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Luke Murrell's 2019 Melbourne Cup Preview!

With the Cup on the horizon Luke Murrell has dissected each runner and given his thoughts on the main players!

HORSE	QUALIFIED	RUNNER COMMENT	<i>sportsbet</i>
A Prince of Arran	YES	Going like a car with two flat tyres, pass.	\$34.00
Ashrun	YES	He went to a new level last start and big money has tried to buy him and fail although he's still very green. Has the right profile but he won't come unless someone offers them \$3m plus which isn't likely.	\$34.00
Avilius	YES	Super horse and I feel they might target the Cox Plate as with me that's where his best rating is. However I don't think he is the class of some of the internationals coming so happy to be against him.	\$41.00
Baghdad	YES	Won't get enough weight. Nice horse but he's a Frankel and they are wet trackers generally only so happy to avoid him.	\$81.00
Broome	YES	He's a proper horse but won't come I'd say, more likely to try him in the Arc.	\$31.00
Called to the Bar	YES	Horse is a cripple so they won't bring him.	\$61.00
Chestnut Coat	YES	Japanese horse that failed last year. The Japanese stayers are ordinary at present and he's just another pack animal so no.	\$41.00
Communique	YES	He's a tired horse and not the same horse as last year and hence unlikely to come, if he does he's not up to them on this year's form.	\$31.00
Count Octave	YES	Trialled the other day and the ambulance nearly hit him. He's a European only horse and I don't expect him to do anything in Australia.	\$61.00
Cross Counter	YES	He is a super stayer but I'll be surprised if they come because if Mr Carpenter rates him off his form he'll be carrying 60kg, any less will be a gift and an invite. Make no mistake though he only won last year due to the fact everything in front of him stopped and didn't run the distance. He's a great horse and since the Cup has gone to another level however the weight has to stop him and for that reason I can't have him despite his class.	\$15.00
Crystal Ocean	YES	More chance of me playing cricket for Australia than this bloke coming to race here.	\$61.00
Dee Ex Bee	YES	Rated 118 and only a Group 3 winner but currently is in the top 3 stayers in the world. If he comes surely he gets too much weight but I think he won't come so happy to be around him until told otherwise.	\$21.00

Django Freeman	YES	This will be too hard for him. The german 3yr olds were ordinary this year and he has a good profile but has been flattered and doesn't have the ratings.	\$26.00
Duretto	YES	He was going to be a huge chance last year before going amiss, now he has had that injury happy to avoid him.	\$67.00
Durston	NO	Lovely horse but he's 12 months away and I'd be surprised if he came.	\$81.00
Falcon Eight	YES	I really like this horse and tried to buy him but he is NOT coming, the connections have told us he is mentally immature.	\$21.00
Finch	YES	He ran 4th last year but seriously in his whole career he just has no form to speak of. Last year was one of the weakest cups we have seen and given he hasn't raced since then his 1000/1.	\$31.00
First Eleven	YES	Won't get enough weight but he's a nice horse and yet another Frankel who prefers wet track. Doubt he will come.	\$81.00
Ghostwatch	YES	On ability he is the one I want to be with but given he hasn't raced since last year, put a line through him.	\$31.00
Gold Mount	YES	He's a Top 4 chance but only if it's wet. A little horse and for mine his get back style and his size is against him. Nice horse though!	\$31.00
Holdthasigreen	YES	French horse and the french are rubbish the past 2 years. He's consistent but he won't come.	\$81.00
Ispolini	YES	He only has Dubai form and that's only ever any good for Dubai only, happy to be around him.	\$21.00
Jackfinbar	YES	He's in and out but he just lacks the class, would be suprised if he came.	\$61.00
Japan	YES	He's a proper horse but he won't come.	\$26.00
Johannes Vermeer	YES	One run since his 2017 MLB cup 2nd. There's more chance of me taking Steve Smith spot in the test team than this bloke winning a Cup.	\$41.00
Kew Gardens	YES	Good tough horse but would be surprised if he came.	\$31.00
King of Leogrance	YES	Nice progressive horse but there is one big issue, a Mr JC ROUGET trained him and I wouldn't buy Black Caviar off him for \$1. Such is this guys skill they never ever leave his yard and improve so happy to be hard against. His run on the weekend was ok but he's a Listed / Group 3 horse here only.	\$41.00
Laccario	YES	On potential is a star but his figures from the German Derby where average at best and he's too immature. He won't come.	\$31.00
Latrobe	YES	Nice enough horse and might be a hope in a Caulfield Cup, going ok and you could include him.	\$34.00
Le Don De Vie	NO	Brought by Aussies but I don't know why. They paid big money for a horse that at best is a Listed horse here. He is a big fat no from me.	\$67.00
Making Miracles	NO	Nice horse but not qualified and wont be.	\$81.00
Marmelo	YES	He has rightly campaigned in France this year simply because he is not going as good as he was and the French stayers are the same horses and ordinary. He needs a wet track and after he couldn't get home when given all the favours last year I don't give him any hope to run top 2 in the Cup.	\$21.00
Master of Reality	YES	His a dour one batter who's by Frankel. Frankels are wet trackers only so that won't suit Flemington, i don't rate him.	\$21.00
Mirage Dancer	YES	He's been shopped around forever and finally someone has brought him. A decent horse on paper but he's what I call a European horse only, he doesn't have the right action or profile in his form to be a successful Australian horse. I give him next to no hope even though he has talent.	\$51.00
Mr Quickie	YES	He's a beauty this horse, very tough and progressive and Shamus Award is one of the best young sires in the country. Hard to see him improving to win but he will beat most of the locals.	\$34.00

Mugatoo	NO	In the paddock.	\$41.00
Mustajeer	YES	A horse I have brought and very sound and tough horse who will give his all. He has a wicked turn of foot and I feel the Caulfield Cup is his best hope but I see him as a Top 5 chance in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup	\$67.00
Nagano Gold	YES	Nice enough horse but unless someone buys him I don't think he will come.	\$51.00
Neufbosc	YES	Nice enough form lines but he never really did anything great on the clock on France. His a bit like those horses who used to run 2nd and 3rd to Winx- decent enough horses but certainly not in the top 2-3 horses in the world – his also by Mastercraftsman- they look like they have 10 gears in the gearbox but when the pressure goes on they cant get out of 3rd- not interested in him	\$67.00
Old Persian	YES	If he comes I want to be with him even though he has Dubai form!! His run the other night in Germany was ok in a sit and sprint but he has CLASS this horse and if he comes he can win.	\$51.00
Raa Atol	YES	Nice horse but he has more problems than a new born calf surrounded by wolves. I don't think he will come but he's a tough horse and one to watch.	\$51.00
Raheen House	YES	2nd fav for the Ebor so will need a good run to get his weight up but is genuine winning chance.	\$51.00
Red Verdon	YES	He's a little bro to Red Cadeaux so you know he will be tough. He's really improved this season and at the price he offers some value. If he comes he's some chance in both races.	\$101.00
Rockabill	NO	Very nice horse but won't be ready. Watch for him in the Autumn.	\$81.00
Rostropovich	YES	Hasn't raced since HK last year and his a another wet track only type and I give him no hope.	\$34.00
Shraaoh	YES	Sydney Cup Winner who is a proper horse but his rating from the Sydney Cup would need to improve 2-3 lengths to Win a MLB Cup. I think his best chance of winning another Group 1 is the Metrop, he's worth a bet there.	\$34.00
South pacific	NO	Nice horse and if he came I'd be interested but he hasn't qualified yet so big risk betting wise.	\$61.00
Southern France	YES	I'm told he has lots of issues so he might not come but if he did he's one to include, ripper of a horse.	\$51.00
Spanish Mission	YES	Qualified but won't get enough weight and they are not interested in coming to Australia this year at least.	\$26.00
Steel Prince	YES	Terrific consistent horse but his ratings are 5-6 at least off the good ones.	\$26.00
Stradivarius	YES	Is knee high to a grasshopper and I wouldn't take 1000/1 that he will even come	\$34.00
Supernova	NO	He's a potential winner of the race but in typical Aussie trainer style they have decided to trial him over 900m WTF? I'd say he will be cooked by the time the big races come around but if he was trained by a European trainer he would nearly be my favourite. However Hawkes can't train these imports to win the big Cups so that lessons my confidence.	\$81.00
Surprise Baby	YES	Another really talented horse. With a gun trainer and If it was for Australian trained horses only then a top 4 chance but the internationals are just better.	\$26.00
Thomas Hobson	YES	Possibly the toughest horse in training and if he comes I'll have something small on him but being a 9yr old I doubt he will.	\$61.00
Torcedor	YES	He should be the one here, 12 months ago he was rated in the top 2-3 stayers in the world. My big concern is will he be ready and fit enough. Should be in well compared to Cross Counter. The forgotten horse but i'd wait and see his next 1 or 2 runs.	\$21.00
Twilight Payment	YES	If you have a spare \$1.5m AUD you can buy this horse but whilst he's a nice horse he's worth 25% of that figure. He could be a CC hope if he came but he won't.	\$67.00

Verry Elleegant	YES	I know she has a boom on her but its completely unjustified and i don't give her any chance in the Caulfield or Melbourne Cup.	\$26.00
Vow And Declare	YES	Nice enough horse and has been well trained to date however his career best rating is min 6 lengths off what is needed to run a place in the Big ones. I would be more interested in him than some of the locals but I'd want \$500/1 and the bookies just don't offer those prices anymore.	\$41.00
Way To Paris	YES	Won't be coming is the latest I have heard. The owner is 90 and trainer doesn't speak a word of English.	\$51.00
Weekender	YES	Reckon he won't get enough weight and another who's been shopped around the past 2 seasons and hasn't sold as he's limited.	\$61.00
Wells Farhh Go	YES	An outstanding horse and if he came would be top 3 however his last start he was lapped so perhaps something not right. If he had another run in the next 3-4 weeks and went well i'd back him as he's a potential star.	\$41.00
Withhold	YES	Has huge boom on him but he's a wet tracker only. I don't like him at all and I think he is false odds. He also doesn't have enough miles in his legs so take him out.	\$41.00
Yucatan	YES	Not raced since last years Cup. Is nominated for the Cox Plate and the best Yucatan could win but id be prepared to give him a head start in the Melbourne Cup as he couldn't run that far with a pit stop in between.	\$34.00
Zabeel Prince	YES	Qualified for the CC but I doub't he will come.	\$51.00



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