

## ~ The Early Word ~ New Zealand

The Ellerslie line up looks an ordinary days racing with nothing much running around worth taking an interest in. On the other hand Wanganui (the river city) has a good days card & a few bets about, a sandy track that is well known for favouring locals & previous performers can throw up some dramatic form reversals.

Our best bet of the day is Wanganui **Race 2 No 1 Under & Over**. Trialled well here & run well here again just missing by a nose. 5<sup>th</sup> run in this campaign & will not get a better chance to win. Front running type who has displayed enough early speed to overcome the draw.

Our rated price is 2.20. Expected price 2.50-3.00.

The value selection for today is Wanganui **Race 4 No13 Marcey's Belt**. Performed admirably first up on this course was closing late to just miss, This race is a step down in grade from its 2 runs & 1340 will suit. This race is its chance to get an easy win & only the 5 Phantom Storm looks capable of stopping it.

Our rated price is 2.50. Expected price 3.50-5.00.

### Adelaide

#### The Banker

Race 3 # 2 Boogie On The Grass

Rated: 1.50

Expected: 1.75

BEST BET

Looks an absolute moral against what one can only describe as very ordinary opposition.

Going for the hat trick after really blowing her rivals away past 2 runs and meets practically the same line up again here. And to top things off she gets in just 1.5kg above the minimum. Appears to be a handicapping certainty and should just win and win well. Rates a clear top pick at about 1.50.

Wendy Ellen(5) 6.50, Kaisership(1) 14.0 and Split'N 'Hit(9) 20.0 the only ones worth mentioning.

#### The Value

Race 4 # 3 Predestined

Rated: 5.00

Expected: 10.00

Quite keen on this race as I think there is some nice value around a couple of runners (Predestined and Sparkling Xaar). Have gone with Predestined as the top selection. First up run when beaten just over a length by the very in-form Gilded Boots was very good after racing wide throughout. Goes very well 2nd up and will settle up or close to the lead in what appears to be a sprint race with very little pressure on. Thrown in at the weights after Hopwood claims her 3kg allowance. Looks a nice bet at about 5.0.

Others who rate well are Kiss The Cash (8) 6.50 and Sparkling Xaar (7) 7.50 (this might be very nice overs).

Very open race after these with the next line at 10.0 being Anais(1) and Sleeque(6).

Lacey Underall

2008 Adelaide Cup Winner

### Brisbane

#### The Banker

Race 6 # 10 Hey Elvis

Rated: 4.25

Expected: 3.80

BEST BET

A promising horse trying a mile for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. 2 from 2 since a spell & most of the opposition have seen better days.

#### The Value

Race 3 # 7 Lucky Luna

Rated: 6.50

Expected: 4.00

E/W BET

Racing well lately & the last start 3<sup>rd</sup> to Hey Elvis was a good effort. Placed at its only heavy track run & the distance should suit.

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2008 Brisbane Cup Winner

## Melbourne

### The Banker

Race 1 # 1 Carlton Forward

Rated: 2.50

Expected: 3.20

BEST BET

This colt is bred for speed and after an impressive trial looks the one to beat in the opening event of the day. He is in the care of Peter Moody and he always has his youngsters ready. Carlton Forward should jump to the front and he will be very hard to run down.

### The Value

Race 8 # 1 Northern Point

Rated: 4.40

Expected: 5.50

E/W BET

Northern Point has conditions to suit at the Valley this weekend and looks the best placed horse on the card. He loves the track, flies fresh and is at his best over the five furlong journey. The claim works in his favour as well. He is consistent and with any luck will be right in the finish.

Efficient

2007 Melbourne Cup Winner

## Sydney

### The Banker

Race 5 # 4 Hussta La Vista

Rated: 2.30

Expected: 3.00

BEST BET

Classy mare 2nd up, fresh with a month between runs. Untried on the Kensington track, but providing you are able to run on, on the day, she will be the mare hitting the line the hardest. Has a good turn of foot, and has shown it on rain affected going as well. A mare who clearly races best for Glynn Schofield, and he is riding a lot better now than when he first arrived over and won 2 in a row on this mare. Get on her today.

### The Value

Race 8 # 4 Bombay Diamond

Rated: ~~3.80~~

Expected: ~~tba~~

E/W BET

~~This Kris Lees 4yo might be ready to show something today. It took him a long time last prep to race into form, and it looks as though he is heading in that direction this time in. About this time last prep, this horse jumped from a Newcastle Maiden win, to winning a Restricted race at the same track by 3 lengths. At his next start he finished a length 3rd to Rabbuka and Little Sai Wan on a heavy track at Canterbury. That all looks to be strong enough form for this. Hold up for a run last start at Randwick. Barrier 11 might not be the worst place to be by this time of the day, with the rain around. Looks an each way special.~~

No Wine No Song

2008 Sydney Cup Winner

## ~ The "Get Out" Stakes ~ Western Australia

A good meeting with 3 listed races and the feature event, the group 2 Winterbottom Stakes sees the clash of sprinting heavyweights Takeover Target and Apache Cat, which should be a bottler. Looks a favourites day on paper, but good value if punters can find winners outside the top 2 in the market.

We'll opt for one in the 6<sup>th</sup> which seems to be at extraordinary odds pre post considering its last performance in **LOVRE (No 13)**. Trainer Lindsey Smith threw this one in at the deep end for its race debut here 21 days ago, when it took on a quality field of open class 3yo's. There would have been plenty of softer options available, but opting for that race suggests a high degree of stable confidence in the animal. Lovre ran a terrific 2<sup>nd</sup> after a chequered run throughout, and figured on several occasions in the steward's report. Another tough assignment here, but could be the knockout at double figure odds.

Rated Price: **8.00** Expected: 8.00

In race 9 **OUR KATARINA (No 6)** has brilliant form fresh, and produced a stunning first up win over this course back in March, she came from last on the home turn to produce a powerhouse finish to win surging away. She beat a field of quality mares which had several listed winners in the field, she then failed at her subsequent start when stepped up to the 1400m and was turned out. She will take a power of beating in this if she can replicate anywhere near that performance. Should get back but looks admirably suited by the tempo here. Rates best each way of the day.

Rated Price : 4.00 Expected: 5.50