

**TEAM HHH, 2026**  
**International Racing Tip Sheet X, Part II**  
**“Follow the Jockey”**  
**Saturday, June 6th**  
**Queensland Oaks, Eagle Farm**  
**The Derby**  
**Epsom Downs, England**

## **Eagle Farm**

Ground should be a good. Card less dynamic than last week. Most then were looking for a route into one of Australia most storied and iconic races, the Stradbroke Handicap next week. This week the feature is the Queensland Oaks.

### **R1 21:43 EST Handicap 9F**

**4 (6) Rotagilla 13/5**

**2 Stars**

A lot of horses were cross entered this weekend as trainers tried to match their horses with the optimal going and best prize money. Chris Waller is a master of that game. Rotagilla's race two back was formful. He was only 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner Athanatos. Athanatos won well last week. More recently Rotagilla was a 5 length 7th over wet going at Randwick. It didn't dry out in Sydney. Hence he has shipped up to Brisbane for the good to firm ground and the good prize money. The trusted Tim Clark gets the call.

### **R2 22:18 EST Friday Handicap 6F**

**9 (3) Now is the Hour 8/5**

**4 Stars**

This should be a point after kick for the local Golan barn. Two tough nose or neck beats from terrible draws the last two for Now is the Hours. Gets a great gate and a top jockey in Tommy Berry here. Should win.

### **R3 22:53 EST Friday Listed Handicap 5F**

**1 (4) Givemethebeatboys 12/1**

**2 Stars**

**1 (4) Givemethebeatboys 12/1** has the 1 saddle cloth, which means he is top weight in a handicap. Can he kick it? Yes, he can! The 5 furlongs is a distance he has well won at. He is price probably on the back of a 9th placed finish last time and a last placed finish over 6 furlongs in a G1 last October in Flemington. Look closer and you'll see he was bumped badly last time and that was a race over 6 1/2 F. Those with half decent memories will recall this horse was declared unfit by the Del Mar vets a few years ago before the Breeders Cup. The horse moved on to Australia and a win here will put over the half a million Aussie dollars in earnings. This is still short of the horses eye watering pre Royal Ascot sale price, when he is eventually ran 4th in the Coventry. The bottom line is the horse is a high class animal and he should be among the places, if not the winner. Good EW bet at double figure prices. Tim “Follow the Jockey” Clark rides for the Freedmans.

## R5 00:03 EST Queensland Day Stakes Listed 6F

**14 (10) Crash the Party 25/1**

**4 Stars**

Wide open race for the 3 yr olds and although **14 (10) Crash The Party 25/1** has never won a race, this filly closed like a runaway train to almost nail Slyph at the Gold Coast the last time. Slyph is 5/1 for this race. Trainer Toby Edmonds has made gear changes. Off goes the nose roll. On goes the Winkers. Just a great Each Way bet or maybe a Place play with your ADW. Don't be afraid to go whole hog on the win end. **I have.**

## R6 00:38 EST Magic Millions National Listed 1 Mile

**2 (3) Pinito 4/1**

**3 Stars**

1/2 Million Aussie Dollars on offer here and that means watch out for Chris Waller. His last facile last time Godolphin winner **2 (3) Pinito 4/1** returns from 2 weeks rest. I can't see past him. The horse draws perfectly. Ben Melham (husband of Jamie) replaces Riyal Ascot bound James McDonald.

## R7 01:13 EST Spear Chief Handicap Listed. 7 1/2 F

**4 (6) Sun God 5/1**

**5 Stars**

**4 (6) Sun God 5/1** was a middle distance / stayer in the UK and Melbourne Spring contests have to be on the Waller agenda. He exploded between horses when first up at the provincial Scone track. He'll be fitter and will be better up in distance. This should be easy pickings. He is bet of the day on the Queensland Oaks card for him. He is another whom Waller has cross entered in Randwick.

## R8 01:53 EST G1 Queensland Oaks 11 F

**8 (20) Chispa 13/2.**

**4 Stars**

Last week both Lovcen and Constitution River won from impossible draws in the Japanese Derby and Prix du Jockey Club. I could twist myself into a pretzel trying to find a better horse than **8 (20) Chispa 13/2**. I can't. The catch is Chispa has a so called impossible draw. I'll bet Jamie Melham will take her back, find a seam and charge home late.

# Epsom Downs

## R1 08:30 EST G3 Tattenham Corner Stakes 7F

**1 (7) Alcantor 9/2**

**3 Stars**

**4 (2) Golden Mind 16/1**

**2 Stars**

There are going and distance concerns for the proven Group horses in the race, such as Never So Brave and Alcantor. Providing it stays an 8 horse field, I feel it is best to take on the Fav, Never So Brave. I will play Alcantor defensively and take a little swing with an in form handicapper stepping into Group company. The conditions and distance will suit 4 (2) Golden Mind 16/1 and the horse does have a couple of speculative entries at Royal Ascot. Good place play on your ADW or to include the Place Pot, a popular pool bet in the UK.

## R7 01:13 EST Spear Chief Handicap Listed. 7 1/2 F

**6 (1) Pina Sonata 15/2**

**5 Stars**

Mary Slack's colours are regularly seen on South African racecourses, but rarely in Britain. This is basically the South African branch of the Oppenheimer family and they generally don't miss when they have a good one. I think 6 (1) Pina Sonata is a good one. She reappeared and won in a Listed contest at Kempton in March. She was eager, headed, fought back and won going away. The horse gets it. That really helps. The filly had two strong wins last season, excelling on softer conditions which she'll get here. They overreached throwing her into the G1 Prix Rothschild at Deauville, where she finished 11th of 13, though she stuck on the inside while the winners came down the middle of the course. British based South African jockey Daniel Muscutt takes the ride for James Fanshawe. I am having a good go on this filly. 5 Stars.

## R3 09:40 EST G1 Coronation Cup 1 Mile 4F

**3 (3) Convergence 13/2**

**4 Stars**

The world's best Middle Distance Turf horse, Calandagan resumes after winning the Japan Cup in November and Sheema Classic at Meydan (just), sort of) in March. The horse is probably the best horse in the world on good to firm or firm ground. He won't get that here, though the fears of soft now seems to have passed. Nevertheless, I am taking him on. The O'Brien battalions are lining up to take him on also. Last year's winner of this - who defeated a resuming, unfit Calandagan - Jan Brueghel, is an obvious way to go. Or maybe Lambourn, last year's Derby winner. But I am taking both the Aga Khan and the Lads on with 3 (3) Convergence. This horse owes me. I went to Hamburg for the Deutsches Derby last year and had a sizeable win bet on him at handsome (odds twice what was available in the UK). We got chinned on the line, but I am back for another crack. I firmly believe this is G1 Middle Distance horse and he can compete with and beat the best, especially in a race that is his target, and more his conditions. Convergence won a tough G3 on reappearance. He was stuck for room, yet powered home to take the scalp of the Al Aasy, a longstanding Group winning yardstick. Maybe Calandagan has the King George at Ascot in July as his main Summer target, ahead of another Asian campaign in the Fall.

#### **R4 10:15 EST The Dash Handicap 5F**

**3 (10) Lexington Blitz 13/2**

**2 Stars**

I got my finger burned yesterday tipping Rosie Frith who was unfortunate to be drawn where the two gates were joined together. I should have studied that harder. That was a Tipster fail. The 10 draw is perfect for **3 (10) Lexington Blitz 13/2** who is up 9 lbs for his win last time, but this is a short, down hill race. He can handle it. The trainer had a good win with Seaguls Eleven on Oaks Day and is known as a sprint specialist. It's a sensible bet as opposed reaching for one.

#### **R5 11:00 EST G1 The Derby 1 Mile 4F**

**7 (12) Benvenuto Cellini 9/4**

**4 Stars**

**7 (12) Benvenuto Cellini 9/4** is not some unbeaten, best of all time Aiden O'Brien horse. He was 2nd in his maiden and 3rd behind stablemate Hawk Mountain in the Futurity Stakes at Doncaster in late October last year. That race was on heavy, but he was not disgraced. Hawk Mountain was only just beaten by a half length by Constitution River at Paris Longchamp last Sunday. He comes in a hot Fav on the back of 4 1/2 demolition of his rivals over firm in the G3 Chester Vase - where he handled the tight turns and proved his stamina. That he was given the nod for this over Constitution River tells you all you need to know. He is the chosen one. Andrew Balding's Item is not chopped liver and is the right 2nd Fav. I hope he serves it up to Benvenuto Cellini and we have a battle down the lane, but I cannot find a reason to take Peter Brandt on here.