

The 2018 Lexus Melbourne Cup

Rank	Horse Name	Horse number	Barrier	Rain/soft form	>2500m win	Race style/tactics
1	Magic Circle	3	17	Y	Y	Swooper

Comments

The one to beat, plenty of straight at Flemington to find a tactful position. Real hard stayer with a ridiculous turn of foot at 2 miles and plus. Best action of the field.

2	Youngstar	22	8	Y	N	Swooper
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Comments

Forget the Caulfied Cup run (no pace set and leader biased day) + loves the soft, never tried the distance which is a ? She is one of the few mares in the race and chased home superstar winx+++

3	Finche	13	15	Y	Y	Off pace/ Middle pack
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Comments

Fantastic big action for a stayer, jumps the ground. Lead up race Geelong Cup was fair and he closed. Must consider.

4	Yucatan	11	23	Y	N	Off pace
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Comments

Did demolish a good field including A Prince of Aran in the Herbert Power over 2400m. Two negatives: Looks like he will get the distance but they eased him up on the line so who knows? Barrier 23 is the carpark. Rekindleling won from a simimar wide barrier last year but this is a different speed map.

5	Best Solution	1	6	Y	N	Off pace/Leader
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Comments

Going for the double. Won the 2018 Caulfield Cup beating Homesman and The Cliffsofmoher. Must consider.

6	Vegeur Masque	15	2	Y	Y	Leader
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Comments

Best of the real roughies, ticks both distance and track condition + might be ahead on the turn.

7	Muntahaa	5	13	N	Y	Off pace/Middle pack
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Comments

Recent win over 2800m suggests he will stay the trip, doesn't like soft with 0 from 3. Place chance

8	Marmelo	9	10	N	Y	Leader/off pace
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Comments

Can see out the distance but rain about seems like a negative, place chance.

9	Avilius	10	11	Y	Y	Middle pack/swooper
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Comments

I love this horse but just not sure this is his race. The Bart Cummings he beat Vengeur Masque and Yogi and worked for it. Others ahead. That being said - Bart Cummings was the Melbourne Cup King.

10	Cross Counter	23	19	N	N	Middle pack/swooper
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Comments

Doesn't handle soft nor won over 2500m, quality but place hope.

11	The Cliffsof Moher	2	9	Y	N	Middle pack
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Comments

Likes the soft going but hasn't seen out a strong 2500m+ race yet. Testing material and could surprise with a better barrier than stablemates.

12	Ventura Storm	16	7	Y	Y	Leader/off pace
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Comments

Mooney Valley Cup winner but was suited to the track bias there. Drawn good for his racing style. Place chance or better if you like him.

13	Runaway	21	12	N	Y	Leader
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Comments

Will take off and make this a true staying test, doesn't handle the soft so might struggle to see it out strong to the end.