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SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK:

Racing at CAULFIELD last week the track was GOOD and the rail TRUE. Runners were winning well away from the inside rail as the day went on, as is the norm there these days...

Run Of The Day:

Has to be my wife DIVINE MADONNA (just ahead of stablemate Maldivian and the boom horse Weekend Hussler). The gun mare DIVINE MADONNA came

from last, came widest, and ran them all down in the Group 1 mile with a good horses weight, she ran the fastest last 400m split of the day in 22.71 and the win had great merit when you dissect the times. The leaders ran 49.88 1st-800m which was around 2 seconds slower than The Guineas field, which means, Spielmeister (led Toorak field) would have been around 12 Lengths behind Husson Lightning (led Guineas field) at the 800m...

Others in Toorak: NICONERO (every chance but super again), BON HOFFA (had a reaction to his EI inoculation so forgive this) and LAD OF THE MANOR (is he back? Fantastic last 200m, the fastest of the day! Hope so...)

In Race 2 the super honest PINNACLES at nice odds, settled 1-1 and got the job done over SONIC QUEST had his chance to my eye, was a bit one-paced 2nd-up. AMERRYKING loomed to win 2nd-up, fitter now and the forever

genuine KELTAH (not much luck late either - had equal last 200m split with winner). MIND YOUR HEAD almost identical last 200m also.

Note: Leaders walked in 49.49 1st-800m. Overall time: 1-24.12

All honours with the winner GAMBLE ME in Race 3. Worked hard running 34.13 1st-600m to lead, and kept running! Ran around 15 Lengths faster than race 1 after they'd gone 600m... wow! BELCENTRA loomed a bit, ran well. DANEDINA ran on super (best late sectionals). POTOMAC ran on well (2nd-fastest late splits) from mile back. CHINCHILLA ROSE ran on but I am sick of her... Time: 1:10.05 is sharp!

Race 4 and as soon as they let GOLD EDITION lead... it was over. She hardly walked running a 33.45 1st-600m then ran 57.1 overall. Basically, she was too good at WFA! ROYAL ASSCHER loomed, just no match and LET GO

THOMMO 2ndup off his set-back really found the line.. and wants

further than 1000m, good !!! OUR MAHARAJA loomed, was pipped late for a place. TANGO AMIGO'S kept coming ok, touch easier though...

MALDIVIAN was strong winning the Yalumba Stks, he beat a near champion filly/mare in MISS FINLAND and got running early... and kept running! ANAMATO peeled 4-wide before the turn and ran a great race 2nd-up at 2000m. MAYBE BETTER was excellent his last 100m, right on target! Had fastest last 200m split of the race in 12.36, Miss Finland 12.47... Overall time: 2-1.97

Race 7 and what of WEEKEND HUSSLER, ridden like the good thing he was, went forward early well before the turn and shot away! Kept going far too well. Ran 1 second faster than Divine Madonna in Toorak (but as stated, they were 2 seconds faster 1st-800m) and was dominant. SCENIC BLAST was fantastic in running second, he was as clearly better than the rest as Weekend Hussler was over him, he tracked 3 & 4 wide, was carted wider, and beat all-bar.... Great effort!
Others: MARCHING (worked home well), DAVCON (ran on well), BARBARICUS (last turning/ best late sectionals).

MASTER O'REILLY dominated the Winning Edge in race 8 also. Sat last, came 5-wide a long way out and ran them all down. Runner-up ZAVITE is an up and comer and it seems now he is starting to become more genuine (read consistent) since blinkers went on... These two spaced REGGIE & DOLPHIN JO who have been flying so....

In the last STORM SIGNAL surged strongly to get up off an even 35.27 1st-600m. Bear in mind 2nd (SOLEIL - had problems early this prep but back in town now) and 3rd (PARIS ZERO) were on-pacers so.... no knock! How does she keep winning at big odds... \$30 this Spring, \$16 now \$8... ??? FLYING OBJECT ran on super (equal fastest last 200m with winner) and BELLA CASSANI (last/widest) were very good. MISS FANTABULOUS wants 1400m and IMPOSING WAY is highly promising... Ran 1:10.49 the girls... good gallop off that tempo.

THE FORGIVE FILE:

INCUMBENT (tempo against), MIND YOUR HEAD (ditto), MURTAJILL (trip tests), HUSSON LIGHTNING (ditto), LAZER SHARP (wide run), TACIT AGREEMENT (hmmm)

and CAUSEWAY LASS (worst ground).

To today's selections...

PLEASE NOTE:

All ratings for CAULFIELD are for GOOD Track. Rail is out 6m. Expecting the track to play ok early then, suspect you will need to be off the rail later... Watch and monitor with rail out 6m.

BET OF THE DAY:

CAULFIELD - Race 7 No.7 - **TRICK OF LIGHT** – Looks the one on the up and ready to win 3rd-up off excellent 2nd-up run when got back, came wide and flashed home. Similarly she was very good 1st-up. Like her out to 2000m. Smart horse!

BEST VALUE BET OF THE DAY:

CAULFIELD - Race 4 No.8 - **LITTORIO** – I say this without hyperbole. If he has a clear run at them in the Guineas Prelude, he just about wins at \$81 (sigh!!!). He managed to run the fastest last 400m split of the day (Divine Madonna was 2nd) and managed it without being able to be ridden out. Went to 1600m at Ballarat and ran on ok but found it too short, plus, wasn't suited Vs older horses. Now gets to 2000m back to own age. Only negative I see is the gate. Touch of luck please!?

BEST EACH-WAY BET OF THE DAY:

CAULFIELD - Race 2 No.7 - **MISS MARIELLE** – Has good ability but has run into two leaders tracks in two runs back. Her effort in Adelaide 1st-up when 4-wide and a mile back, yet ran on anyway, was terrific then, almost exactly the same thing happened at MV 2nd-up at 1200m. Back/Wide/Leaders track. Gets to 1400m on a track where you will be able to run on... and peaks.

BEST ROUGHIE OF THE DAY:

CAULFIELD - Race 10 No.1 - **ZIPANESE** - The day she has any luck, she will win one of these. Has form around Vormista/ Apache Cat etc etc etc but always finds a way to get beat! Was wide and back last start, prior to that she

was terrific against Vormista after covering ground. Has 58kg but there is no Vormista here! New stable might help.
Not sure how "rough" she will be but hoping she comes up "overs"...

TOP-RATED RUNNERS

CAULFIELD

Race 1 – 3yoF Hcp – 2000m

1. 3 – CLUNY – Comes out of a very strong form-race at Hillside two-back (only start no.3) and finished alongside last week's impressive winner Gamble Me there (some five winners have come through that race) then liked the way she stretched out to beat Class Apart at MV. On the up.
2. 8 – BOURGOGNE – Didn't mind her run in the Edward Manifold Stks as she raced in the worst part of the track and her late sectionals were quite good. Is bred to relish the extra trip (she's a half-sister to an Oaks winner) and just may be the one over the odds?
3. 1 – CLASS APART – Went down narrowly to Cluny last start at MV and now gets 1kg advantage. Her run had merit too as she pulled out 3-wide no cover 600m from home. She also comes through that same hot form race prior won by Zarita.
4. 4 - ARAPAHO MISS – Found the line super at Ballarat two-back then backed heavy at Geelong (\$7-to-\$4.4) and missed the kick some 3 Lengths. She produced an amazing effort to win anyway! Wants 2000m, can win.
5. 5 – FRANGELICO – Has not had any luck of late, was caught in the worst part of the track at Flemington off a MV run where she was never out of trouble. Blowout chance.

Race 2 – 3yoF Hcp – 1400m

1. 7 – MISS MARIELLE – Has good ability but has run into two leaders tracks in two runs back. Her effort in Adelaide 1st-up when 4-wide and a mile back, yet ran on anyway, was terrific then, almost exactly the same thing happened at MV 2nd-up at 1200m. Back/Wide/Leaders track. Gets to 1400m on a track where you will be able to run on... and peaks.
2. 1 – DANEDINA – Was backed heavy to beat a smart filly in Belcentra two-back (since run well behind Gamble Me) then rattled home behind Gamble Me off a fast pace at 1200m last start. Gets to 1400m which will suit but has the 58kg. Stable cannot do anything wrong at present!
3. 3 – MISS TOMMA HAWK – Started short and overcome difficulties to win on debut then went to C1 Showcase, sat back near tail and ran them all down despite a modest tempo, and ran fast time (impressive considering said modest tempo). Can step straight to city/Saturday grade and win... On the up!
4. 1 – PURE BEAUTY – Shaping as a nice filly. Good looking maiden win then was bailed away badly at Ballarat in showcase (they ran good time) when she had a bit to give. Has a case.
5. 5 – ACELAND STREET – Won her maiden well enough at just start no.2 then sat wide at Werribee (VRC meeting) and went forward a long way out but kept battling on gamely. Winner there Bonded ran ok in G1 Thousand Guineas Wednesday. Has real scope...

Race 3 – Listed Winning Edge Cup – 3yoC – SWP – 1400m

1. 2 – MORGAN DOLLAR – Forgetting he went around in the G1 Guineas last week as he was eased down, and doubt ran the 1600m out in any case. Was only 6L off Weekend Hussler at this distance prior. Wasn't far from Marching/ Scenic Blast at 1400m before that. Nice gate.
2. 7 – VANDALO – Ran on very well at Flemington behind Dandy Dollar (only winner had faster late sectionals) when finally out to 1400m. No harder here.
3. 4 – NINE TALES – Kept closing in Guineas Prelude to Marching/ Scenic Blast (ran 2nd, 3rd in Guineas last week) when his sectionals were sound. Thought he went a bit early last start, wide. This bit easier.
4. 8 – KINGSFORD – Debut win was pretty solid as he rolled some promising horses there. Was a slight betting drifter so expecting improvement into this. Note: He was green in that race which indicates he has lengths improvement in him...
5. 10 – ZACROONA – Liked his late work at Horsham over 1100m. Note: He ran faster time than the 62RB race and older horses later in the day there. Wants 1400m and has upside.

Race 4 – Norman Robinson Stks – 3yoC – 2000m

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2. 1 – VILLAIN – Came from a mile back at Flemington last start and was very strong to the line out to 1800m. Liked the win prior at Sale running good time and first two there spaced the rest. 2000m suits. Big danger!
3. 5 – JABAL TARIK – Sure it was an on-pace race at Mornington but he won well then led on that swoopers track at Flemington and boxed on well for third. Doubt we have seen his best yet...
4. 3 – PILLAR OF HERCULES – Battled on gamely against the superstar Weekend Hussler last week despite having a bumping duel turning. Drew gate 1 on dynamite swoopers track at MV prior. Has a case.
5. 4 – BMMAGERA – Ran on super with Villain at Flemington (his run was not far inferior) and wants every bit of the 2000m, and looks to be improving with every run himself. Obviously in this!
6. 2-DOWN UNDER BOY and 12-NEUGINE have chances also...

Race 5 – G2 Harrolds Stks – Mares – 1400m

1. 2 – VORMISTA – Flew home behind near champion mare Gold Edition in G1/WFA Manikato then out to 1400m and looked he winner a loong way out before winning brilliantly. Has relative weights against here but keeps improving and could retire a multiple G1 winner... Pace on suits her!
2. 1 – LIKE IT IS – Ran well 2nd-up when looked a live chance 200m out (was 2nd and closing) but as swamped late. The run 1st-up was better than your formguide says. Peaks 3rd-up. In well relative weights and she did win at WFA 3rd-up last prep. (Sunline Stks). Takes a trail here I fancy.
3. 6 – BELLINI ROSE – Ran on super but was no match for the finish of Vormista at Flemington and now gets nice 2.5kg weight-pull. Pace on suits her also.
4. 10 – PINSEMTOIT – Tried hard last start behind Sanjuan who looks a very good sprinter. Ran well 1st-up behind Guild but was no match but does get 3.5kg weight-pull here. Peaking...

5. 13 – GUILD – Thrashed Pinsemtoit 1st-up who then ran well. Won 2nd-up last prep by a lazy 8 Lengths! Has more upside than most here so can offset weight differential.
6. 7 – SOVEREIGN MISS – Flying of late this mare. Ran on super with Vormista/Bellini Rose at Flemington and was only 2nd-up there. Another in well at weights, peaking. May be overs...

Race 6 – G2 Thai Airways Sprint – 1100m

1. 4 – TESBURY JACK – 1st-up. Good fresh horse, in fact, just a very good horse. Doesn't sprint like a Vormista but runs very fast time at one speed and is courageous. Was only 3L off Undue 1st-up last prep and should have finished much closer! That was G1 Oakleigh Plate. Meets Let Go Thommo better at he weights from their Goodwood virtual dead-heat.
2. 6 – SHADOWAYS – Like the fact he has drawn out. Really attacked the line last start (and tried a protest) against Stanzout at Flemington after drawing gate 1 both runs prior (not his go!). Gets 1kg on Stanzout here.
3. 3 – STANZOUT – Arguably a touch unlucky behind Sonic Quest here two-back when buffeted turning and charged after the winner, the form from that race is hot. Sat behind a slow speed and sprinted away at Flemington. He and Shadoways beat the third horse well there. Can win again.
4. 2 – LET GO THOMMO – Ran on hard and got pretty damn close to gun mare Gold Edition at 1000m 2nd-up. Loomed-up 1st-up but was a good risk as he'd had a set-back. Peaks into this and 1100m suits much better than 1000m.
5. 11 – TYPHOON ZED – Fought bravely 1st-up behind Undue and now meets that galloper 4kg better. Was out-spiced last start when the sprint went on at 1000m so expecting 1100m to suit better. Weighted to win, drawn to win... can win.

Race 7 – G3 Coongy Hcp – 2000m

1. 7 – TRICK OF LIGHT – Looks the one on the up and ready to win 3rd-up off excellent 2nd-up run when got back, came wide and flashed home. Similarly she was very good 1st-up. Like her out to 2000m. Smart horse!
2. 11 – PACINO – Did some early work at Cranbourne (Cup) then faded turning. Go on previous run when he split Maldivian and Master O'Reilly who both won group races last week. Will go forward from gate 14 and if he can get there without spending much petrol, he can certainly win.
3. 6 – DRAC'S BACK – Another promising galloper on the way up still. Came wide with his massive weight in the strong Gold Nugget last start and ran a great race. Looks back in town, wants the 2000m trip and last year, he beat all-bar Growl in Winning Edge Stks so has the class.
4. 12 – FIRE IN THE NIGHT – That was a good race he won at Geelong beating Itstheone who can win a country cup this spring. Out to 2000m suits and in with winnable weight. Has claims.
5. 13 – CHOLULA – Was not far off Zavite last start, that form looks good after that galloper made Master O'reilly really work to beat him in the Winning Edge. Had always promised to win a good race...
6. 2 – KING OF ASHFORD – If he found his best....

Race 8 – G1 BMW CAULFIELD CUP – 2400m

1. 8 – MALDIVIAN – Deserves favouritism on strong G1 WFA win last week over Miss Finland who was (before last Saturday's race) widely regarded as the best galloper in the land. Thrashed subsequent Winning Edge winner Master O'reilly prior at MV. Plummets in weight and bred to get a strong 2400m. Gate 1 ideal.
2. 18 – MASTER O'REILLY – Was safely held by Maldivian two-back but the leaders walked and he did a good job to run on into 3rd. Now gets 1kg advantage on

Maldivian into this. Big win in Winning Edge last week coming from last and tracking very wide a long way out. A more genuine tempo is likely here which will suit. Can run a great race... then again in Melb Cup.

3. 16 – ESKIMO QUEEN – Top effort in the G1 Underwood when found all sorts of trouble and, may have gone close to winning with even luck. Just forget she ran in the Turnbull as she was a mile back and came very wide Vs a walking tempo. Wants 2400m and will settle closer here from ideal draw. Can win.
4. 13 – ANAMATO – Ran a great race 1st-up running on with Divine Madonna in G1 Rupert Clarke despite swinging very wide. Peeled 4-wide a bit soon around Miss Finland but kept closing gamely. That was 2nd-up and 1400m-to-2000m so presume there is much improvement in her. Ran 3rd in VRC Oaks her only go this distance range (Miss Finland/ Tuesday Joy were the quinella). Best value runner.
5. 14 – DOURO VALLEY – Was mostly 3-wide yet kept coming to beat the \$2.50 favourite Maldivian here two-back then had to like him finding the line off that slow pace in the Turnbull. Meets Maldivian better at the weights for beating him in the Naturalism. So... has a case!
6. 5 - MAYBE BETTER – Loved his last 100m last week in the Yalumba (yes, it was faster than Miss Finland's) saying loud and clear he is peaking at the right time for the cups. Wants the 2400m desperately... His no.1 aim is the Melb Cup but bet he runs well here.
7. 17 – PRINCESS COUP – Gave her a live chance until she drew off the track. She now needs luck but she comes off two big wins (loved her last win giving the leaders 6L 200m out). She is a dual G1 winner... Hmmm.

Race 9 – G3 Jayco Cup – 1400m

1. 3 – ROMAN SQUIRE – Ran a bottler 1st-up in the Bobbie Lewis after being out-paced 500m out but really found the line (only Bon Hoffa had faster late sectionals). Out to 1400m is a huge tick and not worried about 6-week break...He has won off similar breaks in the past. Plenty of chances here but hoping he is some value.
2. 4 – OKAY OKY – Good effort at Flemington last start coming from a long way back and tracking very wide before getting home. Thought he was far from disgraced prior in G1 Rupert Clarke. Drawn gate 4 hope he settles midfield and gets to the outside turning...
3. 15 – LORD OF THE DANCE – Has been in unsuitable races at both runs back and performed ok. Now gets out to is right trip, 1400m, but has drawn he car park. By race 26 in seven days I'm sure that won't be a massive disadvantage but still want to see him get cover. Has won 2 of 2 at 1400m, one of those was a 3L win over Maldivian...
4. 13 – KINGS FAREWELL – Wasn't suited back sharply in distance last start, then had no luck in any case. Back out to 1400m suits, really like him at 1400m and drawn gate 5. Gets good run. Over the odds?
5. 8 – GUNFIRE MESSIAH – Absolutely flying this bloke but am worried about a very firm track. Finished alongside subsequent Cranbourne Cup winner Emerald Jack last start and probably should have won a good form race at MV prior. Top-pick on Dead ground, 5th-pick on Good...

Race 10 – The Age Plate – F&M – 1100m

1. 1 – ZIPANESE – The day she has any luck, she will win one of these. Has form around Vormista/ Apache Cat etc etc etc but always finds a way to get beat! Was wide and back last start, prior to that she was terrific against Vormista after covering ground. Has 58kg but there is no Vormista here! New stable might help...
2. 5 – STAR ROSE – Very genuine who's worst career finish is third. Was backed heavy 1st-up but tracked wide and thought the run was very good. That form looks ok too. Her 1100m form includes two wins by an aggregate 3.3L and her only defeat at 1100m.. was by a nose.

3. 2 – LA CHESSEUSE – Comes through the same (Seymour/ Vrc race) as Star Rose last start and she ran a brave race. Overed ground 1st-up and was gallant. Generally very honest. Has strong claims.
4. 12 – SMILE OF DESIRE – Her last run was better than it looks on paper. She did miss the kick 2L there, recovered to box-seat and never stopped trying. Got warm late 1st-up. Should be peaking here against the mares. Go well.
5. 11 – BENATAR – 1st-up. Stable have an opinion of her and her first four runs were all terrific before striking a heavy track, flopping, and being immediately spelled. I saw her half-brother debut the other day, Dam is Rather Yallah... horse was called Ottens... Love it !!!

Good Luck !

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