

# CANBERRA ACTON PROFIT POINTERS

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## Meeting Information:

Track: Synthetic ; Rail: True. Weather: Rain (Max: 16)



### MEETING TOP RATED

The Racing and Sports top-rated runner in each race.

Top Rated Horses	
RACE 1	9. SEEKING TO WIN
RACE 2	2. CONTALDO
RACE 3	7. INDEFENSIBLE
RACE 4	2. ROTHO BRO
RACE 5	5. EXOTIC DANCER
RACE 6	4. RUMOURS ABOUND
RACE 7	9. OUR JEWEL

### GOLDEN MAP HORSES

Horses across the meeting expected to race in a position of advantage as identified by Racing and Sports statistical analysis.

Golden Map	
RACE 3	7. INDEFENSIBLE
RACE 5	5. EXOTIC DANCER
RACE 6	4. RUMOURS ABOUND

### SECTIONAL STARS

Horses across the meeting that have been identified by Racing and Sports sectional times analysis.

Sectional Stars	
RACE 2	2. CONTALDO
RACE 6	1. KING GUTHO
RACE 7	15. BARDETTE

Race 1	MAREE VAN ARKEL HANDICAP	DISTANCE: 1080m
12:32pm	★	PRIZEMONEY: \$16,000.00

Tb	Frm	HorseName	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	5x408	WEGOTABETTERHOFFA	\$10	6	64.5	ANTHONY WARREN	SINEAD PEEBLES (A3.0)
2	22266	OAKEYS CHOICE	-	11	63.0	LUKE MUSSON	JESS TAYLOR
3	68673	TITAN STAR	\$10	12	63.0	MICK VAN GESTEL	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM (A2.0)
4	03054	PRINCE PAPA	\$5.5	3	61.5	PAT MURPHY	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
5	6x138	JACOB JOE	-	9	61.0	BECKY BYRNE	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
6	84135	SHE'SADARE	\$5.5	4	61.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	HOLLY DURNAN (A1.5)
7	47547	FANTINI	-	10	59.5	PAUL MURRAY	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
8	64956	MAYBE MAUREEN	\$7	2	59.5	SCOTT COLLINGS	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
9	34x12	SEEKING TO WIN	\$4.5	8	59.5	SCOTT COLLINGS	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
10	x199x	DON'T THINKABOUTIT	-	1	59.0	AARON CLARKE	RICHARD BENSLEY
11	786x4	DUBAI OAK	-	5	58.5	JOHN ROLFE	JOHN KISSICK
12	89925	INTO THE FIRE	-	7	58.0	SCOTT JAMIESON	OLIVIA DALTON (A2.0)
13	589x8	TWIN SEAS	-	7	56.0	GEORGE HOY	
14	9670x	DANISH HUSSAR	-	3	55.0	ALLAN MCRAE	

**Race Analysis:** We're back onto the Acton for the winter months, but the synthetic surface does tend to play very fair, particularly early in the season. We haven't had a wet day since the new surface has been laid, though using data from Synthetic tracks in Victoria, Racing and Sports data suggests that the track in fact plays faster in wet conditions than it does when a clear and warm day. As for the first race on the program, it's not one I'm looking to dive into early in betting. Seeking To Win brings in a good figure from a CL1 at Moruya last time out when narrowly beaten after leading the field. That is a big key as she may be able to burn across from the wide gate and put herself on the speed under Blaike McDougall. She appears one of the main pace influences in the event and she's deserving to be at the top of the market based on recent figures. There's not a whole lot between She'sadare and Prince Papa, both dropping back in distance after disappointing runs in their respective races and drawn next to each other. One of those 'if you like one, you have to like both' scenarios there. Wegotabetterhoffa is another speedy customer and comes right back from a Federal last start. She does have early speed and suspect it'll be handlebars down from the gate. She'll give them something to chase.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	45259	BURROWA	-	7	59.0	ROB POTTER	OLIVIA DALTON (A2.0)
2	46x08	CONTALDO	\$2.2	8	59.0	JOSEPH PRIDE	GRANT BUCKLEY
3	84337	FLASHY ICON	-	12	59.0	ROB POTTER	QUAYDE KROGH
4	94727	KONING	\$5.5	9	59.0	RICHARD & WILL FREEDMAN	BLAIKE MCDOUGALL
5	2441	IN THE NIC OF TIME	-	7	57.5	TODD SMART	JOHN KISSICK
6	23133	ANA CAROLINA	\$8	4	57.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	JEFF PENZA
7	96949	DASHING POWER	-	10	56.5	GREG STEPHENS	SINEAD PEEBLES (A3.0)
8	6537	MIKKI VAIN	-	2	56.5	ROSS MCCONVILLE	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
9	61x4	TOKYO QUEEN	-	7	55.5	FABIO MARTINO	
10	x3635	BLACK BUGATTI	\$7	11	55.0	GARY PORTELLI	CORIAH KEATINGS
11	60	FIRST THOUGHT	-	9	55.0	CIARON MAHER	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
12	0x778	SUPERSTELLAR	-	3	55.0	ROBERT QUINN	SHAUN GUYMER
13	90665	SUSPICIOUS TIME	-	6	56.5	DARRYL ROLFE	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
14	09	TEILEYA	-	5	55.0	LUKE MUSSON	OLIVIA CHAMBERS
15	87	CAPOCOLA	-	1	55.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	JESS TAYLOR

**Race Analysis:** It's not often you see a horse that was 50-1 at their last start jump close to odds-on at their next outing, but we could see that the with Joe Pride-trained Contaldo. He was one for the 'eyes guys' at Warwick Farm, running into dead ends and showing his best over the concluding stages. His best form in Europe was at a mile or further which he gets out to today and his runs this time in have hinted his European ratings aren't far away. Strikes a very suitable race and can pick up his first Australian win. Koning ticks plenty of boxes coming back to this grade. He may not have run out the 2100m at Wyong last start, with his runs prior rating highly among this field in stronger company. He has early speed, and the booking of McDougall is a big key to his chances. Black Bugatti comes off a strong effort in heavy going at Newcastle most recently. Keatings is in good form of late and if he runs up to the figures he's been producing in wet going, he'll be right in the finish. Happy to be against Ana Carolina back in distance.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	5232x	SOUK	\$3.5	2	59.5	MATTHEW KELLEY	CORIAH KEATINGS
2		DID DUBAI ME EUROS	-	12	59.0	JACK VAN DUREN	SINEAD PEEBLES (A3.0)
3	0x	ROCKET TO RUSSIA	-	9	58.5	LAURI PARKER	SHAUN GUYMER
4	3738	WEIRD GOODBYES	-	8	57.5	LUKE PEPPER	BLAIKE MCDOUGALL
5	98	HE LIKES TO PARTY	-	3	57.0	BECKY BYRNE	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
6	678	COLD MIST	-	1	56.5	PAUL MURRAY	QUAYDE KROGH
7	58x4	INDEFENSIBLE	\$1.7	5	56.5	JOSEPH PRIDE	JEFF PENZA
8	6x26	VESCOVI	-	11	55.5	JOE CLEARY	JESS TAYLOR
9		DEEPLY	-	4	55.0	GRATZ VELLA	LOUISE DAY
10	089x5	DREAMALIVE	-	10	55.0	CON KARAKATSANIS	GRANT BUCKLEY
11	99	LOVE YOU LOVE ME	-	6	55.0	CON KARAKATSANIS	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
12	8x7	QUEEN OF THORNS	-	7	55.0	BLAKE RYAN	EMMA LY (A2.0)
13	69x43	MISS INDI	-	14	55.0	JOHN NISBET	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
14	9769x	WESTBROOK	-	1	55.0	JOHN ROLFE	

**Race Analysis:** Looks a two-horse race and the market has it about right. Indefensible may not have handled the wet track first-up at Wyong over 1100m when tiring late and ending up well beaten. She still managed to finish fourth there and the best run of her career has come on a firm deck at Canterbury. She'd trialed impressively heading into her fresh run and this looks a great opportunity to show what she's capable of. Wouldn't surprise to see her be a fan favourite back on top of the ground and with her early speed. Souk resumes for the new stable today and brings solid Victorian form up after being trained by Anthony & Sam Freedman. He jumped a \$3.25 chance first-up at Seymour last campaign and the ratings he's produced stack right up. Those two have a class edge on the raced brigade with Deeply for the in-form Gratz Vella stable looking the best of the unraced brigade.

Tb	Frm	HorseName	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
<del>1</del>	<del>x2120</del>	<del>KOTAISHI</del>	-	<del>17</del>	<del>60.0</del>	<del>MATTHEW KELLEY</del>	
2	3x16	ROTHO BRO	\$4.5	6	59.0	JARROD AUSTIN	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
3	2145x	ASTROGAZER	-	1	58.5	ANTHONY WARREN	J KISSICK
4	4x066	HELL OF A SHOW	-	5	57.5	JENNY HOY	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
5	3x310	CHRISTMAS STAR	\$5	2	57.0	B JOSEPH & P & M JONES	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
6	03124	NOCTUA	-	9	56.5	NATALIE JARVIS	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
7	x7200	CASHBURN	-	3	56.0	MITCHELL BEER	HOLLY DURNAN (A1.5)
8	232x1	DOLLYTHEDIVA	\$10	12	56.0	JOHN NISBET	LOUISE DAY
9	542x1	GIZA	\$8	7	56.0	TOM WILSON	JESS TAYLOR
10	2x213	ISAGURA	\$5.5	11	56.0	PAT MURPHY	JESSICA BROOKES (A2.0)
11	35536	KENYAN CHARM	-	8	55.5	JOHN NISBET	JEFF PENZA
12	71644	ITSZARBABY	-	10	55.0	GARY PORTELLI	CORIAH KEATINGS
13	12830	DON'T TELL JACK	-	4	55.0	SHAUN HARVEY	BRONTE SIMPSON (A4.0)
<del>14</del>	<del>12248</del>	<del>TEXAS OPEN</del>	-	<del>2</del>	<del>55.0</del>	<del>ALLAN MCRAE</del>	
<del>15</del>	<del>86700</del>	<del>APACHE DEEL</del>	-	<del>5</del>	<del>55.0</del>	<del>DARRYL ROLFE</del>	PIERRE BOUVILLAIN
<del>16</del>	<del>x417x</del>	<del>TANTALUM</del>	-	<del>14</del>	<del>55.0</del>	<del>GARRY KIRKUP</del>	
<del>17</del>	<del>30000</del>	<del>SPIRITED KING</del>	-	<del>6</del>	<del>55.0</del>	<del>JOHN ROLFE</del>	

**Race Analysis:** Bit of a raffle to begin the Quaddie. Rotho Bro was a good winner first-up at Mudgee over 1100m before a plain run last start at Goulburn on a Soft track. Back to this trip may help his chances and the booking of McDougall is a big tick. Christmas Star looks one on the RAS ratings that could present some value. She was out to 1400m last start at the Sapphire Coast and disappointed, but her two efforts prior have her right at the pointy end of a race like this. Happy to think she didn't run out the extra journey there and the Gundagai run is the formline to assess her on. Thinking she's the one worth backing early doors. The rest of them seem a bit similar. Isagura will need a touch of luck from out wide, though her best form would see her right in the mix, but that seems a little hard to forecast with the setup she has today and the apprentice hoop on board. Giza resumed on a good note at the Sapphire Coast as the \$1.90 favourite, though there's been just 1 placegetter from 8 starters since which doesn't give me much confidence. Dollythediva ran a similar rating to win at Queanbeyan fresh, but much like Isagura, luck well need to be her friend.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	9x420	DEPARTING BULLET	-	7	63.5	PAUL NICEFORO	DALE COLE (A4.0)
2	53645	RONNY ROCKART	-	10	62.5	NEIL OSBORNE	J KISSICK
3	x6565	BATTLE ABBEY	-	8	60.5	TOM WILSON	JESS TAYLOR
4	43130	XCEPTIONAL FELLA	\$5	1	60.5	MATTHEW KELLEY	BILLY OWEN
5	14x25	EXOTIC DANCER	\$3	4	60.0	GARY PORTELLI	CORIAH KEATINGS
6	00344	THE HERALD	-	16	60.0	GEOFFREY CROTHERS	
7	30146	CRUCIAL WITNESS	-	12	59.0	GRATZ VELLA	SINEAD PEEBLES (A3.0)
8	34835	FERRARI GIRL	-	6	59.0	GARRY KIRKUP	TEAGHAN MARTIN (A2.0)
9	16x21	ZIELLE	\$4	3	59.0	GARY NICKSON	DEANNE PANYA
10	63662	MISSILE MAIDEN	-	9	58.5	ROB POTTER	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
11	66115	ANTHRACIA	-	5	57.0	PAUL FACOORY	SHAUN GUYMER
12	10421	BEAU ROCK	\$10	11	57.0	GRATZ VELLA	CAITLIN SINCLAIR (A3.0)
13	86291	DEVGRU	-	2	57.0	JOHN BORHAM	EMMALY (A2.0)
14	12830	DON'T TELL JACK	-	17	55.5	SHAUN HARVEY	
15	2x630	FIELD AGENT	-	12	55.0	GARRY KIRKUP	
16	0x880	ROC THE WOLF	-	8	55.0	BECKY BYRNE	
17	14039	SOHO SUSHI	-	4	58.5	PAT MURPHY	
18	03054	PRINCE PAPA	-	15	56.5	PAT MURPHY	

**Race Analysis:** Think there's a chance to play in race five with Exotic Dancer bringing in strong form lines that shape well. She went under narrowly as a \$3.40 chance fresh at Orange before going to Wyong last start and failing in heavy going when also back to 1100m. She was on an upward trajectory prior to that and getting back out in distance is a positive for her. She looks to get her chance on the map and with some niggles around her rivals, there seems to be some value in her price. Zielle was a sectional star two runs back and ran up to those figures when winning at Goulburn most recently. She was strong from the back of the pack there, putting up a strong rating and one that matches what Exotic Dancer has done thus far. Slight rise in trip shouldn't be an issue, and she makes plenty of appeal. Both Zielle and Exotic Dancer have ratings above the peak of Xceptional Fella which makes him the odd one out at the top of the market. While a consistent horse, his consistency is at a rung below what we've seen from Zielle and Exotic Dancer. He'll give himself every chance close to the speed, but the filly's may have the class edge on him.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	262x3	KING GUTHO	\$4	6	60.0	JOE CLEARY	JESS TAYLOR
2	64732	MAJOR TIME	\$10	2	59.0	GRATZ VELLA	CAITLIN SINCLAIR (A3.0)
3	742x6	MARSABIT	-	8	59.0	DANNY WILLIAMS	DALE COLE (A4.0)
4	05626	RUMOURS ABOUND	\$3	3	59.0	RON STUBBS	JASON LYON
5	2069x	PROPHET'S PRIDE	-	5	56.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	CORIAH KEATINGS
6	8x967	MASTER JOE	-	7	55.0	GEOFFREY CROTHERS	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
7	54521	MISS EMMA	\$7	9	55.0	GARRY KIRKUP	JEFF PENZA
8	61562	PRINCESS HALO	-	1	55.0	B JOSEPH & P & M JONES	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM (A2.0)
9	14039	SOHO SUSHI	-	4	55.0	PAT MURPHY	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE

**Race Analysis:** Thinking this is more of a two-horse race than the market is telling us. Rumours Abound went to Saturday grade at Caulfield following a narrow defeat as an odds-on favourite in the Flat Knacker at Albury and was just outclassed there. This looks to shape better for her this time, and she'll be right up on the speed from a favourable gate and Lyon strikes at 19% when riding for the Stubbs barn. She looks a deserved favourite. King Gutho appears the main danger after running on well fresh in a similar event on the course proper here. He tends to improve second-up into the campaign and it's always worth noting when Cleary puts Jess Taylor on his runners. His best figures are right up to the ratings Rumours Abound has run up to recently and he'll be strong to the line. Miss Emma looks next best off a strong figure in a CL1 at Wagga and appears to have turned a corner in recent efforts, but this is harder again.

Tb	Frm	HorseName	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
<del>1</del>	<del>092</del>	<del>HAMAGUCHI</del>	-	<del>17</del>	<del>59.0</del>	<del>JOE CLEARY</del>	<del>JESS TAYLOR</del>
2	2367x	IDEELIC	-	4	59.0	GRATZ VELLA	J KISSICK
3	64x77	IRISH JIG	\$6	12	59.0	ROBERT QUINN	SHAUN GUYMER
4		LI'L SUGE	-	10	59.0	ANTHONY WARREN	SINEAD PEEBLES (A3.0)
<del>5</del>	<del>x3243</del>	<del>MARAIS</del>	-	<del>16</del>	<del>59.0</del>	<del>GERALD RYAN &amp; STERLING ALEXIOU</del>	<del>GRANT BUCKLEY</del>
6		MR USHER	-	1	59.0	ROBERT QUINN	OLIVIA DALTON (A2.0)
7	59x25	SHOREMAN	\$10	8	59.0	MATTHEW DALE	QUAYDE KROGH
8	757x5	CLOUD OF DUST	\$5	3	57.0	JOSEPH PRIDE	JEFF PENZA
9	58x35	OUR JEWEL	\$3	9	57.0	JOSEPH PRIDE	BLAIKE MCDOUGALL
10	x85x5	PRIZED ALWYNS	-	11	57.0	LUKE MUSSON	OLIVIA CHAMBERS
<del>11</del>	<del>93</del>	<del>PURPLE ROSE</del>	-	<del>16</del>	<del>57.0</del>	<del>LAURI PARKER</del>	
12	7x734	SNUBA	-	2	57.0	MATTHEW DALE	LOUISE DAY
13	23546	SORASTORM	-	6	57.0	CLARE MANSELL	CORIAH KEATINGS
14	5	WHYMSICAL SPIRIT	-	5	57.0	LEN HODGSON	CAITLIN SINCLAIR (A3.0)
15	54	BARDETTE	\$7	7	57.0	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
<del>16</del>	<del>67x4</del>	<del>DIVINE SPARK</del>	-	<del>4</del>	<del>57.0</del>	<del>ANTHONY WARREN</del>	
<del>17</del>	<del>287x5</del>	<del>ROCAS GRANDES</del>	-	<del>12</del>	<del>59.0</del>	<del>ANTHONY WARREN</del>	
<del>18</del>	<del>34550</del>	<del>ABITSUSS</del>	-	<del>13</del>	<del>57.0</del>	<del>JOHN BORHAM</del>	
<del>19</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>LOUI LONG LEGS</del>	-	<del>7</del>	<del>59.0</del>	<del>NEIL OSBORNE</del>	<del>GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)</del>
<del>20</del>	<del>3738</del>	<del>WEIRD GOODBYES</del>	-	<del>17</del>	<del>59.0</del>	<del>LUKE PEPPER</del>	

**Race Analysis:** Joe Pride brings a strong hand to the National Capital and Our Jewel looks to round out the day on a winning note. She never really got into the race in trying conditions at Wyong last start but jumped a \$3.70 chance fresh at Gosford over 1200m. Her trials leading into her fresh run were solid and while she has drawn wide, she looks to have plenty of class. McDougall's booking is a big tick, and she looks the one to beat in the finale. The stablemate Cloud Of Dust comes through the same race as Indefensible earlier in the card, so that will give us a good line on the race. She maps for a lovely run under Penza, and she probably hasn't been given an opportunity to show her best in her career thus far. This looks a very suitable race however and today may be her day. The preparation and barrier of Irish Jig is enough for me to be soft on him. He had two trials off an 88-day break and has had both runs over the mile this time in. Now drops back to 1280m off 20 days when his best figures have been over further. There seems to be more against him than for him. Bardette is itching to win a race. She hasn't been given much chance in both her runs this time in, but the rise in trip is a big tick and she'll be closing off nicely.