

**RACE 1 10:25 AM | \$150,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1100m**

1	ESHA	Resuming (15-weeks). Raced in stakes company. Won at at Moonee Valley when fresh last campaign. Jump-and-run filly.
2	MILITARY TYCOON	First-up (39-weeks). Raced in stakes company. Given further time to mature. Among the dangers fresh in this company.
4	SHE'S MY EX	In touch and fought on dauntlessly for a 0.2 lengths win at Seymour. Can play a role.
12	ROSANGELA	Prominent and scooted clear to a 2.3 lengths victory at Seymour 28 Dec. First time down Flemington straight. Nicely weighted. Can challenge.
8	JENNI THE NINJA	Let-up (43-days). Kicked off career with a narrow victory at Pakenham when in the market. Beau Mertens retains the ride. Has a touch of quality and deserves a shot in metro company.

**RACE 2 11:00 AM | \$130,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1800m**

4	MISS PLAYLOUNGE	Patently handled then let down eagerly and charged clear to salute at Cranbourne. Should appreciate stepping up in distance and races well at home. This looks very winnable.
2	SUNTORA	Narrow miss in the 3yo+ (Bm74) at Cranbourne 27 Dec. Coming back in distance. Experienced rider replaces apprentice. Rates highly.
7	I ONLY WISH	Went close at Pakenham two back. Raced in back half and was never in a position to mount a serious challenge at Cranbourne. Harder they go, better suited. Super fit from racing and among the dangers.
5	HURRY CURRY	Freshened. Went home tamely at Pakenham at \$10. Drops to shorter trip. Can play a role.
1	EXPEETEE	Forwardly placed and responded strongly to secure victory in Benchmark 66 company at Sandown-Lakeside over a longer test. Switching to 1800m. Claiming apprentice engaged again. Brings pace and stamina and 3kg helps the cause.

**RACE 3 11:35 AM | \$80,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1600m**

12	WATERSPORTS	Responded well from just off leaders to snare a final bound win at Cranbourne. This looks very winnable.
5	EXTREME VIRTUE	Not disgraced in 3yo+ F&M (Bm74) at Cranbourne at last start this journey at \$4.80. Claiming apprentice engaged again. Can challenge.
6	THE WESTERN FRONT	First-up (24-weeks). Rough place hope only.
11	HIS FINEST HOUR	Kept coming and just fell short here at this trip. Super fit from racing and warrants attention.
9	MIDNITE STORM	Resuming after a (75-weeks) spell. Ex Kevin Ryan in Europe. Broke his maiden at G B - Redcar last campaign. Cleared maiden ranks at G B - Redcar 21 Jun 2024.

**RACE 4 12:15 PM | \$80,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1000m**

1	GALLANT SON	First-up (37-weeks). Went close at Morphettville two back. Highly fancied for a winning return.
13	CAVALRY GIRL	Smart type building a great record. Made all and held on bravely in a thrilling finish this track 31 Dec. Can lead or take a sit. This looks very winnable.
5	LEGIO TEN	Let-up (66-days). Ex Ben, Will & Jd Hayes in Victoria. Failed to run on in the small field at Kyneton in second run from spell. Minor money hope at best fresh in this affair.
14	CHERGUI	Led, dug deep into his reserves but shaded late over 1200m in the 3,4yo (Open) at Cranbourne. Coming back in distance. Leads, handy. Very fit and can run a drum.
8	EXPRESS CLASS	Kicks off second campaign (19-weeks). Winner at Sandown-Hillside in his first prep. Rough place prospect fresh in this company.

**RACE 5 12:55 PM | \$130,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1600m**

12	<b>NOBELAS</b>	Super consistent galloper. Fantastic effort when picked up smartly and only beaten a whisker at Caulfield Heath second-up. A distance specialist. Nicely weighted.
3	<b>ROADCONE</b>	Led, held on desperately to win at Caulfield Heath 20 Dec. Claiming apprentice engaged again. Has early speed. Among the dangers.
7	<b>SNEAKY SUNRISE</b>	Off pace, left in tearaway winner's wake but ran on doggedly for the runner up cheque at Caulfield Heath. Effective this track and distance and has a great record under D W Stackhouse here. Experienced rider replaces apprentice. Can play a role.
6	<b>SUNSETS</b>	Last win was 21 Oct 2023. Knuckled down for third at Caulfield Heath at first run for new trainer when a noted market drifter. Will be fitter second-up and takes a 3kg claim. Can fill the minors here.
10	<b>WELCOMETOTHESHOW</b>	Rearward in transit then rattled home late to prevail final stages at Cranbourne at this trip. Super fit from racing and can run a drum.

**RACE 6 1:35 PM | \$200,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1200m**

3	<b>AVIATRESS</b>	Ridden cold, produced solid finish late into third at Sandown-Lakeside. Right in the mix.
5	<b>HEDGED</b>	Just behind leading division and picked them up smartly at Sandown-Lakeside, at \$4.20. Makes a strong case in this company.
6	<b>DISNECK</b>	Let-up (63-days). Never sighted over this trip when 9 lengths 8th here. Since trialled at Hawkesbury 15 Dec. One for exotics fresh in this line-up.
8	<b>SAMANGU</b>	Never looked a serious threat in the small field at Caulfield Heath. At optimum distance. Nicely weighted. Fitter second-up.
2	<b>LIM'S KOSCIUSZKO</b>	Freshened. Led, gave away late finishing 2.8 lengths astern of winner at Pakenham. A distance specialist. On pacer.

**RACE 7 2:15 PM | \$130,000 | FLEMINGTON | 1200m**

1	<b>RUE DE ROYALE</b>	Prominent and fought on determinedly to win (Bm70) here. This looks very winnable.
12	<b>MERCURIAL LADY</b>	Worked across into prominent position and found plenty for 1.5 lengths victory at Sandown-Lakeside 26 Dec. First time down Flemington straight. Claiming apprentice engaged again. On pacer.
16	<b>ESMAHLI</b>	Rounded them up smartly in the small field at Mornington at this trip. Worth a look.
7	<b>IKASARA</b>	Let-up (45-days). Has decent Stakes form. On pace but folded up quickly at Geelong at second run back. Leads, handy.
3	<b>MYTEMPTATION</b>	Showed a fine turn of foot from the back to snare third place at Caulfield Heath. Looks a first four candidate.

**RACE 8 2:32 PM | \$32,000 | CRANBOURNE | 1200m**

2	<b>TOPMOST</b>	Given time to freshen up after 1st-up run. Strong SP profile. Picked up intently to just miss in the 4yo+ Mdn at Kyneton when off an extended spell. Has run a number of good races at this track.
12	<b>PRESTIGE KA YING</b>	Posted some decent efforts from three appearances. Brave in defeat 1.4 lengths third 3yo+ F&M Mdn Plate at Yarra Glen at second run back. Improver, fitter third-up. Can be thereabouts.
9	<b>KADESH</b>	In the market all runs. Led, unable to sustain bid and faded to finish 6.5 lengths at Wangaratta. Speedy. Makes a strong case in this company.
8	<b>SWEETEST MEMORIES</b>	Returns for second campaign (46-weeks). Stationed in back half and right in the thick of it on debut at Yarra Glen when in the market. Wiser for the experience. Nice gate. Can run a drum fresh in this affair.
4	<b>ONAVUITTON</b>	Set for second campaign. Will have furnished and strengthened over the spell (44-weeks). Among the dangers fresh in this company.

**RACE 9 3:07 PM | \$32,000 | CRANBOURNE | 1400m**

9	<b>VALEDICTORIAN</b>	Been thereabouts. Off pace, worked his way into the minors without threatening winner at Mornington 17 Dec. Warrants attention.
15	<b>MIKE'S HOPE</b>	Alabama Express gelding heading to the races without a public trial. Gets a soft draw for first assignment. Bears close watching.
6	<b>CUTTIN' CLASS</b>	Went home tamely at Seymour at \$13. Decent alley. This looks very winnable.
1	<b>BALLISTIC BLUE</b>	Let-up (71-days). Failed to run on in the small field at Kilmore when off an extended spell. Has claims.
2	<b>BLACK COAL</b>	In the market all runs. Did little (outside alley) 7.6 lengths 8th at Sale at first run for new trainer when in the market. Strips fitter second run back. Disappointing first-up but should improve here.

**RACE 10 3:40 PM | \$27,000 | CRANBOURNE | 1000m**

5	<b>GLIDING LIGHTENING</b>	Broke maiden at Mornington 5 Dec. Out of the money at Caulfield Heath in second run from spell. Right in the mix.
2	<b>FROSE</b>	Experienced campaigner. Worked on the speed and just missed in the Hcp (62) at Yarra Glen at second run back. Can fill the minors here.
1	<b>BELLA CINQUE</b>	First-up (20-weeks). Form solid last time in. Saluted at Mornington first-up last time in. Bold first-up showing anticipated.
6	<b>TORVEGA</b>	Let-up (51-days). Didn't finish it off over 1100m 3yo+ Hcp (C1) at Ballarat. Worth a look.
4	<b>MONTJUIC MAGIC</b>	Sent along at a controlled speed and kicked clear to win the 4yo+ Mdn Plate at Stony Creek at first run off a long break. Strips fitter second run back. Logan McNeil retains the ride. Drawn to effect.

**RACE 11 4:15 PM | \$27,000 | CRANBOURNE | 1300m**

4	<b>ILLUMINANCE</b>	Odds of \$6.50 when made the frame this track 19 Dec. Has claims.
2	<b>BONS TO RICHES</b>	Honest competitor. Shouldered 62kg to victory at Kyneton. Gave honest account in the small field at Mornington. Senior rider takes over.
3	<b>STAY SILENT</b>	Resuming (18-weeks). Won at at Geelong when fresh last campaign. Drawn to receive every chance. Highly fancied for a winning return.
1	<b>HIGHLANDS</b>	On a quick back-up. Real tradesman. Worked on the speed and just missed in the 3yo+ (Bm62) here second-up. Fitter for those two runs and ready to show best.
6	<b>MONGOLIAN MISSION</b>	Given time to freshen up after 1st-up run. Got back and ran on late for 3.3 lengths 4th at Gawler. Has an adverse draw. Only for wider exotics.