

~ The Early Word ~ New Zealand

Queensland storms heading in this direction but look likely to stay away until Sunday at least. Counties cup day at Pukekohe (famous for V8 Racing) & we will stay with that meeting which has a reasonable supporting card.

Our best bet of the day is Counties **Race 4 No2 Irish Colleen**. Three runs in & was unlucky last time, distance suits, can handle all track conditions should the rain arrive early. This is a reasonably competitive race but appears to be lacking in speed which should see our bet handier than expected & with Innes aboard appeals as the obvious one.

Our rated price is 2.50. Expected price 3.50.

The value selection for today is Counties **Race 8 No 8 Kingsinga**. Fifth run back & ready to show best in this cup race, has been set for the 3 upcoming cups over the next 4 weeks. Last start had watch me this time written all over it. At 11.0 fixed NZ tab currently get into it if you can.

Our rated price is 5.00. Expected price Fixed NZ TAB 11.00

Adelaide

The Banker

Race 4 # 5 Brinkley Boy

Rated: 2.20

Expected: 2.80

BEST BET

Last 2 runs have been super including last start 3rd when narrowly beaten after racing very wide throughout from the wide draw. Meets the winner (Gilded Boots) 2.5kg better and has drawn very well in barrier 2. Before that was grabbed late behind the in form Falvelons Dream. Will be prominent throughout and am keen to step up at 2.20 or better. Dangers are Court Bell(2) 6.0, Marryatville(3) 8.0 and Gilded Boots(1) 10.0.

Next Best

Race 7 # 2 Old Worlde

Rated: 2.80

Expected: 3.80

With the early scratching of Thesandmancan(3) this race now looks made to order for Old Worlde(2).

Forget last start run in better company when having to work hard mid race and had nothing left in the tank when fading out in the straight. Previous effort at Murray Bridge was very strong when defeating Fasadina (has since come out and won). Is best ridden back but has a real strong sprint so the step up to 1412m appears most suitable. Has yet to miss a place here at Cheltenham and looks well in after the 2kg claim. Looks a good bet at about 2.80 or better.

Dangers are Dashing Doll(11) 5.0, Moonsong(9) 10.0 with Whoishe(8) and Barter Time(10) next best at 12.50.

Lacey Underall

2008 Adelaide Cup Winner

Brisbane

The Banker

Race 7 # 5 Nuclear Medicine

Rated: 4.25

Expected: 3.00

BEST BET

Nuclear Medicine is a dominant wet track horse. Failed to fire 1st up in a hot G2 sprint in Melbourne but had little trouble beating a similar field to this back in April at this track on soft ground.

The Value

Race 6 # 11 Catchit

Rated: 7.00

Expected: 7.00

E/W BET

Catchit likes the Eagle Farm 1200m & is an adept wet tracker. Fitter for 2 runs in from a spell & looks ready to run a nice race.

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2008 Brisbane Cup Winner

Melbourne

The Banker

Race 1 # 3 About Ready

Rated: 1.90

Expected: 3.50

BEST BET

Mick Price followed his usual practice by taking another of his promising youngsters to the country for a big kill when About Ready bolted in at Traralgon by 4 ¼ lengths. She will be ready for the step up to city class and against only moderate opposition she should make it two from two.

The Value

Race 5 # 4 Let Loushe

Rated: 4.20

Expected: tba

E/W BET

~~There are few more consistent gallopers in the land than Let Loushe and over his favoured 1200 metre journey he is going to be very hard to hold out. His efforts this preparation have been typically top notch with his last start second at Flemington a real eyecatcher. You just know he won't be far away.~~

Efficient

2007 Melbourne Cup Winner

Sydney

The Banker

Race 4 # 3 Arlington

Rated: 2.50

Expected: 2.50

BEST BET

This well bred horse doesn't win out of turn, and with 1 from 19, probably screw your face up at this guy ever being declared a "best bet". Like a lot of entires can, he really enjoyed the new scenery in his first trip out of Sydney and raced out of his skin in Melbourne, including a gallant effort in the WFA Mackinnon. Returns to his home track in a handicap with 51.5kg. Almost embarrassing if he can't win a race like this and will be the last time I tip him if he doesn't beat Fianchetto today.

The Value

Race 3 # 7 Hexameter

Rated: 2.60

Expected: 4.20

E/W BET

This Octagonal mare is no world beater, but is knocking on the door and J Parr to C Brown really gets me in, after 2 seconds in races probably a touch stronger than this. The stable is in very good form and I can see her racing handy and looking every bit the winner up the rise. Would be very shocked if she doesn't represent value to my rated price.

No Wine No Song

2008 Sydney Cup Winner

~ The "Get Out" Stakes ~ Western Australia

W.A.'s best race, the group 1 Railway Stakes over 1600m is the feature event and is going to be a cracker of a race. The Railway has attracted its best eastern states representation for many years, and will offer punters a wide market if able to pick the winner. The support card is a little disappointing, with Fun Spice looking outstanding in race 6, but could very well start in the red.

SUPERSCENIC (Race 4 # 3) appeals as terrific each way value in this race, particularly with the short priced pre post favourite in Escadaire looking vulnerable over the 1400m of the race. Escadaire has failed to win in 6 attempts at the trip. Superscenic achieved a career high rating last time with a great first up second to Oroya Gold in very slick time over the 1200m course, he steps up to 1400m in this where he has the best record of any runner here with 4 victories. Has performed well second up in the past and looks an undeniable chance to add to his winning tally here. I Command appeals as a danger.

Rated Price: **4.00** Expected: 5.00

RIGHTFULLY YOURS (Race 7 # 14) also looks terrific each way value in the Railway. This race may have very well been decided at the barrier draw. Rightfully Yours is drawn to get a perfect run just off the pace, and has the benefit of still being on the up after not being overly taxed in recent spring racing. Looks to have really arrived as a major player, with his form in recent times. Local star Marasco is the logical danger but will need all the breaks from a horror draw.

Rated Price : **4.80** Expected: 5.00