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Luke Murrell's professionalpunting.com.au Caulfield Cup preview - Caulfield R9

Saturday sees the return of the time honoured Caulfield Cup and this years addition I think reflects the current state of the Southern Hemisphere Breeding with just 5 of the 22 Acceptor's bred Sth Hemp time.

If you take one thing from this preview win lose or draw remember when betting into 2400m races it's imperative to back horses that have had a run at 2400m this same preparation and if they are on a 7 day back up from 2200m or more they get an extra tick.

There is some thought the track will play up and on fence at least earlier in the day given it will be new ground but Caulfield is a track very much wind dependent and in the Cup I have FAST speed so I think being late in the day it should enable them to run on.

Horse	Comment	
Hartnell	He is just a marvel. Hasn't been beaten more than 2 lengths in 5 runs this prep and all at WFA. He is a huge doubt at the trip but he's just better than most of these. His big down fall is he doesn't have a 2400m run this prep. I think they will go forward and have him a genuine chance albeit in the second line.	<u>\$19</u>
Mirage Dancer	Big striding horse and being a frankel you know they love a wet track but he's not hopeless on the firm. His biggest issue for mine is his not that fast and if he is to do anything in Australia I think it will be on a bigger track. They will be hoping to settle midfield and whilst he gets the run of the race from his draw he's one I think lacks speed and class so I'm against.	<u>\$16</u>
Mer De Glace	This horse has HUGE "blow them away" type figures from Japan but what is evident in those figures is the last 200m has been very weak. It hasn't seen 2400m before and will be wide the trip and giving a big start. Only 3 horses have similar figures but the huge distance and now the wide trip I've gone cold on it.	<u>\$8.50</u>

Mustajeer	Of the imports here he has the biggest figures in the race. He went huge in a brutal run Ebor being in the worst part of the track and was strong on the line. He has the best turn of foot in the race and if he gets around the track he is the one to beat. Should settle worse than midfield and just needs luck in the run. Will be fit enough	<u>\$14</u>
Rostropovich	Second up was common and off a long break from Hong Kong. From the gate I think he will push and try and lead but not good enough to win.	<u>\$21</u>
Finche	Current Favourite. Hasn't had a run at 2400m this prep. Is very tough but one paced. To win he has to roll forward and if he goes back he will get distanced. He is very tough but that bad draw and lack of 2400m run this time in says his back to the second or third line of chances.	<u>\$7</u>
Gold Mount	Wet tracker but I admit he's one of my favourites and his trainer can train. He's been set for a MLB CUP and if we got a wet track he's the one I could elevate.	<u>\$26</u>
Red Verdon	Grand tough old horse like his half brother in Red Cadeaux. Unlike Red Cadeaux he doesn't have his class. Not a winning chance.	<u>\$41</u>
Angel of Truth	Derby Winners are usually hopeless in this grade but this bloke isn't. He comes from a poxy run last time. Hasn't had a 2400m run and he just has to improve too much to be a chance here.	<u>\$51</u>
Big Duke	Has earnt close to \$500k in the last 6-9 months and hasn't won a race. To be a winning chance he needs a dead or soft track. His first up run against Finche was better than Finche, then his run last start at 2400m was nearly the run of the race again in the Metrop. If you are having first 4's include him in minor places, he's flying but probably not good enough these days as a winning chance.	<u>\$34</u>
Constantinople	When you see him you will see a big stretch limousine. He's a big baby and whilst he's got all the gear thrown at him he looks way too immature to handle the hustle and bustle of a Caulfield Cup. He only has 3yr old form in Europe also and that's been well done on some previous years. Not for me.	<u>\$8</u>

Mr Quickie	He is one of mine and we have had luck with him in QLD. First up was good then he found the walking race last start. At best I think he settles worse than midfield and I don't think he has the class to settle any closer so he will need too much luck I feel. Minor money chance who doesn't have a 2400m run this prep albeit would have plenty of residual from queensland so I can give him a pass on that score.	<u>\$8.5</u>
Crown Prosecutor	I give him no hope. He draws well, maps to be on speed or 4 off the leader if they take a sit so gets that tick but he's one that should have been sold to HK after his NZ Derby win.	<u>\$41</u>
Vow and Declare	Was a better run than Finche in the lead up and I have to suggest he might not have spelled since QLD which means his FIT. He has some class this horse and he's a genuine chance. He maps to be midfield with a good ride and he can win. I expect him to be well backed.	<u>\$9</u>
Brimham Rocks	He's one of mine. His win 2 ago here was in good figures but wind affected and his only other run here would win this race. He is very inconsistent as last start big Duke and co that he meets here "owned him". Those two runs and ratings though have him on the second line of chances with me as it is a bit of a horses for courses. The draw is horrendous though and for that reason I can't have him as a winning chance albeit I won't be shocked to see him storm late and get minor money.	<u>\$26</u>
The Chosen One	I love the 7 day back-up but the draw means he goes back to last and I have to say he has a class query on him. I won't be surprised to see money come for him but he can't win and at best he's one for the 4 th type finish.	<u>\$15</u>
Qafila	She is going nowhere near like she was when she won the Sa Oaks. She will be on speed but I give her no hope.	<u>\$34</u>
Wolfe	On the quick back-up. Will struggle with the class rise and distance albeit he has been very good to us in the past for our betting.	<u>\$18</u>
Sound	Couldn't win if they let him start now.	<u>\$101</u>
Neufbosc	He's another one who could get a head start and couldn't have him.	<u>\$81</u>

True Self	She ran ok albeit assisted in the Ebor. Will be tough and fit and if you like her back her now for the Matriarch.	<u>\$51</u>
Prince of Arran	Would have been a chance but luckily a few slow boats have kept him out of the race for those that have genuine chances.	<u>\$21</u>

In Summary I think Mustajeer, Hartnell, Finche, Brimham Rocks and Vow and Declare are the only horses with ratings good enough to win. You have to discount Hartnell, Finche as not having had a 2400m run this prep and to a lesser account Vow and Declare. The map is also poor for Hartnell, Finche and Brimham Rocks.

Therefore the bet in the race is Mustajeer. He has the numbers and whilst still a sticky barrier he should be worse than midfield and he will be charging late. Vow and Declare has been very well trained by Danny O'Brien and being a young 4yr old buck gets some ticks also.

BET: 1 unit Each Way on Mustajeer @ Tote, 1 unit Each Way on Vow And Declare @ Tote

Last Preview: Shadow Hero +5u | Running Tally: +12u

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