

## SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK

Great racing at **Flemington** last week on a Good track, rail was out 9M. Whilst it was certainly not a disadvantage racing on the speed it was not a 'leader biased' track to my eye. Note that in the races where there was a genuine speed early, horses were able to run on down the outside. Winners of both straight races came outside rail.

### RUN OF THE DAY

We have been doing this (service) for over 6 years, I cannot remember another horse who was, arguably, the best run of the day virtually every-time it races???

MAKYBE DIVA, she just had them covered a looong way out, and didn't get a cart-in either, and they didn't go hard up front (1:15.42 first 1200m, compare that to MUMMIFY in Sydney who led/won Gp3 Craven plate who's 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m was 1:14.85). Truly amazing racehorse! But that's like me telling you Greg Williams was a good footballer...

In the same race, impossible to miss the run of CONFECTIONER who tracked the mare the entire race (after missing the start) and actually ran home in slightly quicker sectionals (his last 800m split was 44.74 and her's was 44.80 – both exceptional!). did look a great Caulfield Cup trial but has failed twice at the trip before (maybe inconclusive? Wet, 1<sup>st</sup> go at 2400m???).

Plenty of other good runs in the Gp2 Turnbull: LAD OF THE MANOR (3-wide from 800m, just love this bloke! See him surge when challenged by Makybe? A worthy foe come Cox Plate day), PLASTERED (fitter, needs more galloping room), PORTLAND SINGA (kept finding the line at set-weights penalties)and DEMERGER (no run to the 400m, got home nicely when clear).

In race 1 (the 2yo's) I GOT CHILLS won by a space (14's to 4's Ouch!) and recorded a really slick 56.48, which is a great gallop even allowing for the fact it was wind-assisted. ACCURATE GUN won the inside division.

Race 2 saw GONSKI successful despite a set-back leading up to the race, note they ran faster time (1:23.03) than the other two 1410m races (including Sky Cuddle in Gp2 Mares). PERFECTLY READY got home well after hitting a 'flat spot' a couple of times. He is not all there yet, mentally, but it seems certain the 1600m of the guineas will suit him.

Race 3 was won by BRAVE LANCER and there was plenty of money for him, and plenty of merit in the win as he came from

off the pace in what was (otherwise) very much on-pace dominated. In fact the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed through to the 6<sup>TH</sup> placed horses all had settled in the first five!

ACTIVATION was dominant in race 4, did get away with a 50.55 1<sup>st</sup>-800m but he still won by 4L and ran the fastest last 600/400/200m splits of the race so nothing even made ground on him! In fact, his last 400/200m (21.80/11.01) were the quickest of the day!!! He proved in Brisbane (beat Gp1 winner Eremein) how good he is and will be competitive in just about anything this spring and beyond... GRADUATED ran on well (only 2<sup>nd</sup>-up), NOBLE RED (tempo against, really found the line. Home 11.12) and JOSE AMIGO (wide, pushed very wide in straight, look for him in something a shade easier) were good efforts.

One of the best runs of the day was seen by HEADTURNER in winning race 5. He covered ground but just attacks the line like a real good horse! Will be a top-shelf Autumn 3yo you'd think. VISION AND POWER was inside the winner to the 600m mark, was no match for him but kept coming to the line, wants further again. AIRSTREAM led (didn't loaf) and had a nice kick and even PENTACOLO hit the line ok for easier.

The two Freedman fillies quinellared the Gp2 Edward Manifold with SERENADE ROSE winning (Was left in front a way out so...) from EMPRESS LILY (chased hard). MARY MARVEL ran on very well from a mile back, so too CAYAMBE (relished return to dry tack) the latter three fillies ran the equal-quickest last 400m of the race in 23.00. ISANAMI got home well without ever looking the winner and even XAARHEA ran on nicely.

SKY CUDDLE was a strong winner on race 7, the Gp2 Mares event after having difficulty obtaining a run early in the straight. The mares ran 1:23.57 that was around 3L slower than the 3yo colt, Gonski but still ok time. Plenty of other good runs in it: LYRICAL BID (2<sup>nd</sup>-up, kept getting to line and when switched to outside, really motored!), CINQUE CENTO (1<sup>st</sup>-up, back and over-racing, she was flying home when stopped cold at the 250, picked-up again and hit the line hard, very good!), SARAH MICHELLE (back and wide, kept on coming, she's flying) were all noteworthy efforts.

The outside rail saw 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> salute (Race 9 the Gp3 Gilgai) and it was a dominant win by FALKIRK with the blinkers on. Just pulled himself into the race and ran a sizzling 1:07.96... GLAMOUR PUSS Kept chasing (quickest last

200m), RECAPLITALIZE always charges to the line when ridden cold, were both good.

Over on the inside BRANNIGAN won his division clearly (only 2<sup>nd</sup>-up) and was forced to sit ¾ of a length off the speed against the rail (never an advantage). RAID THE ROYALS ran on well on inside section also.

ASHKALANTE beat UMBER in the last (they had won 6 of 84 between them prior) but both horses are always thereabouts and do 'try'! The leaders ran a 48.90 1<sup>st</sup>-800m and the field scooted home (33.87) so backmarkers had little hope.

ROCKFORD BAY ran well (3 wide on 'speed') but the best run in the race was seen by ZANKEL (1<sup>st</sup>-up) who had settled back and then came the widest Vs tempo. MY GIBREEL also found the line nicely, and was 1<sup>st</sup>-up. They ran 1:23.33 here.

#### THE FORGIVE FILE:

HARRYALLARDS LANE (heart irreg.), REFUTE (lame), JOY OF FLIGHT (3-wide), LAGO BUOY (lost rider), FLORA DANICA (3 & 4 wide), HILLFA (very wide), TEVELLA (worked forward wide early), BODACIOUS HARMONY (injured), CANDY VALE (never got a crack, looked to have plenty to give!!!), CATSCAN (pushed off track), INFINITE GRACE (never out of trouble), VOUVRAY (no run in straight, did hit line when clear), DIZELLE (travelled strongly but never got a crack at any stage, Beadman goes on from here!), RIZON (traffic jam), STELLA GRANDE(wide trip), BLESSUM (bled), NICONERO (still not out) and TALL TIMBERS (heavily backed, sat back and wide).

IN SYDNEY racing was at **Randwick** where the track was Good and the rail out 3M, again, there were plenty of on-pace winners but horses were able to swoop when the pace was on and the track played very well.

#### RUN OF THE DAY

Photo between MEN AT WORK and JOHAN'S TOY, giving the nod to the mare (latter) as she has scope to win a Gp1 race this Spring when she comes to Melbourne. She just never seems to have any luck JOHAN'S TOY and her run on Saturday in the Gp1 Epsom was sensational! She was back last and hooked wide before the turn (no trail in) and was forced very wide in the straight yet she just kept on coming to beat all bar the winner DESERT WAR in what was (outside of her) pretty much on-pace dominated.

They may have looked like they weren't going quick up front in the Epsom but the fact remains they ran a sub-47 1<sup>st</sup>-800m so they were not 'walking'. DESERT WAR's win (with top-weight) was full of merit. The run of LOTTERIA was also a

gem, gee she really tries! She led and was taken on by OUTBACK PRINCE mid-race and was forced to hold 2<sup>nd</sup>/rail  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length away (no advantage).

MR CELEBRITY was pushed up early (and over-raced a little...sigh!!!!), he looked a big chance turning but copped a bump and wobbled around, still sprinted very nicely his last 200m. onto 2000m now. IKE'S DREAM (home well) and even CINCINNATI GAL (kept giving her all this class) were also noteworthy efforts.

The Gp1 Metrop. What a run by MEN AT WORK, sat 3 & 4 wide for the majority of the 2400m trip, then was sent forward 500m out taking the lead a long way out in a fast-run race (very solid 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m of 1:14.50). Enormous effort!

RAILINGS... Tip your hat to Beadman and Hawkes who devised the plan to let the horse get back and relax after he had over-raced midfield the week before, this horse just "loves to chase" was the quote from Darren. Just super tactical racing. RUN RITA RUN gave her all to run 2<sup>nd</sup> and there were gaps everywhere, 2<sup>nd</sup>-to-3<sup>rd</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup>-to-rest and they were only 1 second outside the track record so expect the form to be ok, whether or not it measures up to Melbourne remains to be seen. Hard to see RAILINGS not running well in a Geelong Cup though (at least).

In race 1 WAR OF THE WORLDS remained unbeaten, he won in good time (1:10.20) especially when you consider the 1<sup>st</sup>-600m of the race was run in a leisurely 35.73 seconds. JET SPUR chased hard and STRAMOS kept coming off the slow speed (fastest last 200m was his). Tragic to see ASSERTIVE CHOICE suffer a bleeding attack (assume) and die on the track, thanks radio 927 for the fifteen updates on Jockey Hugh Bowman and not a mention of the horse... I am sure if his wrist is broken the first time it's mentioned it will still be broken an hour late? Some 'punters' do actually care about the horses...

MIRROR MIRROR won the 2yo race (race 2) in 58.69 and showed a good fighting spirit to beat FLEUR ROYALE (every chance, just missed). Did like the debut of both PLAGIARIZE (held up, hit line) and STAR OF SEATTLE (covered ground, hit line).

Race 3 was won by WILD QUEEN who led and kicked very strongly. She ran a very fast 1:22.02 doing it all herself so all honours with her. SHALIMAR SKY did her usual thing, that is to rocket home, she made her run with no assistance (trail in) and ran quickest last 600m of the day (34.01). TUI SONG was having her first run for 6 weeks and she sat back/wide yet ran

on stylishly. (closing sectionals only inferior to Shalimar Sky's)

The Gp1 Spring Champion Stks was "run" at a slooow pace (1:17.24 1<sup>st</sup>-1200m) making it very difficult for the backmarkers. In saying that, HOTEL GRAND was a top win and is improving all the time, so talented!!! PENDRAGON's run was full of merit (wide early, got back against the slow pace), home is 34.20/22.59/11.50 is good going. DUELLED ran 3<sup>rd</sup> and did go around the field early to sit second (slow pace) and held on well.

MUMMIFY won the Gp3 Craven Plate (race 5) but did run much slower time than his stablemate (Makybe Diva) in Melbourne over the same trip, despite a quicker first 1200 meters? They ran 2:03.06 here.

WILD IRIS loomed to win and will be peaking for the Caulfield Cup if she is good enough and BUSH HONEY was wide, went forward mid-race and sat 3-deep on the speed, still ran equal fastest last 200m (with Wild Iris). Watch for her in Canberra Cup on Sunday.

Race 8, the Gp1 Flight Stakes, was run in a canter (48.85 1<sup>st</sup> 800m) and FASHIONS AFIELD won the event, talented and tough! BEAUTY WATCH was a real eye-catcher coming from last and running passed MNEMOSYNE whilst recording some pretty slick sectionals. She heads to Melbourne as the fresh horse on the scene and can be followed. ASTRONOMIA raced like a real stayer, she couldn't sprint with the others but on the line, was going as well as anything...

BLACK INK landed a plunge in the last rocketing to the line and winning 'running away'... Very, very good win. MUSTARD flew home for second (2<sup>nd</sup>-up) and RED OOG ran well with his 58kg's. They really scorched along early (1<sup>st</sup>-600 34.14) and the overall time of 1:03.40 was pretty good

#### THE FORGIVE FILE:

BEAU COVET (wide & back Vs pace), DON RAPHAEL (Severe check 300m, then again 250m, was making good ground, picked himself up and hit the line. Really good effort this), STORMHILL (injury), MILES (very wide), FLAMING (3 & 4 wide), COLLATE (thumps), OUTBACK PRINCE (Heart irreg.), BINDING (injured), SYDNEY OWNER (3-wide trip, again), CARRY ON CUTIE (very wide trip) and LUCKY NIGHT (wide on fast pace).

## TO TODAY'S SELECTIONS

### **PLEASE NOTE**

All ratings for Caulfield are for DEAD track. The track is very firm at the minute (Friday morning) but there is rain forecast (10-15mls predicted). The rail is in the True position which is exactly where it was for the Dubai/Underwood meeting (17/9). It is very much worth noting that on that day it was an advantage being on the pace/rail early before the traffic on the inside levelled it up, then it became an advantage OFF the rail. If the rain comes you can bet they will be off the inside as the day wears on. Watch early races and monitor!

In Sydney racing is at Rosehill and ratings are for GOOD track, the rail s out 6M. The rail was 3M out at their last meeting (21/9) and running on was no problemo.

### **BET OF THE DAY**

ROSEHILL – Race 9 No.3 – **DEVIL** – What an amazing run this Queenslander put in last start at Randwick when second in the Gp3 Bill Ritchie, the leaders had really scorched along running a 45.75 second 1<sup>st</sup>-800m and he sat right on that hectic speed before taking the lead (travelling sweetly) at the 200m. He was cut down late by FLAMING who then went on to run a super race in the Gp1 Epsom after racing very wide. What was most amazing though, was the time they ran in the Bill Ritchie, 1:21.27 is a sensational gallop and DEVIL left in his wake some very good horses that day. He drops in grade, gets in incredibly light after the claim (1.5kg over limit) and should get a lovely run on the (softer) speed here. It is worth noting there are little queries on many of his main rivals today and he looks very, very hard to hold out.

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

CAULFIELD – Race 8 No.9 – **SHANIA DANE** – Indicated she was pretty special from day 1 this daughter of Danehill and this preparation she has taken it up a level or two! Sensational return to racing when she motored down the outside to roll DANCE HERO/SPARK OF LIFE and co, she then beat gun mare LOTTERIA on her merits in the Gp3 Tramway before bursting through to just miss in the Gp1 George Main Stks behind MR CELEBRITY. All three runs have been in very fast time, the form around her is simply outstanding. She has no reservations about handling the Melbourne way of going. In fact, she ran a terrific 2<sup>nd</sup> on an unsuitable Heavy track to the (then flying) CREATIVE PLAN at her only Melbourne appearance as an immature 3yo. SHANIA DANE comes into this at her 4<sup>th</sup> run back and will still be at her absolute peak. Do not worry about the wide gate as there doesn't appear to be a ton of speed and, it may even be an advantage (by race 8) to be drawn out a little. She also has the services of No.1 jockey Darren Beadman and at around \$6, is tremendous value too.

**BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:**

CAULFIELD – Race 9 No.3 – **AQUA D'AMORE** - This quality Gai Waterhouse mare is racing 1<sup>st</sup>-up from a break today. She is a 1<sup>st</sup>-up specialist having won 3 from 3 1<sup>st</sup>-up in her short career. At her latest 1<sup>st</sup>-up assignment she defeated the very smart STEFLARA carting 57kgs before going on to be placed at Group level. AQUA D'AMORE trialled very nicely recently in preparation for this and our track spies tell us she has worked the house down since. Noel Callow takes the ride from gate 4 and she is unbeaten at 1200m too. Currently showing \$6 in early markets, that's great value.

**BEST PLACE BET OF THE DAY:**

CAULFIELD – Race 5 No.13 – **SHROGGINET** – Really liked his run at Randwick last start when he took off 1000m out to lead in the Gp3 Colin Stephen before holding on quite well to finish only 3L from the winner RAILINGS. That form now looks outstanding! Also emerging from that event was the Gp1 Metrop. Runner-up RUN RITA RUN and 5<sup>th</sup> placed (very good run) DON RAPHAEL. SHROGGINET comes into this 4<sup>th</sup>-up from a break and that last run would have topped him off very nicely for this. He is only lightly raced (14 starts) but we have already seen a lightly raced stayer come down from Sydney last week (Brave Lancer) and win impressively. Both of SHROGGINET's 2400m runs have been terrific and with Glen Boss aboard, from gate 5, expect him to get a lovely run and be very hard to beat each-way. Currently quoted \$11 and that is way overs.

**BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY:**

CAULFIELD – Race 7 No.9 – **TESTAFIABLE** – Really liked his 1<sup>st</sup>-up run in the Gp1 Manikato (wfa) when a mile back and very wide before taking off a little early (right off the track) yet attacked the line like the good horse he is. He came home his last 200m there in 11.70 which was the second quickest of the day! At his next start, TESTAFIABLE went up to Sydney and ran a terrific 3<sup>rd</sup> to a couple of today's rivals in PARATROOPERS and PRIMUS, it is very much worth noting that TESTAFIABLE was making ground on BOTH of those runners in the last 200m and that form (and the time they ran) is the standout 3yo form. Now, TESTAFIABLE was only racing 2<sup>nd</sup>-up from a spell in that event (the other two have had long/tough campaigns) and will relish the step up to 1600m. He is proven the 'Melbourne way' and in the wet (if it did happen to rain) and will come up \$30-something on the tote. Just needs touch of luck from gate 11 to be right in the finish.

**OTHERS:**

ROSEHILL – Race 5 No.5 – **AMIANAN** – This lightly raced Waterhouse trained gelding put in a super performance last start when caught 4-wide early and worked forward to sit 2<sup>nd</sup> on a fast pace (46.67 1<sup>st</sup>-800m for the 1500m trip) and toughed it right out to the line. They ran more than 2 seconds quicker than the other 1500m race on the programme there too. It is worth noting, he was racing 2<sup>nd</sup>-up there (after good 1<sup>st</sup>-up in good time) and will be peaking for this. Has gate 8 and Lenny Beasley and meets his rivals from that event better off at the weights. Very hard to beat.

## TOP RATED RUNNERS:

## CAULFIELD

### Race 1 – Hayman Classic – 1400m

1. **5 – DRUNKEN JOKER** – Good win 1<sup>st</sup>-up for new stable (Moody) and a couple of horses well-beaten there have come out and run well. Should get the gun run here from gate 5 and 1400m suits 2<sup>nd</sup>-up.
2. **7 – CARGO CULT** – Always shown real promise and is flying at present, could have easily won last 3 and will relish weight drop. Boss, gate 6
3. **15 – LIGHTOFPROSPERITY** – Honest on-pacer who is 3<sup>rd</sup>-up here and has form around Activation, Candy Vale & El Segundo. Will not be far away.
4. **13 – TARZI** – Forgive 1<sup>st</sup>-up run on heavy, his dry track form is very good against top gallopers. Is a 3yo Vs open class but gets weight off.
5. **17 – BIG POPPA PUMP** – Going OK, gets weight relief and will race on-pace

### Race 2 – 3yo C&G Harrolds Fashion Plate – 1200m

1. **2 – GUNPOWDER** – Liked the win 2<sup>nd</sup> up at 1000m at MV and they ran around 3L quicker than the fillies

- there, Will take sit for Beadman from 9 and be hard to beat.
2. **3 – PURPLE CHOCOLATE** – 1<sup>st</sup>up for new stable. Has form around some real good horses and suspect he has improved since 1<sup>st</sup> prep.
  3. **11 – GOING DUTCH** – Every chance behind Gunpowder at MV on debut for good stable. Will be fitter & better for the run and drawn ideally in 4.
  4. **7 – PIRATE ISLAND** – Came from back at Mornington (not always easy) and that was only 1<sup>st</sup>up. 1200m will suit and won't have to get too far back.
  5. **5 – ELECTRIC GENERAL** – Found the line like a good horse (off suicidal pace) at Werribee his past two runs. 1200m will suit, can go on.
  6. **8 – FUSAICHI SAN** – Did nothing 1<sup>st</sup>-up but tongue-tie goes on here so maybe something amiss there? Could improve sharply.

**Race 3 – Gp3 - 3yoF Thoroughbred Club Stks – 1200m – SWP**

1. **1 – JADESCENT** – Really good effort in the Ascot Vale in fast time and drops back to fillies grade here. Suited at the weights, will race on the speed. Very hard to beat
2. **6 – MEGADEAL** – Race just didn't pan out for her at MV behind Rewaaya. Gets 2kg off Queen of the Hill for good 1L 2<sup>nd</sup> at Flem in fast time. Can win
3. **2 – QUEEN OF THE HILL** – Prefer her at Flem but from gate 1 can use the rail, top win 1<sup>st</sup>-up in fast time then beat older mares at Sandown.
4. **9 – BARSHA** – Back and very wide at the Valley but had to love her zooming home the last 100m, time wasn't flash and may want further now but the run was good
5. **5 – TESTA REALE** – Very honest and handles wet or dry, include multiples

**Race 4 – Gp2 – Schillaci Stks – 1000m – WFA**

1. **1 – LILANDO** – 1<sup>st</sup>up from Bleeding attack (they often run well this way) and he goes super fresh. Wfa suits him here as he has proven himself in better company than this. Expecting him to run very well!

2. **7 – STRIKELINE** – Just never runs a bad race! Super-honest and will take sit off a likely very fast speed. Gives her all, love her!
3. **12 – DANERICH** – If you could be sure he could take a sit, relax and run home, you could back him in this with confidence. Doubt he can lead this field but his form has him right in it.
4. **6 – KILL THE CAT** – Ran a 56.05 1000m so he can fly! Stable won this with Mistegic a few years ago at good odds. Including from gate 1
5. **8 – SEGMENTS** – Doesn't win but from is ok. Place show

#### **Race 5 – Gp2 – Winning Edge Pres Stks – 2400m**

1. **12 – LEICA FALCON** – Great win off slooow pace at Sandown and form ties in strongly (beat Evil Master there easy, and he had thrashed Bugatti Royal prior who ran 2<sup>nd</sup> last week to Brave Lancer). Looks the real deal!
2. **13 – SHROGGINET** – reasons outlined
3. **2 – GREY SONG** – Fitter now and he does have Gp1 form, would relish a bit of rain.
4. **7 – UMBULA** – Worked early last time and ran well behind El Segundo/Show Barry (good form!). Beadman rides and he might be value
5. **5 – EVIL MASTER** – Gets 2.5kg on the 12 for being soundly beaten by him but should get the gun run here. Been up a while but very tough.
6. **6 – RIZON** – Won this last year and comes in 4<sup>th</sup> up. No luck last week against the cream. Chance
7. **4 – SWIFT TANGO** – Wants a bit of rain. Weight drop helps. Should improve

#### **Race 6 – Gp1 – Yalumba Stks – 2000m – WFA**

1. **3 – PERLIN** – Must rate on top after strong Underwood win. Was wide and heavily backed previous start. Will get all the favours here.
2. **2 – GREYS INN** – Expect him to measure right up, thrashed Super Kid in Hong Kong and we saw him run great 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dubai Cup, he is a seasoned traveller but only lightly raced. Word is he has settled in a treat (that's the trick). Trainer says this run tops him off but he is at his 'playing weight'. He will run well and be right there in some of our big ones I'd say!
3. **4 – CONFECTIONER** – Great run in Turnbull and has won 2 races here, not much between him and Perlin and should sit up on speed.
4. **6 – EL SEGUNDO** – Feehan run outstanding when would have run 3<sup>rd</sup> for mine with enough room, then

brained them at the Valley. May be just starting to taper off but expecting another bottler run here. Goes in quaddie

5. **1 – FIELDS OF OMAGH** – Never won here but has some great seconds to Northerly. Fitter for last run, do think MV suits better but sure to run well.

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

1. **9 – TESTAFIABLE** – reasons outlined
2. **10 – PRIMUS** – Come a long way in this his 1<sup>st</sup> prep. Going with the form through the Stan Fox as the time was quickest (despite slower early secs). Expecting 1600m to suit.
3. **2 – PARATROOPERS** – 4 from 4 this prep and beat older horses (with weights against) two-back. 1<sup>st</sup> go Melbourne (Caulfield) and out to 1600m after tough campaign but has all the form. Big doubt if rain has come.
4. **4 – PERFECTLY READY** – Hit the line nicely last start and 1600m will suit back to level weights. Is good enough!
5. **8 – GONSKI** – Good win last time in relatively quick time (1:22.44 converted to 1400m compared to 1:22.31 for Paratroopers in Syd). Very gifted and likely leader here, hasn't seen wet, 1600m or Caulfield but it's called 'punting' for a reason!?!?
6. **6 – APACHE CAT** – All honours with him at Caulfield when 2<sup>nd</sup> up, 1100m-to-1400m and took off very early in fast-run race, yet held on. 1600m will definitely suit and he is waaay overs at present.
7. **7 – GOD'S OWN** – Narrow 2<sup>nd</sup> to Apache Cat at Caulfield and 1600m/drier track will suit. Likely to get back and rattle home down the outside (pattern pending)

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

1. **9 – SHANIA DANE** – reasons outlined
2. **2 – BARELY A MOMENT** – Made his run with Makybe Diva two-back (form!) then strong winner of Dubai Cup in fast time beating Super Kid/Sky Cuddle and they thrashed the 4<sup>th</sup> horse (form!). Up in weight but drawn to get lovely run. A must!
3. **1 – SUPER KID** – Gate 14 makes it tough but enormous run in the Dubai Cup when wide at the tail and will be all the fitter for the run. Can win!

4. **8 – CALVEEN** – Sensational 1<sup>st</sup>up then never sighted on heavy at Caulfield, expecting much better on drier, 3<sup>rd</sup>up at the 1600m here.
5. **3 – OUR SMOKING JOE** – Drops from Wfa to Hcp here and he is flying. Would love plenty of rain, hard to beat from ideal draw.
6. **11 – SKY CUDDLE** – Is a Gp1 winner at 1600m and is flying this prep. Her run as good as any in Dubai Cup and then won easily last week. Gate 12?

**Race 9 – Listed – Thai Airways International – 1200m – Mares**

1. **3 – AQUA D'AMORE** – reasons outlined
2. **1 – CRIMSON REIGN** – Both runs this prep just terrific without luck. Hit front long way out on suicidal pace 1<sup>st</sup>up, then caught wide the trip and beaten in 5-way photo. Drops in grade and drawn perfectly for Beadman. Just may get out to silly odds?
3. **13 – STORM SIGNAL** – Good horse who won her only 1<sup>st</sup>-up run with a leg in the air. Will win plenty of races.
4. **2 – TRULY WICKED** – Second to Strikeline two-back is the right from-line to take. She's always competitive this grade when its dry.
5. **10 – LITTLE CHLOE** – Sat 4-wide 1<sup>st</sup>up facing the breeze on heavy track and her effort was very good. Has won 2<sup>nd</sup>up (here) and should go well.

**ROSEHILL**

**Race 1 – Cup Day at Rosehill Hcp – 1200m – F&M**

1. **1 – STEFLARA** – Excellent run last start and this is much easier, gets in very light with claim and small field an advantage. Expecting her to win!!!
2. **5 – RETAIL THERAPY** – Form around One in a Million and Miss Mooney Mooney. On the up. Hardest to beat.
3. **6 – STAR FOLLY** – Finished just over 1L behind Steflara last start in better race and that was only 2<sup>nd</sup>up. Meets her 2kg better here.
4. **3 – BANABOLDA** – Also out of same (Steflara) race when only 2<sup>nd</sup>up. Weights are against her turning the tables here.

### **Race 2 – De Bortoli Hill Plate – 1300m – SW (Class 6)**

1. **3 – BENTLEY BISCUIT** – Will be \$1.20 and probably win easily.
2. **5 – FOX LAKE** – Good horse in the making this one, plenty of natural ability.
3. **8 – FREEROLLER** – Underrated mare who can really charge late. Has 53kg
4. **7 – RIDGEBACK** – Promising and very well bred. 2<sup>nd</sup>-up, Well weighted.
5. **1 – MR ARISTOS** – Driven mad in lead last time but weak. This harder.

### **Race 3 – Michael Hansell signs Hcp – 1400m – F&M (Class 3)**

1. **6 – SKY RIGHT** – Well above average mare who sneaks in here with 51kg, really impressive win last start. Will start fav.
2. **4 – FLURO FEVER** – still learning but has her share of ability, bit green chasing (laying in) last start costly. Should lead here and be hard to run down
3. **3 – AMALIENBORG** – Over-raced yet found the line nicely last start in better company. Will be getting home hard here.
4. **5 – LAGO LADY** – Really good run two-back when beaten by Individual (since run terrific in sat company), then ordinary last start. Chance at best.
5. **1 – PENIKI PARK** – Home ok Vs tempo when 2<sup>nd</sup> up (and 1100m to 1400m) last start. Probably ready to do something now

### **Race 4 – 3yoF – Stratco Hcp – 1200m (Class 3)**

1. **5 – SHARNA MYST** – Co-led up the Flem straight last start and knocked-up (they ran fast time). Previous run beat the smart At Ease with 58kg. Won a trial since. And in here with 53.5kg... Way overs at present (\$13)
2. **3 – SUGARBOMB** – Very easy winner at Cant. Last start when blinkers off and back to 1100m. O'Hara replaces Boss and she can fire up this one but if she relaxes will go very close.
3. **7 – CATCH THE BIRD** – Bit green & over-raced last start but really found the line behind Sugarbomb. 1200m will suit. Has the ability.
4. **2 – CHAUD ROCHE** – Had good form around some handy types at first campaign. 1<sup>st</sup> up here but did win trial.

5. **9 – FLYING ALPHA** – Good debut at Newcastle. Obviously has ability but may want touch further now?

#### **Race 5 – De Bortoli Wines Hcp – 1500m (Class 3)**

1. **5 – AMIANAN** – reasons outlined
2. **8 – OUR SORSALEDO BAY** – Got back & was held-up last time but got home hard when clear and was only 2<sup>nd</sup> up. Gate 16 no help but peaking here
3. **3 – NO DOUBT AT ALL** – Tries very hard but not won for a while now. Will not be far away.
4. **2 – LE BRON** – Very short (2<sup>nd</sup> up) when beaten into 4<sup>th</sup> (only beaten less than 2L) after big win (sitting wide) 1<sup>st</sup> up. Always forgive a so-so 2<sup>nd</sup> up run. Include
5. **4 – STABLE TALK** – Beat a few combatants here last start at big odds, now drawn 15 and up in weight.

#### **Race 6 – 3yo C&G – Autoslide Hcp – 1200m – (Class 3)**

1. **2 – JOHNNY** – Just beaten last start Vs older horses and they gapped the rest, still a maiden but out to 1200m here and sure to run well
2. **5 – INNINGS** – Very impressive debut win when had support. Showed the turn of foot of an above average galloper.
3. **9 – THE JACKAL** – Ran some of the best splits of the day two-back Vs subsequent Saturday (city) winner War Of The Worlds, then did zero last start after slow getaway? Would be favourite on previous form...
4. **4 – FRIDAY CREEK** – 2<sup>nd</sup> up. Was on back of winner all the way 1<sup>st</sup> up but did run second and should be fitter. They ran the fastest of 3 1100m races that day. Won 2<sup>nd</sup> up only other prep.
5. **3 – COMMANDING VICTORY** – Comes out of same race as Friday Creek and didn't get a ton of room in straight, meets him 1kg better.

#### **Race 7 – Stowe Aust Hcp – 2000m – (Class 6)**

1. **2 – TERRAIN** – Three good runs in better company this prep and steps out to 2000m here which should suit. Drawn perfectly.
2. **3 – GUNFIRE MESSIAH** – Had no trail in last time when home hard from a mile back. 2000m will suit and probably at peak now. Beat Terrain home Sept3 and meets him 1.5kg better. Definite Winning Chance!

3. **7 – KOSI BAY** – On the up, keeps running home hard in very fast sectionals, comes out of good form race last start (when started fav)
4. **5 – BLUE PATRIARCH** – Comes out of Kosi Bay race and meets him better at weights. Was very wide, very early there and just couldn't finish off, with softer tag in, he can go very close.
5. **6 – FERRUCCIO** – Another from same race and the win was full of merit, previous two very good also, gate 12 a tough awkward but he's flying.
6. **1 – COALESCE** – Only 2<sup>nd</sup> up when second to Gp1 winner and Caulfield Cup hopeful at Eagle Farm. Promising stayer. Great race this...

### **Race 8 – De Bortoli Hcp – 1100m – (Class 6)**

1. **5 – CONROD STRAIGHT** – Sat 4-wide and always working 2<sup>nd</sup> up. Drops to 53kg here and meets rivals significantly better at weights.
2. **8 – FORESTRENO** – Keeps running enormous races and suspect this will be no different given early speed engaged.
3. **7 – BROMIDE** – Only 2<sup>nd</sup> up and ran on form mile back (thru same race as top 2 here), fitter now.
4. **11 – GLOBAL ONE** – Very good win beating Johnny (how did he go in race6?) when made run on fence (best ground ?). Really finds the line!
5. **3 – COUNT LUSKIN** – Very honest and good 2<sup>nd</sup> up record. Claim helps too

### **Race 9 – Escape to races Hcp – 1400m**

1. **3 – DEVIL** – reasons outlined
2. **7 – GREEN SUN** – 3 deep throughout last time when scoring at big odds, back to 1400m but drawn outside which suits. Hard to see him running poorly.
3. **5 – NEWTON'S RINGS** – Super-honest! Just never runs a bad race. In here with 54kg, don't leave out!
4. **6 – WESTERN BEAU** – Doesn't always turn up but has plenty of talent. This infinitely easier than the hot Cameron Hcp too and he's now 3<sup>rd</sup> up.
5. **2 – PRIME CENTURY** – Been a great horse to connections (not always punters) and has great record here at 1400m. Has won off short break previously (last time in July at 20/1).

Good luck !

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