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PLEASE NOTE:

All ratings for FLEMINGTON are for GOOD/DEAD track. Rail stays at 2M position (comes out around the back of the course, but that means little). NOT expecting disgraceful, dynamite leader bias we saw on Saturday, expecting with the extra traffic that horses will be getting off the inside as the day wears on. Straight races they seem certain to come to outside after Grandstand rail was panels in front of flat-side on Derby Day.

Race 1 – Jayco Sprint 2yo – SW – 1000m

The Big watch is obviously on ALINGHI's little sister, 15-PERFECT PERSUASION. Trialled well, cost them \$2.6Million.... 10-GRAVITRON has also trialled well and her dam produced the speed, and smart, Impaler. 1-ROYAL ASSCHER has the race form, out-bobbed at MV by Cinq Rouge who also quinella'd their previous meeting in fast time, spacing the rest of the field. 4-BEAUTY SCHOOL was backed as if unbeatable on debut but was hampered early, go well.

Race 2 – Mares Hcp – 1700m

1. 4 – BENKO – Excellent run at MV when 3-wide, no cover, sent 4-wide 700m and still attacked the line. Had fastest last 200m there (amazingly!). Gest much softer run from nice draw. Safe Each-way I'd say.
2. 11 – INTERCHE – Ran well in strong Belle Of The Turf at Gosford when set-upon late by a top mare in Pekalan whom she now meets 2.5kg better, and, has drawn to get a lovely smother on pace. Has real upside this one...
3. 1 – PEKALAN – Super Mare! Has massive weight and wide alley but you watch, she will be absolutely charging home. Very hard to stop when she's in this mood (great form this prep) and Belle Of The Turf win, from mile back, was sensational and she cleared out by 3Lengths...
4. 7 – STAR MYSTIC – Very solid on-pace effort at MV when only 2nd-up. Fitter for that, 1700m is no worries and she will be in the firing line all the way. Has a third to Regal Cheer/Mnemosyne at Gp2 level so class isn't a problem. Go well.
5. 9 – A COUNTRY GIRL – Another who ran super at MV. Got mile back, came very wide and really got home. Wasn't given much hope really! That was her 1st go at 1600m so better for it and would have been near top pick if not drawn 18. Needs luck from there.

Race 3 – Hcp – 2800m

1. 9 – THE BAVARIAN – Was left totally flat-footed in Sydney last start when the sprint came on but his last 200m was terrific and hit the line real hard! Had fastest late sectionals

there! That was 2400m, out to 2800m a huge plus. Go well especially if they put some pace on!?!?

2. 5 – BAY STORY – Assume fitter for Oz debut at 2500m when took off, wide, a bit too soon. Ran well there and he was 1st-up for over a year! Has a bit of quality about him.
3. 4 – SIAMUN – Was top-pick until drew 18. Will probably have to go back to last but, as he showed in the Winning Edge, he can really get home! Just forget he went around at Geelong when got back on Dynamite leader's track. Can sure win with luck
4. 3 – ISTA KAREEM – Got back at Geelong on leader's track so had no hope. Was ticking along nicely prior to that hiccup. Ran 4th here in a 'Duke Of Wellington' to Desert Master so he will stay all day. Has claims.
5. 16- SOUTHERN COURAGE and 19-ZAVITE are good value runners (latter, third emergency needs luck to gain a start!)

Race 4 – Listed Mares – 1400m

1. 3 – MARTINIFORUS – Did have her chance in strong Belle Of The Turf at Gosford but did run well. Expecting that form to hold up in race 2 here. Previous run she was probably a shade too close to the inside by race 9 where swoopers featured. Back to 1400m here no worries and drawn to get gun run. Go well !
2. 15 – STORM SIGNAL – Nice effort 1st-up reeling off the best closing sectionals off the race. 2nd-up last time in she won at MV by 3.3L and was dominant that day. Not ideally drawn but if gets a shade of luck she will be in the finish.
3. 2 – IMANA – Ran on well at Flemington in handy Mares grade. Has a 2nd to Paratroopers on her CV. Looks well placed here against a field that does lack a bit of depth and drawn to get nice smother. Very genuine mare
4. 14 – PERPUGILLIAM – Not so genuine but on her day is very good. Liked the run at Caulfield when found the line nicely between runs off slow pace. Only Storm Signal had faster late figures there and she'll be fitter. Gate 9 (middle draw) suits her. In the mix for sure.
5. 13 – ANAPINE – Terrific effort 1st-up when no closer than 3-wide all the way yet really found the line. Expecting that to be a very good form race. Not ideal draw but may hustle forward and end up getting good run. Good value runner I expect.

Race 5 – 3yo Hcp – 1000m

1. 6 – LETMEENTERTAINYOU – Very promising! Was odds-on but no match for My Middi (came here and won Caulfield Cup day) before spell. Did impress upon resumption in Sydney displaying the turn of foot of a good horse. Upward spiral.
2. 8 – TYPHOON ZED – 1st-up. Was plunged on 1st-up last prep, \$15-into-\$8.50 and duly saluted. Spelled straight away after subsequent flop. Yet to see a dry track and may go through the roof...
3. 4 – AADELAIDEE – Led in a slow 35.3 1st-600m at Caulfield which was actually slower than the 2yo's ran for

their early sectional on the day. That says had every chance. Did beat Follow The Till in July and meets her 1.5kg better now. Go well.

4. 2 – FOLLOW THE TILL – Is limited and has big weight but much prefer her back at 1000m and she did sit wide last start at Caulfield in a stronger race. Has straight form!
5. 1 – CENOTAPH – Not far away last two against better opposition with the blinkers on, back to 1000m may help (did beat Industrious one day at this trip). Suspect this is more the right level... each-way.

Race 6 – Listed Seppelt Wines -3yoF – 1400m

1. 8 – BIANCA – Was left flat-footed by a star 3yo in Reigning To Win last start with 300m to go but she absolutely motored the last 100m. Got very close to him! Out to 1400m here and back against the girls are big plusses. Hoping she's the value in tough race...
2. 2 – CORTON CHARLEMAGNE – Was no match for Splashing Out at Caulfield (how did she go in Gp1 on Sat? – Sorry, time of writing this: 6pm Friday), she then went to Moonee Valley and was a very nice winner, came out and running 600m out and won well. 1400m a big plus for her. Go well.
3. 1 – ABSOLUTELYFABULOUS – Just found the 1600m of the Gp1 Flight Stks beyond her. Back to 1400m a plus, back in grade a plus and form around her previous run (Rendzina – ran super Caulfield Cup Day) is terrific. In this.
4. 7 – MUTE – Got within 3L of Reigning To Win before finding the line nicely (fastest last 400m) at Caulfield. In well at weights here. Definite chance.
5. 4 – DEVIL MOON – Nice win at Caulfield when confidently backed. Had no luck prior Vs Splashing Out and she has scope to keep on improving . Form around her in Adelaide is strong.

Race 7 - Gp1 MELBOURNE CUP - 3200m

12 - POP ROCK - Best run in the Caulfield Cup to my eye when 3 wide with trail to the 700m when sent 4-wide, then peeled wider coming to the turn losing ground off leaders/inside runners. He started to motor at the line despite not being able to be ridden-out by Damien Oliver which is just a great sign! Whilst all this was happening the winner/ runner-up got freak inside runs. Unlike Eye Popper last year he DID NOT have a gut-busting run in the Caulfield Cup, unlike Eye Popper last year he has NOT had a set-back into the Melb Cup and unlike Eye Popper he IS PROVEN backing up with a few weeks and running well. Doesnt get the handicap into this but is unproven at the 3200m (looks like he'll get it on Caul Cup run!) and work since Caulfield has been outstanding. Oliver rides!

13 - ZIPPING - One of the excellent Caulfield Cup runs when a mile back, came very, very wide on a day you couldnt and rattled home. His last 200m was as strong as anything in the race and wasnt beaten far. Went to Moonee Valley and did what he had to do and the blinkers go on him today. By

Danehill and just needs to run a strong 3200m to be right in the finish. Most importantly, he has the class to win and top hoop on board.

24 - EFFICIENT - VRC Derby win was outstanding, mowing them down and coming right away out in the worst part of the track. The last 3yo to run in a Melbourne Cup was Nothin' Leica Dane who was placed (on heavy, behind Doreimus) and this horse seems to have a better turn of foot than 'Nothin' Leica'. There is a question mark on the strength of our horses (a 9yo won Cox Plate) and I doubt very seriously this horse has finished improving yet (a 3yo by Zabeel!). Stable will not even run him if he is not 100%. Goes in!

4 - TAWQUEET - Terrific win in Metrop. which was proven an excellent form reference. Won the Caulfield Cup despite a check and shouldered into the clear like the big bull he is. This IS the sort of horse that wins Melbourne Cups and stable openly said a month ago The Melbourne Cup is his aim, anything else is a bonus. Two group 1's is a nice bonus but he will definitely run 3200m. That's the edge he has on the above three... Yes he had good runs to win both Gp1's and yes relative weights are against but winning form into a Melbourne Cup is what you want! Definitely!

5 - GEORDIELAND - The only hope any international horse has is if they settle into Australia, their class (remember Media Puzzle was just a b-grader over there) is irrelevant (to an extent). The word is this guy has thrived! He's eating everything, working the place down and has form around world-class galloper Yeats whom he meets 3kg better. Gets good run from 10 with World's best jockey on board... (he is over-due to win this!?!?). Goes in everything for mine.

2 - DELTA BLUES - Outstanding in Caulfield Cup. 3-wide, no cover until the 1400m (when got on the back of Grand Zulu), peeled 4-wide 600m and came into the race before really attacking the line. International jockey takes over (Ahhh!) but he has ridden a multitude of winners. Has not worked flash since but didnt work flash prior so disregard that. Some, like footballers, are just game-day performers. Big chance.

23 - MAYBE BETTER - All runs this prep either very good, or luckless. Great win in the Saab coming from off the pace on a day it was very difficult to do so and ran faster time than the Derby winner. Drops to 50kg into this and has scope to keep improving. There is no way this trainer (the equal of any in this country, probably the world, in my humble opinion) will let him run if he is not 100%. Love the way he has hit the line his last two wins. Live chance

11 - ON A JEUNE - Was ridden upside down for mine in Geelong Cup due to track bias. Was ridden cold the start before here when flying home under no serious riding (copped interference) under the steadier of 60.5kg. Enormous 2nd in this last year to champion Makybe Diva and loves just that bit of cut in the ground. Each-way chance.

1 - YEATS - World-Class horse and stable extremely confident. Has to cart the 59kg but drawn to get the good run and has world-class jockey to steer. Made a mess of the best UK horses earlier this year before slightly disappointing in St.Ledger last start (he still ran second!). Connections did umm & arrr about coming here after that. Reports are he's settled in very well. Obviously very hard to beat but is \$6 'unders' ? We will soon know...

8 - ACTIVATION - Terrific in the Caulfield Cup and his run was as good as any in the Metrop. Doesn't get the penalty into this but does need to run 3200m and his last two at 2400m, he has just paddled the last 50m??? Only slight reservation. Tough draw too...

Race 8 - Listed - HKJC Stks - 1800m

2 - POLAR BEAR - Excellent last start in the Coongy behind subsequent Saab winner Maybe Better when worked on very fast pace and joined the leaders 500m out (real swoopers race) and stuck on terrific. Was the best on-pacer there and beat home Show Barry who then ran 2nd to Zipping in MV Cup. Bet Of The Day!

7 - RUBIJON - No luck at all in the Coongy when never ridden. Forget that! Has the talent to win this race but has drawn out a touch? A Dead track will not harm his chances at all and suspect he is the value runner here...

5 - GALLANT GURU - Going very well since joining Freedman Stable. Beat the Werribee Cup winner at Geelong then simply too good in Moe Cup. Barrier draw no help but top jockey is and by race 8, doubt inside rail will be the best place anyway...

15 - MARJU SNIP - Stayed inside at MV (inferior ground) & had no luck securing a passage anyway. Always wide prior in strong form race. Fitter now and has a bit of class... Value runner.

12 - DR NIPANDTUCK - Was put out of business at the 200m last start in strong form race so forget that. Worked home well in traffic at Seymour. Great Flem record. In this...

Race 9 - Open Hcp - 1200m

2 - AMYJAYE POWER - Drawn 18 which is perfect to get to outside rail. Was slow out and ran home very well (had 2nd-fastest last 400m) at Caulfield when the run-ons didn't have a great day in what was a fast race (Magnus ran second. Won inside division of Salinger). Very honest, go well.

1 - STRATTON PLACE - Super-honest sprinter who has been placed 13 of 16 at 1200m. Didn't get the luck at Geelong when in bumping duel on leader's track. Drawn perfectly!

10 - STEPTOE - Good win 1st-up and that form has proven quite strong. Won this race last year (track/trip) with 55kg. Nice draw. Chance again !

7 - SHINZIG - 1st-up. Was not at his top last prep but still managed to run 5L off Fields Of Omagh in a Gp1 Futurity Stks won in track record time. Has a very good fresh record and stable flying!

11 - BYWAY - Was backed as if unbeatable at Cran 1st-up (\$1.70 to \$1.45) and since been given another little break (not sure all was ok?), has huge potential. Won a race here (1400m) in sizzling time by 4L one day!

Race 10 - 1mw-ly - Chubb Plate - 1400m

14 - BODACIOUS HARMONY - Liked the run 2nd-up when winner (Amerryking) came around her, pushed her into traffic where she checked, balanced-up and hit the line nicely. That form is hot through Flash Trick/ Rockford Bay.

13 - STRATA TITLE - Good win 1st-up in what is shaping as a very good form race. Beaten narrowly this track/trip Cup Day last year. Has always shown good ability and may be ready to go right on this prep. Go well.

11 - MONTECHORO - Sat 4-wide on the speed at Caulfield so forget that. Was not far away and Truly Wicked has since enhanced the form. Should have won at MV prior. Value runner here!

1 - ROUBECHON - Has big weight but has raced against better opposition lately. Had every chance last start at Caulfield but was not far away and they ran sharp time. Fitter into this and gate 1 so should get good run. (Check pattern if gate 1 any help by race 19 in 4 days!!!)

7 - PACKING SUCCESS - Good on-pacer who was far from disgraced in strong Ansett Classic at Mornington. Solid on-pace win at Werribee and is never far away, and has upside, needs luck getting in from draw.

Good Luck !

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