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25/04/2024 KENSINGTON

Race 1 - 12:45PM THE PASSCHENDAELE PLATE (1100 METRES)

Start the day on a Soft 5 at Kensington. Going in to the meeting with the usual stance of late, leaders favoured early with it likely to even out as the day goes on. As always, monitor.

Race 1 has been decimated by scratchings which isn't uncommon, with so many races and options to chose from on these public holiday weeks. #2 CALL ME GORGEOUS may have scared a couple off as well and he's likely to start incredibly short.

First to the map, and we have GREYT THINKER the likely leader. After scratchings, there doesn't look a huge amount of pressure with #2 CALL ME GORGEOUS likely to settle handy, if not outside lead. #11 RUBIKINS could find the back of the favourite. Have her settling much closer than she did first-up when going back and never in the hunt.

We were keen on #11 RUBIKINS first-up and the drift was telling, with the filly not really in the hunt, basically given a trial. We were keen to see her up in trip now but she's been kept fresh staying at the 1100m which looks okay with four weeks between runs. James McDonald was down to ride which was a positive jockey change but Tim Clark now takes over after the late alteration and JMac not riding. We have a lot of time for this filly and from a better draw, she'll be closer and right in the hunt. She does meet a nice horse here in #2 CALL ME GORGEOUS.

#2 CALL ME GORGEOUS couldn't defy the Kensington pattern and couldn't overcome a wide run on debut when well fancied in a strong race back in January. That looks a good form race and this gelding has since trialled impressively at Warwick Farm. He gets Nash Rawiller staying on board from the trial and does look the horse to beat. $1.45, no thanks though.

#3 GREYT THINKER comes here gelded and looks the leader. Two big positives on a track it can play very much up and in early. Wary.

No bet for us here but #2 CALL ME GORGEOUS does look too short, albeit very hard to beat. #11 RUBIKINS is a nice horse and #3 GREYT THINKER may get favours.

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Race 2 – 12:50PM THE HOME FRONT BM68 (1400 METRES)

#10 REDBREAST resumes first up from a short break off a very impressive 1045m trial win at Randwick on 8/4. She is a filly with an abundance of speed and draws the right gate in 3 to take advantage of that. She led clearly in her trial and looked to move beautifully and was strong through the line. She trialled well leading in to her first racing preparation which culminated in a dominant front running maiden win over this trip at Hawkesbury. She looks to have taken significant improvement from her first preparation and looks a very strong winning chance.

#7 UNTIL VALHALLA returned off the back of two quiet trials at Warwick Farm on 1/4 over 1200m and ran well enough. The best part of her race was her last 100m and her only career win came over this trip 2nd up last prep. She maps to get a soft run again from barrier 1 and with natural improvement into this should run well again.

#8 BELLENTH has a strong SP profile this prep and improved sharply 2nd up and out to 1350m to win its maiden impressively at Wyong. He sat outside the leader there and put them away smartly upon straightening and had trialled up very well leading into that. Could end up outside the leader again here and run a good race but this is a harder task. #9 PARISIAN ROSE also comes into this following a 1350m Wyong win where she settled on speed and kicked strongly to score. From barrier 4 she will get every chance in running but again this looks a harder assignment.

#5 BEAUTY RISING's trial have been okay and the form at the back end of last preparation says she isn't completely hopeless here.

SELECTION:

#10 REDBREAST (win).

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Race 6 – 3:10PM THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE BM72 (1000 METRES)

Looks good speed engaged here with PROCRASTINATOR, MARTIAL MUSIC, IN A STEP and XTRA GEAR all likely to want to find the front. HEURISTIC likely goes back from the outside gate with STORM THE RAMPARTS getting a nice trail in behind them from 7 and JEDIBEEL on the back of the leaders from 1.

The two trials this time in from #2 JEDIBEEL have been fantastic since his gelding operation. He had a quiet trial at Hawkesbury on 11/3 but we really liked the way he moved on that occasion and followed that up with a sensational trial on 16/4 over 800m. He sat just off the speed there and extended beautifully when asked to record a very nice win. He looks to have come back in superb order this time prep and the trials were very impressive. The synthetic hoof filler off is another positive.

#1 HEURISTIC also returns gelded. His two trials this time in have been quiet but nice enough and the 2-year-old form he brings into this preparation is good. He is coming off 44 weeks and has drawn the outside barrier and the soft trials didn't signal serious intent to win this so happy to risk him. #4 STORM THE RAMPARTS went through his grades last preparation and returns off two trials as well. We think he trialled better leading into last preparation and is up in grade now, but he looks to get a good run in transit just behind the speed and his best could win this.

#5 MARTIAL MUSIC looks the other main chance in this event. He comes into this following a good trial at Randwick over 740m on 22/3, however he had race fitness on his side there so was potentially flattered. He comes into this off a month break since that trial but should still have a fitness advantage on his main dangers here. He should be able to find the fence from 2 and the in over Mad Darcey in the Midway on 17/2 reads well for this.

SELECTION:

#2 JEDIBEEL (win).

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