

Cameron McKinnon – Moneyball

2YO CLASSIC – MISS HELLFIRE – Race 7 No.12 (Gold Coast)

Miss Hellfire dominated last week and was untouched and running away from them in her lead up run. I think the barrier is ideal for her to position handy stalking a hot tempo and can pinch this at a price.

3YO GUINEAS – ME ME LAGARDE – Race 8 No.11 (Gold Coast)

Siding with this exciting filly after her breathtaking performance in the Gold Edition. Drawing barrier 23 guarantees a few extra rolls but she was always going to go back regardless of the draw.

BEST – SNAPDANCER – Race 4 No.7 (Gold Coast)

Snappdancer will be looking to make amends after running third in this last year to key rival Krone here. First-up run will have her ready to peak here in her Grand Final and I am very bullish on her

VALUE – LOVE TAP – Race 2 No.3 (Gold Coast)

Plenty of merit in the performance last week after setting strong tempo in front. Should get comfortable lead here and Tim Clark only needs him to settle here and he will be incredibly hard to get past.

LAY – MIAMI FLEISS – Race 9 No.4 (Gold Coast)

Could be forgiven for her last run on heavy which she doesn't handle, but think she is vulnerable here at 1300m from wide draw and likely having to work across them early.



Glenn Munsie – TAB.com.au

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)

Has won both starts and while her Boxing Day win wasn't sensational on the clock, it has to be remembered they burnt early and she was first-up over 1200m. There should be improvement to come.

3YO GUINEAS – KING OF SPARTA – Race 8 No.3 (Gold Coast)

Really liked the way he found the line at Gosford first-up and gives the impression 1400m poses no concerns. Must get a smother early as he can over race. Track drying is a huge bonus to him as well.

BEST – NIFFLER – Race 5 No.5 (Rosehill)

Stayed at 1800m last start and out finished by Casino Kid (with 5kg less). Gets to 2000m here from an inside alley with the main danger jumping up from 1600m. Hasn't finished further back than second.

VALUE – SAQUON – Race 4 No.2 (Rosehill)

Last time in Saquon was town a winner of a Midway here on November 6 and this certainly is no stronger. Rain arriving is certainly no threat to his chances.

LAY – FASCHANEL – Race 8 No.1 (Rosehill)

Didn't like her last week and I'm against her again here. Taking the odds to Mensa Missile, with the blinkers on, giving her no peace up on speed.



Joshua Bell – Ladbroke

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)

Not everything went her way first-up yet she still won with a leg in the air. She has the runs on the board and clearly a class edge on this field at this early stage in her racing life. With even luck, she wins.

3YO GUINEAS – ME ME LAGARDE – Race 8 No.11 (Gold Coast)

The local filly was impressive when coming from the back of the field to score in the Gold Edition at Eagle Farm. She's won three of four so far and we are getting good each-way odds.

BEST – MIAMI FLEISS – Race 9 No.4 (Gold Coast)

Was excellent when scoring at Doomben first-up at Listed level proving she is a quality young race mare with a fair amount of upside. She didn't handle the heavy rack last start but gets back on firm ground.

VALUE – SALATEEN – Race 4 No.5 (Gold Coast)

I have quite a big opinion of Salateen, who has gone from strength to strength every time she has stepped up in grade. With a bit of luck from the awkward barrier, she'll be climbing over the top of them late.

LAY – WHEELHOUSE – Race 2 No.2 (Gold Coast)

It was an impressive win last start but this is a tougher assignment. The firm track will be against him and there are a stack of winning chances in the race.

Paul Sebastiani – Bet Deluxe

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)

She is a filly on the rise and bolted in the lead-up with plenty of improvement likely to come from that run. Her early speed should offset the wide barrier.

3YO GUINEAS – JAMAEA – Race 8 No.2 (Gold Coast)

Bit of a query going into this race first-up, but she has had some very solid trials to get her fitness up to the mark. Drawn to get the right run and brings strong Sydney form.

BEST – SOMERSET MAUGHAM – Race 3 No.7 (Flemington)

Desperately unlucky last start and is building towards a return to winning ways. Jamie Kah sticks and should get a lovely run from barrier three.

VALUE – BRING THE STARS – Race 4 No.10 (Flemington)

Gets back up to 2000m, which is what he is clearly wanting after running on strongly at the mule last start. Damian Lane and an inside barrier help his chances.

LAY – WARMTH – Race 1 No.9 (Gold Coast)

Does not have any city credentials to her name and the price looks based off her trial form. Being drawn down on the inside might not be the place to be either.



Liam Clancey – Pointsbet

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)

Potentially the most exciting horse in work at the moment. She was incredibly dominant on debut in Sydney and handled the step up to 1200m well at Doomben on Boxing Day.

3YO GUINEAS – KING OF SPARTA – Race 8 No.3 (Gold Coast)

Surprised this guy isn't a pronounced favourite. His career peak back in August rates well clear of any of his rivals and he looks to have come back this preparation in terrific order.

BEST – KIR ROYALE – Race 1 No.5 (Rosehill)

A three-year-old filly building a handy CV early in her career. She posted terrific figures in both of her last two wins, the most recent of which she overcame severe difficulties in the straight.

VALUE – BLACK DUKE – Race 8 No.6 (Rosehill)

Had excuses last start and two back posted a terrific rating when only a head off Toomuchtobear. If he brings that form to the races, he'll be extremely hard to beat. Clear value at \$15 in a small field.

LAY – PARRY SOUND – Race 3 No.1 (Gold Coast)

He ran a great race when winning the Summer Cup last start but I can't get him anywhere near this short. Wapiti and Outlandos are both racing in terrific form and give me enough confidence to oppose him.



Chris Gregory - Playup

2YO CLASSIC – MISS HELLFIRE – Race 7 No.12 (Gold Coast)

Plenty of natural speed to be well placed in the run and draws inside the favourite. Fitter for last starts win and with improvement to come, Miss Hellfire will be in the finish.

3YO GUINEAS – STARMAN – Race 8 No.6 (Gold Coast)

Chris Waller-trained galloper drawn for a super run just off the speed. Found the 1400m too far two starts ago, so was promptly brought back to 1200m where he bolted in.

BEST – ATTRACTABLE – Race 2 No.4 (Flemington)

Lightly raced Peter Moody-trained three-year-old with all sorts of upside. Dominant against a strong field at Sandown and drawn for a perfect run. Should relish the extra 100m.

VALUE – SCARLET TUFTY – Race 5 No.8 (Flemington)

The stable clearly has a big opinion of the six-year-old import and with a win at the distance in France and market support as well. Expect a different horse this time around.

LAY – SOMERSET MAUGHAM – Race 3 No.7 (Flemington)

Solid in its last three runs but now faces a steep class rise. Hasn't won for more than a year and meets the winner from last start, 1kg worse off. Doesn't scream as a \$2.80 chance.



Matthew Clingly – TopSport

2YO CLASSIC – RUSSIAN CONQUEST – Race 7 No.11(Gold Coast)
Has drawn the perfect gate here which allows her to race just behind a hot speed. Really ran away from her rivals over 1100m to score an easy win. Looks to be main danger to Coolangatta.

3YO GUINEAS – ME ME LAGARDE– Race 8 No.11 (Gold Coast)
Comes up with an ordinary gate here but her general racing pattern is to get back in races. Decent speed up front allows her to find her feet near the tail of the field. Hits the line hard when things go her way.

BEST – THE BOPPER – Race 7 No.2 (Rosehill)
Looked primed to go first-up after two solid trials. Was slowly out of the gates and just needed clear running, when finally clear he really excelled through the line and went on the win well.

VALUE – HARD EMPIRE – Race 6 No.6 (Gold Coast)
Has been hitting the line well in some good races this prep over the shorter trips, out to 1400m where he is best suited at this stage of his career. Looks primed for this third-up on his home track.

LAY – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)
Clearly the best horse in the race and has put together two impressive wins to date. Slight concern over running a real strong 1200m. think she starts closer to \$2.50 or longer.



Matt Shean – BlueBet

2YO CLASSIC – RUSSIAN CONQUEST – Race 7 No.11(Gold Coast)
Peter and Paul Snowden-trained filly that put a hole in them last start when prominent in a fast run race. No doubt a similar race shape here so she looks suited third-up from a kind draw.

3YO GUINEAS – STARMAN – Race 8 No.6 (Gold Coast)
Very tricky here but he might be the horse continually improving and is primed on the seven-day back-up after a strong win at this course. Looks good speed and he's drawn well.

BEST – METALLICITY – Race 2 No.3 (Rosehill)
No flash odds but they don't trial much better. The eye was backed up by the clock so he looks primed for a winning start to his career and Sam Clipperton has options from the draw. Only bad luck beats him.

VALUE – FASTCONI – Race 9 No.10 (Rosehill)
Probably just a run short last start when stepping up from 1400m to the 2000m. Meets a few of her rivals better at the weights and can run a race at good odds.

LAY – FASHCANEL – Race 8 No.1 (Rosehill)
On speed favours again here but she was gifted the race last start. Four weeks between runs now, has to take on the boys and has no Rosehill form. You'll get better if you like her.



Clint Wallis – Neds

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)
Absolutely blitzed her rivals on debut in the Gimcrack and followed that with a dominant win in the B.J. McLachlan at Doomben on Boxing Day. Sure to have benefited from the run.

3YO GUINEAS – ME ME LAGARDE – Race 8 No.11 (Gold Coast)
Was a sound win when resuming at Doomben and went to a new level with an impressive win in the Gold Edition. Hopefully there's enough speed early to give her a chance to mow them down.

BEST – NOT TO BE MIST – Race 5 No.4 (Flemington)
Was an excellent win here from back in the field over 1200m two starts back. Caught wide throughout last time out in a fast run Chester Manifold but was still within 1-1/2 lengths of Lighthouse.

VALUE – ZAC DE BOSS – Race 6 No.17 (Flemington)
Thought his fresh run here was OK where he fought well in the straight. Drops back to Benchmark 70 grade here and with a kinder run, can see him figuring in the finish in what is a very even race

LAY – MIAMI FLEISS – Race 9 No.4 (Flemington)
Nothing really went right for her last time out in the Nudgee Stakes. Having said that, the barrier draw has done her no favours here and think she may be in for a tough run again.

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James Thomas – Palmerbet

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)
Impossible to go past the favourite Coolangatta, who has not put a foot wrong in two starts, winning both of them comfortably. James McDonald maintains the ride and I can't see anything beating her.

3YO GUINEAS – JAMAEA– Race 8 No.2 (Gold Coast)
Wins in the Percy Sykes and Furious Stakes suggests she is well up to winning this. Tackles this first-up and has had three trials to prepare. I expect to her to be finishing hard late.

BEST – THE BOPPER – Race 7 No.2 (Rosehill)
Loved his first-up effort where he missed the kick but still managed to round them up. Has won second-up twice in the past so he should take improvement from that run and will prove hard to beat.

VALUE – GOLDEN GORGE – Race 8 No.8 (Rosehill)
Will be rock hard fit now and gets out to his right distance range. Will concede there are some handy horses in the race but he will slot midfield and with a bit of luck can pop up at big each-way odds.

LAY – SKY COMMAND – Race 4 No.6 (Rosehill)
Impressive start to her career but she does look under the odds first-up here against a few that will have a fitness edge on her. First time at 1200m and I'm happy to take her on at her current quote.



Matthew Steed – Bet365

2YO CLASSIC – COOLANGATTA – Race 7 No.9 (Gold Coast)
Looked awesome on debut before a more workmanlike performance last start off a break. Expecting a peak performance from her here with a slightly more patient ride. Happy to tip her.

3YO GUINEAS – STARMAN– Race 8 No.6 (Gold Coast)
Hard not to be impressed with his win last week in what was nothing more than an exercise gallop. Obviously much harder here but has a sense of timing about him and should get a great run from the gate.

BEST – WHEELHOUSE – Race 2 No.2 (Gold Coast)
Finally notched up another win over this course and distance last week when appreciating a patient ride. Looks well placed again and no surprise to see him go on with job now. Looks hard to beat.

VALUE – LORD DESINAMAUX – Race 3 No.5 (Rosehill)
Always runs well in these Highways and comes here off a freshen up. Drawn to get a soft run from the gate and should be there when the whips are cracking.

LAY – SKY COMMAND – Race 4 No.6 (Rosehill)
Showed plenty in her first preparation with two wins, both on heavy ground. Now resumes at 1200m which she hasn't tried before which makes me happy to risk her at the current odds on offer.

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