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5/3/2025 SANDOWN HILLSIDE

RACE 1 – 3:05PM SPORTSBET RACING FORM MAIDEN PLATE (1300M)

Lovely day in Melbourne for racing on the Hillside circuit with the rail out 6m and a Good 4 surface for racing. This looks a good quality Maiden, with some that have impressed stepping out for their debut and others looking primed for their return to racing.

Of those that are up and racing, #2 ACT NATURAL is the one that looks ready to win. He sat 3 wide without cover outside the leaders last time out at Sale and kicked clear in the straight only to be run down late by one that had a suck run in behind him. He has good natural speed and should get the run of the race from barrier 4 out to 1300m for the first time. Has the fitness edge on his rivals and looks the rightful favourite.

#11 MISS PLAYLOUNGE returns for her first run of her 2nd prep and the trials leading in have been very nice. She hasn't been asked for an effort in either hit out but love the way she looks to be moving leading into this. The gate makes it tricky for her here fresh and looks a shade short given the map query.

We liked the trials of both debutantes #6 YES I BELIEVE and #10 GIRIJAALA. Thought the latest jump out from YES I BELIEVE was very good, getting back and circling the field and closing strongly under no riding. The booking of Shinn from gate 2 suggests there is some intent here and the well-bred gelding looks good value at $6.50. GIRIJAALA has impressed us at both jump outs leading in here, not being asked for an effort at either but impressing with the way she moves and the style/type of horse she is. She is another that is very well bred and should get a nice run in behind the speed from 6. $7 looks very fair for her.

#5 MONTE CASSINO is another that has trialled nicely for his return here and the1300m looks ideal to kick off his preparation. Showed enough speed at the trials to utilise gate 5 and must be another winning chance.

SELECTIONS:

2 bet play in a good Maiden. Siding with the debutantes at $6.50 & $7 respectively.

#6 YES I BELIEVE (win) & **#10 GIRIJAALA** (win)

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