

The Championships at Royal Randwick  
Day Two  
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Race 6A

Australian Oaks (G1)

\$1,000,000

1 ½ Miles

Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta

#4 SAVARIA

New Zealand shipper won the New Zealand Oaks going this distance there last out carrying one more pound. She has a devastating late kick and picks up the red-hot James McDonald in the irons for her Australian debut. Daughter of SAVABEEL won her only start on soft turf and her wide draw will not have any effect on her with her closing running style. Hard not to like off a win at the distance and picking up one of the best riders down under who could be sitting on a huge day.

#2 WINX

Was a sharp winner two starts back at Rosehill in the Phar Lap Stakes (G2) going shorter. She stretched out to ten furlongs last out and missed by two lengths in the Vinery Stud Stakes (G1) and now gets another quarter mile. Tommy Berry gets off and Joao Moreira gets aboard and she draws the rail for a ground-saving trip until the running gets serious. By STREET CRY, she is out of a hard-knocking stakes-winning stakes winning mare from New Zealand.

#10 BALLET SUITE

Won a low-level race two starts back going a mile here then came back and missed by a length and a half when stretched out to ten furlongs. She should have no trouble stretching out being sired by the late HIGH CHAPARRAL who sired 13 group one stakes winners in the southern Hemisphere – many going this distance. Top money rider Ryan Moore is in for the ride on the half-sister to two stakes winners.

#3 FENWAY

Hard-knocking mare was running evenly going middle distances then stretched out to ten furlongs last out and pulled off the shocker at 21 to 1 odds when she won the Vinery Stud Stakes (G1). She flew home last out behind a slow pace and can sit patiently here to make the first move. Daughter of HIGH CHAPARRAL is out of a dam by ZABEEL that is a half-sister to a winner of the Australian Oaks (G1) that went on to be the dam of MORE JOYOUS that won eight group one stakes.

Race 7A

Queen of the Turf Stakes (G1)

\$1,000,000

1 Mile

Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick Four

#### #14 FIRST SEAL

Was a sharp winner three starts going seven furlongs at Warwick Farm in fast time on soft turf then just missed going 7 ½ furlongs in a group one stake at Rosehill. She came back at ten furlongs and was a game second behind FENWAY at 9 to 5 odds. Her best race so far was a game win going this distance here in the Flight Stakes (G1). Daughter of FASTNET ROCK gets James McDonald back aboard and draws well.

#### #2 CATKINS

Wet-track specialist was a game second two starts back against group one foes in the Canterbury Stakes (G1) going 6 1/2 furlongs. She stretched out to 7 ½ furlongs last out and was an easy winner of the Emancipation Stakes (G2) when she flew home behind a dawdling pace. Prolific winner loses James McDonald but picks up Joao Moreira. Daughter of the fantastic DUBAWI, coming off a spectacular Dubai World Cup card, is a half-sister to a stakes winner.

#### #6 NOBLE PROTECTOR

Came off three barrier trials and then won the Schweppes Trophy (G3) going a mile when she showed high speed in fast time. She came back at Moonee Valley and won the Sunline Stakes (G2) at a mile again. Her form is mostly on firmer ground but is two for two going a mile. Daughter of HAAFHD is out of a dam by ALZAO that has produced a half-sister that was a group three stakes winner in Germany.

#### #3 DIADEME

Won the Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (G1) in New Zealand going a mile in very fast time while carrying this weight. She seems to be able to handle any ground but draws post 15. The good news is that she picks up Ryan Moore for the first time and shows some speed from the gate.

Race 8A

Sydney Cup (G1)

\$1,600,000

2 Miles

Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta

#### #6 HARTNELL

4YO gets in here with only 114 pounds, which is almost unfair. He was a sharp winner two starts back going ten furlongs in the Sky High Stakes (G3). He came back at 1 ½ miles and won going away carrying 127 pounds in the BMW Stakes (G1) and now stretches out to two miles while lightly weighted. He loses James

McDonald but picks up Tommy Berry. Son of AUTHORIZED is out of a dam by ANABAA whose first foal to race is a stakes winner that was a game second in a group one stake. Could be a Godolphin prelude to the Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1).

#### #4 WHO SHOT THEBARMAN

Named after an owner's mother who would say, when the bartender wasn't attentive enough, "Who shot the bar man?" Long-winded 6YO has had three starts to get ready for this – all at increasing distances. He was a game third in the Melbourne Cup (G1) last November and seems to be rounding back into form. He seems to be able to handle any ground and drops ten pounds from his good fourth in the BMW Stakes (G1) last out.

#### #1 PROTECTIONIST

Last season's Melbourne Cup (G1) winner has made three runs off the layoff and looks to be gradually getting better as the distance has increased a furlong each time. He was only beaten two lengths in the BMW but has to tote 128 pounds here and concede considerable weight to his rivals. Son of Germany stayer MONSUN draws inside and gets Craig Williams. He'll like the added distance but his weight poses a tough question for him.

#### #11 GRAND MARSHALL

If you are looking for a longshot on the card, this guy could be your "roughie." He ran well two starts back going 1 ½ miles at Rosehill in the N E Manion Cup (G3) then was a good third last week here going 1 5/8 miles. He has yet to try this distance but I like his record on softer turf courses and he also gets in with only 114 pounds. Jim Cassidy, who has won on him before, gets the mount back.

#### Race 9A

The Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1)

\$4,000,000

1 ¼ miles

Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta

#### #1 CONTRIBUTER

One of the hottest horses in training in the world, he shows up here off three straight wins in dominating fashion. He returned off the layoff with a sharp win going seven furlongs here when taking down the Apollo Stakes (2) then came back at Warwick Farm and won the Chipping Norton Stakes (G1) when he defeated HARTNELL. He stretched back out to ten furlongs last out at Rosehill and won the Ranvet Stakes (G1) in good time when he flew home. James McDonald fits him like a glove and should have no trouble working out a trip from post 13.

#### #9 ADELAIDE

Classy 4YO from Ireland won a group three stakes race in Ireland, a group one stakes race in America, then shocked the world when he won the Cox Plate (G1) with a strong run going this distance. He has had two barrier trials to get ready for this and he has shown that he can run his race under most conditions. Not crazy about not having a prep for a \$4 million race and he didn't show much in his trials. Still, he gets Ryan Moore back aboard and is by the world's leading sire, GALILEO out of a group two stakes-winning dam.

#### #10 TO THE WORLD

Japanese invader was a game second in his first start off the layoff in the BMW Stakes (G1) going 1 ½ miles. He has done well at this distance in Japan and finished up last season with a game second in the Arima Kinen (G1) behind the immortal GENTILDONNA (Deep Impact). He draws well here and will be ridden by Zac Purton who will have to share any purse winnings with Nick Hall who the stewards ruled had a legitimate commitment from To the World's connections to ride him in Sydney.

#### #11 TOSEN STARDOM

Was a game second behind Contributor last out at Rosehill in the Ranvet Stakes going this distance but now goes from the rail to post eleven. Tommy Berry rides back on the Japanese shipper and he should be much tougher second up. Son of DEEP IMPACT is out of a dam by END SWEEP that is a half-sister to a group one stakes winner.