

Sandown Park

JAMES VAN DE MAAT'S INSIDE WORD

Race 1

07:12PM

\$8,000

Tips: 2-4-3-6

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| 1 MIDNIGHT TREAT | Raymond Smith | Pushed Fanta Bale to within 1.25L at Wentworth Park on Oct 14, on pace runner here. |
| 2 DUSTY GAMBLER | Seona Thompson | Worked home well last outing and I felt he announced himself as one to follow two runs ago with a hot 725m Meadows win |
| 3 INEQUITY | Lyn Smith | Had absolutely no luck last run, prior to that produced a smart 34.13 win here, Looks the likely leader and is a 731m winner in Adelaide. |
| 4 EBBY RIPPER | Michael Eberand | True stayer who launches late in her races. Her last start has to be seen to be believed. Shes a genuine chance here. |
| 5 RING THE BELL | Gerard O'Keefe | Adopted Kiwi who appeared to lose ground mid-race last outing. He's going to need to get the breaks but Topgun run was good. |
| 6 PETUNIA MONELLI | David Hobby | Developing WA stayer who has won her past four. Obviously a rise in class but she's proven over the long journey |
| 7 DESTROYER | Gavin Clifton | Races well at Sandown but this is his first attempt at the top line racing. |
| 8 HIT THE HIGHWAY | Angela Langton | Seems to be getting stronger with each and every run, needs to clear the pack to be successful and that is unlikely. |

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Race 2

07:27PM

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Tips: 3-1-7-8

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| 1 | MOMENT TO RUMBA | Matthew Lanigan | Should really appreciate the look at the track last week. She was unlucky, posted wide and I think she can only improve |
| 2 | JAIMANDY HATTY | Paul Donohue | Veteran stayer who hasn't recaptured his best form this campaign |
| 3 | FANTA BALE | Robert Britton | One of the stars of greyhound racing, winnable heat as she draws so close to the magical one million dollars in career prizemoney |
| 4 | GARKU BALE | Paul Herry | Drawn outside of his superstar sister, outclassed here. |
| 5 | ZIPING LADY | Martin Hallinan | Normally a fast breaker, especially at this distance range but her best form looks behind her. |
| 6 | DONNY'S BEACH | Steven Scott | Promising QLD stayer but this is much tougher here. |
| 7 | CADALORA | Ian Garland | Staying Topgun finalist who should trouble the scorer late, I expect him to be finish top three. |
| 8 | OK JAKE | Ronald Fisher | Draws ideally. He rolled along in the lead with every chance and was ran down by Cadalora therefore it's hard to think he can win this |

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Race 3
07:49PM

\$12,000 Tips: 4-1-5-6

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| 1 | BRUCE TYCOON | Robert Britton | 11 career wins from this box. He is still racing so very well but there's no doubt it's a tough assignment for a dog of his age. |
| 2 | BIGTIME PADDY | John Galea | NZ representative in the Melbourne Cup series but he hasn't brought his NZ form across, yet. |
| 3 | RECKONING | Peter Presutto | Got the breaks in his smart 29.60 victory two runs ago. Classy type who just needs to find a prominent spot early. |
| 4 | KOUTA MAYHEM | Jason Sharp | Handled the two turn track by far the best he ever has in his 29.53 prelude win. If he repeats, he could be winning. |
| 5 | CRASH BANDICOOT | Anthony Azzopardi | G1 Vic Peters winner last start and that has been a great lead up race for the Melbourne Cup series, the box is the worry. |
| 6 | HASTEN SLOWLY | Angela Langton | Boom youngster who will be needing the breaks from the tough draw with the lack of natural breathtaking speed. |
| 7 | JOYCE RUMBLE | Stephen Kavanagh | QLD form is good but this a different ball game |
| 8 | DESPACITO | Seona Thompson | Great Chase winner who's won five of 7 outings. One of the youngest kids on the block but his form speaks for itself. |
| 9 | ASTON DINNIGAN Res | Paul Abela | Has cracking speed and could run a race if she gets a run from a good rails draw |
| 10 | ZIPPING INGLIS Res. | Matthew Lanigan | His form during the Adelaide Cup series was really good. |

Race 4
08:12PM

\$12,000 Tips: 5-1-3-4

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| 1 | BRUEGHELINO | Des Douch | The box draw cost her in the G1 Hume Cup final where she was kept wide through the first bend. Draws perfectly here. |
| 2 | EFFECTIVE COMET | Dean Swain | Takes a step to the outside initially before coming to rail. She's going to have a stack of pressure around |
| 3 | JIMMY NEWOB | Barry Fullerton | Recaptured his best form last week with a classy prelude win, G1 placed in the Harrison Dawson here |
| 4 | ZIPPING CHANG | Glenn Rounds | Some of his early Sydney form was elite. He looks to be improving every look at Sandown Park |
| 5 | BEWILDERING | Seona Thompson | Breathtaking in the RSN927 Silver Bullet last start. Australias fastest greyhound in my opinion and with room early can overcome the tricky draw |
| 6 | QUICK JAGGER | Christopher Halse | Steps to the outside in the run to first corner and that doesn't suit racing at this venue, especially against this opposition |
| 7 | VENS REVENGE | Joseph Clarke | Talented pup who's up against a hot field, tough ask |
| 8 | BABY HUEY | Paul Bartolo | Similar to Ven's Revenge, it's not going to be easy. |
| 9 | ALPHA GEORGIU | Re: Jeffrey Britton | Looks a little outclassed based on the strength of this heat |
| 10 | NIKE VIPER Res. | Lisa Hellmuth | Has a massive engine but can do things wrong. The Great Chase 3rd was a super run three starts back |

Race 5
08:27PM

\$12,000 Tips: 1-2-5-6

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| 1 | LIGHTNING FRANK | Mathew Wright | Dual G1 winner. His efforts in the Topgun and Silver Bullet were both encouraging runs. He must use the draw and hold his spot early. |
| 2 | LANDMARK | Robert Britton | Top class sprinter who possesses one of the best accelerations in the nation. I expect him to run a massive race with the last 50m the issue |
| 3 | PETADALE | Seona Thompson | 29.65 win last outing was impressive but this is another step up in class. |
| 4 | VOSTOK | Angela Langton | Draws terribly in box four. He does his best racing when he can find the lead early and that doesn't appear the case here. |
| 5 | ZARA'S ENTITY | Kelvyn Greenough | Has a slight flat spot near the first corner, if she can come through the first bend in contention, watch out! She's a star |
| 6 | RAW ABILITY | Anthony Azzopardi | Adelaide Cup winner. Squeezed up initially last week. The big question is where he'll be at the first corner with a fast start a must. |
| 7 | VERNE ALLEN | Andrea Dailly | Regular FFA conteder but this is another class altogether |
| 8 | SMOKING ROAD | Mark Gatt | Much better drawn last week although four of his career victories are from box eight. |
| 9 | ALPHA LUCKY Res. | Jeffrey Britton | No luck of late but if you wind the clock back 3 months, he was flying. |
| 10 | ROMAN NOSE ZARR R | Seona Thompson | Exciting youngster but this a big ask, would need to draw well to be competitive. |

Race 6
08:49PM

\$12,000 Tips: 3-6-7-1

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| 1 | ZIPPING ANGUS | Brooke Ennis | His pet distance is the 600m but you can always expect him to be charging home, deep off the track in a 515m race |
| 2 | STRIKER LIGHT | Brett Bravo | Flying machine but she will need to steal a big break on them if she's going to make another G1 final |
| 3 | HE'S LOADED | Jeffrey Britton | Begins well as a rule but can be outpaced approaching and through the first corner. If he can stay with the 2 early, he can win. |
| 4 | YARRAMAN ACE | Michael Carter | Numerical form has been outstanding for quite some time. He rarely runs a bad race and boasts a 29.39 PB at the venue |
| 5 | ROCK UP TOP | Robert Britton | Has stepped up big time in his past two wins but he's going to need his 'A' game from the squeeze draw. |
| 6 | RUMBLE DRIVE | Stephen Whyte | Chased his heart out behind Aston Dee Bee last run and if he can repeat that, he'll be competitive here. |
| 7 | FAST TIMES | Tony Brett | Star QLD talent, The first of 3 Tony Brett trained runners who I think have all drawn poorly. 29.43 exhibition trial was impressive. |
| 8 | ANGEL DASH | Jason Sharp | 13 goes here for five wins but I can't see her leading therefore I think she may struggle |
| 9 | FLYING SPARKLES Res | Seona Thompson | Talented pup from a powerful kennel. |
| 10 | LILA BALE Res. | Andrea Dailly | Hard to catch but her seven career wins have been brilliant |

Race 7
09:08PM

\$12,000 Tips: 3-1-8-6

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| 1 WATCH THE WASP | Dean Swain | Group 2 Bob Payne winner seven back at Wenty. Was smashed numerous times at his 600 debut at Dapto on Thursday. |
| 2 ZIPPING HAWK | Steven Collins | Didn't take his chances after being crowded early last start, form prior was good. |
| 3 ASTON DEE BEE | Seona Thompson | Elite sprinter. Top Gun run was enormous, kept relatively fresh I think he'll be ready to fire. |
| 4 RIVETING | Karen Leek | Awesome win at Geelong two starts ago, then raced greenly with no luck at his most recent outing |
| 5 RILEY TOKAAM | Jason Mackay | Set up a good lead before being overhauled in the G1 Hume Cup recently, The draws giving him no favours |
| 6 NOT AVAILABLE | Robert Britton | Geelong Cup finalist in late October but I'm not convinced his racing as well as when he produced his 29.40 PB in August, take on trust |
| 7 PEPPER FIRE | Christopher Halse | Pushing \$250,000 in prizemoney which speaks for itself. This is one her more tougher assignments though. |
| 8 OPAL NERA | Tony Brett | When he hits the start he's a very impressive talent. Drawing outside of Pepper Fire is the first hurdle he'll have to overcome. |
| 9 LUCKY TETRIS Res. | Jennifer Gill | Outclassed, lacks the strength to hold the big players. |
| 10 MCNEO Res. | Robert Neocleous | Races best when drawn as close to the rails as possible, will need top gain a start form box one or two to be a player. |

Race 8
09:27PM

\$12,000 Tips: 2-1-3-8

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| 1 | ANDO'S MAC | Anthony Azzopardi | Defending his TAB Melbourne Cup crown. The burning pace of Up Hill Jill on his immediate outside could pose as an issue as it did in the Topgun |
| 2 | UP HILL JILL | David Geall | In career form at present. Topgun win was supreme and it took a star to run her down in the Silver Bullet. The one to beat from the front here. |
| 3 | MANIFOLD | George Kantzidis | Last four runs here have all resulted in placings. He's been so very consistent of last and has drawn nicely behind the speed, place chance. |
| 4 | INVICTUS RAPID | Seona Thompson | Old boy who is racing well. Tough ask to get past so much pace drawn in one and two |
| 5 | WEST ON HAWKEYE | Jeffrey Britton | Eye catching prelude placing last week, would need the breaks during the first 250m to challenge the big guns. |
| 6 | JESAULENKO | Terri-Maree Morris | Will be out looking to turn the tables on Ando's Mac after they went quinella'd the Melbourne Cup last year. Will need to ping out. |
| 7 | MAY HAZE | Gail Saunders | The 30.09 win at Cranbourne and 29.57 Sandown win were both fantastic runs, but fifth grades to a Melbourne Cup heat is clearly a massive class rise |
| 8 | BLUE GUM HILL | Robert Britton | After an early hiccup worked through the field to win well at The Meadows on Saturday night, would prefer him drawn closer to the fence |
| 9 | DYNA FABRICE Res. | Andrea Dailly | Races wide early, won't suit this class of race |
| 10 | WALEONJON Res. | Glenn Dainton | Hard assignment for a greyhound who's been down the track his past two. |

Race 9
09:48PM

\$8,000 Tips: 7-1-2-3

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| 1 | PACKEY KEEPING | Brett Bravo | Has produced some incredible staying performances in Sydney and will have no doubt picked up some confidence from a soft provincial win last run. |
| 2 | SHARP DIAMOND | Wayne Vassallo | Lobbed much closer to the speed at his last outing. Kept fresh with a few weeks away from racing. |
| 3 | MCIVOR VERNA | Peter Franklin | Powerful type who I think can mix it in this company given she stays in contact with the leaders early. |
| 4 | BIG DADDY BEE | Raymond Smith | His Sydney form has always been a bit better than what he does in Victoria, he'll need to step up here. |
| 5 | CACO POTION | Stefano Cassar | 5th in the final of this race last year. One pacer who scouts wide but he's never too far away |
| 6 | ASHOM MONELLI | David Hobby | Another Dave Hobby prepared starter in the heats of the Bold Trease. His 715 form at Cannington has been full of merit. |
| 7 | ROCKOON | Keith Hellmuth | Boom staying talent. He won the G1 Hume cup last outing and he's run home times over 600m are as fast as we've ever seen! I can't wait to see him 715m |
| 8 | SUBLIME NEWS | Paul Abela | Promising stayer rising quickly in class. |

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Race 10
10:08PM

\$8,000 Tips: 3-6-2-4

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| 1 | MOMENT TO JIVE | Matthew Lanigan | Made the move to join the Lanigan kennel for the Bold Trease. Connections clearly rate her highly and she's drawn sweetly in one. |
| 2 | LIEBIG STREET | Jessica Sharp | Hasn't fired in his past few runs but I'd be keeping him safe. The son of Walk Hard has some X factor. |
| 3 | TEDDY MONELLI | David Hobby | Front running stayer coming off a slick 41.90 win over the 715m journey. He's capable of running them ragged. |
| 4 | CHAMPAGNE SALLY | Raymond Burman | Poorly drawn in the identical box as her luckless Hume cup heat sixth placing. Ipswich 630m track record holder. |
| 5 | SCOTT KEEPING | Brett Bravo | Sydney form to Fanta Bale was really encouraging during early October. The key is recapturing that |
| 6 | BOGIE BEKIM | Ben Rawlings | G2 Topgun Stayers win was so great to watch. Overcame early trouble to eventually win in dominant fashion at Angle Park last start, main player. |
| 7 | ASTON HARVEY | Eddie Lieshout | Hard to catch and may struggle against some slick front running stayers drawn underneath. |
| 8 | VERY CHOOSY | Wayne Vassallo | Didn't savage the line over the 650m at Sale at Sunday therefore I think this is a mountain too high. |

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Race 11

10:31PM

\$12,000 Tips: 2-3-4-1

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| 1 VANCOUVER STAR | Sandra Galea | Smart provincial form and box one will assist his chances |
| 2 HECTON BALE | Andrea Dailly | One of the youngest greyhounds in the series also one of the fastest. Not the best of beginners but he does possess slick acceleration. Big chance |
| 3 CHASIN' CRACKERS | Glenn Rounds | Draws much better nearer to the rails in comparison to his gutsy placing in the G1 Vic Peters classic at Wenty Park. Drawing inside Shadale is a plus |
| 4 SHADALE | Robert Redenbach | Shifts to the outside in the early part and if he doesn't get past the two on his immediate inside he could be up against it. He is in great form though. |
| 5 ALPHA AION | Jeffrey Britton | Consistent but this is a tough ask |
| 6 LEO'S GIFT | Robert Britton | Sprints well as a rule but I think he'll struggle in this |
| 7 TUGGERAGH | Steven Bruce White | Can hit the start but such a tough heat with plenty of strength will make it extremely hard. |
| 8 JURY | Tony Brett | Draws poorly and looks set to get posted out in no mans land. I would have loved to have seen him jump from near the paint. |
| 9 EXTREME MAGIC Res. | Seona Thompson | Extreme talent. Take on his best form if he starts |
| 10 MANILA DAWN Res. | Brett Bravo | Has great pace but not strong over the 500m plus. |

Race 12
10:47PM

\$12,000 Tips: 5-6-7-3

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| 1 BARKING BAD | Robert Britton | Almost won the G1 Megastars at Dapto, ran in the Geelong Cup. I wouldn't be surprised to see him run a race here. |
| 2 WEST ON MAISIE | Jeffrey Britton | Pretty tough ask but she has been racing in the best of WA's racing and doing so competively. |
| 3 LEPRECHAUN STORM | Paul Bartolo | Prepared by the Bartolo family who have quinella'd a Melbourne Cup. Racing well, begins quickly but this her toughest test. |
| 4 EQUANIMITY | Enzo Crudeli | Star from WA who will need to hold the charge from his outside in the run to the first bend, if he's going to figure. |
| 5 ASTON MILEY | Eddie Lieshout | Explosive sprinter who I think was so very unlucky when pressured in the Geelong Cup final. That formline always stacks up well in this series. |
| 6 BIG FLOOD | Seona Thompson | Geelong Derby winner, cemented his place in the heats of the TAB Melbourne cup with a dominant 29.63 victory here last week. |
| 7 BLACK MUMBO | Anthony Karabitsakos | Harrison Dawson winner who absolutely loves Sandown Park. He'll need to be on his bike trailing the pace underneath early. |
| 8 MYSTERY RIDE | Cameron Bahen | Very fast greyhound with a up and down formline. He'll need to be at his utter best to win this. |
| 9 ALBERTO Res. | William McMahon | Youngster who will find easier races than this |
| 10 NANGAR BEAR Res. | Kelvyn Greenough | May struggle to run the flying times that some in this race can produce. |