

**TEAM HHH**  
**International Racing Tip Sheet**  
**October 4th-5th, 2025**

**Flemington, Randwick**  
**Newmarket, Ascot**  
**Longchamp**

Gargantuan weekend of racing with the Gr1 racing at Belmont at the Big A, Keeneland and Santa Anita buttressed by Gr1 clashes at Randwick and Flemington in Australia, with both “win and you’re in” and sneaky wins to improve handicap rating routes into the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, as well as Gr1 affairs at Newmarket and Paris Longchamp on Saturday and the pièce de résistance, the greatest Middle Distance turf race in the world, the Gr1 Prix de L’Arc de Triomphe on Sunday, with half of Japan burning the midnight oil to watch the Japanese Derby winner Croix du Nord and two other Japanese entrants take on Europe’s best horses.

We start in Australia, moments after many of you will have been punting hard in Keeneland.

There are three major Gr1s at Randwick, including the Gr1 Darley Flight Stakes for the 3 yr old fillies over a mile, the prestigious Gr1 Epsom Handicap also over a mile and the Gr1 Metropolitan Handicap over a Mile and a Half, the Sydney cousin of Melbourne’s Caulfield Cup.

The first clue is this: Chris Waller will be at Randwick, where the Sun has been shining and the only risk of soft in the description is if the sprinklers are turned on. Meanwhile, Waller’s “go to” rider, the world’s No1 jockey, James McDonald will be renewing acquaintances with Cox Plate heroine, Via Sistana, down in Melbourne. I’d expect Waller to make a fist out of a couple of those Gr1s in Sydney and McDonald to make a few donuts in Melbourne, though maybe not with Via Sistana. My alarm will be set early. This action should be hitting HHH California folks right between the eye balls.

## **Randwick**

### **R5 00:25 am EST 1 Mile**

**17 (5) Emirate 16/1.** Waller has a bunch of chances here, but I like that he turns to Rachel King back from a successful stint in Japan. Horse is partly owned Yulong and there were always high expectations. If he brings back the form from two wins in 2024, he’s a super Bet at 16/1.

**17 (5) Emirate 16/1**

**R7 01:35 am EST**

**Premiere Stakes Gr2 6F**

**7 (1) Jimmysstar 14/5.** A nice return to action last month for an old Fav of mine and a multiple winner on these pages. That trip was over a distance less than ideal, first up. This is his wheelhouse. Go on Jimmy!

**7 (1) Jimmysstar 14/5**

**R8 02:10 am EST**

**Epsom Handicap Gr1, 1 Mile**

**4 (14) The Autumn Glow 14/10.** The widest draw is keeping this so far unbeaten 6 from 6, well weighted 4 yr mare above even money. 8/11 would be value, in my book. McEvoy rides. He'll plot a route through, no bother. Swiftfalcon is the value outsider at 16/1.

**4 (14) The Autumn Glow 14/10 Fav**

**R9 02:45 am EST**

**Metropolitan Handicap, 1 Mile 4F**

I am tempted to stick with the Waller / McEvoy combo here with **7 (17) Birdman** who was a respectable 5th first up against Gr1 opposition gets into this contest carrying only 50.5 Kgs after destroying most of his rivals (many of who. he faces here again) over 10 F in a Gr3. A win here would see Birdman bumped up in the Melbourne Cup handicap and probably put him in the race. However, 17 is tough post and my head tells I should double dip here and also play a plausible win candidate who goes from a single digit draw. The former Aiden O'Brien inmate and Royal Ascot winner, Changingoftheguard classes up well here. Young gun rider Ethan Brown rides for Kris Lees. The horse is currently 26 in the Melbourne Cup Order of Entry. Does owner Lloyd Williams want to risk a penalty with a win or get into the Cup with weight he has. I suspect the former, but it is another Waller horse Etna Rosso sits 40th in the Melbourne Cup Order of Entry that I think is the more logical play from the 2 post at a fair price of 8/1.

**7 (17) Birdman 11/2**

**10 (2) Etna Rossa 8/1**

And so over to Flemington for 6 Group or Graded contests including the Gr1 Turnbull Stakes, a traditional entree to the Caulfield Cup. They're expecting a Good 4 track.

## Flemington

**R7 01:50 am EST**

**Gr3 Bart Cummings 2,500 Meters or 1 Mile 4 1.2 F**

A win and your win for the Melbourne Cup, which is a relatively recent concept in this jurisdiction. Something Racing Victoria have probably landed on to stem the tide of top Euro Long Distance / Cups horses filling up the field. And the beneficiary of that will probably be the King of England whose horse **15 (14) Gilded Water** looks likely to give the King a runner in the Melbourne Cup. The horse was eye catching dominant last time at Caulfield. Jamie Kah, now Jamie Melham rides. A danger is the former Euro **9 (12) Sayedaty Sedaty** for Ciaran Maher. Jamie's husband, Ben Melham is up. The horse has not been out of the first 3 in his last 6 races, including 3 wins. The horse was 5th in the 2024 Derby, 7 1/2 lengths behind City of Troy and only 1 length behind 3rd place Los Angeles, a horse that is not without a chance in the Arc for Aiden O'Brien on Sunday. He outclasses most of these. He's a grinder, but got to the front too early last time. Will be fitter this time. A good value Each Way play at 16/1.

**15 (14) Gilded Water 9/5 Fav**

**R8 02:25 am EST**

**Gr1 Turnbull Stakes 2000 Meters, 10F**

An intriguing contest. Do any of the big enchiladas dare peak too early ahead of their Spring targets, be it the Caulfield Cup, Cox Plate and or Melbourne Cup? Last year's Breeders Cup F&M Turf winner, the Canadian star, Moira runs here, but looked only 60% fit last time. She'll be fitter, but I suspect this is a stepping stone to the Caulfield Cup. Sir Delius was a super impressive winner last time over a furlong shorter. This is a former French Middle / Long Distance horse whose target was initially the Melbourne Cup, but who could be well be a horse capable of both a Cox Plate / Melbourne Cup double. My sense (from listening to connections in recent weeks) is that Via Sistana may have the Melbourne Cup as a target, post Cox Plate. Sir Delius 4/1 is red hot, rising up the distances in his prep and is looking like he wants more. He is 4x the price, so he would the bet, but he's drawn 14. I don't think Gai Waterhouse wants to see her Melbourne Cup horse cooked. The danger and therefore the bets would be the other Chris Waller, Aeliana 4/1, with Damian Lane booked.

**7 (5) Aeliana 5/1**

## **Newmarket**

The Gr1 Sun Chariot Stakes sees a match race between Fallen Angel (now in Wathnan colours) for Karl Burke and James Doyle and Cinderella's Dream for Godolphin's Appleby and Buick. Rain is coming and more money will now come for Fallen Angel. She is the form horse and currently great value at 11/4

**R3 09:40 EST**

**Gr1 Sun Chariot Stakes 1 Mile**

**3 (3) Fallen Angel 11/4**

## **Ascot**

Two listed contests and a Gr3 to started proceedings at Ascot and I am siding with Karl Burke in all three of them. Bright Thunder and Beautiful Diamond are good value Favs. Bright Thunder drew and the advantage is to the high draws, but your getting 4/1. Al Qareem ran a respectable 3rd In his target race, the Irish St Leger. This Gr3 Cumberland Lodge is not an afterthought, but just an easy way to pick up Gr prize money for a horse still kicking and who was 9 lengths on El Cordorbes earlier this season. He proved he handles yielding to soft at the Curragh last time. That's four Karl Burke horse on my UK betting menu. I'll finish with an Andrew Balding horse Purosangue at a price in the Challenge Cup Heritage Handicap over 7F. Horse found form last time at Ayr over 6 furlongs and is good place bet, The extra furlong will suit

**R1 08:15 EST**

**1 (2) Bright Thunder 4/1 Fav**

**R2 08:50 am EST**

**6 (11) Beautiful Diamond 5/2 Fav**

**R3 09:25 am EST**

**1 (5) Al Qareem 5/2**

**R5 09:35 am EST**

**11 (7) Purosangue 16/1 Place Play.**

## **Longchamp**

**R1 07:23 am EST**

**Gr2 Prix Chaudenay 3,000 Meters or 1 Mile 7F**

This Joseph O'Brien horse was 4th in the Derby and could have run respectably in the Arc. It finished in a bunch with Fabre's Cualifcar (who has a shot in Arc) last time. They've lowered their sights to winnable Gr2. Loves soft. Dylan Browne McMonagle rides. Free Money!

**7 (1) Tennessee Stud 5/2 Fav**

**R2 07:58 am EST**

**Gr1 Prix du Cadran 4,000 Meters, 2 Miles 4F**

Only three were standing at the entry stage. Five owners then ponied up the 21,000 Euro supplementary fee, including Caballo Do Mar, winner of the German St Leger last time and Aiden Brian's Queenstown, 3rd in the Irish Cesarewitch last time. And it is this race that is most instructive to me. Queenstown was finding more late. This will be a 2 Mile 4 Furlong slog. The lads were sweet on Queenstown last year, but he didn't develop until now. Soumillon rides. Good bet at 8/1. The Fav is Coltrane, an admirable stayer, but past his sell by date as show. in the Doncaster Cuo last time, 15 lengths behind the winner. Sunway is good horse in soft, but not over 2 Miles.

**6 (2) Queenstown 8/1**

**R6 10:25 am EST**

**Gr2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein 1 Mile**

The Juddmonte rabbit who won the Gr1 Sussex Stakes is 16/1 on this. He is a machine on firm, but handles soft, if the rain comes. I don't dislike the Fav Quddwah, but I like the value I offer with Qirat.

**1 (6) Quirt 16/1**

**R7 11:00 am EST**

**Gr1 Prix du Royallieu 2,800 Meters, 1 Mile 6F**

Bedtime Story had 3 entries this weekend, two in France, one in England. This was always the more winnable option for a horse that was once a hot Ante Post Oaks Fav. Soumillon rides again.

**9 (6) Bedtime Story 4/1**

**R8 11:35 am EST**

**Gr2 Prix Dollar 1,950 Meters**

I find it hard to split King of Cities and Damysus, both of who could have been Derby contenders this year. Damysus kicked clear in the Prix Nureyev at Deauville on good to soft. Should get conditions and distance to suit. Hitting form at the right time for Wathnam. Always smart to play a horse owner by the sponsors of the occasion. Horse will shorten on the day, I am sure.

**9 (3) Damysus 4/1 Fav**

## **Sunday**

### **Paris Longchamp**

I am submitting this to Howard on Friday morning, 48 hours ahead. The conditions remain hard to predict, so watch for news on Twitter or X. It may even be wise to submit an updated Tip Sheet on Saturday night once we know the ground. We'll see...

**R1 07:40 EST**

**Gr1 Prix Marcel Boussac 1 Mile**

Bet the Farm on this Coolmore filly. The money came for her last at Leopardstown. She was a runaway train winner on yielding then and as she will be on Sunday, regardless of the conditions. Sweet draw in 3. Hold on tight! More Free Money.

**7 (3) Diamond Necklace 11/10 Fav**

**R2 08:15 am EST**

**Gr1 Prix Jean Luc Lagadere, 7F**

Italy and Puerto Rico are both strong contenders who are taking money on UK books, but the unbeaten Aga Khan colt, Rayif is my confident bet. Waltzed past Andab and Daytona in 3rd gear at Deauville on Good to Soft last time. Nice draw in 4. Barzalona and Graffard are the hot combo.

**1 ( 4) Rayif 3/1**

**R3 08:50 am EST**

**Gr1 Prix de L'Abbaye, 5 F**

Tough race. This will eventually be a stab based on the draw and conditions. No bet.

**R5 10:05 EST**

**Gr1 Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe 1 Mile 4F**

I have a good Ante Post bet on the Japanese Derby Winner at 33/1, so there is no need for me to return to the windows. And despite the coffin draw and potential softening conditions, I am quietly confident Croix du Nord is special and can still win this. He remains the bet and because of the said variables, you'll get a price for a great horse. The back up play would have been Giavellotto, but he maybe scratched if the rains come hard.

If the rains do come hard then **2 (9) White Birch 40/1** and **14 (11) Hotazhell 100/1** are great value plays, especially for vertical exotics.

The back up based on the draw has to **11 (2) Daryz 16/1** for the Aga Khan

**15 (17) Croix du Nord 12/1**

**R6 10:40 EST**  
**Gr1 Prix de L'Opera 10 F**

I tipped up **12 (1) Nicoreni** to win the German Oaks at 20/1 on these pages this Summer. That was one soft at Düsseldorf. If it gets soft again, she enters calculations. The horse has since been purchased by Japanese connections for the breeding sheds, but they could grab another Gr1 here. That said, I think Wathnam's One Look for Paddy Twomey has been primed for this and you'll get a price as she lost by 3 lengths in a Gr2 in Ireland last time, but she closed well then and shows signs she's building for a race. Tamfana has not been since for months and would be my selection given the likely conditions, but I can't have her at 5/1 after such a long layoff.

**6 (7) One Look 12/1**  
**12 (1) Nicoreni 16/1**

**R7 11:25 EST**  
**Gr1 Prix de La Foret 7F**

Zarianga kept coming up a buck short over a mile. She is super horse and maybe 7 furlongs is her sweet spot. I am happy to take 7/2 on her to edge the William Haggas fav, 10 (16) More Thunder 5/2 who drew badly and the new kid on the block, 4 (13) Sajir 6/1 who also drew badly. The German horse 8 (2) Geography is in good form when I saw him winning in Baden Baden last month and value at 20/1 or to use underneath in a exotic, but there are other great value bets here too, such as **3 (12) Devil's Point 66/1**, if the going gets very soft to heavy.

**14 (6) Zarigana 7/2**