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THE FINAL WORD

Inside pointer to winners

NICK QUINN

PUNTERS are working around the two favourites heading into tomorrow's Australian Cup — and history is on their side.

My Redeemer heads the market at \$3.50 after drawing Box 2, and Dyna Patty is on the second line of betting at \$3.80 after coming up with the prized Box 1.

History points to the inside runners, with five of the past 10 Australian Cups won by runners in Boxes 1 and 2.

TAB chief media officer Trent Langskail is confident My Redeemer is the one to beat.

"My Redeemer was able to take advantage of Box 1 in last November's Melbourne Cup," Langskail said.

"And with Box 2 in Saturday night's cup, My Redeemer has a terrific opportunity to become the third greyhound to complete the Melbourne Cup-Australian Cup double."

Outside the top two market leaders, there has been solid each-way support for Miss Splendamiro, who has been backed from \$6.50 into \$6 after drawing Box 8.

"She is a tremendous beginner, and if she is able to lead heading into the back straight, she will be difficult to catch," Langskail said.

The best-backed runner on the program is Tornado Tears in the Bale Super Stayers. He is into \$1.30, despite drawing awkwardly in Box 5.

DYNA PATTY IN THE BOX SEAT

JAMES VAN DE MAAT

THE Meadows will host one of the biggest nights of racing on the calendar tomorrow, with the Group 1 Australian Cup (525m) and the Group 1 Fanta Bale Super Stayers (725m).

There is a great spread of speed and strength in this year's edition, made even more interesting by the pivotal box draw.

Dyna Patty is clearly the best served by the box draw. My Redeemer (two) and Dyna Oscar (three) both tend to stay away from the rail.

A Group 1 winner at the track from this draw, Dyna Patty should be right in the finish if she holds her place early.

I expect big performances from Melbourne Cup winner My Redeemer and kennelmate Miss Splendamiro, as well as adopted Kiwi Baygo Bye Bye. In the Group 1 Super Stayers, the champ Tornado Tears looks set for victory and a beautiful run in transit, behind likely leader, Black Impala, from box four.

AUSTRALIAN CUP: 12.8.4
SUPER STAYERS: 5.13.4

THE CONTENDERS GROUP 1 TAB AUSTRALIAN CUP

(525M) RACE 6



1. DYNA PATTY

TAB ODDS: \$3.80
TRAINER: Andrea Dailly
STARTS: 42; 15: 6-6
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 14; 6-2-1
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.665sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$25,110
GROUP RACES: G1 Maturity, G3 Speed Star
PAST 10 STARTS: 1473411516
EARLY SPEED: 68KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"She likes room early and has already won a Group race from box one. She can be tough and go out of the boxes, but she stepped really well in the heats, so hopefully she can do it in the final. I think it is safe to say she is back to her best."



2. MY REDEEMER

TAB ODDS: \$3.50
TRAINER: David Geall
STARTS: 50; 25: 8-4
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 8; 4-1-1
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.71sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$681,805
GROUP RACES: G1 H Dawson, G1 Melb Cup
PAST 10 STARTS: 1415311111
EARLY SPEED: 69KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"He is a very brave dog. He will know what to do despite there being plenty of speed. I think he will sit on the rail and after the field sort themselves out, hopefully he is sitting within 3-4 lengths to showcase his strength."

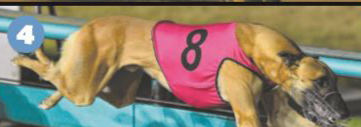


3. DYNA OSCAR

TAB ODDS: \$2.6
TRAINER: Andrea Dailly
STARTS: 55; 15: 5-8
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 26; 7-2-5
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.937sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$92,235
GROUP RACES: N/A
PAST 10 STARTS: 1525276544
EARLY SPEED: 65KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"He is really a 29.9sec to 30sec dog. We are happy with his heat win, but if he is going to go close in the Australian Cup, he is going to have to jump the best he has ever jumped. The inside box definitely works to his advantage."



4. BAGO BYE BYE

TAB ODDS: \$5.50
TRAINER: Darren Russell (Queensland)
STARTS: 23; 15: 1-2
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 1; 1-0-0
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.535sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$104,767
GROUP RACES: G1 New Zealand Cup
PAST 10 STARTS: 1481111111
EARLY SPEED: 65KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"He is a very fast dog, and I think he should get a clear run into the first corner. Deliver will go straight out of the boxes and Dyna Oscar will hold up the two dogs on his inside. He also has strength on his side so he can't be discounted."

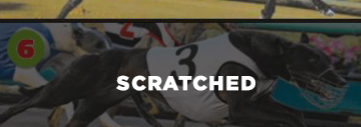


5. DELIVER

TAB ODDS: \$7
TRAINER: Seona Thompson
STARTS: 25; 14: 5-0
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 12; 5-3-0
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.686sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$224,985
GROUP RACES: G1 Peters Classic, G1 Rookie Rebel
PAST 10 STARTS: 111516151
EARLY SPEED: 68KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"Box five is a great draw for him, and we really wanted to draw outside of Bago Bye Bye. He is also racing with confidence at the moment thanks to his 600m runs. If he can hold his ground early, we know how strong he is late."



SCRATCHED

6. SHE'S GIFTED

TAB ODDS: \$21
TRAINER: Deborah Coleman
STARTS: 35; 17: 6-4
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 6; 4-1-0
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 30.025sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$175,499
GROUP RACES: G2 Queensland Futurity
PAST 10 STARTS: 1221143132
EARLY SPEED: 68KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"There is a lot of speed around her and I think that she is going to have to put her best foot forward. Her best chance of winning would be the heat doesn't mean anything, but she has come from behind and run down good dogs before."



7. BLACK OPIUM

TAB ODDS: \$7
TRAINER: Seona Thompson
STARTS: 15; 11: 1-0
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 2; 1-0-0
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.91sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$213,278
GROUP RACES: N/A
PAST 10 STARTS: 1616411211
EARLY SPEED: 68KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"She is better off being in the boxes a bit longer, which she will get from seven. Her time in the heat doesn't mean anything. I know the times she has run, and is capable of running, and she has what it takes to win."



8. MISS SPLENDAMIRO

TAB ODDS: \$5.50
TRAINER: David Geall
STARTS: 58; 32: 8-6
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 3; 2-1-0
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.733sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$216,570
GROUP RACES: G3 NSW Ladies Bracelet
PAST 10 STARTS: 1312113122
EARLY SPEED: 66KMH

TRAINER SAYS

"She is a very determined little chaser. Went in a little underdone in the heat, so I see her running very hard into the first turn this week. Box eight is difficult in Group 1, especially with speed from Black Opium around her."



9. SHIMA BREEZE

TAB ODDS: \$12
TRAINER: Tony Rasmussen
STARTS: 31; 15: 8-4
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 5; 1-2-1
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.888sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$85,772
GROUP RACES: N/A
PAST 10 STARTS: 2111311211
EARLY SPEED: 68KMH

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10. POKE THE BEAR

TRAINER: Seona Thompson
TAB ODDS: \$5
STARTS: 64; 35: 6-5
THE MEADOWS 525M RECORD: 21; 11-3-2
WINNING PB AT TRACK: 29.464sec
PRIZEMONEY: \$485,465
GROUP RACES: G3 Silver Bullet, G1 Toppun, G2 Traralgon Cup
PAST 10 STARTS: 2521741151
EARLY SPEED: 66KMH

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