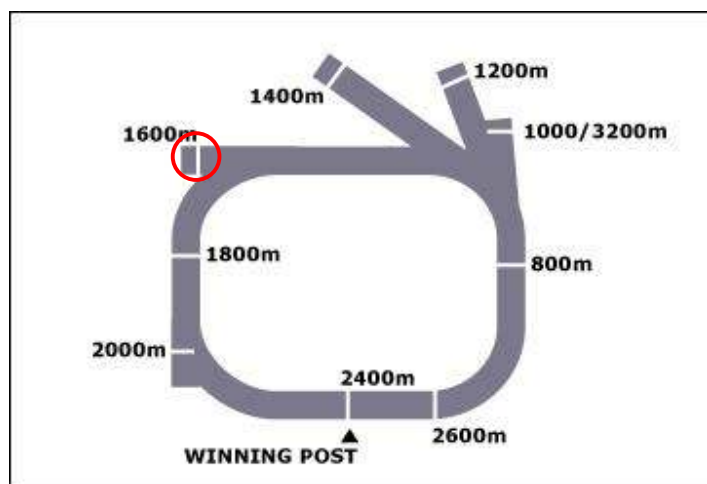


This Saturday's Group 1 Races...

Sydney R5 – 2:05pm Salinger - Champagne Stks (G1) 1600m \$450,000

Royal Randwick 1600m



SPEED: MODERATE

BACK	MIDFIELD - HANDY				LEAD
Solo Flyer (11)	Acey Ducey (8)	Camarilla (5)	Guillotine (3)	Royal Esprit (7)	Meurice (12)
Cigar Royale (10)	Prima Nova (6)	My Sweet Cookie (4)	Sashenka (2)	Press The Button (1)	Arlington (9)

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Mr Racing's Predicted Finishing Order:

1 st	9 CAMARILLA (D.Beadman)	\$1.85	Master stroke to skip the slipper with this filly. Sires-Champagne double
2 nd	10 Press The Button (C.Williams)	\$6.00	Slight query at the journey but appears she will get it. Will run a race
3 rd	1 Meurice (N.Rawiller)	\$7.00	Hard-Luck story in the Slipper then solid in the Sires. Hard to dismiss.

Best Roughie:

4 Guillotine (C.Brown)	\$16.0	Should appreciate the journey. Has indicated ability with a debut win.
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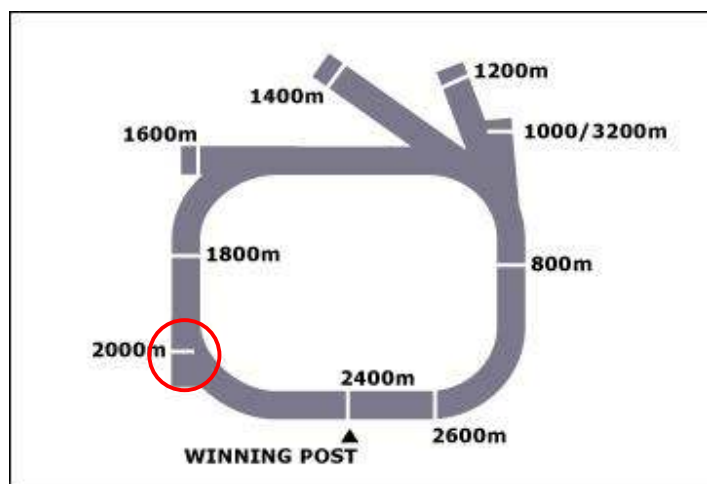
Summary:

I can't see them beating **Camarilla**. Hasn't been over-taxed. Missed the Slipper to focus on the Sires and Champagne and looks set to complete the double. The risk of them ambling on is a small concern, but she looks good enough to overcome that. **Press The Button** has taken the same route as Miss Finland last year, running in the Slipper and Champagne, and missing the Sires. She got caught up in some trouble in the Slipper, but prior to that beat the Slipper winner Forensics and Blue Diamond winner Sleek Chassis in the lead-up. Can atone here. **Meurice** is running for the third consecutive week. I had a big doubt about him beyond 1200m, but it appears his class is going to carry him. Each-way chance again.

This Saturday's Group 1 Races...

Sydney R6 – 2:45pm Bigpond - Queen Elizabeth Stks (G1) 2000m \$600,000

Royal Randwick 2000m



SPEED: MODERATE

BACK	MIDFIELD - HANDY				LEAD
		Railings (11)	Confectioner (10)		
	Molotov (9)	Haradasun (8)	Grand Zulu (4)	He's No Pie Eater (3)	
	Spirit Of Tara (7)	Red Robert (6)	Doubting (1)	Coalesce (2)	Desert War (5)

INSIDE RAIL ⇔

Mr Racing's Predicted Finishing Order:

1 st	1 DESERT WAR (D.Oliver)	\$3.30	Warhorse coming back from 2400m to this. Hard-fit and a soft lead.
2 nd	10 Haradasun (N.Rawiller)	\$2.50	Deserved favourite, but giving start to a tough customer today in D.War
3 rd	11 He's No Pie Eater (Z.Purton)	\$7.50	Will get a great run from the draw, and back to a more suitable distance

Best Roughie:

2	Railings (C.Brown)	\$13.0	One of the better horses in the race, but 2000m is a touch short for him
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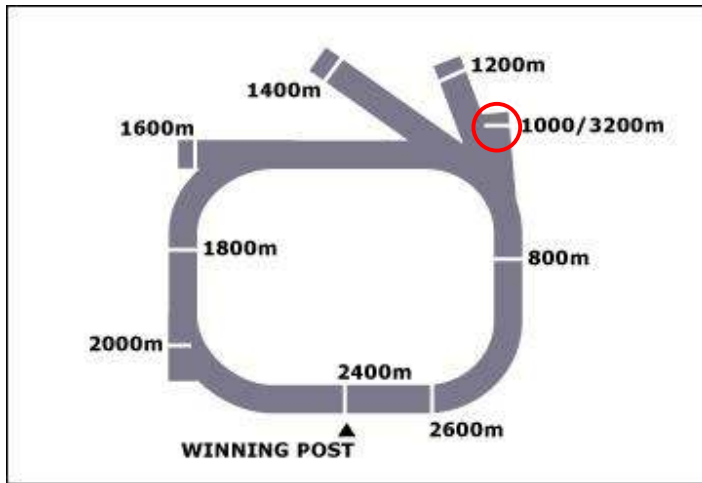
Summary:

In the last major WFA race of the carnival, I'm looking to one of the last top WFA horses left in training. **Desert War** is suited to the 2000m and leads on his own here. I expect Oliver to be aggressive, and ensure he is hard to run down in the straight. The 3yo's have competed in all of the major Sydney races this carnival. It should be no different today. **Haradasun** on the back of two superb wins in Sydney remains the testing material and deserved favourite. **He's No Pie Eater** beat the older horses, Desert War, Eremein and fellow top 3yo Mentality, to win the Chipping Norton, before taking out the Rosehill Guineas. He too, is back to a suitable trip today, after running in the Derby. **Railings** heads the list of unlikely knockout chances in the race. He is unsuited at the journey, but may figure if Brown can make this a true staying test at some stage.

This Saturday's Group 1 Races...

Sydney R7 – 3:25pm Schweppes - Sydney Cup (G1) 3200m \$800,000

Royal Randwick 3200m



SPEED: SLOW

BACK	MIDFIELD - HANDY				LEAD
Southern Courage (13) Pentathlon (12)	County Tyrone (8) Prince Dande Lion (7)	No Wine No Song (6) Irazu (5)	Blutigeroo (4) New Kid In Town (3)	Vanquished (10) Prince Arthur (2) Gallic (1)	Magic Instinct (11) Desert Master (9)

INSIDE RAIL ⇨

Mr Racing's Predicted Finishing Order:

1 st	6 BLUTIGEROO (D.Oliver)	\$2.50 Only has to get the trip to win. Well drawn, and a weighted certainty.
2 nd	5 Prince Arthur (D.Beadman)	\$5.00 Drawn to get the run of the race. Warming nicely towards this.
3 rd	1 County Tyrone (J.Cassidy)	\$7.50 Track/Distance/Race Specialist. Showed signs in the BMW he is ready.

Best Roughie:

2 Gallic (S.Arnold)	\$11.0 1 of the best hoops in the land will steer this last start Ade Cup winner.
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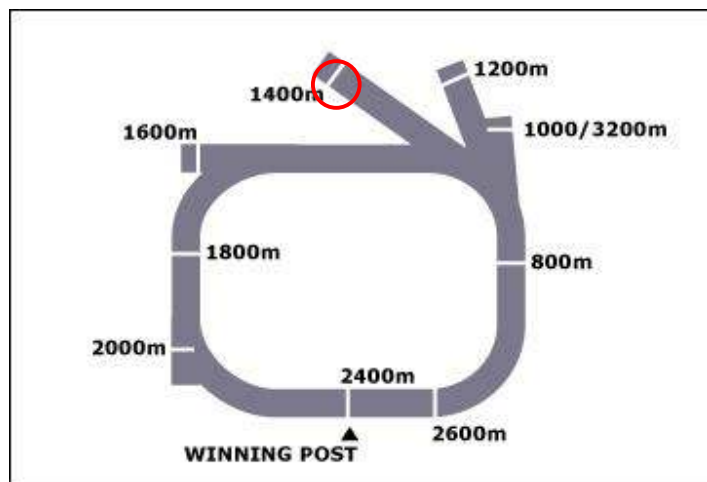
Summary:

I expect that the in-form pair, D Beadman and D Oliver will fight this one out. **Blutigeroo** looks weighted to win. They were unable to penalize him for winning the WFA BMW, and consequently comes into this with 54kg, getting weight off practically all of his dangers... IF there are any. He only has to get the trip to win. **Prince Arthur** has warmed nicely towards this. Around the money in a couple of key lead-up staying events and should peak on the day. **County Tyrone** is the one horse proven at the trip. If there is a chink in the armour of Blutigeroo, then County Tyrone will be the horse grinding home to expose it. Must include, after 3 lead-up runs at weight for age. Won this race convincingly last year, after being close-up in previous years.

This Saturday's Group 1 Races...

Sydney R8 – 4:10pm Daily Telegraph All-Aged Stks (G1) 1400m \$400,000

Royal Randwick 1400m



SPEED: GOOD

BACK	MIDFIELD - HANDY				LEAD
			Fast 'N' Famous (8)		
		Malcolm (6)		Bentley Biscuit (3)	Takeover Target (7)
Bannock Bay (10)	Black Ink (9)	Double Dare (4)	De Beers (5)	Cateclipse (1)	Virage De Fortune (2)
					INSIDE RAIL ⇨

Mr Racing's Predicted Finishing Order:

1 st	2	BENTLEY BISCUIT (N.Rawiller)	\$3.0	He should race a touch closer today from the 3 alley. Very hard to beat.
2 nd	4	Malcolm (D.Beadman)	\$4.0	Like Bentley Biscuit, targeted this race rather than Doncaster. Go well.
3 rd	1	Takeover Target (J.Ford)	\$5.0	Impossible to leave this superstar out. Not as fit, but fresh and fast.

Best Roughie:

10	Virage De Fortune (C.Brown)	\$11.0	Bounced back to something like her old self last start. Smart when right
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Summary:

A couple of natural speedsters in Takeover Target and Virage De Fortune, will ensure this is a genuinely run 1400. Before the carnival I thought **Bentley Biscuit** would win the Doncaster. As it turned out, his preparation resulted in the shorter races, and he has certainly been effective in them. I wanted to back him in the TJ Smith, only the Heavy track led me to the soft-track specialist Spark Of Life. I'm going back to him this start. The 1400m is ideal, 3rd-up, with the run of the race. Very hard to beat. **Malcolm** is in the same boat here. 3rd-up into this, and didn't head to the Doncaster as expected. A prolific winner, much like Bentley Biscuit, and very hard to hold out. These two have the fitness edge on **Takeover Target**, who is the best sprinter in the land. He will get out and give a sight, but would have been a better "winning" chance, if Virage De Fortune was not in the race. They are expected to run along, just as Virage De Fortune and Spark of Life did last start in the TJ. **Virage De Fortune** showed courage to stick on in the TJ, after looking beaten at the rise. She has had some problems this prep, but may be on the improve.