



The Leg Up

Meeting Preview

Friday 12 April 2019



Race 1 - 1:41PM TABTOUCH BETTER YOUR BET MAIDEN (1927 METRES)

Tricky little maiden to start the day and while he's had plenty of opportunities already, it does look the race for HAPPY SANDAY. Sent out a \$2.30 favourite last start (Albany 31/3) and after hitting the front, couldn't quite hold out the fast-finishing Scenic Journey, although he did lose some momentum when held up at a crucial stage on the turn. Apprentice Jade McNaught has a knack of winning on these types, so with an uninterrupted passage in transit HAPPY SANDAY should be able to grind out an overdue maiden victory. SORAMIMI is on the six-day back up, after being nosed out in a head-bobber at Mt Barker 6/4. Is certainly knocking on the door and while he does rise significantly in distance, Dan Staeck should put him to sleep early and have enough fuel left to make things interesting late. HARD TOO CEE is beginning to perform consistently and wasn't far away behind Scenic Journey and Happy Sanday last start, while SO GREAT has been racing well in middle-distance maidens, but the 33 days between runs isn't ideal heading into this assignment.

Tips: 1-5-3-4 Suggested: 1. HAPPY SANDAY win.

Race 2 - 2:16PM USG BORAL MAIDEN (1100 METRES)

Things don't get any easier in this short-course maiden and after showing up at the Mt Barker 17/3 trials, LOKI performed well enough on debut (Albany 31/3) to be considered one of the major players in this. Worked outside smart leader/winner Altani in transit on that occasion and boxed on quite well under the circumstances to finish alongside Soramimi and Raging Rocket, who went out to finish one-two at Mt Barker last Saturday. LOKI should enjoy a suitable run up on top of the speed again and is capable of elevating with race experience. The front-running WILLOW RIVER is having her first outing since being transferred from Jim Taylor to Rebecca Wallrodt in Albany. Folded up pretty quickly at Geraldton 21/3 last start, but her previous Narrogin efforts suggest she can give them something to catch. ROMAN KAL was never really in contention after being slow away first up at Bunbury 28/3, but this certainly isn't as strong and he's capable of a more competitive showing with a clean getaway, while HAILSTRUM tried hard and showed a bit during the first half of the Great Southern season and is expected to make his presence felt at his first appearance in 71 days.

Tips: 2-7-3-4 Suggested: 2. LOKI win.

Race 3 - 2:50PM TREVORS CARPETS HCP (1600 METRES)

Good to see leading trainer Lindsey Smith in the Great Southern and he appears to have found a perfect race for TAXADERMY to return to winning form. Liked the way he hit the line when ridden patiently at his first two outings this campaign, finishing close-up behind some reasonable opposition, but after working forward from

barrier 11 he was left exposed outside leader when rising to 1800 metres last start and faded late. Appears suited in this company, coming back to the mile, and if he can work into the race unimpeded under 61kg, then he should be able to roll over the top of these. MR PAGO was ridden a touch closer fourth up last start (Albany 31/3) and after getting a little keen early, he didn't finish off as well as he had at his previous runs this campaign. With a smother in transit and an even tempo, he looks capable of attacking the line strong with only 54kg. CANNA LILY continues to race her heart out and it took a brilliant finishing burst from quality local Notta Mocha to get over the top in a similar assignment to this last start (Albany 31/3). She has to be considered one of the major players, while BOXONLUCY is rising to the mile after being kept to shorter-course events recently, but should enjoy a soft run in transit from barrier one and does have a nice pull in the weights over some of the other main fancies.

Tips: 2-7-1-4 Suggested: 2. TAXADERMY win.

Race 4 - 3:35PM BP ROADHOUSE WILLIAMS HANDICAP (1500 METRES)

Was keen on SHORT BLACK ROMAN last start (Albany 31/3) and he simply had no luck, when running into a series of dead-ends in the straight after drifting back towards the rear in transit. Confident he would've fought out the finish had he found galloping room on that occasion and he was also very stiff at his previous Pinjarra 20/3 outing, so he, visiting trainer Matt Scott and jockey Peter Hall are certainly due for a change of luck. Happy to go again with SHORT BLACK ROMAN. CLEO'S AFTERPARTY finally got some reward for effort in a similar event to this last start (Albany 31/3), coming from a long way off the pace to circle the field and get over the top late. That was a good win under the circumstances and he can go close again. Stablemate BENTLEY'S BROTHER was only a long neck behind Cleo's Afterparty last start and was a bit unlucky when held up at a crucial stage in the straight. Does have a habit of finding trouble and having excuses, but his recent results suggest he had to warrant consideration, while MOTORCAR MOTORCAR wasn't too far away when resuming over 1230 metres last start and does look suited rising in distance with senior rider Jason Whiting climbing back on board.

Tips: 6-5-4-3 Suggested: 6. SHORT BLACK ROMAN each way.

Race 5 - 4:15PM AMITY MOTORS HCP (1230 METRES)

At her best, ONE POINT LADY should be able to take care of business here. Showed plenty of promise as a two-year-old and returned to racing with a dominant maiden win here in February, however, she was well below expectations in a reasonably strong contest at Bunbury 6/03. Has been kept fresh since that disappointing result, but she should get a suitable run in transit from barrier one and the cutaway being in play suggests there should be

plenty of galloping room for her to let down back on her home deck. The front-running PASAJERO has done well since joining the Holly Taylor yard and is coming of a fairly competitive effort at Ascot 23/03. Coming right back in grade for this assignment, and expecting her to race on-speed and take some running down. MAGIC OPUS led throughout over this track/distance to record her first win since joining the Peter Western yard. Got the job done well on that occasion and she should roll forward again and get her chance from there, while ROUND THE POINT popped after chasing a hot tempo over 1600 metres last start, but is better than that and no surprise to see a more competitive effort coming back in distance.

Tips: 7-1-4-2 Suggested: 7. ONE POINT LADY each way.

Race 6 - 4:45PM AQUA ICE HANDICAP (1230 METRES)

Plenty of hopes in this wide-open Ratings 70+ Handicap and going to roll with SENSO each way on the six-day back up. Was ridden closer to the speed than usual at Mt Barker last Saturday, but that was his first run in a month, so expecting the hit out to bring him forward. With a more patient ride, SENSO should conserve enough fuel early to launch late. Hard to fault the recent form of TRANQUILLA SUNRISE and the rejuvenated nine-year-old should take a stack of beating again. Expected to roll forward and give himself every chance from there. Fellow in-form veteran BLIZZARD EXPRESS is racing as well as ever and should enjoy the run of the race from barrier one. Cutaway in play suggests he should be advantaged, while ARRUM BOY has been out of sorts recently, but at his best he'd win this comfortably.

Tips: 3-7-4-5 Suggested: 3. SENSO each way.

Race 7 - 5:15PM CRAIG FULLER HEAT & COOL HANDICAP (1000 METRES)

61.5kg topweight CAPTIVATED POINT put the writing on the wall last start (Albany 31/3) and looks the horse to beat coming back in grade. Loves performing at Percy Spencer Racecourse, with seven wins and three placings from his 13 starts, and he's only tasted defeat once in three previous runs over the Albany 1000 metres. Senior rider Peter Hall is back on board, having guided him to victory in a similar assignment to this four runs back, and with even luck CAPTIVATED POINT goes close. Visiting trainer James Grieve has found a nice race for the speedy COPPER FURY. Apprentice Jade McNaught is likely to have this mare rolling along on top of the speed and she'll take some running down. Victorian import WANNA BE GOOD is expected to run a race at his WA debut. Liked the way he competed in his Lark Hill 1/4 trial and this looks a suitable starting point for his campaign, while COUNT KALA looks suited with leading jock Dan Staeck on board and has to warrant serious consideration.

Tips: 1-7-3-2 Suggested: 1. CAPTIVATED POINT win.