



## BETTING ALERTS

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### 1:30 Sandown Lakeside Race 2 2100m RB89 HCP

#7 Apres

**Market:** \$2.60 CB - \$2.60 LUX

**Credentials:** Has been going great this preparation, especially his last two starts over 2000m-2040m where he has achieved rock solid 98-99 ratings without a lot of luck in the run. The horse that beat him home last start (Royal Mail) came out and won last Saturday so there is nice confirmation in the figures to carry into this race. He's a clear standout here.

**Value Leverage:** Placement (\$6.00) is a non winner with just moderate figures and looks notably under the odds to me. Tanah Lot (\$6.00) had every possible chance coming off a solid pace last start and couldn't get close to the type of figures Apres has been recording. He should be longer in my opinion.

**Final Word:** Apres rates a \$2.40 chance for me so the current price while not a massive edge is nonetheless worthy. I suspect that he may get to a little better than that so a top fluctuation bet is probably the best way to go.

### 2:10 Sandown Lakeside Race 3 1600m 3YO+ F&M RB82 HCP

#5 Spirit Song

**Market:** \$3.30 Betchoice - \$3.20 TAB / LUX / CB

**Credentials:** Flying this preparation with top figures, demonstrating the ability to both sit on a solid pace and run fast time and sprint off a slow pace with fast sectionals. That versatility and quality in her recent form along with the prospect of getting an easy run up near the pace here presents her as a good solid betting proposition.

**Value Leverage:** Court Ya (\$4.80) led at a fast pace last start and still only ran moderate time with slow closing sectionals which suggests she was somewhat flattered by the lack of quality chasing her down. I can't see her being supported at the current price. Others like Procida (\$5.00) and God Help Her (\$6.00) also look very well found and at rock bottom prices. I'd be surprised if they are supported at those prices.

**Final Word:** Spirit Song should be shorter than the current prices, more like \$2.80 in my opinion. I'd be surprised if he doesn't have some support in betting.



## 2:50 Sandown Lakeside Race 4 1300m 3YO F RB72 HCP

#8 Great Dame

**Market:** \$4.00 CB - \$3.80 S'Bet - \$3.60 TAB

**Credentials:** Returned first up last time for just his 2nd career start and created a big impression when he won by 8 lengths in a fast 100 rating with great sectionals. He's going from slow back to dead / good for this, but regardless of the ground, the extent of his winning margin and figures comparison to other races indicates that it was a high quality performance. He's a natural on pace runner so I expect him to take up that position here.

**Value Leverage:** Song Of The Belle (\$5.00) comes off a good last start performance and looks the clear danger at a reasonably fair price. The Good Wife (\$7.50) will need to rate notably faster both overall and sectionally than her last start win so she looks a little under the odds to me. The next best chances are \$9+ and all look undervalued by the market by a few points

**Final Word:** Great Dame is more like a \$3.10 chance to me. I have no doubt that the current prices present a good edge and I can envisage some support, but I don't necessarily think that she'll start significantly shorter. Bookies tend to want to risk these big winners rising in class, but history shows it's to their peril.

## 3:00 Morphettville Race 4 1600m Opn HCP

#1 Blackbriar

**Market:** \$11.00w / \$3.20p CB - \$10.00w / \$3.00p IAS

**Credentials:** A change of tactics in his last two starts to race on lead has resulted in two great performances, especially last start where he won at this track and distance in a fast 101 rating with the fastest rating last 600m and last 200m on the day. He narrowly beat Justify That (also in this race) and Bagman who was coming off a last start Listed race win and is a well established quality performance on the Adelaide scene so there is a good solid form line to back up these excellent figures. From a decent draw he can either lead here or allow Zizz to cross and sit outside him.

**Value Leverage:** The market seems to have significantly underrated the strength of Blackbriar's last start form reference with runner up in that race, Justify That also \$10 in this race and over the odds as well. However there are some notable poor value runners such as Cellarmaster (\$3.30) who had every possible chance last week in a race with much more moderate figures than will be needed to win this. I'd be very surprised if he firms from that price. Ocsmeop (\$4.20) is better suited back to 1600m but has inferior figures to others priced longer than him in the market so it's hard for me to see him attracting support. Zizz (\$7.00) has some decent figures over 1400m but he looks severely tested over 1600m against this opposition. He should be double figures.

**Final Word:** Blackbriar should be closer to \$6.50w / \$2.25p to win this race in my opinion so the current prices look terrific value for both win and place. Even though this is a competitive race with plenty of chances I will be surprised if he doesn't start single figure odds.



## 3:50 Canterbury Race 5 1250m 3YO+ Rst HCP

### #3 Eight Bills

**Market:** \$8.00 TAB - \$8.00 IAS - \$8.00 LUX

**Credentials:** Mixes his form a bit, but two of his last three runs have been great, especially his last start 2nd behind Unanimously which returned a high quality 103 rating with similar sectionals. He hit the line solidly in that race, coming home in a better last 400m than the winner. That's a top rating performance for this race and the quality of his finish last start gives no reason to shy away from him up to 1250m here. There's plenty of chances in this race but coming off a quality last start run and in a 7 horse field today the \$8.00 on offer looks terrific value.

**Value Leverage:** Steps In Time is very short at \$2.10. She has a good record, but is yet to run the 100+ figure that will be needed to win this race (about a 1.5 to 2L improvement on her prior best). There's every chance she can do that with the benefit of her spell and she does look to get a soft lead, but you never know until they actually do it. With that in mind the dominant short price looks poor value to me.

**Final Word:** Eight Bills has very solid credentials for this and should be something closer to \$5.50 in my book. In a tough competitive race the \$8.00 available now represents an excellent gamble.

## 4:50 Sandown Lakeside Race 7 1400m 3YO RB72 HCP

### #1 Chamandi

**Market:** \$10w / \$3.20p IAS - \$9.00w / \$3.00p TAB

**Credentials:** Has run very solid 95 figures in each of his last two starts, most notably with good sectionals which suggest that the overall figure is absolutely rock solid. He beat the older horses last start and drops back to his own age group here. Instalment and Henwood are other key chances at the 95-96 rating level with perhaps scope for improvement, but outside of that the rest of this field have only been achieving 89-90 figures. I expect Chamandi to continue running well here. and with the lack of depth in this field he looks an excellent prospect at a top value price.

**Value Leverage:** There's no standout poor value here but there a number of runners that look somewhat under the odds (refer markets). Henwood has an undeniable chance after a somewhat unlucky run behind Instalment last start, but he was certainly no morale beaten. Another interesting fact is that he looks more of a staying prospect, so sticking at the same 1400m for his 2nd up start today day is perhaps not ideal. He could possibly be a little one paced here and looking for further. He's undoubtedly a top chance in the race, but the \$3.80 quote that makes him clear favourite seems a little short to me.

**Final Word:** Chamandi has rock solid figures that place him in the top group of chances for this. For me he should be more like a \$6.50 / \$2.35p chance. There is definitely value in the win price but with two other very solid contenders and then a significant lack of depth I am most keen on the place betting prospects.



## 5:10 Canterbury Race 7 1900m 3YO+ BM75 HCP

#2 Mangaroa Flyer

**Market:** \$2.90 CB - \$2.85 Unitab - \$2.80 Others

**Credentials:** Another Waller imported stayer who has shown good sectionals and overall time ability to his two Australian starts so far. His figures put him clearly on top here, rain affected ground is no problem and the thing I like most is that Waller horses tend to get better once they get past their 1st / 2nd up runs. Given he already rates on top, the prospect that he could be even better here is great from a betting perspective.

**Value Leverage:** For me Bielski (\$4.00) looks significantly under the odds. Two runs ago when he won at Wyong he was significantly flattered by a fast pace and very slow sections... and last start he could only finish 2nd in a much weaker Wyong 1600m race with very moderate figures. Sure he looks a staying prospect and will be better over the extra distance today, but with just moderate figures so far you can leave me out of him. He might jump out of the ground here but on exposed figures he's a terrible prospect and that creates a nice edge for Mangaroa Flyer.

**Final Word:** Mangaroa Flyer is a dominant \$2.50 chance at most in this race. He has the recent form / figures on the board and strong prospects to be even better 3rd up here. The current price is great value... I expect him to be supported.