TEAM HHH, 2026
International Racing Tip Sheet XIX
"Follow the Jockey"

Tuesday Nov 3rd (Monday Night Nov 2nd)
Thursday, Nov 5th (Wednesday Night Nov 4th)
Flemington & Randwick

G1 Melbourne Cup, G1 Crown Oaks

Melbourne is the unrivalled centre of the racing universe this week. It began on Victoria Derby day on Saturday, a day on which one of my 5 Star plays came in, as well as tasty Exacta and the Quaddie or Late Pick 4. It continues with the G1 Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, the G1 Victoria Oaks on Thursday and concludes with G1 Champions Mile and G1 Champion Stakes on Saturday.

Flemington (Monday Night State Side)

R1 18:45 EST G3 Darley Maribyrnong Plate 5F
6 (1) Amelia's Affair 6/1 **2 Stars**

Debutant who ships from Sydney. Great trail finishing 2nd Lane up. Usually favours high numbers, but Lane is a cold rider (think Rosario or Spencer) who can pounce when they overrun early.

R2 19:20 EST Pin & Win Handicap 10
14 (18) Ichnusa 8/1 **3 Stars**

2 from 2 first two starts, a closing 7th 1st up. Poor draw will keep the price square. Has a great shout particularly as the horse has shown stamina already this year.

R3 20:00 EST Listed Tan One Pool Trophy 9F
2 (6) Star of Macedonia 11/4 **3 Stars**

Scratched from a stronger contest on Saturday. The one to beat. Somehow Blake Shinn didn't land a Melbourne Cup ride. He'll want to salute here.

R4 20:40 EST The Schweppervesance Plate 5 F
13 (2) Fovea 6/1. **2 Stars**
Another 5 furlong burn up down the famous Flemington Stretch. Horse cutting back. If Amelia prevails in the opener from 1, then Fovea is a bet.

R5 21:20 EST Australia Heritage Cup 1 Mile 6 F
2 (22) Athabascan 10/1 EW **2 Stars**

A 7 yr old Almanzor who has been primed for this day. May only have another year of racing in him, but he has been dropping down the handicap and gets in here at winnable weight. Great Each Way or Place play give the bad draw.

R6 21:55 EST Listed Asahi Super Dry Plate 9F
4 (4) Sabaj 6/4 **4 Stars**
Returning to the well with Sabaj who has been successful for us on this sheet several times. Had a Cox Plate entry, but they have lowered their sights. Only 3 lengths behind Lady Shenandoah last time. Lady Shenandoah went on to win her G1 on Derby Day.

R7 23:00 G1 Melbourne Cup 2 Miles

12 (15) Hopewell Rock 8/1 **5 Stars**
14 (5) Soul of Spain 25/1 EW **5 Stars**

I had bet on George Boughey's Hopewell Rock at 16/1 many times in recent weeks including in Each Way Multiples with Gimme a Nother and Map of Stars at Keeneland this past weekend. The price crashed when JP McManus rocked up at the Tale of the Tape overnight (and Aussie instution when punters make gargantuan bets with the bookies the night before the cup) and dropped some six figures sums on Hopewell Rock to win $10 Million. The price has since halved, though it's just about fair value. It remains my idea of the winner. JP may not mind losing that bet as he also placed save 5 figure savers on others and he also owns the 2nd Fav, Trustyourinstinct, which will net him the best part of 10 Million Aussie dollars should he win. JP is a gentleman and gambler.I am glad he saw things my way. For the value, try Soul of Spain, 2nd in Sydney Cup from a very wide draw, but super fit per sources in Sydney and plotted for this. Chris Waller isn't going to let the Irish and British take the cash without a fight. Great place shout.

One of the world's greatest bets is **First Four or the Melbourne Cup**. This is known as the Superfecta in the USA. All of the country plays and it regulars returns 5 & 6 figs. Check with your bookie if they are betting into the Australian pools. I have already played the following for **0.10 a line for a total of $75.60**. Closer to the off I may zero in and try some for 1.00 a line to hit big, but that requires a close paddock watch and a close following of Aussie racing media.

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1st
1) Sons and Lovers
2) Trustyourinstinct
12) Hopewell Rock
14) Soul of Spain

2nd
1) Sons and Lovers
2) Trustyourinstinct
12) Hopewell Rock
14) Soul of Spain

3rd
1) Sons and Lovers
2) Trustyourinstinct
6) Enfjaar
8) Wine Dark Sea
11) Juja Kibo
12) Hopewell Rock
14) Soul of Spain
16) So You Are
20) Point of Law

4th
1) Sons and Lovers
2) Trustyourinstinct
6) Enfjaar
8) Wine Dark Sea
11) Juja Kibo
12) Hopewell Rock
14) Soul of Spain
16) So You Are
20) Point of Law
22) Mr Monaco
23) Zakouma
24) Shockletz

Randwick

R4 21:40 EST Toyota Handicap 7 1/2 F
6 (2) Man of Worth 6/5 **4 Stars**

Great 3rd first up. Made a fist of it in 15 horse field, but ran out of puff in the final yards. He will be fitter. This is easier. Kerrin McEvoy has no Melbourne Cup ride. He has the pick of the best here.

R5 22:20 EST Listed Big Dance
6 (5) Perfumist 7/1 **5 Stars**

Eased as if something amiss when contending on the turn for G1 Epsom Handicap, but returned with a fighting display next up only fading late into 7th. The mare had bigger targets this Spring, but this is a respectable Listed race to win and she'll take some pegging back now she's over her issues. Great price.

Thursday

Flemington
Oaks Day

R5

9 (13) Perisher 17/10 **5 Stars**

A scratch on the tip sheet last Saturday. Winner by 2 lengths on Australian debut. Previously a superb 3rd in a Royal Ascot handicap after destroying most of the Irish competition. The $150,000 Aussie dollar prize here will help pay for the purchase from Irish connections. A horse that looks primed for bigger Aussie targets next year. Bet early and often.

R8 00:10 EST Thursday G1 Crown Oaks

15 (17) Tharwa 25/1 EW **3 Stars**

In theory James McDonald takes over on Chris Waller's best, the last out G2 Wakeful Stakes winner De Arrmas on Saturday. Yes, that was just four days ago. Backing up horses within a week is not unusual in Australia especially in the Melbourne Spring. However, I will continue to side with another horse backing up, Tharwa. She is a closer and hasn't been pushed hard. Lane has the nickname Frosty for a reason. This is a great EW bet, though the Unbeaten Fav, Proxima Dea 17/10 will be very tough. Lane moves his tack permanently to Japan after this week. I am sort of expecting to be leaving Austrlaiia while they are still clapping.