smart Retail Therapy on her merits prior. May need touch of luck from gate 10?
5. 10 – NENA CANDIDA – Good sectionals at Sandown 2-back then ran on well behind Ruby Trois at MV, that mare then ran well this grade, slight weight pull, at least a place show...

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Race 5 – Listed 2000m Tatts Club Cup

1. 3 – SEUL AMOUR – reasons outlined
2. 2 – SAM SUNG A SONG – One of the very best runs in the Villiers when 4-deep the trip. Yet to prove he can run 2000m (but very nearly did last time!). The Villiers form is outstanding. Beaten by tempo previous run, is flying... Big danger if he can just get the trip?
3. 8 – LAKE SUSANNAH – Hit the line strongly between runners to score last time in easier race but time was comparable with Villiers on the same day (.24 slower), you know 2000m will suit, each-way.
4. 6 – GILDED YOUTH – Been getting back and running some of the best splits for the day his last few starts, this is a suitable race if he could just win more often. A must for multiples though and will be odds...
5. 7 – NORTHFIELD DRIVE – Did like his on-pace effort last week when beaten by two smart gallopers (Hit The Road/ Spirit of Tara), ready to load-up in the right race... just not sure this is it but you could make a case...

Race 6 – Listed 1100m – Carrington Stks

1. 2 – DAMIGOS – 1stup. Is a 1stup specialist and last prep had support at big odds and ran down Patezza & Dance the Waves. 1100m record 1st rate and may be value again?
2. 7 – FUMBLE – Good effort 1stup, in fact, she always runs well. Good win when 2ndup last prep. Gate 4... the safe each-way bet you'd think!?!?
3. 8 – FLYING PEGASUS – Hasn't raced since the slipper (and his run was excellent in that!), has trialled very nicely for his return, may well have come right on and could well blow these away. Would have a piece of the \$8 quoted early but not sure he'll be those odds? Hmmm?
4. 10 – CAPTAIN BAX – Covered a little extra ground last time and was only .5L away at the finish. Touch of luck needed from 13 but does get in relatively well at the weights.
5. 11 – DANE AGAIN – Saved ground over on inside last time but just not sure that was the place to be? Had some support there and there is no doubting his ability (just his application at times?). Was only 1.3L off them at the finish.
6. 1 – PRESENTLY – Well, he won the Razor Sharp this track/trip. Up in weight but such a great sprinter. You'll get a run for your money!

Race 7 – 1600m (Class 6)

1. 3 – WINDON – Tries very hard. Had every chance last time but did beat Respect home (since run very well), back to 1600m wont bother him and can sit up forward in a race that does look to lack speed. Boss to steer, gate 6.
2. 8 – GYPSY HONOUR – Really good win last start when wide throughout and beat a smart horse in Art's Degree, confidence goes up if that horse ran well (as expected) on Saturday. All his runs this prep have been very good. Definite claims. (late nom)
3. 5 – CHESS RECORD – Did disappoint 1stup when no abnormality found, was heavily backed to win there on the back of nice trial. In fairness, was only 4L away and was a strong winner 2ndup last campaign. Out to 1600m 2ndup but Gai trains...
4. 7 – JETEYE – Ran on well last Saturday when only 2ndup, good 1600m/Randwick record includes 1 easy win, and one good (2L) 3rd to Mystery City. Late nom
5. 6 – BELLA ARENA – led last time and had company up there a little too soon plus winners were coming well off inside rail. Back to 1600m probably suits better also, has claims for sure, was only 1L off Windon last start and gets 1kg advantage.

Race 8 – 1400m (Class 3)

1. 1 – DAYLIGHT DIAMOND – reasons outlined
2. 3 – SILENT SONG – Ran fast time in winning 2-back then raced outside lead, facing breeze, and finished 2.7L behind Purple Dane this track/trip last time, they ran a tick over 1:22. and the form already looks strong. Can bounce back.
3. 6 – NITROGEN NARCOSIS – No luck 2-back when cut-out whilst closing strongly at big odds. Ran on nicely without threatening last week (best sectionals) and clearly wants the 1400m trip. Is late-entry...
Each-way
4. 9 – DIGOS – Back to 1400m is a big plus, his 3rd to Snip and Tuck 2-back this distance range gives him a good show.
5. 10 – DABKE DANCER – Sensational run last time and would have been in the finish but for running off track late, made mid-race move there & form ok as Sun Tzu has since run terrific. Problem is, he is one win from 20 starts!

Good luck and a happy new year to all

Thanks for all of your loyal support!

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