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PLEASE NOTE:

All ratings for SANDOWN (Lakeside) are for Heavy track. Rail is True. It never seems to be a problem here sitting on the pace, but off the rail. Keep bets smaller this time of year as it is as much who gets the run as it is the 'form'... Heavenly Pun last week ???

In Sydney racing returns to the best track in Australia (my humble view) ROSEHILL. Ratings are for Dead/Slow track with the rail True... Watch/ Monitor but should be ok...

BET OF THE DAY (Melbourne - Win Bet)

SANDOWN - Race 3 No.6 - **LORD SUDURKA** - Flew home on the Hillside circuit 1st-up off excellent trial when motored his last 200m in the fastest sectional of the day in on-pace dominated race. Runner-up there Blissa Nova has since won, he gets 2ikg weight-pull on Anhinga and is fitter for it. Desperate for 1200m also. Go well but relax, that \$21 in the paper is wrong!

BET OF THE DAY (Sydney - Win Bet)

ROSEHILL - Race 5 No.2 - **LEGENDARY MAN** - Has a whirlwind finish this guy. Got home hard in the Tatts Mile at EFM last start in a race with very strong form-lines off slashing 2nd to Atapi. Out to 1900m and a big drop in class today are big ticks. He likes this track and handles all conditions. Looks the winner given even luck and no on-pace bias.

BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:

ROSEHILL - Race 6 No.4 - **BLESSUS** - Backed heavy 1st-up but drew gate 1 and jockey elected to ignore the track bias and race on the inside rail all the way... Thought he ran terrific considering... 2nd-up last prep he was backed heavy again and won easily over 1200m. Cannot see a drier track worrying him at all and has become a much better galloper since being Gelded. Go well.

BEST EACH-WAY BET OF THE DAY:

SANDOWN - Race 6 No.9 - **HADDLE MCDADDLE** - Was a real 'ready to win' run last start running on hard up the centre. Has been set for this race all prep (nearly won this last year off much longer preparation please note). He loves it wet, loves this track, and now gets to his best trip, 1600m. \$8 fixed-odds as we speak, umm, email.

BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY

SANDOWN - Race 2 No.4 - **EVIL TRICKS** - Good run 1st-up when motored home out wide (best sectionals) on a day not many did. Was solid to the line 2nd-up at 1400m against the males and was not far from Zyzxx in that race who then very nearly beat Something Anything last Saturday. Peaks here back to own sex.

TOP-RATED RUNNERS:

SANDOWN (Lakeside)

Race 1 - 2yo Hcp - 1400

1. 12 - HIDDEN ENERGY - Was right in the market on debut at Sale at 1000m but got back, was held-up, before finding the line super. That form is excellent through winner Pennycome Quick (nearly won one of these last Sat.) and 2nd horse Hawas (since won city/midweek). 1400m suits and after the claim gets in with 50kg. 3kg below limit.
2. 2 - SAVQUAW - Loved his debut win when wide/working and bolted in before given no hope at MV. Then backed heavy at Moe and never stopped working yet brained them, thrashing Gravitron who then won a \$26k race at Wodonga. Has a big motor!
3. 3 - BARBARICUS - Bolted in on debut at Kyneton and was eased-up late. Ran a full-second faster than the other 2yo race on the day. Can go on!
4. 5 - WAHY - Found the line terrific at MV (got very close late, clearly best sectionals) at 1200m and now gets to 1400m which looks ideal and has significant upside. Big chance in a race of good depth.
5. 4 - KINUGAWA - Was no match for a couple of smart ones at Werribee (Riva San and Latrobe then quinella'd a city/saturday race at MV) then went to Ballarat at big odds and won by a lazy 6L on the heavy... Doubt that is his career best run at start no.2

Race 2 - 3yoF Hcp - 1400m

1. 4 - EVIL TRICKS - Reasons outlined.
2. 9 - DANDY WARHOLS - Ran on well through the same race as Evil Tricks 1st-up (2nd-best late sectionals) and now gets hefty 4kg weight advantage. Ran well 2nd-up (kept coming) when clearly looking for further than 1200m. Gets the 1400m today. Can win!
3. 1 - JACQUELINE ROUGE - Developed into a very consistent filly. Beat all-bar Adaptor last start who'd been more than competitive with Blitz'em Riley/ Something Anything etc. She wasn't far from that galloper herself prior when off a two month break. Smart claim here sees here in the race very light.
4. 3 - LA FAMELIA - Have been wanting to see her at 1400m, and here she is, been running well in handy form-races of late and handles wet ground. Ran ok in the Blitz'em Riley race two-back when only 1st-up. Peaks here, has a case.
5. 7 - NOTHING MATTERS - 1st-up. Form through her last couple of runs has stood up well and she should have won 1st-up last prep when missed the kick and went down narrowly. Fit enough 1400m 1st-up on heavy ? Place show.

Race 3 - 3yo Hcp - 1200m

1. 6 - LORD SUDURKA - Reasons Outlined.
2. 1 - ADAPTOR - Has form through one of the better Winter horses in 2007, that being Blitz'em Riley. Dropped in grade and won easily last start. In with 55kg after the claim and loves the wet.
3. 4 - GINA LOLLAWITCHA - 1st-up. Loved her trial win in one of the fastest times of the day despite racing on inside rail which most other horses/jockeys avoided like the plague. She had no luck 1st-up last prep and was too 'new' 1st-up prior so forget fresh stats. She can win.
4. 8 - PROSPECT - Comes through the same (good form) race as Anhinga and Lord Sudurka last start and he ran very well considering the nasty check he copped turning and raced closest to the inside in on-pace dominated race. In well relative weights (2kg on Anhinga) drawn a nice middle gate (often the go at the Sandowns in winter) and he has a good case also.

5. 7 - GOWITHTHEHEART - Top win at Seymour/MRC meeting 1st-up as a Gelding and still looks pretty raw (laid in there but sprinted quick) it is worth noting, he ran faster time than Blissa Nova on the day so that ties this right in given he has real upside.

Race 4 - B.Smith Hurdle - 3000m

1. 4 - KINGSTON SCENE - Was showing good flat potential before taking to the jumps like a pro in his two runs. Was tagged all the way by Pay The Aces (is handy) last start but fought like a tiger. Good debut win prior. Unlimited upside at this caper...Looks the winner.
2. 7 - JOHNNY KNOXVILE - Is still quite new to whole jumps thing but both his runs have been good in slightly easier grade. Finds a weak-ish city race and has good flat ability.
3. 6 - DOT COM - Bit of an enigma these days but, on his day he could very easily win this... and easily. Was never in the right spot last time in fairness. It's a gamble...
4. 5 - TERRACE - Was safely held by Kingston Scene two-back then fought on well at Pakenham for second and he did thrash the third horse. E/way claims.

Race 5 - GN Steeplechase - 4530m

1. 7 - GINOLAD - All jumps runs have been good and gave star jumper Some Are Bent a real fright last week when given a sneaky chance. He is not here! He is tough so hoping the back-up is no worries...
2. 3 - CLEARVIEW BAY - Was about to win at MV last start when he fell at the last in what was a form turn-around. Extra trip is a plus for him. Chance if jumps clean.
3. 4 - CONZEAL - Including anything that can get that close to Mazzacano! There is no Mazzacano here... Has a very good overall jumps CV.
4. 9 - SWIFT RULE - Liked the fight he showed last start. Extra trip and bigger fences are ticks. Over the odds.
5. 1 - ENZED - All his wet-track jumps form is super. Has had a few little niggles of late and has the 68kg.. but also has the score on the board over most of these... It's a gamble...

Race 6 - Winter Championship - 1600m

1. 9 - HADDLE MCDADDLE - Reasons outlined.
2. 4 - ISTA KAREEM - Good effort last week beating all-bar on-pace bolter who sat on slow pace. Liked him late in the race (best sectionals) and form prior beating Time To Laugh (then third to Hillston Exchange) ties him right in. Like him best at 1600m. Gate 1 any advantage???
3. 3 - SCENIC ASSAULT - Struggled last week and could not find a definitive reason why? Previous form was excellent through Rum Corps etc and like the fact he has drawn in today so will not spend a penny early (unlike last week). Can hit back.
4. 1 - HILLSTON EXCHANGE - I jumped off for the first time this prep last start and watched him win by 4L. Just flying this entire campaign. Nearly won this last year (ran very bravely.. typical !) but has a harder task today with 58kg (relative weights against) from gate 15... Still, goes in the quaddie for sure.
5. 12 - GUNFIRE MESSIAH - Admit to having a little nibble at him last week at the \$103 on the tote and thought he ran very well bursting through before being gunned down late out wide by three swoopers.He was clearly the best on-pacer and only 2nd-up from a spell. Peaks/ 1600m/ Wet ground all ticks. Blowout chance.
6. 8 - ITSAMONTY - Include if track is the better side of Slow or firmer...

Race 7 - Banjo Patterson Hcp - 2400m

1. 2 - DESERT MASTER - Was set a task last start but was typically brave with the big weight. Gets 2.5kg weight-pull on that winner Derringer here and drawn 2 so surely gets a soft run on the speed for in-form Darren Gauci. Excellent win prior (worked hard) and luckless (shuffled back/ hit line super) in Ramsden before that.
2. 9 - CLASSIC KARLA - Rattled home very late last start behind Derringer (best late sectional) and like the fact there looks genuine speed here. Likes it wet, likes the Sandowns... blowout chance.
3. 14 - FORCE NINE - Never looked happy last start over on the inside and a mile back. Go on previous form (with good form behind him) when drawn out and steaming home. Likely to hit back hard today...
4. 6 - SENTIRE - Dropped sharply in distance last start and ran well. Back to right trip here and form at this distance range of late ties in strongly through Desert Master (gets weight pull), New Kid In Town and Dolphin Jo. E/way him.
5. 3 - DERRINGER - First win in 18-months (excluding lucky protest) but never knock winning form. This looks no harder but up in weight... Not one of mine but hard to say he cannot win again.

Race 8 - Hcp - 1200m

1. 6 - PINPRICK - Was running into the race nicely last start when held-up, shuffled back before picking up and coming again late in on-pace dominated race. Just missed Judusk prior and didn't get enough room prior to that Vs Lucky Secret and co. This looks very winnable with 51.5kg and like the middle barrier in the last race...
2. 11 - SAAYEB - Comes through the same race as Pinprick (lead dominated) and he ran very well considering he was 4wide, then 3wide yet fought very hard. Bolted in prior at Echuca in the heavy. Live chance.
3. 2 - MARWIN GOLD - Big odds 1st-up when scoring on form track in fast time. No doubt in my mind he is a superior wet track horse and his last two have been total forget runs (very wide then in worst ground). Finds the right race, with a winnable weight from ideal draw... Blowout chance!
4. 9 - BEXAAR - Forever running on but no doubt, since joining Freedman, he has had little to no luck and keeps rattling home... likes the wet, stays down in weights and just get the feeling he could bob up today in a race of questionable depth...
5. 1 - BROMIDE - 1st-up. Has trialed well up in Sydney and stable do swith states very successfully. Has won twice fresh including a win over Zarouk last prep. Didn't like him with 57kg but with 54kg (after claim for in-form apprentice) he is the mix. No problems wet.

ROSEHILL

Race 1 - C4 3yoF Hcp - 1400m

1. 2 - DANZ IN PARIS - Flying and very versatile. Sat back at Canterbury and dived late to score then went forward and fought off Dshizzl (since struggled but not writing off the form yet) at Kensington. Well-weighted, nicely drawn.

2. 1 - CANYONVILLE - Was not far from Danz In Paris 1st-up (3.3L) and worked home satisfactorily. Fitter now, gets 3kg weight-pull and it is worth noting, he improved sharply 2nd-up last prep when running on hard to split O'Crikey and Referees in very fast time at Randwick for the 1400m (broke 1-21.5).. Can turn tables here!
3. 6 - RUBY BRE - Found the line strongly 1st-up off long break then did a great job 2nd-up as she overcame interrupted run to score. Has found a very winnable City/Saturday race and doubt we have seen her best yet...
4. 3 - DONNA INTELLIGENTE - Kept closing nicely 1st-up then bolted in on the heavy at Canterbury. Drier track here but he last run on top of the ground, she won over 1400m.

Race 2 - C4 3yoC Hcp - 1400m

1. 1 - O'CRIKEY - Was never fully tested in the Qld Guineas last start but was only 4L off the winner. Didn't have the best of luck at previous run also when close-up behind Antidotes at stakes level. Drops to Class 4, and one of questionable depth.
2. 2 - COCORURU - Inclined to forgive last run when led on inside and had one over-racing outside him all the way and that track was very heavy. Moral beaten prior on Dead track when worked hard 3 & 4 wide all the way whilst winner got dream run behind. Beadman up, firmer track big ticks!
3. 3 - JOHANRUTZ - Has always shown ability and is racing very well. Was not far from Cocoruru three-back when over-raced and gets 2kg weight advantage.
4. 5 - A WAY WITH DAMES - Ran on ok at Bendigo last start with big weight off good debut win. Stable think he will make a nice horse and has upside.

Race 3 - 2yo Hcp - 1200m

1. 4 - AZZOLLINI - 1st-start. \$320k yearling from top stable and won a trial at Randwick recently by 6 Lengths! Dam is a half-sister to Murtajill, Bradbury's Luck and Skating! Can certainly win on that trial !
2. 1 - AQUATIC KING - 1st-up. Debut win was good at Randwick when 3-wide early, worked forward and came right away. Went into the Inglis Classic 2nd-start but was 5-wide the trip behind Danehill Smile so forgive. Trialled well. Live chance!
3. 2 - MALTESE - Led at own pace last start but made a smart one (Cravings) work hard for his win. Was a month between runs there off big win at Gosford. In nicely after the claim, may get some pressure up front here but very hard to beat on Cravings form-lines.
4. 3 - CASH FOR CARDS - 1st-up. Has won both fresh runs (off lesser breaks, not counting debut) and that win over Koichi was terrific as she was 3&4 wide the trip. Forgive flop behind Danehill Smile in the Inglis as she sat up on suicidal speed. Trialled well also.
5. 5 - ELMSFORD - 1st-start. Cost \$150k. Liked his trial win in fastest time of the morning for 2yos and is a half to Dance The Waves who is a Group class sprinter.

Race 4 - 1mwly Hcp - 1200m

1. 3 - GALLANT TESS - 1st-up. Has a real touch of quality about her. Was safely held by Gold Edition 1st-up last prep (so was every other filly) but her sectionals home were sound and there are no Gold Editions here! Trialled well recently sitting back and running home.
2. 9 - CLOUDYGAZE - Chased hard last start behind in-form galloper Canary Islands finishing right alongside subsequent impressive winner No Name For A Lady. Yet to run a bad race this prep and can get gun-run from gate 2. Can win!

3. 4 - INTERCHE - 1st-up. Good fresh mare who got a mile back 1st-up last prep but got up on the line. Went on to be competitive to stakes level in Spring and doubt we have seen the best of her yet. Trailed quite well. Winning chance.
4. 7 - DANCESTEPS - 1st-up. Won 1st-up last prep at Canterbury over Loulou when heavily backed. No trials found but astute stable and handles sting-out.
5. 2 - OPERETTA LASS - 1st-up. Ran on ok 1st-up last prep (sound sectionals) behind Whoever/ Coolroom Candidate etc in a better race than this. 1st-up prior she was slow out and came home well behind Rosecutter. In with 54kg after claim in 1-metro win race...

Race 5 - Welter Hcp - 1900m

1. 2 - LEGENDARY MAN - Reasons outlined.
2. 8 - RUMBIRD - Keeps running on hard but keeps finding one or two better. Form through Scone Cup, Grand Cause and Lodge The Deeds is strong. E/Way him.
3. 4 - AUSBRED KING - Struggled last time behind Lodge The Deeds on very heavy track when back sharply in distance. Previous form around Newport now reads as super as he was asked to give that Group winner weight. Back out to 190m on drier track will see sharp improvement. Well-weighted after claim.
4. 3 - JAMBEROO - Was unlucky 1st-up behind Ollie Vollie at a lazy \$201 (held-up late) then struggled 2nd-up on bottomless track. Fitter, drier, out to right trip are all ticks. Has form through Prince Arthur this distance range.
5. 6 - DOUBLE D'AMORE - Loomed to win last time but and stuck to task. Was far from disgraced in the Dark Jewel prior when raced on inside (lengths slower). Is 2 from 2 at 1900m, has claims e/way...

Race 6 - C5 Hcp - 1200m

1. 4 - BLESSUS - Reason outlined.
2. 7 - ROYAL LINEUP - 1st-up. Promising, well-related filly who has won her fist two starts in style before a close-up fourth to Chikton and Co. in sharp time at 1400m. No trails found but stable have them ready fresh and she could well go on to much better things than a C5 at Rosehill in winter. Likely favourite.
3. 9 - RUBINDA - Chased hard last start but Happy Finish kept running. 1200m suits this better and gets weight advantage racing on a track he likes. Was big odds last start, hoping he is overs again!?!?
4. 1 - HAPPY FINISH - Good win last start as he sat on a fast pace, broke clear and kept going too well for rivals. Harder task with the 58kg but hard to knock 5 wins from 6 starts and unbeaten this distance range.
5. 3 - ALLWORTHY - Was too close to slower inside lanes last start at Randwick so the run was good. Did beat home Blessus there and now gets slight weight-advantage. Sat wide and was gallant prior behind Ollie Vollie. Has a case wet or dry.

Race 7 - C5 Hcp - 2000m

1. 1 - LODGE THE DEEDS - Was strong to the line last start with quite a few promising/in-form gallopers in his wake. Kept closing well behind Grand Cause prior at this track. Looks like 2000m will suit ideally. Has the 57kg but it's a 54.5kg limit and handles all conditions. Goes form a C6 to a C5 here...
2. 8 - JERUSHA - Racing well (and much better than formguide tells). Came wide no trail two-back and worked home nicely (good sectionals) in leader-dominated affair then just

found the mud too tough last start. Looks like she will get a drier track here, she is in below the limit after the claim and runs her very best races at this distance range. Blowout chance!

3. 2 - MEAN BEANS - Back-to-back wins and beat a promising horse (Derivative Receipt) last start who then ran well in handy race at Grafton on Thursday (beaten by slow pace, ran well). Was backed heavy last start at his first crack at this distance range.. Not much luck prior either. Can go on.
4. 10 - LION AGAIN - Was no match for Sunday Adieu last start when 1400m-to-1800m but did beat the third horse quite well. Forgive previous run Vs on-pace pattern that day. Peaks here and handles all conditions. Over the odds.
5. 5 - PARIS RETURN - Almost everytime she finds a dry track, she runs well, track is drying out all the time. Throw her in the quaddie if track is Dead or better at big odds...

Race 8 - Welter Hcp - 1400m

1. 10 - GRAND CAUSE - Sticking with him. Was left a sitting shot for Sumac last start (stakes class horse on his day) when attempting Open class for the first time. Terrific form-lines prior with many winners emerging from behind him. Back to Welter company here and Beadman takes over... Still learning his trade but convinced he is well above average. Drier track will not hurt either!
2. 6 - GEIGERON - Continually under-rated galloper who will come up odds here and has a case. Was bailed away 2nd-up at Canberra and had no hope 1st-up in wet racing on much slower inside rail at Scone. Loves Rosehill, is fitter and is one from one on Dead ground.
3. 5 - HADAAF - Fought hard to just beat Grand Cause for second last start and back to 1400m holds no fears. Good effort prior racing up front in the centre of a line of 3 leaders and fought on. Is not just a wet-tracker! (has 5 wins on dry)
4. 1 - DANTE'S PARADISO - Group class horse resuming. Monster run 1st-up last prep (a year ago, off near 2-year absence) when flashing home. Been trialling super. So much ability, so many problems... Goes in my quaddie for sure!
5. 11 - AGUA CORRIENDO - ran well last start considering he was 3 & 4 wide on the speed. That form will be tested through Blessus/ Allworthy earlier in the day. Not much luck prior behind Grand Cause. No worries on drier ground...

Good Luck !

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