

Adam Dobbin Greyhound Recorder

BEST – XERRI – Race 2 No.2

Drawn to get every chance to surge to the lead and coming off a near record trial at The Gardens on Friday, bullish about his chances. His only start at the track was a 29.62 win and arguably going better now.

NEXT BEST – STINGER NOIR – Race 8 No.1

Pretty keen on him at tidy odds from the red. In the hands of Jason Mackay who is very happy with his progress. Expecting a 29.70 run which should have him right in the mix with the benefit of the rails.

VALUE – ASTON LEE – Race 5 No.4

Runs into a rampaging Flying Ricciardo but if the favourite makes a mistake, Aston Lee is a fantastic chance at good odds. Can spear out and run blinding sections and his best efforts has him in the mix.

LAY – TIGGERLONG TONK – Race 8 No.7

No question, he's a serious talent but prepared to risk him from box seven. His Wenty trial wasn't that inspiring last week and just not sure where he lands in the run from a wide draw with pressure early.

Paul Ambrosoli Legendary Racecaller

BEST – GOOD JUAN – Race 9 No.4

Excitement machine that showed he was back on track with a huge win at headquarters last week. Another week under Jason Mackay's care can only benefit like the small field – he'll be too good.

NEXT BEST – SUNSET BOURBSKI – Race 10 No.7

I have no doubt whatsoever that this is suited down to the ground at Wentworth Park. Won her only start here impressively and capable of going quicker on the clock again. She'll take tossing.

VALUE – XERRI – Race 2 No.2

I would prefer him drawn out wide because he can take a stride to go but with a steady beginner to his inside, I think he's a play. Really starting to hit his straps now and capable of flying times.

LAY – FLYING RICCIARDO – Race 5 No.5

If you're a bookie you lay him, a punter you back him. He's got three speedy dogs all drawn to his inside here and if he makes a mistake he is going to be in trouble. I think he's a risk this week.

Gary Wilson Greyhound personality

BEST – SHIMA SHINE - Race 4 No.1

How can I not make my best Shima Shine for my great mate Dave Gleeson. He's ideally drawn in box one and has the pace to overcome interference. I said to Dave the other day he must feel privileged to own a greyhound which is the brother to my dog Shima Rock!

NEXT BEST – TOMMY SHELBY – Race 3 No.3

The pride of WA and expect he wins and progresses to the final. I thought his last run in Cannington was a little disappointing but they're not machines. Perfect mix of speed and strength Tommy Shelby.

VALUE – CANYA STAR – Race 1 No.4

Hopefully she gets our night off with some value. Honest little chaser that can show a good turn of foot. If she finds the front in an open race might just sneak away at it at some odds. Fingers crossed.

LAY – ALL HANDS OFF – Race 2 No.7

Don't follow the form as close as I once did but wide boxes in hot races like this at Wenty are a problem more often than not. Will stay away from her at the rate of knots but could have egg on my face.

Jeff Collerson GRNSW

BEST – SHIMA SHINE – Race 4 No.1

Was the runner-up in the Million Dollar Chase final last year and connections consider him a better dog now. Has drawn box one in what looks one of the easier semi-finals.

NEXT BEST – SUNSET BOURBSKI – Race 10 No.7

Regarded by many good judges as Australia's best stayer and loves a wide alley so looks awfully hard to toss from box seven on Friday night. Won his only run here and capable of improvement on the clock.

VALUE – XERRI – Race 2 No.2

Well boxed and while 520m is as far as he wants to go, he has a terrific draw and should lead them a merry dance for a long way. Was \$6 earlier in the week and has been well supported.

LAY – CHROME – Race 1 No.1

Looks under the odds as this talented dog is desperate for an outside draw and could get crowded out by speedsters looking for the rail like Handsome Prince in the two and Canya Star in box four.

Tim Newbold NSW Racecaller

BEST – SHIMA SHINE – Race 4 No. 1

Evens was initially bet but quickly snapped up as expected. Class-act and arrives here in peak form. Scintillating through the Bulli series and rounded out his preparation with a flying 29.75 Wenty trial last week.

NEXT BEST - SEEN AROUND – Race 1 No. 5

Love a good beginner with a great turn of speed drawn in middle boxes at Wenty and this bloke falls right into that category. Can run low 5.40s early which has him leading this and can pinch it on the lure.

VALUE – CUMBRIA BELLE – Race 8 No. 3

Bonnie little bitch that maps to lead if she steps which she generally does. Steady beginners on either side helps. Led throughout in 30.09 on a slow track last Saturday but capable of running 29.70s.

LAY – TIGGERLONG TONK – Race 8 No. 7

Gun Victorian sprinter that obliterated his rivals at Wagga but I couldn't have been more disappointed with his 30.12 solo trial last Saturday. Improves but needs to find plenty and prepared to risk at the quote.

Jason Lincoln Sky Racing

BEST – XERRI – Race 2 No.2

Exciting sprinter from the gun kennel of Darryl Thomas who over the past 12 months has an astonishing 39 percent winners to runners strike rate. Xerri has a PB of 30.64 here and is looks well boxed.

NEXT BEST – WOW – Race 3 No.6

This dog is a flying machine but in the past has found his share of bother on two turn tracks. He looks to be boxed ok on Friday the way the draw has played out and his recent trial here was super.

VALUE – BLAND PURR – Race 7 No.10

She's a great little chaser with a super record from wide draws. She's won nine from 19 starts of the seven and eight and her 29.62 PB here came from the black box. She'll give a sight at odds.

LAY – TIGGERLONG TONK – Race 8 No. 7

Couldn't possibly tumble into him from this draw off his trial here last Saturday when he only went steady sections and overall time. Way too short to be getting mine.

James Van Der Maat Victorian Racecaller

BEST – SHIMA SHINE – Race 4 No.1

He was outstanding winning his way through to the semi finals. After going into the Million Dollar Chase last year as the new kid on the block, he's at the peak of his powers now. My tip for the final too.

NEXT BEST – BOXED FIRST FOUR – Race 10 Nos. 4,5,7,8

Something different. This quartet look quite the standout for the first four in the second heat of the Sydney Cup. If they can roll the favourite Sunset Bourbski, a profitable first four will appear.

VALUE – STARDOM – Race 2 No.3

Comes into the series as a little bit of an underdog, despite finishing second to series favourite Shima Shine in a heat. There's no hiding from the fact he'll need room early but if he gets some space, look out.

LAY – GOOD JUAN – Race 9 No.4

Although he's one of Australia's most exciting dogs, he's worth taking on in the Sydney Cup heat. His last-to-first style of racing always makes him a risk. At odds on, he's worth taking on.

John 'Bunny' Brasch QLD Racecaller

BEST – SHIMA SHINE – Race 4 No.1

Top class Victorian coming into this series in sparkling form topping off the preparation with a recent 29.75 trial at Wenty. Second in the MDC final last year and should lead and win to book a place in the final.

NEXT BEST – TOMMY SHELBY – Race 3 No.3

The best from the west is perfectly boxed in the three and has run a sizzling 29.44 in a previous start at the track with a lightning fast first split of 5.30. Only has to live up to that and will be winning here.

VALUE – STINGER NOIR – Race 8 No.1

Top Queensland Chaser with five career wins off the red box from just eight starts. Strong win in the Queensland State Nationals Final recently and is up to the challenge here with the draw.

LAY – ALL HANDS OFF – Race 2 No.7

Speedy Northern Rivers bitch that has run some extremely quick times at Lismore and Albion Park but I'm concerned she may get trapped off the track in this field. Prepared to risk.

Peter O'Neill WA Racecaller

BEST – TOMMY SHELBY – Race 3 No.3

The WA Sprint Champ has been set for this after his second in the Vic Peters in July. Has a PB here of 29.44 and will bounce back from shock defeat last start after he was unusually tardy away.

NEXT BEST – SHIMA SHINE – Race 4 No. 1

Boom Victorian that shot the lights out at Bulli and comes up with draw to lead throughout. Wallbanger drawn in two will give him cover early and wouldn't surprise to see him lower his best time of 29.48 at track.

VALUE – WHITFIELD – Race 1 No.8

Was impressive winning at Maitland and drawn to get across and be prominent on first corner. Has finished in first two in all 10 career starts and gets his chance in open field – probably the easiest of the heats.

LAY – SHADOW MIST – Race 7 No.6

SA star that will find it difficult to get to the fence here with Kooringa Lucy drawn inside to hold him out. He has trialled well at the track, however I am happy to risk him this time.

Ray Fewings Greyhound Recorder

BEST – TOMMY SHELBY – Race 3 No.3

Unbeaten from this box and recently ran an unbelievable 29.51 at Cannington and a huge 29.44. Has a 73 percent win record - the real deal, about to announce himself on the national stage.

NEXT BEST – RITZA COHEN – Race 5 No.7

Strong type in top form. Recent 600m winner that has shown he can handle a wide draw. In peak form having won seven of his last eight. Genuine chaser that can stand the pressure in this class.

VALUE – STINGER NOIR – Race 8 No.1

Queenslander with a great record from the red - has won five of eight. Will be right there around first turn, super strong and won't take a backward step. Jason Mackay will have him ready for his biggest test.

LAY – SHADOW MIST – Race 7 No.6

At the end of a busy campaign and well below best in recent match race series. Can take a few strides to hit top speed when drawn wide. Going to be short in a weaker semi but needs to jump fast.

Jason Adams Sky Racing

BEST – WEBLEC ACE – Race 2 No.4

First-up since the Speed Star where he went very well. Manila Knight is drawn to his outside is an OK beginner and won't impede Weblec Ace's path. I also think Ace's strength is underrated.

NEXT BEST – FLYING RICCIARDO – Race 5 No.5

One of the most promising sprinters in Australia. Won 13 of 15 and there isn't any holes in him. Box 5 isn't a concern as Aston Lee (4) is unlikely to move out and Zipping Truvy (6) will begin slowly.

VALUE – CUMBRIA BELLE – Race 8 No.3

Tough field but she was terrific last start. Had Arizona Eyes, which is one of the strongest sprinters around, on her tail and she was up for the challenge. She has gone 29.71 here -that holds her in good stead.

LAY – RITZA COEN – Race 5 No.7

He's a talent but I feel he could find real bother early. He's just a fair beginner and the pressure will be fierce. Looking for luck and that's not something you want to rely on when at the pointy end of the market.

Clinton Payne Racenet

BEST – SHADOW MIST – Race 7 No.6

Star SA chaser that set Wenty alight running 29.64 in a recent trial before returning home to clock a blistering 29.29 at Angle Park. He's well boxed, I think he can lead and will take beating if he does.

NEXT BEST – ALL HANDS OFF – Race 2 No.7

Extremely fast bitch with some slashing PBs up near the border and Brisbane. Looks to be well boxed on Saturday with a steady beginners to her outside and ran slick time/splits in a recent Wenty trial.

VALUE – HANDSOME PRINCE – Race 1 No.2

If he can avoid the red early, he looks a super price in the opening heat. Key here is his record from boxes 1, 2, and 3 of five wins from seven including a rocket-like 29.38 at Launceston. Big odds.

LAY – TOMMY SHELBY – Race 3 No.3

At a short quote, I want everything made to order and with Hammer Down drawn inside that's not ideal. He's a dog that can get out of a box and likes to use the track which isn't made to order for Tommy.

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