



THE LEG UP

Meeting Preview

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RACE 1 BVA METAL FABRICATIONS MDN 12:31 PM (1008M)
Champion jockey Paul Harvey is getting his groove back and looks set to get off to a flyer on Bull And Bush Tavern Cup Day with first-upper ASK LISA. The Bob McPherson-trained filly had good form around the likes of Cognac and Mizlecki during her initial racing campaign, and has acquitted herself well in two lead-up barrier trials. Drawn to get a lovely run in transit and ASK LISA should be going close. Didn't mind the effort of COOL SERENITY last start when working overtime and covering additional ground in running. Does appear to have her share of quirks, but has a bit of raw ability and should be fighting out the finish. First-starter ONE OH ONE has shown a bit at trials, leading throughout and clocking decent time when winning her most recent hit out. Expecting her to roll forward and run a race, while fellow debutante TOGETHER WE DREAM went to the line ears pricked when winning her most recent trial.

Tips: 3-4-7-8 | 3. ASK LISA each way.

RACE 2 HOLLYWOOD TRANSPORT MDN 1:10 PM (1208M)
Really competitive maiden and we came up with five genuine winning chances, eventually settling on former eastern-stater REBOW. Has endured an up-and-down first prep in the West, but reminded everyone of his ability when leading them up and just getting run over late by impressive debutante Pearls And Prawns here last start. Likely to roll forward and to lead, or race outside leader, from his high draw and REBOW only has to hold form to break through. FRIAR'S CLASSIC looked very sharp when winning a mid-prep Ascot trial on February 13 and followed up with a strong effort down the Pinjarra Straight 1000 last time. Drawn to enjoy a soft run in transit, suited up in distance and the Parnham Racing operation is enjoying a very good run at present. INFERNAL STAR failed as a \$2.70 favourite second up at Pinjarra, but we're expecting sharp improvement with the blinkers added. Is a fairly wayward character, but there's no doubting his raw talent, while first-upper HAPPY SANDAY looked the goods when winning a recent trial here and just shades the consistent SWEET DREAMIN' for fourth.

Tips: 2-11-3-4 | 2. REBOW win (1) & place (3).

RACE 3 BVA METAL FABRICATIONS HCP 1:55 PM (1108M)
Can certainly make a case for a few of these, but found it hard to go past the big-finishing SUPPOSITION. Scorched the turf when winning here first up and his two efforts since have been rock-solid, hitting the line hard behind the smart One Short down the Pinjarra Straight 1000 last Sunday week. That galloper is expected to race well at Ascot this weekend, so those formlines to stack up well in this grade, and SUPPOSITION should be able to peel off the back of an expected genuine tempo and get over the top of them late. Fellow back-marker BLITZEM SOMEDAY is down in class having raced exclusively in Ratings 72+ company of late, and this looks the most suitable assignment he has faced this prep. Has sharp closing speed and with clear galloping room should be steaming home late. TRIPELETTO is coming off the back to two off the canvas front-running victories and has to be considered a major player up in grade. Still has a heap to learn, but it's hard not to be impressed with the character he's shown recently, while track specialist MY LAINA is stepping out for the first time in 92 days and is more than capable of finishing top four.

Tips: 3-1-4-8 | 3. SUPPOSITION win (1) & place (3).

RACE 4 CAPEL TAVERN MAIDEN 2:35 PM (1690M)
Have been closely tracking the progress of IMORTALITE for a while now and the Harvey Racing-trained three-year-old gets a terrific opportunity to break through in this. Was coming off a 4-week freshen when narrowly missing out in a similar assignment at Pinjarra last Sunday week and that strong hit out should provide him with the right platform for this. Looks capable of elevating further and with even luck in running IMORTALITE should get the job done. Honest filly INFINITE BEAUTY is the obvious danger though and will no doubt have plenty of admirers. Just shaded by The Real Zeal second up before finishing a half-length behind IMORTALITE at Pinjarra last time. Should appreciate the lower draw and she's going to take some beating. After failing badly first up, BLOOMY'S SUN has put in two good efforts at Pinjarra and the older half-brother to our on-top selection has to rate among the better chances, while BREAK THE CHAIN caught the eye first up and should appreciate stepping up to the mile.

Tips: 8-11-5-2 | 8. IMORTALITE win (1) & place (3).

RACE 5 ARIA LODGE - HOME OF MICHAEL LANE RACING MAIDEN 3:10 PM (1410M)

This 1410m Maiden is well-and-truly up for grabs, but we simply kept coming back to A SEQUEL. Showed a bit at trials prior to a eye-catching debut performance here on February 28, coming from back in the field to run on into third in a similar assignment to this. Didn't get a heap of galloping run in the straight, so she probably should've finished a bit closer and this doesn't look quite as strong. The effort of ORIENTAL ROSE was better than it reads on paper second up at Pinjarra last start, as she did run into a fair bit of traffic in the straight. Set to peak third up and from the inside draw should conserve plenty of fuel in running. Haven't minded the two runs turned in by REVEUSE so far and he battled on well to place in a high-pressure affair here on February 28. Likely to roll forward from the high draw and should be boxing on at the finish, while there was a bit of a tip around for MY TRADITION on debut. Was a touch disappointing, but that is a decent form race and it wouldn't surprise to see him improve into the top four.

Tips: 9-11-2-5 | 9. A SEQUEL win (1) & place (3).

RACE 6 AZFORM HANDICAP 3:50 PM (2219M)
MAGICAL CHARM and PLAYS THE GAME look set to dominate the market, however, we're thinking the capable BURGER TIME may be able to upset the two main fancies. The Aaron Bazely-trained four-year-old improved nicely third up at Pinjarra last Sunday week and looks set to rattle off a peak performance fourth up over the 2219m. Glenn Smith rides BURGER TIME well and his best is certainly good enough to salute. Expensive Peters Investments filly MAGICAL CHARM continues to improve with every start and she was too good for some plain maiden opposition here on February 28. Can take a good line through the previous Five Degrees form to assess this filly's chances and she does appear to have a heap of upside. PLAYS THE GAME has been knocking on the door all prep and has strong form around recent Esperance Cup winner Scooner. Ticks plenty of boxes, while improvement was noted from HAKUNA MATATA in a fast race at Ascot last Saturday and this fellow could be on his way back to form.

Tips: 2-7-3-1 | 2. BURGER TIME each way.

RACE 7 THE BULL & BUSH TAVERN CUP 4:25 PM (2019M)
We're looking forward to seeing how the Bull & Bush Tavern Cup plays out and it is hard to go past likely short-priced favourite ELEVEN SECONDS. Turned in two huge peak performances when returning from a lengthy absence, so he was probably due for a flat run, which is what happened when a beaten \$1.90 favourite in the Detonator Stakes last Saturday week. Belted the likes of Wrinkly and Oliver's Travels earlier this prep, which really stamps how strong his form is, and if ELEVEN SECONDS bounces back with his A-Game it's hard seeing anything knocking him off. Expecting sharp improvement from DANEHILLS DAUGHTER at her third run this prep and she was doing some nice work late in the Detonator, running the fastest last 600m time. Was placed in the Kalgoorlie Cup last year, so she is certainly up to this grade, and should be ready to produce her best up over 2019m. The very consistent DARK ALERT was returning an 8-week freshen when placing in the Detonator and did finish third behind Material Man in this race last year. Has to rate among the major players, as does WOODSVILLE, who is widely considered to be in career-best form deep into his nine-year-old season.

Tips: 2-4-1-3 | 2. ELEVEN SECONDS win.

RACE 8 MUMBALLUP ORGANICS HCP 5:00 PM (1410M)

This looks a good option for on-pacer YOU AM I. Hailing from the in-form Michael Lane stable, this three-year-old was brave when setting a super-fast tempo against strong opposition at Ascot two back, before getting out-muscled late by this weekend's Lex Piper Stakes (Ascot) contender Watch Me Ney Ney here on February 28. All that strong form really stands out in this company, and the rock-hard fit YOU AM I should be able to roll forward from his high draw and take some catching. SHOUHOU is a frustrating mare to follow, as she certainly has a knack of finding trouble, however, she does have her share of ability. Drawn to perhaps settle closer to the speed than usual and with clear galloping room, she should be charging home late. FORTY FOUR RED popped late after racing outside leader as a \$3.70 chance first up at Pinjarra, but he's better than that and we're predicting sharp improvement. Gives himself every chance with his ability to race on top of the speed also, while BERKSHIRE was only collared late by On The Turps second up last start and that galloper went on to race well at Ascot midweek.

Tips: 6-5-1-2 | 6. YOU AM I win (1) & place (3).

RACE 9 BUNBURY CUP CALCUTTA AT THE BULL AND BUSH HCP 5:35 PM (1008M)

City-class three-year-olds MY DEMI and DISRUPTIVE are the stand outs here, and look set to fight this one out. Ended up siding with MY DEMI narrowly, with the David Harrison-trained youngster making his first appearance since a huge fourth placing in a high-rating Bunbury 3YO Classic back in October. Prior to that effort he had competed well against some of the sharper horses in his division, so his last start effort certainly wasn't a one-off, and at his best MY DEMI should be winning. Have a bit of time for DISRUPTIVE, who is also racing first up since the spring, but he does have the benefit of a Pinjarra Straight 1000 trial hit out. Also possesses strong formlines around some quality opposition and we're expecting him to attract plenty of support first up. RAMRUEY is another first-upper who is set to run a big race fresh from a handy draw, while TRIPLE EVENT showed potential during his previous campaign and wouldn't be surprised to see him run a cheeky race first up.

Tips: 1-5-2-4 | 1. MY DEMI win (1) & place (3).