



THE LEG UP

Meeting Preview

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Race 1 - 1:09PM BUNBURY CUP GA TICKETS ON SALE HANDICAP (1216 METRES)

Competitive 3YO Handicap to kick off the card and ended up leaning towards GUNMETAL GREY on top. Thought she was strong on the line in her Pinjarra 6/01 win two back and really took it up to the slick Graceful Girl at Ascot 20/01 last start. Is coming off a 28-day break but a fresh Gunmetal Grey has the closing speed to test her rivals. HOT MIX is a talent and is coming out of strong 3YO Saturday races. Is also coming off a (35-day) break between runs, but her formlines really stack up. HOT ZED is a young horse on the rise, but doesn't have the services of Chris Parnham, while TRADE WAR leapt out of the ground late to salute on debut.

Tips: 2-3-1-5

Suggested: 2. GUNMETAL GREY win.

Race 2 - 1:44PM CHAFF CITY MAIDEN (1216 METRES)

Opting with the race-hardened on-pacer NATURAL AIRCHIEF. Was really brave when breezing outside leader and finishing second at Pinjarra 14/01 two back and looked the winner before being swamped at Bunbury 26/01 last start. Expecting positive tactics again and from in front or outside leader, Natural Airchief should be hard to get past. Have liked some of the trial efforts from first-upper RISE HIGH. Should land midfield and hit the line hard late. AGENT KENSINGTON is becoming very costly to follow, but still has to be respected on the quick backup, while SICHERN and SUPERLOVE will have their share of admirers also.

Tips: 2-6-11-1

Suggested: 2. NATURAL AIRCHIEF each way.

Race 3 - 2:19PM BYRON BAY BREWERY MAIDEN (1216 METRES)

There's a possibility that the 1216m will be too short, but still happy to lock in Peters Investments filly RELIABLE STAR on top. Stepped out on debut 51 days ago and ran a slashing third, coming off a slow tempo to record one of the best closing splits of the day. Sharpened up for this in a Lark Hill 9/02 trial and if Chris Parnham can hold a midfield running position, Reliable Star should get a crack at them late with the cutaway in play. ALLMAMONEY is a filly worth following, but she'll have to come from near last to win. SHOOTING SHIROCCO steps out for new trainer Pat Keating and her form prior to a let up was solid. SHIRL'S DREAM is an interesting runner after

being hidden in a Belmont 5/02 trial, while COTCHIN is a top-four contender also.

Tips: 11-10-8-5

Suggested: 11. RELIABLE STAR win.

Race 4 - 2:54PM GREENFIELDS LODGE CAPEL HANDICAP (1116 METRES)

If the VANE TEMPEST that stretched Kissonallforcheeks at Ascot 30/01 turns up then it's hard seeing any of these being able to match her. Relaxed better for William Pike last start, enjoying some cover in transit, so if Vane Tempest can land in the slipstream of likely leader WARM 'N' FUZZY she should prove far too strong late. Warm 'N' Fuzzy won well at Mt Barker 17/01 and City Cruiser has made the form read well since. Really liked the Lark Hill 9/02 trial from THE FINEST and he can run a race fresh, while BOSNIPP is starting to put it together after a frustrating start to her career.

Tips: 6-7-5-4

Suggested: 6. VANE TEMPEST win.

Race 5 - 3:34PM FURPHY – REFRESHING ALE HANDICAP (1216 METRES)

It's the first leg of the late quaddie and there's a few different ways the play this one, but kept coming back to APPROACH first up. Really took off with trainer Anne King last prep, winning twice and going on to run some excellent races in town. Worked to the line nicely in a Lark Hill 9/02 trial and with a patient ride, Approach can utilise the cutaway to showcase his closing speed late. Hard to fault what UNIVERSAL PLEASURE has done to date and she looks a major winning chance again. Ramoly's 2kg claim may come in handy late. East-coast import TREVELLO has speed and has been readied for this with two lead-up trials. Expecting GREAT CHARADE to run a race first up, while MISS ALIGNED looks the blowout.

Tips: 1-3-2-6

Suggested: 1. APPROACH win.

Race 6 - 4:15PM MISTY VALLEY THOROUGHBREDS HANDICAP (2038 METRES)

Thinking big weight-dropper JOVELLA can take it up to some of the higher handicapped fancies. Got the job done convincingly at Mt Barker 17/01 before a brave placing under 61kg on a rain-affected Ascot 7/02 last start. Sliding down to 55.5kg and rolling along on top of the speed, Jovella may take some running down. SAFE TO MAKEUP is on the quick

backup after last weeks Ascot placing and has to be considered a winning possibility. Expecting the market to side with QUEEN TAKES KING, who is the class runner but has had a couple of setbacks and will have to carry 60kg, while the honest on-pacer BLAISZEN CAZAH can box on into the top four down on 52kg.

Tips: 3-2-1-5

Suggested: 3. JOVELLA win.

Race 7 - 4:50PM AMELIA PARK RACING AND BREEDING HANDICAP (1420 METRES)

Expecting promising filly CHICLETT to make a winning start to her campaign. Has competed against some of the best in her age group over the last 12 months and it was hard not to be taken with the way she hit the line in her Lark Hill 9/02 trial. Lands forward/mid from this draw and with an uninterrupted run Chiclett should prove too classy. BORN TO TRY ran a bottler at her first outing for new trainer Lindsey Smith and if she brings her best she wins. BLAZING TYCOON peaked on his run second up in WA last Thursday and strips fitter for this, lookout for improvement from FRIAR'S FANTASIA second up, while BIG CAROLINE has really run some race this prep.

Tips: 7-6-3-4

Suggested: 7. CHICLETT win.

Race 8 - 5:25PM TABTOUCH – BETTER YOUR BET HANDICAP (1420 METRES)

Cerise And White filly FASHION QUEEN looks to have some quality about her and she stands out as the horse to beat. Was a good thing beat on debut at Ascot 3/11 and made amends with a comfortable victory this track/distance. Caught the eye in her Lark Hill 9/02 trial and from this draw with the cutaway in play, Fashion Queen should get her chance to let rip late. GINGER SENORITA is a genuine threat though, coming off a last start win and mapping sweetly. SUNSET CRUISE has some ability also and tactics will be interesting from the high draw, First-upper SPEEDBIRD is a Belmont winner and the form around her stacks up, while likely leader BROADWAY GIRL has competed well at her two runs back from a long break.

Tips: 9-10-6-4

Suggested: 9. FASHION QUEEN win.