



Wintelligence Saturday Racing Preview
Saturday 1st November

BEST BET

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Confidence: High (8/10)

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FLEMINGTON R6 #3 Tentyris (5) \$4.00

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Confidence: High (7/10)

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RANDWICK R7 #2 Jimmysstar (4) \$2.80

Outside of the winner Ka Ying Rising, Jimmysstar was easily the run of the race in The Everest, which is the right form for this. He sat wide throughout from a wide draw and kept creeping forward, and while he was entitled to cave in, he was very strong through the line. Throughout his career, he's been even more effective over seven furlongs, so 1300m here is ideal. He was an arrogant winner of the All Aged Stakes here over 1400m in the autumn, smashing key rival Briasa, while he did that fourth-up after going into the 1200m TJ Smith Stakes off a four-week gap, so his preparation has been identical. He maps sweetly from four and looks very hard to beat.

Confidence: High (7/10)



FLEMINGTON PREVIEW

TRACK: Track currently rated a Good 4 with 5 to 10mm of rainfall forecast Friday and fine weather forecast raceday. All form done for a good track. Rail true the entire course.

Expecting this surface to play very fair.

**prices as at: Friday 9am*

Meeting Thoughts: This looks a terrific meeting both quality and confidence wise. I am expecting this track to play very fair and I am confident that we can nail a group of winners across this program. This is clearly my most confident meeting of the weekend. Confidence is strong.

Race 1 – 1600m – Carbine Club Stakes (Group 3, 3YO, Set Weights and Penalties)**#9 Panova (7) \$6.50**

Chris Waller is what you'd call a pattern trainer, in the sense that if it ain't broke, don't try and fix it! It's been a proven formula for him in recent years to run fillies in the Carbine Club following wins in the Reginald Allen Quality at Randwick a fortnight earlier, completing the double with both Fangirl and Aeliana. This year, Panova was a barnstorming winner of the Reginald Allen, defying a track pattern to come from last and win stylishly. She'll be far better suited to the mile, while a big track at Flemington suits. While she doesn't necessarily have the ratings of the likes of Vinrock or Regal Award, it's hard to ignore the Waller formula that's been so successful over the past 5 years.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #4 Call Da Vinci (8) \$8.00/2.05

Call Da Vinci achieved a lot in his first prep, winning two races and then culminating with a fast-finishing third in the Group 1 JJ Atkins at Eagle Farm. In one of his wins, he beat Navy Pilot who has since beaten key rival Regal Award comfortably and finished alongside Vinrock and West Of Swindon in the Caulfield Guineas, so his form ties in very well. He produced race-best closing splits first-up at Caulfield over 1400m, and now gets to the mile second-up on a bigger track which looks ideal. He can run a good race at each-way odds.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #6 Single Choice (9) \$46/8.50**Race 2 – 1400m – The Vanity (Group 3, 3YO, Fillies, Set Weights and Penalties)****#4 Sheza Alibi (3) \$2.45**

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Confidence: High (8/10)

Value: #9 Teine Aulelei (13) \$6.00/2.05

She has been crying out for further in four career starts and finally gets it here. She has savaged the line over the 1100m a couple of times in good company and then got out to the 1200m last start in the Crockett Stakes and was a moral beaten. She went to the line under a stranglehold and still managed to finish 1.45L from the winner. She is on the seven day backup now and maps to get back to last from a wide draw, but she will be winding up down the outside late.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #1 Icarian Dream (7) \$15/3.60

Race 3 – 1200m – Rising Fast Stakes (Group 3, Open Hcp)**#5 Caballus (6) \$4.00**

He showed very good ability early in his career but lost his way a touch, before resuming last prep as a gelding. He bolted in to win a stakes first-up last time in, but he bled and was forced to have a three-month break. This time in, he trialled brilliantly, before being well backed first-up in the Group 3 Sydney Stakes on Everest Day where he went back to near last from an outside barrier and sizzled home to run fifth beaten only a length by race-fit horses. He should take good benefit out of that run, and now gets to a track and trip he's performed well at before. He looks hard to hold out.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #10 Hedged (9) \$5.00

He ran second to Joliestar in the Group 2 Arrowfield Sprint as a 3YO, but hasn't really fired a shot in lesser races since. Ahead of this preparation, he joined the Gavin Bedggood stable, so to see him reinvigorated is no shock at all. He jumped out very sharply in his second jump out, and as a result was backed from \$3.10 into \$2.60 in the Apache Cat Classic at Cranbourne where he was beaten a bee's proverbial. He split Jigsaw and Klabel that night, with that pair subsequently running the quinella in a Group 2 at The Valley on Saturday, beating home Bridal Waltz and Group 1 winner Charm Stone, so the form ties in well. He can go to another level this prep.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #2 Bosustow (5) \$11/3.10**Race 4 – 2000m – Wakeful Stakes (Group 2, 3YO, Fillies, Set Weights and Penalties)****#1 Getta Good Feeling (6) \$1.60**

Getta Good Feeling clearly brings the best form, so she deserves to be short. She broke her maiden by winning the Group 2 Edward Manifold Stakes two back here over the mile, before running a very good third in the Group 1 Thousand Guineas behind Ole Dancer and Group 1 Flight Stakes winner Apocalyptic. The majority of her rivals here are either fresh off maiden wins or still maidens themselves, so they've all got a bit to do to get on her level. She looks very adaptable, making her awfully hard to beat.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #4 Prestige Snitzel (5) \$10/2.30

Matt Laurie is chasing back-to-back wins in the Wakeful after Treasurethe Moment bolted in 12 months ago before winning the Oaks five days later, so he'll be hoping Prestige Snitzel can repeat the dose. She bolted in to win the Mornington Sires at the end of last prep over 1200m, but she did that on raw ability. First-up this time in, she tackled the Group 3 Champagne Stakes at The Valley but was run off her legs over 1200m that night, before again finding 1200m too sharp in a strong 3YO Fillies race behind Point Barrow. She stepped sharply to the mile last Saturday in the Group 2 Fillies Classic, closing strongly to run third behind Salty Pearl who was one of the best closers in the Thousand Guineas behind key rival Getta Good Feeling. She looks the main danger up to 2000m if she can handle the back-up and run the trip.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 5 – 1400m – The Damien Oliver (Group 2, Handicap)**#13 King Zephyr (7) \$2.80**

He's very progressive and looks ready to peak now fourth-up over his pet trip. A winner of six races, there's starting to be a pretty clear pattern with him, and that's to back him on big tracks over 1300m or beyond, which is what he gets here. In his last seven runs, he's had four runs on big tracks over 1300m or 1400m and won them all arrogantly, while the three defeats have come over either 1200m or on a tight track. He got too far back last start at Caulfield in an on-speed dominated race, but hit the line better than anything to run second, producing the fourth-fastest last 200m of the meeting. Now fourth-up, he finds a race with plenty of tempo and draws to sit in front of key rivals Payline and Ndola who are the main dangers in our view. He'll be very hard to hold out with a light weight on his back.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #2 Payline (11) \$13/3.60

He doesn't win too often, but he has been quite unlucky all preparation. He closed well in the Moir Stakes, Manikato Stakes and Gilgai Stakes against better opposition, before taking on many of these rivals in the Group 3 Moonga Stakes at Caulfield last start, but he was held up and closed well in restricted room. He'll relish getting back to Flemington in a race with genuine tempo, while he's drawn to find clear air under Craig Williams who has been one of the in-form jockeys of the spring. He'll be closing two to their one late.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 6 – 1200m – Coolmore Stud Stakes (Group 1, 3YO, Set Weights)**#3 Tentyris (5) \$4.00**

The first of three Group 1 races on Derby Day is set to be a cracker, with the 3YOs doing battle in the Coolmore Stud Stakes. Tentyris had a brilliant 2YO season, running a narrow second in the Blue Diamond, before beating Wodeton and Nepotism, as well as key rivals Beiwacht and Tycoon Star in the Todman Stakes. He had a 30-week break and resumed against many of these in the Danehill Stakes, where he conceded race fitness which told late. He then went to the Gothic at Caulfield and spotted Raging Force a big start on the corner, but he was steered to perfection by Mark Zahra and won quite comfortably. He looks set to peak third-up in what has been his one and only Grand Final runs, while many of these have been set to peak a month ago in the Golden Rose. He's a winner down the straight and should be in his element on Saturday.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #10 Beadman (8) \$5.50/2.10

Beadman is the other colt who has really been set for this. He destroyed his rivals by 8.3L on a wet track in Queensland over the winter which put him in Everest contention. He resumed a bit late to pick up a slot, kicking off as a well-backed \$3.10 chance in the Heritage Stakes where he was grabbed late by the Golden Slipper winner in Marhoona. He was then badly held up in the Roman Consult behind key rival Hidden Motive, where he arguably should have won with clear air. They ran time that day on a fence-hot day, and we've seen Napoleonic come out and bolt in since, so the form is solid. He has the X Factor.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #5 Skyhook (2) \$12/3.00

Race 7 – 2500m – Victoria Derby (Group 1, 3YO, Set Weights)

#1 Observer (4) \$2.20

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Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #6 Providence (12) \$7.00/2.45

While Observer was being eased right down, Providence was savaging the line behind him to run second, beaten only half a length. It was a welcome return to form from the son of Wootton Bassett, who had gone off the boil a touch since a decent first prep. He ran a very good fourth in the JJ Atkins from a wide gate, so he has the class, but he is still a maiden and might not be overly genuine. He does look the logical danger though.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #5 Options (7) \$13/3.70

Race 8 – 1600m – Empire Rose Stakes (Group 1, Fillies and Mares, WFA)

#6 Leica Lucy (3) \$6.00/2.20

While big-time mares Fangirl and Pride Of Jenni steal the limelight in the final Group 1 of the day, Leica Lucy is the one who can spoil the party. She was beaten on debut in New Zealand, before winning six in a row, including the NZ Oaks at Group 1 level back in March over 2400m. It took Treasurethe Moment to lower her colours in the ATC Oaks in April, but she was arguably the better run that day. She went into the Let's Elope without an official trial and rattled off some terrific late splits from last to get within a length of Lazzura, before again getting back to last in the Toorak and savaging the line to run third. The form out of that Toorak has since been franked, with Transatlantic bolting in since. She has hung badly in both runs, so the one-eyed blinker goes on to offset that. She's third-up, finds a race with genuine tempo in it and draws sweetly under Mark Zahra who looks in for a big day, so she can be the one to get over the top of Pride Of Jenni in the straight.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #10 Idle Flyer (5) \$7.00/2.40

She's really come of age this prep, with three wins from four starts, while her sole defeat was a cracker. She comes here off a dominant win in the Group 3 Angst Stakes, running a faster overall time than the Group 1 King Charles III Stakes later in the day which featured key rivals Pride Of Jenni and Fangirl. She's gone almost 4L better than that pair that day which is huge! She can settle nice and close from barrier five and should relish a solid tempo given that she's fifth-up and comes out of a few fast races. There could be a bit of a changing of the guard in the mares ranks.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #11 On Display (2) \$26/6.00

Race 9 – 1100m – Mares Sprint (Group 3, Mares, Set Weights and Penalties)

#3 She's Bulletproof (3) \$7.00/2.50

She is the class horse of the field who is very well treated at set weights and penalties as a result. At the peak of her powers in the Autumn she ran a terrific second in the Oakleigh Plate when beaten only by subsequent Group 1 winner Jimmysstar. She resumed this prep as a \$4.20 chance in a Group 3 against the boys first up but failed and pulled up with issues. She then got right back on track last start with a dominant win in a Group 3 back to her own sex. This looks no harder and she should come on from that run given she was six weeks between runs. She needs the track to stay firm, but if it does she takes catching.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #15 Photograph (5) \$21/5.50

The Hayes boys are flying of late, and they look a big chance to land a knockout blow in the last race of the day with talented mare Photograph. She started even money against Gangsta Granny last prep, before bolting in on a Heavy 9 at her next start, before contesting a stakes race against key rival Soft Love where well backed and a touch unlucky. Her lead up jump outs this prep were very good, before never getting clear behind a few of these mares in the Alinghi at Caulfield first-up. She looks a horse who will appreciate the wide expanses of the Flemington straight.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #12 Hearcomesthestar (11) \$46/9.50



RANDWICK PREVIEW

TRACK: Track currently rated a Soft 5 with 5 to 10mm of rainfall forecast Friday and 0 to 5mm of rainfall forecast raceday in the likely form of an early morning and late afternoon shower. All form done for a soft track. If we only receive the 0-5mm range on raceday this surface will hold up well, but any more rain on raceday than forecast would be an issue. Rail true the entire course. Expecting this surface to play fair with the rail back in the true position.

**prices as at: Friday 9am*

Meeting Thoughts: This is a very competitive meeting for the most part. I found the first half of the program particularly tricky with low quality benchmark races with chances right across the page. My confidence grows at the backend of the program with the higher quality horses we can trust to run well. We are also on weather watch with rain forecast on race day which also dulls the confidence a touch. Confidence is fair.

Race 1 – 1500m – BM78 Hcp**#4 Strawberry Impact (2) \$5.00**

It's quite a tricky way to start the Golden Eagle meeting, but Strawberry Impact has been building nicely this time in and looks set to peak fourth-up. He closed strongly in his first two runs of the preparation, which saw him start \$6.50 in a Midway last start at Rosehill. He wasn't far off Modella that day, and she's contesting the Golden Eagle later in the day, which is the right form for this. Tough race though.

Confidence: Low (3/10)

Hardest to beat: #3 Rotagilla (7) \$4.20

He won a handy BM72 at the end of last prep here over the mile, before going for a 16-week break. He resumed in a handy BM72 at Warwick Farm this time in and was well supported, but he was held up at a vital stage under a big weight which was costly. He should improve second-up and finds the right race to have another go in town.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #8 Placid Pearl (1) \$11/3.00**Race 2 – 1400m – Highway Class 3 Hcp****#10 Lightning Speed (9) \$8.50/3.10**

Cameron Crockett's mare Lightning Speed has shown good ability in the past, so much so that she started \$5 against Group 3-placed mare Perfumist last preparation at Mudgee. She had a 32-week break ahead of this preparation and resumed a dominant winner over Highway-performed Solitario, before failing in a Highway when lame second-up. She had five weeks between runs and started \$3.30 at Scone, just missing in a tight go, beating home a number of key rivals here. She'll be up on speed and take running down.

Confidence: Low (3/10)

Value: #4 Miss Passion (17) \$17/5.00

She has a wide draw to overcome, but the ex-Victorian lines up in a very winnable race given the strength of her form in Melbourne. She bolted in to win a BM70 at Sandown, then started \$3.60 favourite over subsequent Group-winning mare Splash Back in March last year. She had 75 weeks off the scene after that, so she was entitled to need a few runs to get going this spring, but all four runs have been solid without winning. Her most recent run saw her close well from the back behind our Top Pick Lightning Speed, so we're trusting that form.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #11 Pharoahzano (2) \$18/5.00

Race 3 – 1300m – BM78 Hcp (Fillies and Mares)**#8 Transcend (6) \$2.60**

Transcend looks a progressive filly, lining up in her first Australian start. She's won two from three, bolting in by 4L in her latest start at Te Rapa under a hold on a Group 1 race day. The stable have indicated they have some big plans for this girl in the autumn, so while a few key rivals have already been tested in stakes grade, it's only a matter of time until this girl ends up there. She gets plenty of weight relief off some of the better-performed fillies and mares, while she maps beautifully from barrier six compared to the likes of Jellicious.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Hardest to beat: #4 Jellicious (10) \$3.30

She split Clean Energy and Lady Shenandoah on debut and was well backed that day, before running second to stakes-tested Amelita first-up in her second prep. At her second-up run this time last year, she was sent out a \$7.50 against Aeliana in the Reginald Allen before having 10 months off. She joined the Waller stable at the start of this prep and has won all three of her starts, albeit all in midweek company. She should be ready to peak now fourth-up, while she gets the services of James McDonald who can offset a tricky draw. She has the best exposed form in the race.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #3 Editing (1) \$10/2.70**Race 4 – 1500m – The Four Pillars Midway (BM68 Hcp)****#1 Meridiana (10) \$3.70**

Meridiana is clearly the best horse in the race, she just needs to overcome a few obvious hurdles in the big field, while she is also only second-up here off a 20-week break. In her first prep, she won her maiden on debut before contesting three black-type races as a 3YO, running third over the mile in Queensland in an Oaks lead up. First-up, she beat a few of these in a Midway at Rosehill over 1300m, and now comes here four weeks between runs with a nice tickover trial in between. She should be ready to fire in what looks an obvious target race for her.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #10 Vetwelve (7) \$12/3.60

This bloke trialled really well against Coolmore Stud Stakes fancy Beadman in the lead up to this prep, before running third to Top Pick Meridiana first-up. He didn't have much luck in running there and was beaten less than a length, before beating all bar Modella second-up over 1400m in what was one of the strongest Midways in recent times. He's hard-fit and can give this a real shake.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #15 Piraeus (9) \$16/4.20

Race 5 – 2000m – BM78 Hcp**#2 Sun God (8) \$4.50**

He's a progressive import who wasn't far away from the likes of Brisbane Cup winner Campaldino, Group 3 winner She's A Hustler and Group 1 placegetter Lavalier last preparation, while he had a good SP profile against them too. Now in his second Australian prep, the son of Fastnet Rock trialled really well leading in, before bolting in first-up over Golden Eagle contender Cristal Clear at Warwick Farm. He's been back to the trials since and now goes to 2000m which looks to suit. He looks better than this grade.

Confidence: Medium (4/10)

Value: #9 Harlow Mist (3) \$8.00/2.70

As a 3YO, she was Group 2 placed on this day over 2000m in the Wakeful, and now gets back to that trip for the first time in two years. She got back in a walking affair first-up, before working to the line nicely in an 1800m Midway last start. She has had a tickover trial and trialled well there, now looks ready to peak third-up over 2000m. The extra trip could be the key to her.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #1 Glad You Think So (12) \$10/3.10**Race 6 – 1100m – BM78 Hcp****#8 Istolea Merc (7) \$2.15**

The market gravitated towards this 5YO first-up at Warwick Farm following a pair of good trials, and he didn't let the punters down, scoring by more than 2L. He won three from six last preparation too, so the ability is well and truly there. Now second-up, he finds a fairly weak race outside of the top weight and key danger Brave One, while he also lands James McDonald from a middle draw. He can continue to add to his good winning record.

Confidence: Medium (6/10)

Hardest to beat: #1 Brave One (5) \$3.70

It does look a race in two, and Brave One is arguably going to end up the best horse in the race, but he comes here off a 17-week break and has a few knocks. He's only had one trial to screw him down, while he has a big weight and 1100m may be on the shorter side given his last two wins were over 1300m and 1400m respectfully. His best is good enough, but the favourite looks to have the hop on him fitness wise and may prove too sharp for him here.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #4 Memoria (1) \$19/4.00

Race 7 – 1300m – Russell Balding Stakes (Set Weights and Penalties)

#2 Jimmysstar (4) \$2.80

Outside of the winner Ka Ying Rising, Jimmysstar was easily the run of the race in The Everest, which is the right form for this. He sat wide throughout from a wide draw and kept creeping forward, and while he was entitled to cave in, he was very strong through the line. Throughout his career, he's been even more effective over seven furlongs, so 1300m here is ideal. He was an arrogant winner of the All Aged Stakes here over 1400m in the autumn, smashing key rival Briasa, while he did that fourth-up after going into the 1200m TJ Smith Stakes off a four-week gap, so his preparation has been identical. He maps sweetly from four and looks very hard to beat.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #3 War Machine (7) \$8.50/2.80

War Machine went into The Everest in search of a fifth-straight win, which included arrogant wins in both the Stradbroke Handicap and the Gilgai Stakes. He was well supported in The Everest last start, starting single figures, but he settled further back than anticipated and was outsprinted. His work to and through the line was terrific though, so he's one horse that will really relish the extra trip and slightly easier company. Expect him to be the big improver third-up.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 8 – 1500m – Golden Eagle (4YO, Set Weights)

#14 Autumn Glow (9) \$2.00

We want to stick with the Australian-trained gallopers in this year's Golden Eagle, so it's hard to go past unbeaten mare Autumn Glow. She has won all seven of her starts, including the Group 1 Epsom Handicap last start, so she'll be aiming to follow Kolding to do the double. James McDonald hops back aboard her which is a big push, given he's opted to ride her rather than at Flemington. While she comes out of a couple of slowly run races, it's not really been her go and she's still been too good, so a more genuinely-run affair here should really play to her strengths. This is no doubt a bigger test than the Epsom, so we'll really get to see what she's made off, but we suspect it's the good stuff!

Confidence: Medium (6/10)

Value: #3 Linebacker (5) \$6.00/2.05

Linebacker took the scalp of multiple Group 1 winner Broadsiding when third-up in the autumn, before starting favourite in the Doncaster where he arguably should have won. His trials this spring have all been terrific, and while he failed first-up, he returned with a bang in the Silver Eagle and won that with a leg in the air, albeit rating around a length inferior to Autumn Glow's three runs this prep. He should improve again here, while he maps sweetly from barrier five under an in-form Zac Lloyd.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #13 Seagulls Eleven (3) \$26/5.50

Race 9 – 2000m – Rosehill Gold Cup (Group 3, Open Qlty Hcp)**#4 Maison Louis (2) \$4.20**

He somewhat came from nowhere in the winter to win the Group 1 Queensland Derby, but he's really gone on with it as an older horse against some top liners this spring. He wasn't entitled to do anything first-up over 1500m, but second-up he really exploded to run third in the \$2 million Hill Stakes behind Lindermann and Attrition. Lindermann has since won the Craven Plate, while Attrition has run fourth in the Cox Plate, so that is an elite form reference. He steps up again in trip to 2000m third-up, while he draws to do no work from barrier two. He might be the real deal.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Hardest to beat: #6 Wootton Verni (4) \$3.10

Wootton Verni came to Australia as a Group 2-placed French import, so there was a bit of hype around him, but he hasn't really shown that sort of ability here. He has started to find his feet though, running well in races short of his best, before getting to 2000m fourth-up and winning the Group 3 Coongy Cup at Caulfield, albeit copping a very soft run in transit. Prior to that, he ran fourth in a deep race at Sandown, which has seen the runner-up Globe win a Group 1, while Geelong Cup winner Torranzino and Group 3 winner Star Of India also finished behind him. Maybe we are paying a bit of the Jmac Tax, but he's going well enough to win this.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #9 Firm Agreement (13) \$31/7.00**Race 10 – 1300m – BM78 Hcp (Colts, Geldings and Entirets)****#1 Money Team (11) \$10/3.30**

Money Team is extremely underrated it seems, with 10 top-three finishes from 12 starts. He won four on the bounce last prep, including a good Midway Championships Qualifier at Gosford, before running down the track in the final. He resumed over 1200m at Eagle Farm and was well backed against the smart Ouroboros, but found him too sharp, before coming back to NSW and bolting in to win a midweek bM78 with 60.5kg. He's ready to peak now in what is a very winnable race.

Confidence: Medium (6/10)

Value: #6 Bartolf (10) \$9.50/2.80

He had a very good SP Profile in his first two preparations against group-performed horses, while he was Group 3 tested himself and started \$11 that day. This time in, he's finding form, winning two of his last three, including a dominant last-start win, while he was held up and stiff not to win the other start he had. He can sit off the speed here and be hard to hold out late.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #12 Verbil (1) \$12/3.70



EAGLE FARM PREVIEW

TRACK: Track currently rated a Soft 6 with 5 to 10mm of rainfall forecast Friday and a scary 10 to 30mm of rainfall forecast raceday. The prospect of up to 30mm across raceday is an ominous forecast. If we were to receive the worse end of the forecast this track would deteriorate quickly and racing would become very messy given we are already at a Soft 6 track rating. All form done for a genuine soft track, however this could be significantly better or worse pending how much rain falls Friday and raceday. Rail out 1m the entire course. Expecting this track to play fair pattern wise, with the inside of the track proving inferior ground surface wise.

**prices as at: Friday 9am*

Meeting Thoughts: If the weather plays ball, I am confident we can nail a few winners across the program but the forecast looks ominous and due to the likelihood of significant rain during this meeting, my confidence has been significantly dulled across the board. If the surface holds up well and plays fair, confidence is solid, but we are on weather watch and we know how raceday rain can affect results so it is hard to get confident about much here given the forecast.

Race 1 – 1000m – 2YO Hcp

#6 Vanzadee (5) \$2.00

The first of 10 races at Eagle Farm on Saturday is a 2YO Handicap, where five of the seven runners are on debut. Vanzadee is one of those five, but she clearly looks the one to beat off her trials. In her latest, she led under her own steam and bolted in to beat stablemate Remembrall who won on debut last Saturday. If she's 2L better than that horse like she was in the trial, she'll give this lot a touch up.

Confidence: Medium (6/10)

Hardest to beat: #1 Rarotonga (2) \$2.50

Rarotonga has the race experience on the board, having started \$6 on debut against Lady Of Five. This bloke was good into third in an on-speed-dominated race, gapping the rest of the field in doing so. While Lady Of Five has since been beaten, she was far from disgraced, so we can trust the form. He'll be hard to beat with the race experience.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 2 – 1000m – Class 3 Plate (Set Weights)**#5 Hearts Are Better (2) \$3.00**

She's very speedy, as we saw when a winner of the QTIS Jewel last preparation, before failing in deeper company. This time in, she's trialled very well against some quality horses and finds a winnable 1000m dash first-up which is her go. From barrier two, she should lob on the back of Express Code and be the first horse on the scene waiting to strike.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #3 Thankyou Henry (9) \$6.00/2.00

He's a good horse on his day, and while he went winless last prep, all of his runs were quite good, just finding one better on a few occasions. His first-up run over this track and trip in a BM78 was quite good, running sixth in a race where the first five home would all be favourite in this. He was well backed that day too, starting \$5.50 against some fit and in-form sprinters. He'll take plenty of benefit out of that run and some sting out of the track will really suit him.

Threat Level: High

Race 3 – 2406m – BM78 Hcp**#4 Connecticut (1) \$2.60**

He's hard to knock given that he's won two of his last four, with form around the likes of Piggyback and So You Are. The former is a subsequent Group 3 winner in Sydney, while the latter has since started \$12 in the Moonee Valley Gold Cup. Connecticut took on key rivals Sir Lamorak and Kirkeby last start and swept past them late, so he's naturally hard to beat here.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #5 La Cometa (8) \$10/2.40

During the winter, she contested the Tatts Gold Crown at Listed level over 2100m, going very well behind the likes of Miss Joelene, Quietness and Thallasophile. She then drew 15 of 16 in this grade over 2000m and hit the line better than anything from last to run second behind Zoology, with that horse then running a very good third in the Grafton Cup. She was freshened after that and resumed over 1200m which was too short for her, before again struggling to get into the race over 1400m. Last start over 1800m, she loomed like the winner, but the eventual winner was able to give a good kick from on the speed. She's sharply to 2400m, but looks a nice staying mare on the up.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #10 Counter (3) \$17/3.75

Race 4 – 1805m – Class 3 Hcp**#3 Mazis (4) \$3.30**

He's always looked a nice horse, but he took a few starts to really show it, before breaking through in May on the Sunshine Coast over 1800m. He won his Class 1 two starts later at Doomben over 2040m before a break. First-up this prep he was heavily backed and bolted in from well back, before just missing in a strong Class 3 a fortnight ago over this track and trip. He's now third-up, maps sweetly in barrier four and retains the services of the in form Ryan Maloney. He's the one to beat.

Confidence: Medium (6/10)

Value: #9 Margot's Deel (7) \$5.50/2.15

Margot's Deal broke her maiden in a strong No Metro Wins race two back, before coming from well back to run second behind Rhuvaal. She beat home Cavalry Man that day, and that horse has since beaten Mazis, so the form ties in well with the favourite. She looks ready for 1800m fourth-up, but she'll likely be spotting her main danger a fair start in the straight which could be her undoing.

Threat Level: High

Race 5 – 1400m – 3YO Hcp**#1 Brave Monarch (5) \$3.00**

Brave Monarch was specked on debut and closed well, before going seven days into a trial and then another seven days back to the races. He seemed to relish that though, coming from well back over 1200m at Doomben to win, producing good closing splits and winning in good time. He looks to be even more suited to 1400m, while he maps for a very nice run from barrier five under Martin Harley who partnered him last start. He's hard enough to beat, but it is tricky to line up these horses.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #11 Krumac (8) \$16/4.00

He took on key rival Wanted Hillbilly two starts back at Warwick where they started a similar price and there wasn't much between them but Krumac just got outsprinted over the 1100m. He then stepped to 1350m at Ipswich on Monday where he was a well supported favourite but just got too far back before surging home late. He is on the 5 day backup here so will be rock hard fit and will enjoy the step to 1400m on a bigger track. Over the odds.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 6 – 1400m – BM70 Hcp**#16 Casrock (4) \$12/3.80**

Schweida might hold the key here. Casrock kept drawing wide barriers last preparation, so she had excuses but she has been building through her distances nicely this preparation. She closed well first-up, then wasn't beaten far second-up in a handy Saturday race with a subsequent winner in Imposant last weekend, before finishing second last start in a Class 5 when running out of time late around the tighter Doomben circuit. Now fourth-up getting onto a big track and again drawing sweetly, she can build late and any rain will help her chances.

Confidence: Low (3/10)

Value: #13 Gambino (9) \$8.50/3.10

Gambino had some nice Victorian form from his first couple of preparations, but he's clearly showing his best here in Queensland for Kelly Schweida. He took a couple of runs to get going over distances short of his best albeit without a whole lot of luck, but his last two over 1400m and 1350m respectively have been great. He was beaten only by Mazis two back, before getting the better of Adranos and the smart Vovo last start at Doomben. He's now rock-hard fit, draws well and should love getting into a grind over 1400m down the long Eagle Farm straight. He can whack away and run a cheeky race.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 7 – 1000m – 3YO Hcp

#1 Torque To Be Sure (1) \$4.60

He's arguably the best maiden in Queensland, having run second in three of his six starts, as well as a fifth in the Group 2 Sires' Produce and an eighth in the Group 1 JJ Atkins behind Cool Archie. His trials this time in have been sharp, and he returns gelded which could really be the making of him given he had some poor manners. He does have to jump 60kg as a Listed-placed galloper, but if he can put it all together on race day he should be awfully hard to beat.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #10 Spirit Of Barty (3) \$6.00/2.05

Tony Gollan and Emily Lang combine with debut winner Spirit Of Barty, who does look talented. She was friendless in betting on debut, but proved too good despite being held up in the closing stages. Once she got clear, she showed a booming turn of foot to put the race away. She's been back to the trials and trialled very well, running second to Grafterburners and beating home key rivals Midnight Spirit and Guac On under a hold. With 7kg less than Torque To Be Sure, she appears very dangerous.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 8 – 1000m – Open Hcp

#9 Holy Racket (2) \$2.50

He was heavily backed first-up in his second Queensland campaign, only just missing the speedy Party For Two over this track and trip. He had 52kg on his back that day and drew barrier two, the same as he does here. He beat home key rival and main danger Hurts So Good that day, while there wasn't much between them last preparation either. While he is winless second-up from five attempts, his best run up this way was second-up last time in, so we're not too worried about that stat. He should take plenty of catching from the low draw.

Confidence: High (7/10)

Value: #6 Hurts So Good (7) \$5.50/2.05

He's a bit of a winning machine here at Eagle Farm, with four wins from six starts at Queensland's premier track. He beat stakes-performer The Inflictor and key rival Holy Racket over this track and trip at the end of last prep, so his best is clearly good enough. While his first two runs this time in left a bit to be desired at Doomben, he bounced back nicely here last start to run third in the Party For Two race, so there's enough to suggest he's back to form. He can win this without a doubt if he brings his A Game.

Threat Level: Medium

Race 9 – 1600m – BM85 Hcp

#9 Exceed Speed (7) \$3.60

He was shooting for three wins in a row last start when a heavily backed favourite in a similar strength race to this, but a torrid run in transit cost him victory. He sat wide the trip up on a hot speed around the testing Toowoomba circuit and was still only narrowly denied late in the piece by key rival Canberra Legend. He has had a month to get over that run and maps for a dream run in transit tucked in behind the leaders throughout. He will be first on the scene and take gunning down late.

Confidence: Medium (5/10)

Value: #4 Speycaster (1) \$18/4.50

He is having his first run in Queensland, and he looks ready to go following a nice trial win at Beaudesert. There is no doubt he is best performed over further and deeper into a prep, but two of his three first up runs in Victoria have been excellent with the sole disappointment when pulling up lame. First up last prep he got back in a slowly run BM100 at Flemington but made good ground late to be beaten just 2.65L by a Group 1 tested trio in Marble Arch, Wings Of Song and Munhamek. A repeat of that effort sees him go very close here right down in grade in Queensland.

Threat Level: High

Longshot: #1 Diablo Bolt (2) \$19/4.60

Race 10 – 1200m – BM78 Hcp**#10 Cosmo Centaurus (8) \$2.25**

He has always shown top ability, and he looks to be now reaching his full potential if his electric first up win is anything to go by. He tucked in behind the speed throughout and powered away to beat key rival Surprise Honey by 3L who has gone up second favourite here. He gets a small weight swing over her for demolishing her which ties in very well given her place in the market. He should only improve second up out to 1200m and finds another suitably run race with plenty of pace on up front. He looks better than these.

Confidence: High (8/10)

Value: #3 Bews (14) \$13/3.40

He is a serial tease, but he has to go in given this is the lowest grade of race he has contested in some time. At the end of last prep he ran an excellent fifth beaten just 2.59L in the Listed Hinkler Handicap which bodes very well for this. He resumed this preparation in a deep BM85 behind the handy Navyonthehighway and he should have won with clear running. He screamed home at the back end of 1110m at Doomben so the step to 1200m on the bigger Eagle Farm circuit suits. He will be flooding home late, but he doesn't win often.

Threat Level: Medium

Longshot: #12 Adolfito (4) \$11/3.00**QUADDIE NUMBERS****FLEMINGTON**

6 – 1,3,5,10,12

7 – 1

8 – 2,4,5,6,7,10,11

9 – 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15

25% for \$100

RANDWICK

7 – 2

8 – 1,3,12,13,14

9 – 2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,15

10 – 1,6,7,8,10,12,16

32% for \$100

EAGLE FARM

7 – 1,3,5,6,10

8 – 1,6,7,9

9 – 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10

10 – 10

62% for \$100

SELECTIONS SUMMARY

FLEMINGTON

R1 – Panova \$6.50

Value: Call Da Vinci \$8.00/2.05

Longshot: Single Choice \$46/8.50

R2 – Sheza Alibi \$2.45* (BEST)

Value: Teine Aulelei \$6.00/2.05

Longshot: Icarian Dream \$15/3.60

R3 – Caballus \$4.00*

Value: Hedged \$5.00

Longshot: Bosustow \$11/3.10

R4 – Getta Good Feeling \$1.60

Value: Prestige Snitzel \$10/2.30

Longshot: Ethereum Girl \$11/2.40

R5 – King Zephyr \$2.80*

Value: Payline \$13/3.60

R6 – Tentyris \$4.00* (BEST)

Value: Beadman \$5.50/2.10

Longshot: Skyhook \$12/3.00

R7 – Observer \$2.20* (BEST)

Value: Providence \$7.00/2.45

Longshot: Options \$13/3.70

R8 – Leica Lucy \$6.00/2.20

Value: Idle Flyer \$7.00/2.40

Longshot: On Display \$26/6.00

R9 – She's Bulletproof \$7.00/2.50

Value: Photograph \$21/5.50

Longshot: Hearcomesthestar \$46/9.50

RANDWICK

R1 – Strawberry Impact \$5.00

Threat: Rotagilla \$4.20

Longshot: Placid Pearl \$11/3.00

R2 – Lightning Speed \$8.50/3.10

Value: Miss Passion \$17/5.00

Longshot: Pharoahzano \$18/5.00

R3 – Transcend \$2.60

Threat: Jellicious \$3.30

Longshot: Editing \$10/2.70

R4 – Meridiana \$3.70

Value: Vetwelve \$12/3.60

Longshot: Piraeus \$16/4.20

R5 – Sun God \$4.50

Value: Harlow Mist \$8.00/2.70

Longshot: Glad You Think So \$10/3.10

R6 – Istolea Merc \$2.15

Threat: Brave One \$3.70

Longshot: Memoria \$19/4.00

R7 – Jimmysstar \$2.80* (BEST)

Value: War Machine \$8.50/2.80

R8 – Autumn Glow \$2.00*

Value: Linebacker \$6.00/2.05

Longshot: Seagulls Eleven \$26/5.50

R9 – Maison Louis \$4.20

Threat: Wootton Verni \$3.10

Longshot: Firm Agreement \$31/7.00

R10 – Money Team \$10/3.30*

Value: Bartolf \$9.50/2.80

Longshot: Verbil \$12/3.70

EAGLE FARM

R1 - Vanzadee \$2.00

Threat: Rarotonga \$2.50

R2 – Hearts Are Better \$3.00

Value: Thankyou Henry \$6.00/2.00

R3 – Connecticut \$2.60

Value: La Cometa \$10/2.40

Longshot: Counter \$17/3.75

R4 – Mazis \$3.30

Threat: Margot's Deel \$5.50/2.15

R5 – Brave Monarch \$3.00

Value: Krumac \$16/4.00

R6 – Casrock \$12/3.80

Value: Gambino \$8.50/3.10

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