

~ The Early Word ~ New Zealand

Some good quality races this Saturday, we are going to split the bets between the venues & like last week I am not sure that we can claim a best bet but again take 2 value bets. Fine & very warm weather again is forecast so can't see weather interfering. The last bet can hardly be described as the Early Word as much of Australia's racing will be near completed before this race starts.

Value selection no 1 for the day is **Te Rapa Race 3 No 7 Forever Roses**. Has been in a purple patch of form this campaign. Pushed Bella Renza hard last start & Bella went on to win again last weekend in a very competitive race so that form should stack up here. Races handy enough & always gives it 100%. In this line-up could be at false odds.

Our rated price is 4.50. Expected price 7.00

Value selection no 2 for the day is **Te Rapa Race 2 No 6 Santangelo**. Walker rides Santangelo who struggled over 1400 last start back to 1200 here suits. Won in nice style first up & 3rd run in here will be fitter to figure at the end..

Our rated price is 3.50. Expected price 5.50

(Note: original 2nd bet at Wingatui was scratched)

Adelaide

The Banker

Race 6 # 6 **Symphony Miss**

Rated: 3.2

Expected: 1.7

BEST BET

We liked this mare last week when she was scratched. Well above average who absolutely flies fresh (3-2-1-0). Was very impressive winning a recent trial (the runner-up came out and ran a botler last week). Weighted to run super on the minimum and looks horribly hard to hold out with even luck in running. Rates a good bet at 3.20 or better.

Dangers are Rose Marie (7) 5.50, Barabba Star (3) 8.0, Beltija (4) 8.0, Jeuneanje (2) 9.50 and Tulavar (8) 13.0

The Value

Race 7 # 5 **I'm Flexible**

Rated: 3.5

Expected: tba

E/W BET

~~Has been racing most consistently. Won 4 starts back then sat 3 wide throughout when beaten less than 2 lengths behind the smart Outlandish Lad. Has since been far from disgraced finishing 3rd in 2 subsequent runs over unsuitable 1000m when making late ground. The step up to 1100m appears ideal and drawn to perfection to run a real race. Rates an each way special at 3.50 or better.~~

~~The obvious danger is Intelligentsia (2) 3.90, with Teivove (3) 6.0 and Taken The Road (10) 6.0 rating as the only real chances.~~

Lacey Underall

2008 Adelaide Cup Winner

Brisbane

The Banker

Race 1 # 1 **Miss Me Katy**

Rated: 1.7

Expected: 1.9

BEST BET

Two starts for two comprehensive wins for this filly. She is close to a 60% chance to continue building the picket fence. She stepped out on the rock hard Townsville track winning and in the process breaking a class record. Spelled then bought to the city getting the money when well backed beating Funtantes and Temple of Boom. Funtantes franked the form line last week sitting three and four wide the trip and still winning by just under two lengths. Barrier is a slight concern but this is one smart filly which could sit wide the trip and still round this lot up in the straight.

The Value

Race 6 #1 **Go Cart**

Rated: 4.0

Expected: 7.5

E/W BET

Great run when resuming having his first run in QLD and for a new stable. Was slowly away but ran home well in the straight under the big weight to go down a half length. The step up to the 1350 looks like it will really suit. The barrier is not a huge concern as the horse will get back in running. There looks to be some pace in the race so Go Cart should be coming over the top of them in the final stages.

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2008 Brisbane Cup Winner

Melbourne

The Banker

Race 6 # 2 Weekend Hussler

Rated: 1.85

Expected: 2.1

BEST BET

Weekend Hussler is capable of anything and with the plan to keep him over the sprint journeys this preparation he will be primed to fire fresh. I wouldn't be surprised if he puts up a picket fence this time in. He has been working the house down, he has performed well down the straight and his main rival, Apache Cat, has had a disjointed preparation that has involved international travel. Take him at the shorts.

The Value

Race 2 # 1 Soul Diva

Rated: 3.25

Expected: tba

E/W BET

~~Soul Diva broke through for the first time in a long time last start and can go on with it in a moderate 2000 metre affair this Saturday. She was beautifully ridden by Nicholas Hall last start from an inside gate and she should get the same favours this time around. She loves this distance and always goes well at Flemington. She also looks beautifully in at the weights after the claim. She will be very hard to hold out.~~

Efficient

2007 Melbourne Cup Winner

Sydney

The Banker

Race 5 # 2 Guru

Rated: 2.5

Expected: 6.0

BEST BET

Guy Walter has been placing this horse really well, but he pulled up lame last start. A tick over 3 weeks between runs and Guy wouldn't run if the horse wasn't well. With that in mind, I expect the horse to run up to his potential and his potential is good enough to win this. Nice Saturday assignment for him.

The Value

Race 7 # 3 Cajou

Rated: 3.0

Expected: 5.5

E/W BET

Can be a tricky mare to catch at times, but first-up and Rosehill is the time to do it. Loves the track and races very well fresh. Should give a good account from barrier 3 in an open mares race.

No Wine No Song

2008 Sydney Cup Winner

~ The "Get Out" Stakes ~ Western Australia

Not an overly strong meeting, with small fields dominating the first half of the card. Punters have been burned in recent weeks, with many short priced commodities being beaten in these small fields, and it may pay to concentrate more on the latter races.

CLASSIC DROP (R5 # 1) is an underrated mare, who did a terrific job last start when dropping back 500 m and coming off a 42 day spell to defeat a very strong country sprint field at Geraldton. Rating figures from that performance puts her right in the thick of things here. The form from that race has stood up so far, already providing two subsequent winners. Classic Drop has returned good win and place percentages so far in her career, and looks an outstanding chance to open her city account in this one. Dance Across looms as an obvious danger on strong last start performance, but has struggled to back up after winning in the past.

Rated Price: **5.00** Expected Price : 6.5

PHENOMENONS (R7 # 2), produced a stunning return to racing at this track 14 days ago, when he reeled off a slick closing sectional to blow rivals out of the water after 332 days in the paddock. Rises from 1100m to 1400m in this race, and that really would be the only concern. Has only seen a race track twice, but this bloke has star quality written all over him. Should handle the distance rise, and looks one of the better bets on the program. Last start winner Admiring looks the one to issue the strongest challenge of the others.

Rated Price: **2.10** Expected Price : 2.8