



W INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY REVIEW: SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER

W INTELLIGENCE PERFORMANCE REVIEW

It was a terrific day on Saturday landing 12 Top Pick winners and 4 Value/Threat winners - a combined 16 winners identified from our top two selections across the 30 races on offer.

We had plenty of success with our high confidence plays as well landing 2/3 Best Bets and 6/10 Key Plays overall.

We were particularly strong at Doomben landing 6 Top Pick winners and 1 Value winner across the 10 races. It was good to justify our confidence there given we outlined it as a strong confidence meeting in our 'Meeting Thoughts' comment.

We recorded +19.00 Units Top Pick Profit in the process as per our standard results recording process of 1 unit per Top Pick and 3 units per Best Bet - 36 Units Invested, 55 Units Returned, +19.00 Units Profit.

It was an incredibly slow start to the day but our patience was rewarded late in the day landing the majority of our winners at the business end - it made for very exciting punting to finish the day.

Let's keep the hot form rolling into Melbourne Cup Week!

Winners included: Via Sistina \$2.25 (Best Bet), Transatlantic \$2.10 (Best Bet), Salty Pearl \$2.60 (Key Play), Observer \$1.95 (Key Play), Mr Buster \$2.50 (Key Play), Colophon \$2.25 (Key Play), Anemacore \$6.00, Keitel \$10, Lindermann \$1.65, Stefi Magnetica \$7.00, First Mission \$5.00, Victory Win \$3.00 **Value/Threat:** Star of India \$13, Imposant \$7.00, She's a Hustler \$2.90, Attica \$4.00

Onto next week!

RESULTS SUMMARY

Top Pick Results

Winners: 12
Top 2 Finishes: 15
Placings: 20
From 30 races

Top Pick %

Win Strike Rate: 40%
Top 2: 50%
Place Strike Rate: 67%

Top 2 Picks Results

Top Pick Wins: 12
Value/Threat Wins: 4
Wins: 16/30
Win Strike Rate: 54%



RUN OF THE DAY

VIA SISTINA (Moonee Valley R10)

SP: \$2.25 Margin: 0.1L

It wasn't an 8L romp in track-record time like last year, but 8YO mare Via Sistina was able to cement her legend status. The Chris Waller-trained mare was able to go back-to-back in the Cox Plate joining the likes of Sunline, Northerly, So You Think and Winx as dual winners since the turn of the century 25 years ago. With speed injected by Light Infantry Man, the star mare got mobile at the 800m making a line of four, with stablemate Buckaroo and gun 4YO Treasurethe Moment, before fighting out the finish with a game Buckaroo. While Via Sistina made it two wins in a row, James McDonald notched up his fourth-straight win in the great race. A fitting end to Cox Plate Day.

BLACKBOOKERS

Two lightly-raced 3YO fillies caught the eye late at Moonee Valley and a Snowden-trained 2YO put in a terrific debut after racing wide throughout.

LIVE (Moonee Valley R2)

Clinton McDonald knows a good 3YO when he sees one, and Live might be the next gun in his stable. The filly was heavily backed on debut and got the job done in a country maiden, before coming straight to a Group 3 on one of the biggest days of the year at start two. Although friendless in betting and all hope looking lost shortly after the gates opened, she really hit the line strongly to run second, albeit beaten some 4L by Napoleonic. She's eligible for a lot easier, but she clearly has ability and can knock off a good race over the next six months.

Next Assignment: Red Roses

TRES MAGNIFIQUE (Moonee Valley R3)

Two starts in a row now Tres Magnifique has been a horror watch, but given her solid position in the market this time around, it made it taste even more sour. She got back to near last from a wide draw and looked to be bolting coming into the straight, but Mark Zahra was unable to find clear air and she went to the line hard held. While it was a bunched finish and there might be some question marks on the form around the first few home, she should have gone very close to winning and is worth forgiving.

Next Assignment: Red Roses

PEARL OF DUBAI (Randwick R1)

Peter Snowden knows what it takes to get a good 2YO, and he looks to have one by the name of Pearl Of Dubai. In her race debut, the Wootton Bassett filly had no luck when caught wide throughout, predominantly without cover, but she was still very game in defeat to run second. Her dam had good 2YO form, so it's no surprise to see her hit the ground running.

WINNERS TO FOLLOW

A pair of Godolphin colts were arrogant winners of their respective races, while a Group 1-winning mare showed why she was wearing the #1 saddlecloth in The Invitation.

ATTICA (Randwick R8)

Joe Pride's colt put the writing on the wall last start in the Dulcify, coming from last to win by 2L, so he was always going to be hard to beat in Saturday's Group 1 Spring Champion Stakes. However, he drew wide again and got right back to near last, before circling the field and getting to his main rival Shangri La Boy who had a nice time of it on speed and got the better of that horse inside the final 100m. Given his poor draw and the work he had to do throughout, it was a big win. He has a nice future.

STEFI MAGNETICA (Randwick R9)

She was the highest-rated mare going into the \$2M Invitation as a two-time Group 1 winner, so she was well suited to the Set Weights & Penalties conditions. In saying that, she was here off a setback and was spotting the leaders a fair start coming into the straight. Jason Collett rode her brilliantly though, and she set out after them, before getting the better of Gerringong and Gangsta Granny in the shadows of the post. She'll strip even fitter for that effort and be more suited up to the mile next start.

Next Assignment: Champions Mile

OBSERVER (Moonee Valley R9)

Connections ummed and ahh'd for a week following his luckless third in the Caulfield Guineas about whether or not to pay a late entry fee into the Cox Plate, and while we'll never know the answer, we think he would have given it a shake. Instead, the colt ran in the Vase against his own age over the famous 2040m, leading and bolting in. Despite only a 0.5L margin, Mark Zahra eased the Maher-trained colt down to essentially a standstill from the 200m. Completely arrogant, and a deserving Victoria Derby favourite.

Next Assignment: Victoria Derby

Have a good week,
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