

**TEAM HHH, 2026**  
**International Racing Tip Sheet IX**  
**“Follow the Jockey”**  
**May 30-31**

**Saturday, May 30th**  
**Eagle Farm, Brisbane, Australia**  
**Greyville, Durban, South Africa**  
**Carlisle, England**

**Sunday May 31st**  
**Tokyo, Japan**  
**Chantilly, France**

The last three weekends of high class racing in Australia this season are upon us with the Brisbane track, Eagle Farm hosting the Queensland Derby this weekend, the Queensland Oaks next weekend and concluding with the Brisbane Cup for the stayers, the JJ Atkins for the 2 yr olds over a mile (a real eye opener into what could be the best Australian 3 yr olds come July 1st) and one of the great Australian racing traditions, the Stradbroke Handicap on Saturday, June 13th. The European Summer season will then be in full effect also with the Prix Diane (French Oaks) the following day and Royal Ascot day later that week. Meanwhile, with Winter also firmly upon the Cape and Highveld in South Africa, the action moves to the Indian Ocean with the carnival that culminates with Africa's biggest race, the 130th running of the Durban July at Greyville. The action gets into full swing with the big G1 Daily News Stakes for the 3 yr olds over 10 F. I will be betting a few races there. Hopefully America's ADWs offer that card also.

We begin late Friday night / early on Saturday morning at Eagle Farm in Brisbane, then move to Carlisle, the stiff Cumbrian provincial track in the British Lake District which has stepped in to replace Haydock. On Sunday we head to Tokyo for the Tokyo Yushun or Japanese Derby in the wee hours of Sunday morning, and conclude with the Prix du Jockey Club or French Derby from Chantilly at breakfast time, State side on Sunday.

I bagged a three winners last weekend, including my 5 Star Green Carerra at the Curragh on Sunday. My apologies as my 5 Star EW Saturday selection failed miserably. A collapsed drain at Haydock forced Friendly Soul to pull up and a controversial scratch in the Irish 1,000 Guineas limited the profits.

## Eagle Farm

### R3 22:53 EST Friday G3 Premier's Cup 12 F

#### 2 (10) Royal Supremacy 4/1

3 Stars

16 go to post here. Tough race. **2 (10) Royal Supremacy 4/1** is third up, up to his favoured distance and gets 5 lbs from the Fav. This G3 maybe a prep for the Brisbane Cup and shot across the bows for Melbourne in the spring, but this is a class Irish bred contender. 2nd in the Italian Derby at Campanelle in Rome and a 7 length coming out of the pack 3rd to Calandagan in the King Edward VII (Royal Ascot's Derby) in 2024. He's a bet. 3 Stars

### R4 23:28 EST Friday. G2 Sires Produce 7F

#### 5 (8) Stormy Marco 10/1

2 Stars

The 2 yr olds prepping for the JJ Atkins. It's wide open and I'll taking the value on an inexperienced Waller - McDonald horse **5 (8) Stormy Marco 10/1**. The horse has one just win in a 5 horse race at a provincial track in New South Wales, but I liked how he was brought out wide and reached for the line. The price will come in because of connections, but you'll still get value. 2 Stars.

### R5 00:03 EST G3 Lord Mayor's Cup 9F

#### 9 (2) Militarize

4 Stars

I am siding with the Waller McDonald Fav here. **9 (2) Militarize** opened 3/1, but will likely go off at 5/2 or shorter. Rain earlier in the week will have taken the sting out of the ground, which is why this horse is up in the Tropics. The horse is also up north because he has been coming up a buck short against the very best in Sydney lately. It's not so much that the horse is cooked, but rather settling on the right distance and finding the right ground. He gets that here. Reminder: This horse was a big noise winning major G1s as 2 yr old in 2023 such as the G1 Golden Rose, G1 Inglis Sires and G1 Champagne Stakes, as well as 2nd in a Randwick Guineas in 2024. Retains the quality. Easier opposition. 4 Stars

### R6 00:38 EST G3 Fred Best Classic 7F

#### 17 (13) Within the Law 20/1

3 Stars

This is a skull buster with 20 plus runners. You can make a case for every horse, with many looking toward the prestigious Stradbroke in 2 weeks time. The Fav is Brave Monarch cutting back to 7F after winning the Queensland Guineas over a mile. Irish rider Martin Harley sticks. He can win, but it's hard to take 11/4 in a race like this. Play him defensively, if you must, but this offers you a chance to win at a great double figure price. And **17 (13) Within the Law 20/1** is my bet. Bad draw last time when first up at Rosehill. Bobbed and weaved cutting through the pack for 5th. Tommy Berry up. I'll take a quietly confident 3 Star swing with him.

## R7 01:13 EST G1 Queensland Derby

This is another great betting race. 20 runners, most of which are LIVE.

**1 (3) Kilman 12/1**

**2 Stars**

Kilman was a competitive late penny dropping and closing 4th in the Queensland Guineas behind Brave Monarch. If Brave Monarch is competitive in the race prior, the form is franked and play accordingly. He showed stamina up in distance last time, winning well, though he got the run of the race. Gets a sweet draw here and has barrier speed. He'll dictate the pace and may be tough to peg back. You will get 12/1 because the punters will be on the Waller / McDonald China Horse Club horse, Providence. The pattern of the race will suit and that maybe enough. It may not be a convincing win, but sometimes the horse that gets the breaks, wins. 2 Stars

## R8 01:52 EST G1 Kingsford Smith Cup 6 1/2 F

**(14) Jimmystar 9/2**

**5 Stars**

The sprinters return for an encore. And I am jumping back on **1 (14) Jimmystar 9/2** here. The extra half a furlong is crucial. Just hasn't had the breaks this season, but never disgraced. Hit the line hard two weeks ago at the other Brisbane track, Doomben, and closed late behind Godolphin's Beiwacht (who I tipped up against him in the All Aged at Randwick, the last big Sprint of the Sydney season). Connections are persevering because the horse is fit and can win a big G1. This is a great price for a horse that could have ran down Ka Ying Rising with an extra half a furlong in the world's richest race, The Everest last October. The wide draw is perfect. Keeps him out of the Brisbane traffic. 5 Stars.

## Greyville

### R1 07:10 Maiden Plate

**(7) Brigitte Anne 11/4**

**2 Stars**

The first Greyville race is for the degenerates only. It is not a spot play or great value, but rather what I feel is the most likely winner. Play accordingly or not. **7 (7) Brigitte Anne 11/4** is due her maiden win. She was never far away in her early days, but much closer lately. She gets a weight break from the Fav, gets Keegan DeMelo who should ping her from gates. Gate speed is big Hong Kong and I like the edge DeMelo gives the horses in sprints. I wouldn't get too deeply involved but my sense she is a likely winner at fair 2nd price. 2 Stars.

### R3 08:20 EST Class 3 F&M

**5 (5) Perilla**

**1 Star**

Perilla is a hard knocking mare with 8 wins to her name. Will plug away. Gavin Lerena up. She may go off as Fav, though the value may be had with the 3 yr old **3 (3) Bright and Brazen**. Mickalle Michael is in town from France. She can ride and punters won't respect her. You may get 6/1 or 7/1 instead of 9/2. The horse has 3 wins to her name and has been in the money on 4 other occasions. It's tough to spilt them. Tentative selection is Perilla. 1 Star.

#### **R4 08:55 Maiden Juv Plate 7F**

**11 (11) Coast of the Sun 4/1**

**4 Stars**

**11 (11) Coast of the Sun 4/1.** This is a confident selection. Mickalle Michael gets the call, but has a tough gate. The draw and female jockey angle will help the price. You may get 4/1 or more. 5 Stars. Great bet. This 2 yr horse glided home late for 3rd on his maiden appearance, The colt is by the last great South African Shadwell horse, Hawwamm.

#### **R5 09:30 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup Listed 1M 4F**

**2 (2) Curious Girl Evens**

**4 Stars**

**10 (10) Douglas Dragon 16/1**

**2 Stars**

**2 (2) Curious Girl** won the South African Derby this year. She is the hot Fav for this staying race. There is no value. You may be lucky to get Evens. She is well rated as 3 yr old filly getting heaps of weight from many of the others in a race like this. However, she is first up, so it behooves you to take an Each Way swing with a long shot. The Lancaster Bomber gelding **10 (10) Douglas Dragon 16/1** is a juicy double figure price. The French lady is on board again. There is a pattern developing here. Play both. Follow the Jockey!

#### **R6 10:05 EST G2 Woolavington 2000 FM 10 F**

**5 (5) Wish List 1/2**

**4 Stars**

**5 (5) Wish List 1/2** is a tremendous mare. She won by just enough on her seasonable reappearance and should strip fitter 2nd up. This race comes about a month before her 4th birthday. The 5lb weight break against her main rival, the 5 yr old Rainbow Lorekeet makes her very hard to beat, hence the price. She may have bigger targets in July but this is a winnable G2 and she'll be ready. Anything more than 1/2, perhaps 8/11 is great value.

#### **R7 10:45 EST G1 Daily News 2000 10F**

**7 (7) Jan Van Goyen 9/2**

**5 Stars**

The Fav is Note to Self. I am itching to take him on. Jan van Goyen promised so much last year. I won with him and lost with him. He has been gelded, unfortunately, but there is a lot of money on offer here (and later in July). Star Major surprised winning the WSB Guineas at Greyville with Mickalle Martin up in early May and is a tempting play, but I am going back to the horse I believe in most, that's **7 (7) Jan Van Goyen 9/2**. The horse was a huge winner as a 2 yr old here. He was 2nd last time in a prep over 9 F where he proved he can go further than a mile. The trainer Mike de Kock is playing down his chances. The more he plays down his chances, the more I like the horse.

# Carlisle

## R2 09:00 EST Reverence Stakes 6F

**10 (8) Wild Clary 13/2**

**1 Star**

**10 (8) Wild Clary 13/2** is a low confidence, though intriguing stab here. The horse is 1 from 14, but has a better than 50% Place/Show Strike Rate including a strong 2nd last time. The horse changed ownership recently. This is very winnable and would help new connections recoup some of the purchase fee. There has been early money for Hannon horse. Stable jockey Sean Levey (fresh from his great win in the German 2,000 Guineas on Monday) makes the trip to the far north. 1 Star

## R3 09:33 EST Achilles Stakes 5F Listed

**7 (2) Celandine 13/2**

**5 Stars**

**7 (2) Celandine 13/2** is a horse I tipped on these pages at Newmarket a few weeks ago. He finished 5th, but the horse missed the break and nothing was faster during the meat of the race. He did too much to catch up and faded late. There are good horses in this race including Breeders Cup Sprint winner Starlust and Wathnam project Rogue Lightening. Both are shorter in early markets. Celandine is fitter now. This is a furlong shorter. If he breaks, he wins well. 5 Stars

## R4 10:10 EST G3 Lester Piggott Stakes Fillies Stakes 11 F

**4 (2) Estrange 11/10** Fav. David O'Meara's barn is not firing, but this is a G1 horse and it is hard to see her losing this. You may get a decent price because the horse is first up, the barn is not firing and the horse is known to prefer softer going, but G1 class should prevail. 4 Stars

## R5 10:45 EST Silver Bowl Handicap

**11 (7) Crest of Fire 11/2**

**3 Stars**

**11 (7) Crest of Fire 11/2** was super impressive over the synthetic at Southwell in March. The cruelest cut late last season seems to have done the trick. He was close to McMurray last year and that horse exploded first up at Chester last month. Great bet. 3 Stars.

# Sunday

## Tokyo

### R11 03:40 EST G1 Tokyo Yushin / Japanese Derby

**6 (6) Congestus 7/1**

**3 Stars**

I had planned to study the card in full but I had work demands and couldn't put the hours in. However, I have been following the track work of the Fav. 17 (17) Lovcen 3/1. He excels on firm. He may have been my selection but for the draw. However, the son of Contrail, the emphatic winner of the G2 at Kyoto also on firm last time, **6 (6) Congestus 7/1** is intriguing at a sensible price. 3 Stars

## Chantilly

There are no ante post prices available for the Chantilly card at this stage bar the Prix du Jockey Club, so no market influence on my selections here.

### R2 07:30 EST Prix La Flèche Listed

**1 (8) Tokaido S/P**

**4 Stars**

A competitive 2 yr old race but I can only see one winner **1 (8) Tokaido S/P** for the Amy Murphy barn. Amy moved to train in France a few years ago. This horse has big UK entries later this season and could well pop up at Royal Ascot with a good performance. Didn't act on heavy first time out, though not disgraced. An explosive 4 length winner last time at Chantilly. Tony Picconne takes the ride. Player

### R3 08:05 G3 Prix du Royaumount 1M 4F

**2 (1) Behrayna S/P**

**4 Stars**

Middle distance G3 for the 3 yr fillies. I cannot see past **2 (1) Behrayna S/P** for the Aga Khan. Graffard and Barzalona again. It will probably be a prohibitive Fav on the PMU.

### R4 08:40 G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly 1M 4F.

**2 (2) Cualificar S/P**

**3 Stars**

A 6 horse field with the likely favoured horse having lowered their sights and or looking for easy pickings. Andrew Balding's Eydon seems past it at 7 yrs old, but he promised much in recent years and got unlucky with injuries or unfavourable going. I liked how he battled when 2nd in his seasonal reappearance in the G2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket. His best races including a defeat El Cordobes has been on Good to Firm. He gets Oisín Murphy and he'll be the best price of the likely winners. You may get 5/1 or more. However, he faded late in that Newmarkert race and although you won't get a good price on Goliath, you may get 2/1 or more Godolphin's Cualificar for Andre Fabre. This seems to be the target as opposed to something in the UK next month. He's the tentative bet. Buick rides. 3 Stars.

#### R5 09:17 Prix Marchand D'Or Listed 6F

**3 (6) How Are You S/P**

**3 Stars**

The two Graffard runners both by Mehmas seem to have this between them. Shiri upset How are You last time when both were first up in late April, though my sense was the Barzalona was saving something on How are You when Shiri came wide down the outside. The Wertheimer's No Tume is a threat, but I am betting that **3 (6) How Are You** can turn the tables on Shiri and be primed for Royal Ascot. The horse has an entry in the G1 Commonwealth Cup.

#### R6 09:53 G3 Prix du Gros Chene 5F

**1 (2) Sajir S/P**

**3 Stars**

Sajir will likely vie for Favouritism in this small 5 horse field. Like the previous race, this will likely be a prep for Royal Ascot. Sajir has an entry in the 6F sprint G1 Diamond Stakes at Royal Ascot. I would ordinarily take a chance with the Czech sprinter who can get away over 5F, but Murphy should have him covered. I look hard at the others for an upset, but could not paint a plausible scenario. Ponntos will go. This will suit Sajir, despite this being shorter than ideal. He is race after two 2nd place finishes. Afjan is also race fit, but I doubt his quality.

#### R7 10:30 G1 Prix du Jockey Club 1M 2 1/2 F

**16 (15) Constitution River 2/1**

**4 Stars**

**7 (5) Gostam 25/1**

**2 Stars**

It is very hard to be against **16 (15) Constitution River 2/1** for Aiden O'Brien and Ryan Moore, but the wide draw you serious reason to pause. I did, but I still made him the most likely winner. The wide draw has kept the Ante Post price respectable. 2/1 is not bad for a horse this far ahead on TimeForm ratings. I have however also had an Ante Post on the unbeaten German colt, **7 (5) Gostam 25/1** with Billy "The Kid" Loughnane replacing former German Champion jockey Eduardo Pedroza. The Panamanian has not lost on the horse, but the veteran rider will probably agree that a younger rider may make all the difference in this G1 affair. I like the sign that connections got on the bat phone to Billy The Kid. The 5 gate gives the horse a real shout. I am betting both.

#### R8 11:15 EST Prix Sandringham 1M

**2 (8) Demah S/P**

**5 Stars**

Green Sense for Joseph O'Brien could pop up here. The horse has not been seen since last August when 11th in 30 runner Goffs Million. The ground was very soft that day. Earlier the horse split True Love and Puerto Rico in the G1 Pheonix Stakes. The horse has an entry in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot, but the distance has to be a question. She has never gone this far. If this turns into a typical French jog with a 1 1/2 furlong sprint at the end, then Green Sense could seize it despite probably being in need of the race. However, I am more inclined to bet the **2 (8) Demah S/P** with Christophe Soumillon retaining the ride for Sheqab. The horse was such an impressive Maiden winner at Chantilly on April 22nd. Hands and heels demolition job. She'll take some beating, I think. 5 Stars