

James Thomas – Palmerbet

QUADDIE CLOSER – NIGHT OF POWER-Race 10 No.6 (Randwick)

Only just missed behind Vitesse first-up with a big weight and has been freshened since. He should be able to sit midfield and come with a big run late.

BEST – SURF DANCER – Race 7 No.2 (Randwick)

I was impressed with his debut run in Australia and he will no doubt take improvement from that. He should be able to sit on the pace and hold on with the added fitness.

VALUE – MISS DIOR – Race 8 No.8 (Randwick)

Solid effort first-up on the heavy and the drying track should suit her. She has drawn well in barrier three and she has won second-up in the past.

LAY – LA CHEVALEE – Race 3 No.2 (Randwick)

Got a well deserved win last time but she looks short here at \$2.60. She won't get the same track conditions here and I'm not sure if she goes as good on a dry deck.

BACKED – CATAPULT – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)

We opened at \$9.50 but it didn't last long as the punters snapped it up quickly. Punters were still happy to take the \$7 and he is into \$4.80 now.



Joshua Bell – bookmaker.com.au

QUADDIE CLOSER - RANGES - Race 10 No.8 (Randwick)

Followed a win at Muswellbrook with three placings in a row. The four-year-old has been placed in 17 of 24 overall and should be rock hard fit for this assignment.

BEST – CANASTA – Race 6 No.2 (Randwick)

Was found out when stepping out in distance to 1800m two weeks ago at this track but his form before that was excellent without winning. If Josh Parr can get him to the front, he'll be tough to run down.

VALUE – LE GAI SOLEIL – Race 7 No.6 (Randwick)

Le Gai Soleil gets in well at the weights and represents good value. She will appreciate the drop back in grade from her last couple and the blinkers will be added for the first time.

LAY – MADAM LEGEND – Race 7 No.9 (Randwick)

Was impressive when winning first-up at Rosehill but the sharp step up in distance at his second run this prep is a concern. This is also another step up in class for her with a field full of quality horses.

BACKED – CATAPULT – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)

The punters think Catapult can return to winning form after a couple of lacklustre performances so far this prep. He opened \$10 and has been backed right into \$5.50.



Glenn Munsie – TAB.com.au

QUADDIE CLOSER – NIGHT OF POWER-Race 10 No.6 (Randwick)

Freshened since going down narrowly to Vitesse and he has since won again. Will meet her 4.5kg better if she runs. Has ran well first-up before on good tracks and no surprise to see him do the same here.

BEST – CANASTA – Race 6 No.2 (Randwick)

This looks his race back on firmer ground and surely can't be carved up like he was last start over 1800m here two weeks ago. Back from a Benchmark 88 to 78 also helps.

VALUE – SUPER EFFORT – Race 1 No.6 (Randwick)

His last run here two weeks ago in a similar race was great when he should have troubled the winner. Two runs this time in have been excellent and hoping he can settle closer from a better draw.

LAY – SIXGUN – Race 8 No.9 (Randwick)

Long while between wins for this chap and likely to be seeing more of the outside fence than inside in a high pressure 1000m race. Blinkers on may not help him as he can over race.

BACKED – GOLDEN FOURTH – Race 8 No.10 (The Valley)

When Deane Lester tips one at odds on a Friday morning it is like bees to a honey pot for our customers. A \$23 chance on Friday morning had more invested than any runner competing at a venue tomorrow.



Matthew Steed – Bet365

QUADDIE CLOSER – NIGHT OF POWER-Race 10 No.6 (Randwick)

Returned in good order when a strong finishing second on the Kensington track. Has had a tick over trial in readiness for this and generally performs well second-up from a spell.

BEST – CRIMINAL CODE – Race 4 No.1 (Randwick)

Strong winner here a fortnight ago and looks to be going better than ever. Think the extra 200m is in his favour and if he gets any luck, expect he will take plenty of holding out again.

VALUE – MARGIE BEE – Race 3 No.7 (Randwick)

In career best form this prep albeit at the midweeks. Expect her to roll to the front here and think she will take plenty of running down at the juicy odds on offer.

LAY – CANASTA – Race 6 No.2 (Randwick)

Been consistent without winning this preparation and no doubt will be in the firing line throughout. Has had some hard races this preparation and despite having the form to win this I'm happy to oppose him.

BACKED – ZOROCAT – Race 5 No.6 (Randwick)

Dominant win over this course and distance in the Midway three weeks ago and the punters think she can repeat the dose here. She's been \$3.50 into \$3 with us.



Tim Hickman – Sportsbet

QUADDIE CLOSER - KORDIA - Race 10 No.1 (Randwick)

Didn't have much luck at an important stage last time and James McDonald taking over is a big positive. Will be at peak fitness third-up in a winnable race on his best form.

BEST – BEAU ROSSA – Race 8 No.1 (Morphettville)

I think this horse is a potential star and while it is short of his optimum trip, he has won over the 1000m and first-up from a kind draw, he should be too good.

VALUE – AL GALAYEL – Race 3 No.1 (The Valley)

The gelding flies around this track and he should get the right run just off the back of a strong tempo. Stable has no issues producing horses first-up over some ground.

LAY – LE CHEVALEE – Race 3 No.2 (Randwick)

Think she had her birthday last start and back on top of the ground, with James McDonald jumping off. More than happy to risk at the current quote of \$2.60.

BACKED – JIGSAW – Race 1 No.1 (The Valley)

Punters piled into him first-up and he won brilliantly, they're expecting a put in and take out job once again. He's been \$1.90 into \$1.75 with us since the markets opened on Wednesday.



James Early – Pointsbet

QUADDIE CLOSER - KORDIA - Race 10 No.1 (Randwick)

Showed improvement last start when running on into fifth placing. Will be fitter for the run and gets the services of gun hoop James McDonald, which might prove significant in an open race.

BEST – ROYAL HALE – Race 7 No.1 (Eagle Farm)

Resumes here off a solid trial and does race well fresh, winning three from six first-up attempts. Was a dominant winner at this track and trip last prep a repeat performance will see him go close.

VALUE – INDIAN DREAMER – Race 3 No.10 (Eagle Farm)

Resuming and has trialled well for the return. Is twice a winner first-up from three attempts, will get back in the field but finds a race with plenty of speed on paper and will be running on strongly late.

LAY – TRIPLE ACE – Race 7 No.7 (Eagle Farm)

Sat outside the lead last start and was outgunned late. Is yet to tick the 1200m box and finds a race with plenty of tempo on paper. Happy to oppose at the short quote.

BACKED – CATAPULT – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)

There has been a strong go early, almost halving in price from the early quote of \$10. Our punters are expecting the gelding to go close third-up here.



Matt Shean – BlueBet

QUADDIE CLOSER - ESCAPED - Race 10 No.11 (Randwick)

Well supported in betting first-up in what was a complete forgive when caught three wide the entire trip. Will improve from that effort and the step to 1300m looks a natural progression.

BEST – SPACEBOY – Race 9 No.1 (Randwick)

Thought his return up the straight at Flemington was superb when collared in the shadows. Peak figure last preparation was second-up. Anywhere near that would see him too good here.

VALUE – BATTLEGROUND – Race 8 No.14 (Randwick)

Resuming off a long lay off. No trials so the market is crucial but has some strong runs in his career. Actually think a strong 1000m will suit and gets the stalking position on the map. Worth an each-way ticket.

LAY – KORDIA – Race 10 No.1 (Randwick)

Gets the obvious tick in James McDonald but hasn't shown much in two runs this preparation. Gets no map favours from the draw in what looks a race with moderate pressure. Laying as favourite.

BACKED – CATAPULT – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)

Strong support for the Richard Litt-trained runner in this week's Highway that looks ready now third-up. Punters shopped well at the \$11 earlier in the week, now into \$5.50.



Jared Timms – Betstar

QUADDIE CLOSER - KORDIA - Race 10 No.1 (Randwick)

He hasn't shown his best in two back from a spell, but there is no doubt that he has stripped fitter and improved. He is ready to do something third-up.

BEST – I'M THUNDERSTRUCK – Race 5 No.1 (The Valley)

Has been nothing short of outstanding this time in and is clearly the runner to beat again. Enters this contest off a bullish win at Flemington last time and looks to be at peak fitness for this contest.

VALUE – DICK WHITTINGTON – Race 6 No.3 (Randwick)

Making his Australian debut for the Matt Smith stable but was nothing short of outstanding during his debut prep in the UK. Found form around some world class gallopers and looks good value.

LAY – SMOKIN' ROMANS – Race 7 No.5 (The Valley)

Takes winning form into this race but did take a while to break back into the winner's stall, and faces a rise in class into this race. Will need everything to go right after drawing wide.

BACKED – JIGSAW – Race 1 No.1 (The Valley)

Returned for an impressive win in a similar race and will only improve. Went up a short favourite and has continued to receive huge interest all week.



Tom Hackett – Ladbrokes

QUADDIE CLOSER – NIGHT OF POWER-Race 10 No.6 (Randwick)

Doesn't win out of turn but this does look like a good race for him. He wasn't beaten far first-up and generally improves second-up. The barrier trial between races is a positive.

BEST – FROST FLOWERS – Race 2 No.2 (The Valley)

She won the New Year Sprint at Flemington in impressive fashion and wasn't disgraced in her next two starts. 1000m looks like the right trip for her and she is another horse that will make her own luck right.

VALUE – AL GALAYEL – Race 3 No.1 (The Valley)

He has scored four wins from his seven starts at The Valley and he won the JRA Cup over this track and distance in the spring. Barrier five is perfect and he will have every possible chance in the run.

LAY – JIGSAW – Race 1 No.1 (The Valley)

Clearly has ability and there was plenty to like about his last start win, but this contest is a genuine step-up in quality. There are some horses with serious upside in this field and I am happy to oppose.

BACKED – FROST FLOWERS – Race 2 No.2 (The Valley)

Punters are confident that Frost Flowers can make a winning return to the races. She opened on the third line of betting in what is a competitive race and she has been backed right into favouritism.



Wayne Symons – Unibet

QUADDIE CLOSER - SNITZIFY - Race 10 No.5 (Randwick)

Drawn to get a perfect run in transit and two trials have him ready for a really strong first-up performance. Expecting him to be hard to beat on the last at Randwick.

BEST – SKEDADDLE – Race 1 No.9 (Randwick)

Skedaddle is a lightly raced filly that got caught wide first-up but was dominant last start winning in midweek company, looks an up and coming type.

VALUE – NEW ARRANGEMENT – Race 7 No.1 (Randwick)

Strong win first-up and had excuses last start. Third-up now and with James McDonald aboard he looks terrific value in a race that lacks a lot of depth.

LAY – ZOROCAT – Race 5 No.6 (Randwick)

Drawn to lead but should get lots of pressure from Ashman and Wild Chap in a race that has multiple chances - she represents no value at her current price around \$3.10.

BACKED – TRIPLE ACE – Race 7 No.7 (Eagle Farm)

Just nailed on the line last start and the punters think third-up and the Chris Waller polish should see him back in the winner's circle. Has been \$2.80 into \$2.20 with us.



Clint Wallis – Neds

QUADDIE CLOSER - KORDIA - Race 10 No.1 (Randwick)

Forgivable run first-up at Eagle Farm when wide throughout and thought he went OK last start on unsuitable ground. Will appreciate the firmer footing this week and drops in grade.

BEST – TUVALU – Race 5 No.5 (The Valley)

Was impressive winning both starts in his first preparation and was solid resuming where I'm Thunderstruck blew past him. Meets him 2kg better here and should have a decent head start out in front.

VALUE – CINDARELLA – Race 9 No.4 (Eagle Farm)

Got up right on the line here first-up but should have won by further as it took some time to get clear in the straight. Sure to have come on from that effort and should be able to settle closer from a better draw.

LAY – SMOKIN' ROMANS – Race 7 No.5 (The Valley)

Lining up for his 10th run this prep and jumps up in the weights for his first go at 2500m. Smokin' Romans is going to need quite a bit of luck after drawing off the track.

BACKED – CHAMPAGNE AUNTY – Race 1 No.13 (Eagle Farm)

Gave everything she had first-up but just missed behind Dreamcatcher. Has raced well second-up previously and likes the firm Eagle Farm surface. Has been backed from \$2.70 into \$2.25.



David Mackay – TopSport

QUADDIE CLOSER - ESCAPED - Race 10 No.11 (Randwick)

In what is a wide open race to finish the day, we feel the four-year-old gelding out of the astute Jason Deamer yard is good value to improve sharply second-up. He's drawn to dictate with Tim Clark aboard.

BEST – SURF DANCER – Race 7. No.2 (Randwick)

Blew the cobwebs out a fortnight ago after almost a year away from the races after coming over from the UK. Returns to a better surface where the gelding has a superior record.

VALUE – MASERARTIE BAY – Race 7 No.3 (The Valley)

We are prepared to treat last start as a forgive run on the bog and back in Melbourne where the gelding had produced his best form. Betting each-way all day in a wide open field.

LAY – JIGSAW – Race 1 No. 1 (The Valley)

Was impressive last start at Caulfield when blowing his rivals away, however stepping up in class with some improving types we are happy to take on the punters early.

BACKED – CATAPULT – Race 5 No.2 (Randwick)

The gelding out of the astute Richard Litt yard has been smashed at every price point with us. Opening at \$11 we have laid at every price point down to half its quote.

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