



Wayne Symons – Unibet

**MV CUP-WHO SHOT THEBARMAN-Race 8 No.1 (Moonee Valley)**

In what appears to be a very tough race I'm going with last year's winner who I think is ticking along nicely, loves the Valley and the distance and draws to get a great run. He's a great each way chance.

**BEST – STELLA VICTORIA – Race 2 No.2 (Randwick)**

This mare is absolutely flying this preparation winning all her three starts up north. She meets an ordinary lot here and looks way too outclass them here.

**VALUE – VALENTINO ROSSA – Race 5 No.9 (Randwick)**

The form out of the Port Macquarie Cup where he ran second is exceptional, he carries no weight and is suited by the small field. Looks great each way value around the \$15 mark.

**LAY – JUST DREAMING – Race 4 No.5 (Randwick)**

I thought this mare was disappointing when resuming and running third as favourite, I know her second-up stats are good, but I'm not convinced she is going any good and at \$2.20 she is a massive risk.

**BACKED – MYSTIC JOURNEY – Race 6 No.3 (Moonee Valley)**

This Tasmanian visitor was super impressive winning last start at Caulfield and punters think she'll run well again, we've taken a couple of large bets at the \$5 and she is into \$4.60.



James Thomas – Palmerbet

**MV CUP – NAKEETA – Race 8 No.16 (Moonee Valley)**

Won the Ebor last year and then ran fifth in the Melbourne Cup. His form hasn't been as good this time around, but this is not a star-studded line up and he looks worth a punt at the double figure odds.

**BEST – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No.2 (Randwick)**

Has been in excellent form this prep. Very unlucky not to finish closer last start and Kerrin McEvoy retains the ride. She draws a good gate and should get a nice run in transit to be too strong for them late.

**VALUE – SINGLE BULLET – Race 6 No.2 (Randwick)**

Still only has the one win to his name but has mixed it up with some good types. Has had a fresher for this and has been crying out for a 1000m race. Maps to get a good run and is a good each way price.

**LAY – SAMBRO – Race 4 No.3 (Randwick)**

Is a talented horse on his day but he often finds bad luck in running. He drew barrier one and is a chance to be boxed up again. Has already drifted from \$2.80 out to \$3.20.

**BACKED – ESPAANIYAH – Race 1 No.7 (Moonee Valley)**

Debutant from the Gai and Adrian yard which opened at \$7 and has been absolutely off the map into \$3.70. Has only had one trial so the money must be respected.



Glen Munsie – TAB.com.au

**MV CUP – LIBRAN-Race 8 No.10 (Moonee Valley)**

Was second in this race last year but more importantly finally draws a barrier which should see him settle front half. Ticking along really nicely at every run where he has had to give them too much start.

**BEST – STELLA VICTORIA – Race 2 No.2 (Randwick)**

Dominant wins in Brisbane last couple when ridden forward after coming from back in field when winning first-up. Well treated here in a mares race and either controlling or sitting on speed.

**VALUE – ROYAL STAMP – Race 8 No.9 (Randwick)**

Had a very solid grounding for the 2000m unlike many of her opposition in this. Draws soft which will help her in a race without savage speed and the \$14+ is a plus.

**LAY – MARK TWO – Race 8 No.7 (Randwick)**

Kiwi mare off a poor-quality maiden win at Gosford straight into a Saturday race as one of the favs. Her NZ form includes runs at Group I level but was big odds in all of them.

**BACKED – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No.2 (Moonee Valley)**

Followers of the blue jackets got their money with Rainier last week following an unlucky defeat. Looked stiff at Flemington as well and very popular already being \$2.40 into \$2.15 with 70% of early money.



Thomas Hackett – bookmaker.com.au

**MV CUP – LIBRAN – Race 8 No.10 (Moonee Valley)**

He has been excellent without winning this campaign. He got too far back in The Metropolitan and he savaged the line when he was finally able to find clear running. Great value in an open race.

**BEST – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No.2 (Moonee Valley)**

She does look like the good thing of the day on Cox Plate Day. She ran well when beaten in the Blazer Stakes and this race is a genuine drop in class. She is extremely well-placed to return to winning form.

**VALUE – BEAUTY – Race 4 No.9 (Moonee Valley)**

You isn't the strongest edition of the Crockett Stakes and Beauty is a filly with plenty of upside. \$12 is well and truly over the odds in what is an open betting race.

**LAY – VERRY ELLEEGANT – Race 10 No.13 (Moonee Valley)**

You can't knock her form, but she does run into a couple of smart colts in this contest. I can't get her as short as the current price and would much rather be on Aramayo.

**BACKED – ESPAANIYAH – Race 1 No.7 (Moonee Valley)**

There has been a big move for the Gai Waterhouse-trained filly on the back of an impressive jumpout. She has been \$6 into \$3.90 and the money shows no signs of stopping.



Matthew Campbell – BetEasy

**MV CUP-WHO SHOT THEBARMAN-Race 8 No.1 (Moonee Valley)**

Has won three from four over 2400m, including this race last year over 2500m. We're confident he'll be able to repeat that performance again. He'll settle close to the speed and should prove very competitive.

**BEST – BROOK MAGIC – Race 6 No.3 (Randwick)**

Was narrowly defeated by Almanzora last start. She was then sent back to the trials where she won under a strong hold. She'll get the dream run from barrier one and peel out to give a chase in the straight.

**VALUE – RUN GYPSY RUN – Race 9 No.10 (Randwick)**

Is very well placed here and if she repeats her last start performance then she'll give this lot a shake. The drop back to a Benchmark 78 last start saw her run a smart second. Looks a great each way plunge.

**LAY – ZOURKHAN – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)**

We're confident his win streak will come to an end on Saturday. His last two wins have been on a heavy track, and the prospect of a soft/good track could see him become undone.

**BACKED – SEXY EYES – Race 2 No.3 (Randwick)**

We put up \$5 about which was immediately backed into \$3.70 clear second elect behind Stella Victoria. The punters appear confident that a rise in distance to 1400m should see her finish first.

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Will Byrne – Sportsbet

**MV CUP – THE TAJ MAHAL – Race 8 No.6 (Moonee Valley)**

Thought he was pretty good in a very slowly run Caulfield Cup, on the seven-day back-up which is a big advantage and should roll forward from the wide gate and be very hard to run down.

**BEST – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No.2 (Moonee Valley)**

Come back in great order this prep, should be able to sit in a beautiful position on the speed and with even luck she will be far too good for this lot.

**VALUE – DESERT LASHES – Race 2 No.5 (Moonee Valley)**

Worked extremely well here on Tuesday morning. Should be able to use his speed and cross to the rail. The early race will be a big advantage and he will be hard to run down.

**LAY – SUNSET WATCH – Race 5 No.4 (Moonee Valley)**

Building an impressive record of three wins from five starts but expecting a bit more pressure here and the Sydneysiders might provide a good challenge throughout.

**BACKED – WINX – Race 9 No.6 (Moonee Valley)**

Although there have been some bids against the champion mare, punters have still dived into Winx expecting for her to be victorious in a fourth Cox Plate.



Matthew Steed – Bet365

**MV CUP–LORD FANDANGO – Race 8 No.7 (Moonee Valley)**

Comes here third-up and ran home well enough last start in the Herbert Power to suggest he can improve on that and be in the finish. He also finished a close fourth in last year's Caulfield Cup.

**BEST – ROYAL CELEBRATION – Race 1 No.2 (Randwick)**

He's generating a good record with a win and four seconds from five starts. He had a second to Autumn Sun last prep and has raced very well in his two runs this prep. He should be very prominent here.

**VALUE – STAR REFLECTION – Race 9 No.4 (Randwick)**

Resumes here on the back of two trials and although he's yet to win first-up, this looks a little easier than his usual opposition. If there isn't an on-pace bias, expect him to wind up late to try finish over the top.

**LAY – SKY BOY – Race 8 No.6 (Randwick)**

Won well last start but that was on the back of a dream run against much easier opposition. There's quality here and a few that are also lightly raced on the up, not to mention his barrier looks a little tricky.

**BACKED – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No 2 (Moonee Valley)**

She had some big troubles in the straight last start and arguably could have won the race. This race looks no harder and punters are very keen on her here. She's been backed heavily around the \$2.10 mark.



Will Norman – Ladbrokes

**MV CUP – EGG TART – Race 8 No.3 (Moonee Valley)**

She has had plenty of changes this Spring, but I am willing to give her another opportunity. I like the fact that she finally gets out to 2500m and The Valley should suit her.

**BEST – ARAMAYO – Race 10 No.1 (Moonee Valley)**

He was excellent in the Spring Champion Stakes and the form coming out of that race has been very strong. The wide barrier draw isn't an issue as he gets back anyway, and he will get the last crack at them.

**VALUE – AYL MERTON – Race 5 No.1 (Moonee Valley)**

He is a better horse than his current form suggests. He over raced badly with the blinkers on last start, but there is no doubt he has talent, and this is a genuine drop in class.

**LAY – MYSTIC JOURNEY – Race 6 No.3 (Moonee Valley)**

Mystic Journey is the one I am keen to oppose in the Fillies Classic. Her last start win at big odds has been overrated and there are several others that I would rather be on.

**BACKED – WINX – Race 9 No.6 (Moonee Valley)**

It should come as no surprise that the money has come for Winx all week long and doesn't show any signs of stopping. She is going to cost us a fortune, but we still want to see her win!



Clint Wallis – Neds

**MV CUP – VENTURA STORM – Race 8 No.14 (Moonee Valley)**

Midfield finish in the Caulfield Cup last week but wasn't suited by the slow pace. Previous runs this time in have all been solid, including a fourth behind Winx in the Turnbull.

**BEST – KRONE – Race 6 No.4 (Moonee Valley)**

Ran well from a bad draw in the Thousand Guineas. The form around Amphitrite and Verry Elleegant looks excellent for a race like this. Draws well this week and has form at the Valley which is another tick.

**VALUE – BLEU ROCHE – Race 5 No.13 (Moonee Valley)**

Was wide throughout when winning on debut at Sale, then headed to Flemington and hit the line nicely from the back with a big weight. Has drawn wide so will be at the rear again but he should kick late.

**LAY – SAVATIANO – Race 3 No.2 (Moonee Valley)**

Excellent win when and hasn't had a lot of luck in the two starts since. Was held up at Flemington where she flew late which has caught the eye of many as she's come up very short this week in a deep field.

**BACKED – VERRY ELLEEGANT – Race 10 No.13 (Moonee Valley)**

Franked the form behind Amphitrite with a dominant win in the Ethereal last week. On the seven-day back up and the punters think she will win again. Has been \$3.50 into \$3.40 with us.



Gareth Phillips – Betstar

**MV CUP – SULLY – Race 8 No.17 (Moonee Valley)**

Has always had some mental issues, but his effort in the Cranbourne Cup was solid and he steps up to this trip for the second time. His previous effort he ran second in the Derby.

**BEST – SAMBRO – Race 4 No.3 (Randwick)**

Only looks to be two realistic chances in this and it's argumentative who should be favourite. Happy to be on team Sambro as the second favourite.

**VALUE – ROYAL HOOTENANNY – Race 6 No.4 (Randwick)**

Was in terrific form prior to being caught in the worst part of the track last start. Looks great each-way value as the second outsider in a field of nine.

**LAY – STELLA VICTORIA – Race 2 No.2 (Randwick)**

Has been flying in Queensland winning her last three runs impressively but the short odds on offer to find out if she can continue her run in Sydney is too risky for my liking.

**BACKED – WINX – Race 9 No.6 (Moonee Valley)**

Short odds haven't stopped her legion of fans. We are holding more on her than we are on the entire rest of the meeting at Moonee Valley. Everyone expects her to add another Cox Plate to the trophy room.

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