

**RACE 1 12:05 PM | \$30,000 | PENOLA | 2000m**

3	IMPOSING SUSPECT	Well back and never a factor at Gawler. Handles all conditions. Rates highly.
5	CHAIRMAN	On a quick back-up. Sent out \$11 when unable to threaten at Warrnambool. This looks very winnable.
7	VAN ROY	Lost rider in the 3yo+ (Bm62) at Warrnambool. Gets a significant weight drop. Handles all conditions. Rates highly.
6	LONGER ROUTE	Raced in back half and was never in a position to mount a serious challenge at Gawler. Handles all conditions. Can be thereabouts.
2	HASTA LA FIORENTE	4 weeks since last run. Seasoned performer. Settled midfield and never a serious challenger at Bordertown at last start this journey. Only for wider exotics.

**RACE 2 12:40 PM | \$19,500 | PENOLA | 1075m**

1	SANTASTICO	Swamped in shadows after showing pace in the small field at Gawler. Drawn to get a conservative run and big weights don't seem to worry him. Hard to toss.
6	MERCURY EIGHT	In touch but couldn't find anything when pressured finishing 4.9 lengths 7th at Morphettville. Key player.
5	BABAYKA	On pace but failed to run a drum at Morphettville when blew like a gale in the betting. On pacer. Warrants attention.
9	SMART RETURN	Solid performer. Solid performance in defeat in the 3yo+ (Bm56) at Colac. Claiming apprentice engaged again. One for multiples.
8	SUNSET PRAYER	Let down late for a tidy 4th at Naracoorte last start. Strikes a harder race.

**RACE 3 1:20 PM | \$19,500 | PENOLA | 1400m**

5	SALSBURY HILL	No match when 2.5 lengths 4th in the small field at Nhill. Drops to shorter trip. Drawn to get a conservative run. Can fill the minors here.
3	THE GUAVA	Just missed at Port Lincoln 17 Dec. Tame to line in small field at Gawler. Suited by some give underfoot. Makes a strong case in this company.
1	EMERALD REWARD	Never looked a serious threat in the small field at Stawell. Drawn to receive every chance. Rates highly.
8	SCENIC HOST	No threat to winner but ran on for the minors in soft going at Mt Gambier over this trip. Key player.
4	MISS KERMIE	Settled back and didn't figure in second run from spell in the (Bm64) at Morphettville. Rough place prospect.

**RACE 4 2:00 PM | \$19,500 | PENOLA | 2000m**

8	LADY LUPARA	Won Plate (C1) Class 1 Murray Bridge Gh 7 Dec. Started \$5 when safely held in Restricted 56 company at Murray Bridge Gh at last start this journey. Makes strong appeal.
3	ZIGGY STARCRAFT	Seldom puts in a bad one. Settled close, couldn't match winner but ran on for second at Nhill. Highly rated in this line-up.
12	FIORENTE SPRITZ	Fresh. Midfield, picked up solidly for 0.9 lengths 4th at Murray Bridge Gh. One for exotics.
5	COASTAL WHISPERS	Sent out \$18 when unable to threaten at Mornington over a longer test. Switching to 2000m. Claiming apprentice engaged again. Very fit and can challenge.
6	HASTA LA AMNESTY	Now 4 weeks between runs. Raced in back half and never landed a blow at Bordertown. Can improve to feature.

**RACE 5 2:40 PM | \$19,500 | PENOLA | 1600m**

4	AQUAHOLIC	Prominent and showed plenty of ticker to just go under in thrilling finish in the Hcp (56) at Naracoorte. Claiming apprentice engaged again.
2	WEST CLIFF	Experienced campaigner. Raced in back half and was never in a position to mount a serious challenge at Terang. Not out of this.
5	JUST A BROTHER	Last win was 19 May 2024. Made late rally from the back at Morphettville at this trip. Usually gets back.
12	SO GRAND	Now 5 weeks between runs. Never sighted when 9.3 lengths last at Murray Bridge Gh. Can improve to feature.
10	VEGAS DANCER	Strong 1.8 lengths win 1650m 3yo+ Mdn at Nhill. Take beating.

**RACE 6 3:15 PM | \$45,000 | PAKENHAM | 2500m**

4	PHOENICIAN	Hasn't been all that far away. Sent forward, outgunned late but kept on for second 3yo+ Mdn at Echuca at second run back. Rising in trip and danger if they get along up front. Long time in the maiden ranks but has found a very winnable race.
1	DEVINE GRUNT	Knocking on the door. Landed handy, unable to go with winner but ran on for the minor spoils at Echuca in Maiden company in second run from spell. Should relish the rise in distance. Improver, fitter third-up.
3	FEAR NO ONE	Ridden cold and never in the picture at Colac. Should relish the rise in distance. Backmarker with a big finish. Right in the mix.
2	DIAMOND FLASH ONE	Improved last two. Looks to have come on this campaign. Fought on with some conviction for the minors at Sale. Should relish the rise in distance.
5	PLASTIC DREAMS	Settled midfield, went to line very tamely 12 lengths 7th at Hanging Rock. Since trialled at Bendigo 13 Jan. Very fit and looks a first four candidate.

**RACE 7 3:45 PM | \$45,000 | PAKENHAM | 1600m**

8	MISS MARANDA	Close-up of late. Ridden in back half, strong late to fill the minors 3yo+ Mdn Plate at Sandown-Lakeside. Fancy the extra trip will suit. This looks very winnable.
7	KAZARU	Freshened after resuming from a break. Raced well in Stakes company. Settled midfield, ran on fairly without threatening 3.8 lengths 6th at Seymour. Improvement on the cards here.
3	TRANSPACIFIC	Ridden cold and never in the picture at Seymour first up. Can improve sharply into this.
5	WATT ON EARTH	Tailed pace and kicked strongly to just miss at Terang. Deep into his campaign and warrants attention.
1	SAINT LOUIS BLUE	Better for his encouraging 3.1 lengths 4th at Wangaratta at first race appearance. Can fill the minors here.

**RACE 8 4:15 PM | \$40,000 | PAKENHAM | 1000m**

6	REGAL SECRET	Failed to threaten at Seymour first up when in the market. Strips fitter second run back. Good gate. Makes a strong case in this company.
2	THREE POINT TURN	Ran on late from the back at Cranbourne at first run off a long break. Fitter second-up. Breaks from a low barrier. Key player.
1	COOL CHARLIE	Puts in every start. On pace and stuck on grittily for narrow Hcp (62) win at Yarra Glen. Fitter second-up. Drawn to get a conservative run.
4	SIDELINE	Resuming (25-weeks). Will have matured since his initial campaign. Winner at Ballarat Synthetic in his first prep. Can challenge fresh in this line-up.
7	RUBY AVENUE	Beyond midfield, under pump turn and plugged home at Mornington. Switching to 1000m. Each-way.

**RACE 9 4:45 PM | \$65,000 | PAKENHAM | 1200m**

5	TEN WARRIORS	Wins are proving elusive but does look well placed. Midfield, picked up solidly for 0.7 lengths 4th at Ballarat second-up. Winner of a Cranbourne jump-out since. Major player.
3	LOUIS BARTHAS	Promising and deserves that maiden win. Solid performance in defeat in the Mdn Plate at Seymour. Jumps from better barrier. Has found a very winnable race.
2	I SAID SO	Been thereabouts. Placed but a long way from the winner in the Mdn Plate at Sale second-up. Looks progressive. Drawn to receive every chance. Can figure here.
6	BARBARINO	First starter by Vino Rosso and out of the Wanted mare Elusive Filly. Won 2 Pakenham jump-outs over the past couple of months. Market may prove best guide to expectations.
7	BRADFORD	Set for second campaign. Will have furnished and strengthened over the spell (24-weeks). Win & placing at recent jump-outs. Right in the mix fresh in this affair.

**RACE 10 5:15 PM | \$65,000 | PAKENHAM | 1400m**

6	THINKYAHOT	Looks a handy type judging by early form. Handily placed and gave his all running on for second at Seymour when in the market. Improver, fitter third-up. Makes a strong case in this company.
5	SILVER BULLET	Supported in early runs. Ridden in back half, strong late to fill the minors 3yo+ Mdn Plate at Mornington. Jumps from better barrier. Key player.
4	MR INDEPENDENT	Set for second campaign. Will have furnished and strengthened over the spell (23-weeks). Ex Alexander Rae in Victoria. Patiently handled and was safely held at bay on debut at Sandown-Lakeside 6 Aug. Right in the mix fresh in this affair.
11	LOTTA CITY	Placed two of her three career outings at this level. Pretty good effort in defeat at Mornington last outing. Each-way.
1	DIGGERS AIM	Kicks off second campaign (36-weeks). Been thereabouts. Sound claims.

**RACE 11 5:45 PM | \$40,000 | PAKENHAM | 1400m**

12	BUTTERNUT PRINCESS	Went close at Sandown-Hillside two back. Wasn't beaten far at Cranbourne first up. Will be fitter second-up. Better draw here. Hard to beat.
3	MATAWAI	In trailing position and kept on evenly for 4th at Sandown-Lakeside in second run from spell. Winner at track and distance. Ready to peak third-up. Highly rated in this line-up.
9	BAYOU MUSIC	Returns for second campaign (25-weeks). Will have matured over the break. Ex James Cummings in Victoria. Broke maiden at Bendigo in his first preparation. Each-way.
4	CHOCOLATE ROYAL	First-up (15-weeks). Form solid last time in. Has performed well previously first-up without winning. Can be thereabouts.
10	CURSE IT	Back to the track for second campaign (38-weeks). Winner at Geelong in his first prep. Broke maiden at Geelong 1 Apr. Has claims.

**RACE 12 6:15 PM | \$40,000 | PAKENHAM | 1200m**

1	JAKIVY	Went close at Pakenham two back. Ran on late from the back at Flemington in second run from spell. Fitter for those two runs and ready to show best. Drawn to effect.
7	LITTLE BIGHORN	Honest battler. Went close at Werribee two back. Stationed around midfield, positive response gaining late ground for third at Echuca second-up. Fitter for those two runs and ready to show best.
6	LAPLAND	Handy and dug deep to bag a Maiden win at Mornington first up. Will be fitter second-up. Right in the mix.
5	DANI CALIFORNIA	Broke maiden at Wangaratta 6 Dec. Narrow miss in the 3yo+ C&G (Bm56) at Stony Creek 30 Dec. Nice gate. Among the dangers.
4	BONFIRE JIMMY	Started \$12 when toughed it out for a 0.3 lengths win in Maiden company at Warrnambool. Possesses high speed. Can be thereabouts.