The Watchdog — *Extended Form*

The Meadows
26 July, 2014

Race 8 - HUDSON PACIFIC MATURITY FINAL

Watchdog Selections: | 7 | 8 | 2 | 1 |

SISCO RAGE $8.00

Trainer: D Mcdonald (Devon Meadows)
Group Race Honours:
G3 Lizrene - Finalist

Stats: 45 Starts. 10-7-8
Prizemoney: $45370
Fast Times: BAL - 37.60 (TR), BEN - 27.94, SAN - 34.40

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The Watchdog says: Renowned for his middle distance achievements, he made a name for himself earlier this year breaking the 660m track record at Ballarat. As expected, he gave the leaders an early start in both his heat and semi-final placings before running home strongly. Likely to be in the second half of the field in the initial stages once again, he will be relying on luck, but if things fall his way look for him to be charging home.

SHOULDERS $4.40

Trainer: A Azzopardi (Londonderry)
Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 12 Starts. 5-3-1
Prizemoney: $19835
Fast Times: MEA - 29.94, WPK - 29.73, DTO - 29.49

2

The Watchdog says: Gave the track record a nudge in just his second start at Dapto, winning in the red-hot time of 29.49. Has been a model of consistency throughout his time in Victoria, including overcoming early interference in both his heat and semi-final placings. He does take a few strides to reach top speed, but with a noted steady beginner drawn inside him, he should get his chance to do so. Must be included in the top chances.

TAKE CHARGE $18.00

Trainer: S Mckenna (Napoleons)
Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 27 Starts. 10-9-4
Prizemoney: $48420
Fast Times: WBL - 25.20, SAN - 29.52, BAL - 25.16

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The Watchdog says: As his record indicates, this consistent chaser rarely runs a bad race, having placed in 23 of his 27 race starts. Showing his customary smart early pace, he was in the leading division throughout when far from disgraced in both his heat and semi-final placings. Likely to be challenging for the early lead once again, he will need a career best performance to feature. Place hopes appear best.

LAMIA BALE $21.00

Trainer: S Collins (Lara)
Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 11 Starts. 3-3-1
Prizemoney: $14905
Fast Times: MEA - 30.00, WGL - 26.29, WGL - 26.03

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The Watchdog says: Came into this series without much fanfare, having only won two races at Warragul in her short career. Narrowly defeated in her heat, her improvement continued by producing a career best run in her quickest semi-final win, showing smart early pace when leading throughout. Once again likely to be underrated in this final, her improvement cannot be overlooked, and it would be no surprise to see her run a cheeky race.

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HUMPHREY BALE $15.00

Trainer: A Dailly (Anakie) -
Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

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Stats: 36 Starts. 11-6-4
Prizemoney: $60240
Fast Times: MEA - 29.96, SAN - 29.48, BAL - 25.29

The Watchdog says: Loves this track and used his rails draw to advantage when winning his semi-final. He is probably just a couple of lengths short of this class and to have any chance he would need to lead through the first bend. He has broken 30 seconds here on a couple of occasions. His 5.15 to the first marker here last week holds the key.To be a major player he will need to trim at least one length on that. The draw is a concern.

GRAND LEGACY $31.00

Trainer: P Dapiran (Northwood) -
Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

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Stats: 24 Starts. 7-3-4
Prizemoney: $33755
Fast Times: MEA - 30.17, WBL - 25.18, SHP - 25.32

The Watchdog says: Seemingly had every chance in his heat, this highly talented speedster showed his best with a powerful effort to win his semi-final overcoming interference soon after box-rise. Despite the interference, he posted a very smart 5.07 early sectional. A repeat of that will seem him vying for the lead. At enormous value, he is getting stronger with every 500m run and is a must include in multiples.

HOOKSY $2.70

Trainer: T Auld (Tatura) -
Group Race Honours:
G3 New Sensation - Winner

7

Stats: 25 Starts. 15-5-2
Prizemoney: $95920
Fast Times: WPK - 29.36, SAN - 29.15, SHP - 25.17

The Watchdog says: Freakish chaser who with a clean beginning can make amends for defeat in his heat and semi-final. His first sectionals in these races have at least been two lengths off his best. If he can find the lead at the first bend he should be able to find at least six to seven lengths overall. He has a fair bit of speed drawn around him which is a slight concern, but if he can recapture his best form he is the one to beat.

MEPUNGA HAYLEY $3.20

Trainer: J Britton (Anakie) -
Group Race Honours:
G3 VBIS Maiden - 3rd, G2 W.A Oaks - Finalist

8

Stats: 19 Starts. 9-1-1
Prizemoney: $61690
Fast Times: MEA - 30.01, SAN - 29.29, SAN - 29.33

The Watchdog says: Capable of producing sizzling early sectionals, she has really impressed in her heat and semi-final wins. In her semi-final she shanghaied out and after rounding the first turn with a handy lead, she managed to impressively maintain it to the finish, holding off the well fancied Hooksy. She will know her fate within the first 20m of this final. If she begins swiftly then she will play a part, however if she bombs the start she will have a very steep hill to climb.

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TRAIL BLAZING $26.00

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Trainer: T Womann (Lara)
Stats: 25 Starts. 7-4-3
Prizemoney: $24015

The Watchdog says: Very fast chaser on his night but can be a bit hit-or-miss at box rise. Appearing to have every chance in his semi-final, he will need to challenge early to find the placings.

WIND WHISTLER $41.00

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Trainer: A Langton (Anakie)
Stats: 14 Starts. 4-3-3
Prizemoney: $11050

The Watchdog says: Held-up mid race in his semi-final, he continues to improve. If he runs he will get back early so he's unlikely to feature. Keep an eye on him though in future group staying events.

Freakish HOOKSY (7) has the ability to record brilliant times with clear running. Held-up early in his semi-final placing, he is capable of turning the tables on smart beginner MEPUNGA HAYLEY (8), who will take catching if she leads again.

Suggested Bet: Trifecta 2,7,8/2,7,8/1,2,6,7,8 ($10 for 55.55%)