Flemington

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Flemington Race 2 - 1200m

2u TT+ - #13-THE PRODIGAL SON \$4

Flemington Race 3 - 1410m

1u TT+ - #8-ROBRICK \$4.8

Flemington Race 8 - 1620m

1.5u TT+ - #14-PRESSER \$4.2 Flemington Race 10 - 1100m

5u Fixed - #2-BENEDETTA \$2.5 (sent Wed)

Flemington Race 1 - 1100m

RIVER NOIRE has jumped out well. Her number on debut was enormous before running 2nd here to stable mate She Dances with a \$2.2f SP. Won ok at MV subsequently to that. Moody runners since 2017, 1st up at Flem <\$10 - 3w/23 -51% PoT. Interested to see mkt/yard. JEAN VALJEAN recorded his best 1st up rating to date l/st at Morp. Asking him to go again 2nd up does concern me but looks a horse who will excel down the straight and sets up well. OUR LAST CASH 1st up off a trial win. Figure at Wagga over 1300 was enormous. Williams on+. Interesting placement. ANILLA v nice j/out. Ok number here over 1200 in Jan. NICCOLITE honest enough without winning. THE HASS this is his level. V honest but there's easier bm70's around than this. FAR ENOUGH 2 good figures on the synth in weaker grade at his last 2. Prefer over 1000 and in easier. SMILE AND WAVE amiss 1st up?? Bled when winning here in Jan - that may have ended her in terms of her racing zest. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

8-RIVER NOIRE/6-JEAN VALJEAN/2-OUR LAST CASH/1-ANILLA

Flemington Race 2 - 1200m

THE PRODIGAL SON gets Oliver on, draws wide+. Comes out of a couple of proper races where he's been met with mkt support and been ok enough with genuine excuses. This much easier - v hard to beat with even luck. JET JITSU unlucky 1st up. Has good 1200m form and has performed well down the straight in the past. He needs a lot in his favour... RIVKIN forgive I/st. Won well in SA previous. Draws right part of track. ABADDON think he could be suited down the straight with his late spd. Inside draw? COSMIC RHAPSODY has been flying on the synth and has been running good figures there too. Did run well down the straight here behind Senegalia ealier this year... IN HER STRIDE didn't like the j/out, don't like the jock. Will drift to \$20+. SOOBOOMA gets Shinn on and draws ok but his been pox this prep. ROCKRIBBED loves the 1200 where his stats read 6:3-0-1, inside gate/jock knocks. LOVIN' LAUGHS PR I/st and ran a poor number. Against. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

13-THE PRODIGAL SON/17-JET JITSU/5-RIVKIN/11-ABADDON

2u TT+ - #13-THE PRODIGAL SON \$4

Flemington Race 3 - 1410m

ROBRICK was supported in betting when 2nd to Mollynickers on debut at Moe. Just forget I/st in a messy race with a bush jock on - welcome back arguably the worlds best jockey with a pair of blks with a bombproof map to add to his chances. GANGITANO blks on from low draw with Williams looks absolutley ideal - just query soft rtg the Caul race he comes out of posted. GAWNSKI strong to line behind Mollynickers at Caul I/st running a v good figure. May be looking for a mile now? FLYING CONCELLO has NO figures. Won a legless 2yo Hcp at Sand I/st. WARLORDS retains Shinn. Won ok on debut but rated fair at best... ORION THE HUNTER over 1400? Surely not. Tempo: Slow to Fair speed - Suits Leaders & Handy Runners

8-ROBRICK/3-GANGITANO/4-GAWNSKI/2-FLYING CONCELLO

1u TT+ - #8-ROBRICK \$4.8

Flemington Race 4 - 1410m

CARDIGAN QUEEN was given a tickover j/out and went like a jet. Tr/dist figures+. CUBAN LINK was wide the trip in the race won by Hell Hound I/st at Caul on a day you couldn't be wide. Gets C Williams on here but again draws awkwardly... IMPENDING SHADOW has a low % racing style but couldn't have been more impressive at Caul I/st running 11.08s I/200 (5th best of day) in the inferior wider lanes... RUBY TUESDAY gets D Lane 3rd up after hitting the line well 1st/2nd up. BEOUR BAY honest as ever all be it every chance I/st behind Hell Hound at Caul - meets her 2kg worse off here but also gets a perfect map. HELL HOUND has always had talent - lost her way a bit early this prep until getting somewhere near her best from a rating POV I/st at Caul... gets in with 52.5kg here and should box seat. QUEEN AIR was remarkably backed into Caul cup favourtism after winning by 4L+ at MV in March - she rated v well on that occasion however but she's clearly better over 2000m. GOOD AND PROPER back to 1400 her best dist is clearly a positive but they keep persevering with this jock who time after time gives the horse a sore back. Tempo: Slow to Fair speed - Suits Leaders & Handy Runners

4-CARDIGAN QUEEN/10-CUBAN LINK/11-IMPENDING SHADOW/1-RUBY TUESDAY

Flemington Race 5 - 2530m

MOSTLY CLOUDY paraded awfully prior to the Flem cup I/st when finishing 2nd to Mimi's Award which considering, was an enormous effort. Has the \$2 SP from said race - check parade? MIMI'S AWARD tr/dist beast and has ratings all over these but jockey - no. ALHAMBRA LAD flying!! Crossed the border to SA I/st and walked in - put almost 10L on The Good Fight which ties in ok but numbers say he needs to go to another IvI here. TEEWATERS had a PR I/st at Caul and rtd avg. SAVVY VALENTINO gets in with 51kg+. Jock neg. Tempo: Slow speed - Suits Leaders & Handy Runners

7-MOSTLY CLOUDY/1-MIMI'S AWARD/4-ALHAMBRA LAD/2-TEEWATERS

Flemington Race 6 - 2000m

SHAIYHAR was given a v nice tickover j/out between runs - last seen starting \$3.6f here over 2500... didn't stay? Back to 2000 and Shinn goes back on. ASGOODASSOBERGETS big rtn at Cant rating well before running 4th here behind Shaiyhar. 45 days off? Massive JC with D Lane on! CONFRONTATIONAL is racing quite well. Gets a suck run up the fence - blowout hope? COURT DEEP sound/every chance l/st at Sand - rtd well. THE NEPHEW was ok at Sand l/st but terrible draw up to 2000 is a concern. MARTIAL EAGLE gets Williams but draws v wide - will hook to near last and run on but could be too much of a task. MAYFAIR SPIRIT gets Zahra on. Doesn't win. DJUKON good effort in inferior ground l/st at Sand. 2000m 3rd up ideal. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

3-SHAIYHAR/12-ASGOODASSOBERGETS/18-CONFRONTATIONAL/4-COURT DEEP

Flemington Race 7 - 1200m

IT'SOURTIME was enormous vs the pattern in the Bletchingly I/st. Meets Ingratiating 3.5kg & General Beau 1.5kg better off. Tr/dist numbers++. CAUSE FOR CONCERN figures say he's up to it. C Williams on & 54kg++. Big chance. HERE TO SHOCK jumped out OUTSTANDINGLY! Got a big trainer change last prep and starting furfilling some of the talent he possesses winning and rtg well. Yard/mkt? GENERAL BEAU gets D Lane on and meets Ingratiating 2kg better off here. Been a good 2 yrs since won though. UMGAWA jumped out well (always does). Goes ok fresh. DANCE TO DUBAI had a bit of a b'day I/st here. Doubt she can repeat. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

4-IT'SOURTIME/11-CAUSE FOR CONCERN/3-HERE TO SHOCK/2-GENERAL BEAU

Flemington Race 8 - 1620m

PRESSER 10 day backup from Sand where he was outstanding winning comfortably running home in some of the better sectionals of the day. V progressive & maps well from draw with light weight. BRAYDEN STAR ran a PB at tr/dist 2 back behind Unusual Culture. Went to Syd I/st over 1800 and off a fast tempo ran the 5th quickest I/200 of the meeting (11.08s). Oliver gets back on - month off? If all good should win. HENNESSY LAD wasn't ready 1st up from a fitness/yard POV yet mkt still wanted him - SP'd \$4. Can improve... map? ARRAN BAY bad draw but loves tr/dist. Rtd right up to his best I/st at Caul. Can be hard to trust. FRENCH EMPEROR was scr last Sat - now a month between runs? His 1st & 2nd up runs/rtgs were v good. Mkt? KING COUVER mixes his form - 2/2 at mile and has rtd well. Williams on/good map++. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

14-PRESSER/3-BRAYDEN STAR/10-HENNESSY LAD/2-ARRAN BAY

1.5u TT+ - #14-PRESSER \$4.2

Flemington Race 9 - 1410m

BERKELEY SQUARE jumped out well. He's got bigger targets in his sights but he has a class edge on these more exposed older horses. Maps to get his chance. Mkt/yard crucial. NICOLINI VITO ready to peak 3rd up. His a horse that needs a lot to go his way and he gets a very awkward map... Looks well enough found too. TYCOONIST was a sneaky good run I/st at Caul running the 4th best 4-2 & I/200 of the meeting. Gets D Lane++. DEVOTED has numbers in WA that would put him right in the finish if not win here. J/out was v good but this camp is very hit & miss. POLAND hasn't won for 2.5 years. Gets the map+ & Shinn. Could be his day but hard to be with at sub \$5... REGARDSMAREE now 3rd up looks ready. It's been 16 months since his last won. 21:6-1-3 at 1400. CARLISLE jumped out great! Perhaps 2nd up over a mile is where I'd rather find him. ULYSSES was a surprise winner at Caul I/st - gets in with 52.5kg with the claim. TIJUANA map++ but he's gone I think. FLYING MASCOT completely gone. EDISON bar plates on - no. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

3-BERKELEY SQUARE/5-NICOLINI VITO/6-TYCOONIST/14-DEVOTED

Flemington Race 10 - 1100m

BENEDETTA G1 horse in a BM84. Recent j/out was breathtaking. Her win in the \$750k Inglis Sprint was enormous and rated to a level that would win if not go close to winning majority of G1's. Surely not even this jock could get her beat?? PIONEER RIVER Zahra on 3rd up - looks overs with the form behind Sigh l/st. JACK OF IT won his last 2 and did beat Discerning l/st who ran well behind Benedetta last prep... no surprise to see him measuring up and running top 4 here. SHOVE OVER D Lane on but j/out was v poor. ARBITRATION only reason she's not triple figures is the silks. DO YA PUNK needs wet. RANTING new camp, same cat. OCEAN BEYOND inside draw w/ Lafferty - no. YULONG STORM inside draw w/ M Lloyd - no. Tempo: Average speed - Suits Handy Runners

2-BENEDETTA/9-PIONEER RIVER/10-JACK OF IT/12-SHOVE OVER

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