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Friday and Saturday
Caulfield, Randwick & Ascot
Caulfield Cup, The Everest & British Champions Day

Both the Northern and Southern hemispheres serve up three prestigious cards of racing this Saturday. The Melbourne Spring carnival brings us the 150th running of the Caulfield Cup, with Euro shippers in town. Sydney counters that with the 10th running of the world's richest race, the Everest, with China's Ka Ying Rising in town to repeat. After breakfast, Ascot throws the British Champions Series at you, with some horses aiming to follow Champions Day Ascot with a trip to the Breeders Cup later in the month, while others still, such some as the highest rated racehorses in the world like Calandagan, will be attempting to take the British Champions stakes, while also prepping for the Japan Cup in November, where he could face a few American shippers in Tokyo. The world is a hippodrome, morning, noon and night. Pick your bets accordingly.

Caulfield

R1 09:15 EST Fri G3 Sportsbet Classic 10F

4 (3) Aragog 5/1 **2 Stars**

Horse hamstrung by the heavy going last time. Will appreciate the firm and stretch out being by Dundeel. Neindorf the go to rider for Stokes.

R2 21:50 EST Fri G3 Ethereal Stakes 1 Mile 2 F

2 (2) Miss Waititi **5 Stars**

The facile nature of Miss Waititi's last win suggests she could pulverise this field. They won't want her too wound up ahead of the Oaks, but it seems to me she could lob around in 3rd gear and win easy enough. Craig Williams booked, one of the world's great riders.

R3 10:25 EST Listed Manhari Alinghi Stakes 5 1/2 F

8 (9) Signature Scent 5/1 **4 Stars**

Ethan Brown had a plum ride on Jimmysstar in the Everest over in Sydney. It is reported he is riding in Melbourne for his Caulfield Cup ride. However, It seems to me he in Melbourne for a better book of rides and that includes Signature Scent. Loved how he inhaled Cavalry Girl over this track and distance back in June. Has three wins over soft and not really encountered the firm going much, but sire was winner on the firm.

R4 11:00 EST Fri Listed Gothic Stakes 7 F

6 (7) The Thorncaster 20/1 EW **1 Star**

10 (15) Yourworstnightmare 30/1 **2 Stars**

I was tempted to wheel back with another Ethan Brown mount for Ciaran Maher. the Fav Calamari Ring, but he was dual entered and ended up at Randwick. Therefore, I am advising a couple of small stakes stabs on two horses. The Thorncaster at a big price of 20/1 also for Ciaran Maher. The horse is all speed and by a Golden Slipper winner, Farnan. Drawn sweet in 7. Jabez Johnstone the new bug in Melbourne riding at an 18% clip gets the call. My eye is also drawn to a shipper from South Australia. 10 (15) Yourworstnightmare 33/1 is dual entered also in Adelaide, but if they come here, I am keen to play despite the wide draw. The horse met traffic last time and still won easily on a wet surface. A seemingly provincial pedigree gets stronger the further back you go. The Grand Sire is Redoute's Choice by Danehill, a winner of the Caulfield Guineas. The Danehills may have been initially considered to be wet trackers, but history proven otherwise. I think Yourworstnightmare will take to the firm surface and rattle home down the crown of the track. Neindorf up. 30/1. Great value.

R5 11:35 EST Fri G3 Harry White Stakes 7F

9 (9) Amenable 8/1 **2 Stars**

Private Eye tends to rock up and win in big days. He is obvious Fav, but I'll take a little shot with 9 (9) Amenable 8/1 who showed a little something when 3rd first up. He has won here before way back in the day (2 or 3 years ago) when draw wide and closing. He is drawn wide here, but it's only 9 runner race and he can find an outside seam late. New Zealander Mickey Dee gets the nod. Good rider.

R6 00:10 EST G3 Henley Homes Sprint 5 F

2 (5) Cavalry Girl 8/5. **4 Stars**

This horse is all speed. They won't catch her at the minimum distance.

R7 00:45 EST G1 Thousand Guineas 1 Mile

9 (11) Regal Ambition 7/2 **4 Stars**

Icebaby will try to break them from the front and had she drawn a low single digit draw, I'd be betting her, but she's drawn 10 and I suspect she'll get cooked no matter how Ethan Brown plays it. I was tempted to side with then 4 (7) De Armas for Sydney conditioner, Chris Waller. The horse ran 2nd last time over 6F, but didn't see a rival sweeping down the outside. She out battled all those around her and could grind it out. Watch the market on her. She is currently 7/1. If she is 9/2 or lower come post time, she's dangerous. That means the syndicate that own are punting her hard. However, I am most keen on the current 2nd Fav Regal Ambition. She has gone 7 1/2 furlongs and didn't look like stopping. She was slow away the late race but ate the ground up and once in the lead didn't look around to see what was going on. She kept on trucking.

R8 01:30 EST G3 Blue Sapphire Stakes 6F

12 (9) Over Excited 5/2 **3 Stars**

Damian Lane is moving his tack to Japan full time in the months ahead. Frosty is perfect rider for Over Excited whose 1/2 length 2nd to Satono Glow two back was franked when Satono Glow was a strong winner at Randwick last out. Throw out his performance as he didn't handle heavy. 2/1 or more is fair value.

R9 02:15 EST G1 Caulfield Cup 1 Mile 4F

17 (16) Ohope Wins 20/1 EW **5 Stars**

7 (1) Enfjaar 12/1 3 Stars

I love this horse for this race on this going. Ohope Wins is a both a New Zealand Oaks and Australian Oaks winner. This distance is her wheelhouse. She runs best held up on firm. She gets that here. She is a price because her recent form is dirty, but this seems to be by design. There are 4 Alternative Emergencies, so she'll probably jump from the 12 or 13 gate. Jye McNeil gets the call and he knows how to win G1s.

But there are alternatives if this horse drifts in the market. The best of those would be the British shipper 7 (1) Enfjaar with Ray Dawson flying in from the ride. Impressive winner at Goodwood in a G2 this Summer. Goes well fresh. Also flying in is Jamie Spencer. He rides Royal Supremacy, but I don't want to suggest you Spencered. Jamie is moving his tack to California after a stint in Australia, and you'll have plenty of chances to get Spencered yourselves. If I was playing the Super, I'd add 10 (19) Wine Dark Sea, 16 (4) Zahrann (with Ethan Brown riding instead of in the Everest)

Randwick

R2 10:05 EST Friday G3 Reginald Allen Stakes 7 F

4 (7) Saffron Veil 5/2 **4 Stars**

Calamari Ring reroutes here from Melbourne to take advantage of the 3 draw and slower ground, but Saffron Veil has been working well and gets James McDonald. I will bet J Mac.

Calamari should get place money in a smaller race here.

R3 10:40 EST Friday G3 Angst Stakes

12 (2) Pillow Fight 12/1 **2 Stars**

The Fav has a tough draw, otherwise I'd play him. Pillow Fight is 3rd up and will be primed. Likes to forward forward and if Jamie Melham can walk the dog, Pillow Fight won't be pegged back.

R4 11:15 EST Fri G3 St Leger Stakes 1 Mile 5 F

1 (8) Juba Kibo 6/4 5 Stars

Juba Kibo is 2nd Emergency for the Caulfield Cup and has a shot if it runs. It likely won't make the field and will be vanned up to Sydney. It is a moral to win this. It has winning form on soft and heavy.

R6 00:25 EST G2 Sydney Stakes 6 F

7 (11) Beadman 10/1 3 Stars

Three of these are Alternative Emergencies for the Everest, the most notable being Overpass who raced at Royal Ascot last year. This would be his bag now, but the soft to heavy going is against him. The soft to heavy will works for Beadman 10/1 for the China Horse Club. Zac Purton is in town from Hong Kong and takes the ride.

R7 01:15 G1 The Everest 6F

4 (2) Angel Capital 70/1 1 Star
7 (3) Ninja 25/1 1 Star

The world's richest jumps 10:15 pm PST on Friday month — prime time viewing for the HHH California Massive. China's Ka Ying Rising is back again. The horse was 1/100 last time, but the heavy going could find him out. You have to take him on. Jimmystar who I touted for a place last year returns. He is in form and handles soft. He is 14/1. I am tempted. Godolphin's Tempted also handles soft, but is no value as 9/2 2nd Fav. though both belong in World Pool exotics.

However, I have landed on two roughies. Ninja 25/1 who has won on heavy and beat Ka Ying Rising in a recent trial (and was touted on these pages during the Queensland Gold Coast and Magic Millions season earlier this year) has to be chance despite being well below on ratings. I will have a nimble on him. The bigger roughie play is Angel Capital 70/1. The horse has never won on heavy, but hasn't really tried heavy, but he is by Harry Angel and they tend to be deep sea divers. I am taking a swing. He will be even better with a pace to run at and he'll get that here. The Aussie jockeys played a sit and sprint tactic with Ka Ying Rising last year. They won't make the same mistake twice. Angel Capital could nick this late at a bomb price. It behooves you to have a small investment.

R8 01:50 EST Listed Silver Eagle Stakes 6 1/2 F

3 (5) Skyhook & 1 (1) Beiwacht

Play the Quinella. Both proven on soft.

R9 02:35 EST King Charles III Stakes 1 Mile

2 (2) God's Window 20/1 Place Play 2 Stars

Autumn Glow is the prohibitive 1/3 Fav. and should not lose, but you can't go wrong playing the in form God's Window 20/1 to place. I scored at 33/1 when it came from first to last to win the Epsom Handicap a few weeks ago. A shock win not of the question as the horse has winning form on heavy, though so has Autumn Glow. Militarize and Coelwolf both have wins on heavy also. It could be a very interesting cagey race now that Pride of Jenni scratched.

Ascot

Eight of the world's top 20 turf horses pitch up at Ascot for British Champions Day. Since 2019, Aidan O'Brien had 44 runners in Group races at this meeting, with one winner. His focus in the Fall has generally been Ireland, France, the USA and China. This year might be different with the Indian Summer lingering into Mid October. It was 70 degrees in London yesterday. Given the going I sense O'Brien could win a few on Saturday. I also believe that his barn had a late Summer bug. The stats show as much. I'll be keeping O'Brien onside tomorrow.

R1 07:55 EST 2 yr old Conditions Stakes 6F

8 (7) Satellite of Love 7/1 **2 Stars**

I tipped 8 (7) Satellite of Love to win at Redcar on this tip sheet two weeks ago and this is harder in the minds of those who see an Ascot contest as a stronger race. Satellite of Love dispatched the 2nd Fav at Redcar with the rest of the field were many lengths back. That is copper bottomed, recent form. The Fav could be good, but too short in the market.

I was tempted to take the Aiden horse getting good ground. Confucius was 6th at Royal Ascot in the Coventey, but only 1 3/4 lengths back of Great White Shark. He didn't handle the undulations at Newmarket in the G1 Middle Park last month, but this is not a G1, but rather a dressed up Condition race designed to pad the card. If he shortens, the lads are on and so should you. The average winning price at this meeting is roughly 14/1. Confucius is currently 14/1. Watch the market. Follow the lads.

R2 08:30 EST G1 Long Distance Cup 2 Mile

1 (5) Amiloc 12/1 **5 Stars**

Did going at it with Scandinavia in the Cadran over 2 Miles 4 Furlongs at Longchamp cook Caballo de Mar? If you think so and I do, you need an EW play here. The 1, 3 & 6 are the alternatives. **3 (9) Daiquiri Bay 12/1** winner of the Ebor Handicap chose to stay home rather than go to Australia. 6 **(7) Opportunity 12/1** was beaten into 3rd in the G2 Glorious Stakes by Entjaar who just shipped to Australia to run in the G1 Caulfield Cup. That could be an overnight clue. But I am sticking with 1 (5) Amiloc 12/1 gets Rossa Ryan. The horse unseated his rider at Goodwood in the Goodwood Cup in the Summer. He looked primed that day. I think he can edge Caballo de Mar, especially on a good surrface. I must admit I also like when no prominent media tipsters are promoting the horse.

R3 09:05 EST G1 Champions Sprint Stakes 6F

3 (9) Great Wish 12/1 EW **3 Stars**

The Danish raider has won at Meydan and at Deauville this year. He has to be the Each Way bet. I played him for small stakes at 80/1 at Meydan in January. He was a price then because he is Danish. He'll be double figures at Ascot because he is Danish. He should have his price. So play the value EW. And he can win. His G3 win at Deauville by 4 1/2 lengths showed his class. If you want another value throw **12 (12) Division 12/1** into the hopper.

R4 09:40 EST Champions F&M Stakes 1 Mile 4 F

3 (1) Kalpana 5/4. 5 Stars

The Arc could have cooked her, but this field holds no dangers especially on a good surface. Trainer Andrew Balding needs a win here to help become British Champion trainer.

R5 10:20 EST G1 QEII Stakes 1 Mile

10 (8) Talk of New York 3/1 4 Stars
7 (2) Hawk Mountain 40/1 EW 4 Stars

Godolphin's Talk of New York has been supplemented for this and will take some beating. Good value at 3/1 because of the strength of the field. Buick has had a tough time of it in recent years, but I expect him to have another winner here. The horse has that extra gear.

Gstaad is a Breeders Cup winner and Rayif, a French classic winner, will have support, and there has been money for More Thunder into 8/1 from 10s, but I also still like the French Derby form and although Hawk Mountain was beaten by Constitution River that day, it wasn't by much. I like him cutting back. He's incredible value at 40/1. I have taken that. He is sure to shorten, but he'll still be a double figure and worth a few bucks. Drawn in 2, Colin Keane rides. I suspect the lads will have their guys feeding cash into whatever World Pool machine they can find close to the off.

R6 11:00 EST G1 Champions Stakes 1 Mile 2 F

6 (3) Constitution River 6/1 3 Stars

Bay City Roller had a tough race in the Arc, Calandagan has an eye on a Japan Cup repeat. I have to go with the horse I feel could be getting stronger this time of year. 6/1 for Aiden's best horse in a 6 horse race is value.

R7 11:35 EST Balmoral Handicap Cl2

1 (10) Persica 33/1 2 Stars
12 (7) Classic 25/1 2 Stars

I will be duching the Hannon horses here. Persica is a group. He is top weight, but Ryan Moore's son Toby takes off 7. Classic was a Derby contender 2 years back. Unseated at the gate. Still class. Small stakes value plays to end the day.