



Sandown Park
21 November, 2014

Race 8 - TAB MELBOURNE CUP FINAL (GOBIS)

Watchdog Selections:

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KEYBOW

\$2.40

Trainer: D McDonald (Devon Meadows) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 Perth Cup - Winner, G1 Australian Cup - 2nd, G1 Topgun - Finalist

Stats: 35 Starts. 16-7-3

Prizemoney: \$343635

Fast Times: SAN - 29.36, MEA - 29.58, BGC - 29.67

1

The Watchdog says: Put the writing on the wall that he would be highly competitive in this series winning the Group Three Silver Bullet earlier this month. Not the fastest away in his heat, he quickly had the leaders in his sights rounding the first turn. Showing a terrific burst of speed mid race, he raced away from his rivals to win in impressive style. Peaking at the right time, drawing well and in astute hands, he is a justified short priced favourite.

CHICA DESTACADA

\$7.00

Trainer: D Drynan (Llandilo) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 National Sprint Championship - Winner, G1 The Megastar - Finalist, G1 Topgun - Finalist

Stats: 31 Starts. 12-5-3

Prizemoney: \$145655

Fast Times: SAN - 29.22, WPK - 29.49, CAN - 30.27

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The Watchdog says: The pride of New South Wales who shot to prominence earlier this year winning the Group One National Sprint Championship at Cannington. Capable of producing impressive early sectionals, she came out running in her heat, pouncing on the lead before holding off the gallant Cawbourne Whip. With not a lot of early speed drawn around her, she is every chance to lead once again. Should this happen, she will give them something to catch.

ABOVE ALL

\$4.40

Trainer: R Britton (Lara) -

Group Race Honours:

First Group Final

Stats: 10 Starts. 6-2-0

Prizemoney: \$29510

Fast Times: SAN - 29.32, SAN - 29.33, MEA - 30.06

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The Watchdog says: Former New Zealand chaser who made a big impression in his Australian debut here in September winning in the red hot time of 29.33. As expected, he wasn't the quickest away in his heat but gathered momentum quickly soon after box rise to settle close to the lead. By mid-race it was all but over as he raced away from his rivals. He will be relying on a touch of luck early, but if things fall his way look for him to be powering home.

AWESOME PROJECT

\$10.00

Trainer: D McDonald (Devon Meadows) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 Topgun - 3rd, G1 Winter Cup - Finalist, G2 Gosford Cup - Winner

Stats: 55 Starts. 28-7-8

Prizemoney: \$297690

Fast Times: SAN - 29.35, SAN - 29.38, MEA - 29.92

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The Watchdog says: Multiple Group One finalist who seems to save his best for the Sandown Park circuit. After having little luck early in the recent star-studded Group Two Shootout, he returned to his best leading all the way in his heat. As his first sectional times recently indicate though, he hasn't been beginning as well as he can. If he can find another length or two early, which he is capable of doing, he is sure to make his presence felt.



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COSMIC WISE

\$41.00

Trainer: J Britton (Anakie) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 Adelaide Cup - Finalist, G2 Healesville Cup - 3rd

Stats: 59 Starts. 20-10-8

Prizemoney: \$110645

Fast Times: SAN - 29.40, MEA - 29.94, APK - 29.84

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The Watchdog says: Somewhat underrated chaser who has taken her career to the next level in recent months, including placing in the Group Two Healesville Cup and running fifth in the Group One Adelaide Cup. She does take a few strides to muster to top speed in her races, which was evident in her heat win, when she relished the inside draw. She probably needed an inside draw once again to feature. Place hopes do appear best.

STAR RECALL

\$10.00

Trainer: J Britton (Anakie) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 National Sprint Championship - 2nd, G1 Perth Cup - 3rd, G3 Mandurah Cup - Finalist

Stats: 38 Starts. 21-7-4

Prizemoney: \$158305

Fast Times: SAN - 29.34, CAN - 29.85, CAN - 29.97

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The Watchdog says: It was hard to get a gauge on this Western Australian stars form prior to this series, having raced without much luck since her near track record win at Mandurah. Once she got a clear run in the initial stages in her heat, she showed her customary brilliant early speed to bounce back to her best. As her record indicates, she rarely runs a bad race, but whether she can lead again from this tougher draw remains to be seen.

LUCA NEVEELK

\$16.00

Trainer: G Kleeven (Denison) -

Group Race Honours:

G2 Geelong Cup - 1st, G2 Bendigo Cup - Finalist, G3 Silver Bullet - 3rd

Stats: 27 Starts. 22-0-3

Prizemoney: \$128865

Fast Times: SAN - 29.42, GEL - 25.41, GEL - 25.47

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The Watchdog says: A credit to his connections having placed this high speed chaser to perfection, amassing an incredible 22 wins from 27 starts. He sped straight to the lead in his heat, producing a dazzling 5.00 early sectional in the process, opening up a big mid race lead before holding off the strong finishing Dream It. Likely to be in the leading division once again, his rivals will know he is out there, but the last 20m is a slight concern.

DYNA VILLA

\$4.40

Trainer: J Hunt (Lara) -

Group Race Honours:

G2 Geelong Cup - Finalist

Stats: 21 Starts. 13-2-4

Prizemoney: \$46635

Fast Times: SAN - 29.21, SAN - 29.46, GEL - 25.56

8

The Watchdog says: Kept his remarkable unbeaten record at the track intact in his heat when, not renowned as the quickest of beginners, he found the lead early in his heat. Once this occurred he was going to be awfully hard to catch, even with the well fancied My Bro Fabio charging home. Although the wide draw is not ideal, he possesses great track sense and is every chance to get a clear run early with the speedy Luca Neveelk drawn inside him.

CAWBOURNE WHIP

\$51.00

Trainer: A Azzopardi (Londonderry)

Stats: 39 Starts. 16-5-4

Prizemoney: \$83305

The Watchdog says: Produced a fantastic performance when chasing Chica Destacada throughout in her heat placing last week. Not generally known for her early speed, she really sprung out of the boxes in that placing. An inside draw would be desirable if she starts.

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MY BRO FABIO

\$4.40

Trainer: B Ennis (Lara)

Stats: 42 Starts. 21-9-3

Prizemoney: \$202075

The Watchdog says: A freakish performer with amazing track sense. He possesses tremendous mid-race speed. He just needs clear running out of the boxes to get onto the backs of the front runners early. He'll be mighty fancied if he starts here.

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With a smart beginner drawn inside him, DYNA VILLA (8) is every chance to get a clear run. He will be tough to hold out if within striking distance of the early leaders. Racing in great form, KEYBOW (1) is the obvious danger from the draw.

Suggested Bet: Trifecta 1,8/1,2,7,8/1,2,3,4,7,8 (\$10 for 41.66%)