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1/6/2024 CAULFIELD

Race 1 – 11:50AM DEXION VICTORIA 2YO HANDICAP (1100 METRES)

Rail out 9m for this meeting with racing likely to be on a Good 4. Speed look genuine. BLUE RENEGADE, INTEREST POINT and HUSK all led or sat outside lead in their debut runs and MELLIFLUENT sat box seat at his only run. CASTELLAR has shown speed at the jump outs, as has STAY SILENT and EARTH GOD led his latest hit out.

This looks quite a strong race for a race with only 7 runners engaged. We have had #5 CASTELLAR in the black book since his first jump out and all his work since then has been very impressive. His jump out at Pakenham in February was outstanding. The rider gave slipped him a bit of rein and the acceleration he showed was that of a good horse. He has had two jump outs this time in, the first of those a quiet hit out at Cranbourne on 13/5 but love the way he travelled on the bridle. His most recent effort on 27/5 was very good again. He was asked to sprint, and he responded and lengthened stylishly. The query is that his two jump outs have been over 650m, and it is a different ball game over 1100m under race pressure, but at the current \$11 quote his work has been too good not to have something on him on debut. The early market support is a promising sign.

#1 BLUE RENEGADE was good on debut at the Heath and followed that up with a strong and professional win at Sandown on 8/5. He led on that occasion and kicked strongly upon straightening to win well. He's gone back to the jump outs since and trialled well. #2 MELLIFLUENT returns after winning his only start in his debut prep. He was sent out \$1.65 there and knuckled down strongly late to win. His two trials in Sydney have been good enough to win this.

Both #3 INTEREST POINT and #4 HUSK were good winners from on speed last time out and their sectional data suggests they have better races in them than those. This looks harder for them drawn 7 & 6 respectively in a race that has lots of speed drawn inside but can't deny they both have talent.

SELECTION:

As mentioned, it is a strong and even race, but we want to be on **#5 CASTELLAR** (win) with the value on offer.



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Awful weather forecast with 4 to 35mm of rain forecast on race day itself. Could well be on a very wet deck.

Race 2 - 11:35AM RANVET HANDICAP (1300 METRES)

SOVERIGN HILL the likely leader from COMMANDING ARTIST who maps well, GREAT WHITE SHARK working across and EMIRATE kicking up from the inside.

#1 EMIRATE found his way in to our blackbook off some fantastic work at Rosehill leading into his debut at Warwick Farm. He was slowly away there which was a concern at the time but he worked through and was fantastic late, winning impressively. He had a nice run there but worked home in brilliant fashion, clocking the fastest 600, 400 and 200m of the meeting. McDonald off is never ideal but Parr going on from barrier 1 shouldn't be a big concern. The query is whether this son of Extreme Choice can get a run at the right time and it is Waller second up which is another query. Up to 1300m shouldn't be a major issue and he looks the horse to beat back to his home track. No issue on a Heavy.

The rest of the field is very hard to line up. Have #6 MR ARTEMISIA, the stablemate as the biggest danger. Looks a Waller set up back in distance but the cold does draw awkwardly which we know the stable don't like.

SELECTION:

Have an icky feeling about #1 EMIRATE but he is the horse they have to beat. Not making him a special but he goes on top.

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