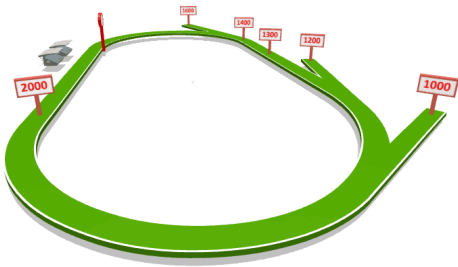


Friday 19th September 2025

Meeting Information:

Track: SOFT 5; Rail: 5m Entire. (Pent: 5.48) Weather: Showers developing (Max: 19)



MEETING TOP RATED

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

Top Rated Horses	
RACE 1	2. MERCHANT REIGN
RACE 2	8. LETHAL LOVE
RACE 3	14. STELLAR RHONDA
RACE 4	2. FELIS CHAUS
RACE 5	3. BUENOS
RACE 6	5. TAKE THE RAP
RACE 7	7. MAH ALI

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 2	8. LETHAL LOVE
RACE 6	5. TAKE THE RAP
RACE 7	6. RONNY ROCK ART

SECTIONAL STARS

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

Sectional Stars	
RACE 3	6. BRUTAL EYES
RACE 4	2. FELIS CHAUS
RACE 5	3. BUENOS

Race 1

CAPITAL VENEERING HANDICAP

DISTANCE: 1200m

1:20pm

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PRIZEMONEY: \$16,000.00

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	715x7	LYSANDER	-	3	62.0	NATALIE JARVIS	TEAGHAN MARTIN (A2.0)
2	38x14	MERCHANT REIGN	\$3.2	9	61.5	LUKE CLARKE	JOHN KISSICK
3	3756x	SEBASTIAN'S FLYER	-	2	61.5	THERESA BATEUP	CHAD LEVER
4	x3664	CHAMP DE MARS	\$7	6	61.0	CON KARAKATSANIS	RYAN BRADLEY (A3.0)
5	50005	MOTORBOAT	-	4	61.0	GEOFFREY CROTHERS	
6	x3173	SHE'S HIGH SOCIETY	-	13	61.0	B JOSEPH & P & M JONES	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM (A2.0)
7	62329	BEAU ROCK	\$4.5	5	60.5	GRATZ VELLA	JEFF PENZA
8	x8x80	GINJARI	-	11	59.5	LUKE CLARKE	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
9	0002x	SINGLE CROWN	-	4	59.5	LUKE MUSSON	WINONA COSTIN
10	64646	PRETTY EYED	-	14	59.0	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	
11	6x572	SINGLE BEAT	\$5.5	8	59.0	NORM GARDNER	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
12	005x6	PICKSIX	-	7	58.5	MATTHEW KELLEY	BILLY OWEN
13	48480	SHELLY'S ACE	-	4	58.5	SCOTT COLLINGS	JESSICA BROOKES (A2.0)
14	98086	IZ BRILLIANT	-	10	56.0	JACK VAN DUREN	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
15	44644	MYSTIC FLAME	-	1	55.0	MAREE HOPKINS	MICHAEL HEAGNEY
16	57746	PAPAVAR MINER	-	2	55.0	JACK VAN DUREN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)

Race Analysis: Looks a pretty even race on paper and not one I'm diving in to. Beau Rock jumped favourite ahead of Merchant Reign two starts ago on the Acton track here, with the former just too speedy on the day. Since then, Merchant Reign turned in a strong effort in stronger company, while Beau Rock drifted back and probably found them too speedy over 1000m here last time out. Going off their runs two back and the set up that faces them today, they should be closer in the market, meaning there could be some edge around the Vella-trained Beau Rock. Merchant Reign is the deserved favourite, but the market behind him is where the interest lies. Champ De Mars has been ticking along nicely in stronger races, finishing 3.5 lengths away in a Class 1 at Mudgee last start and tackling Provincial grade prior to that. She's right back in grade now and it wouldn't surprise to see her have some fans late in betting. Single Beat comes through that same race as Beau Rock where she hit the line nicely, finishing a narrow second. Rising to 1200m now is some query, with her past two 1200m runs in this grade being rather plain, though she'll carry less weight this time and is an obvious threat on that performance.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	5x2	DANCING MAN	-	7	59.5	MARY BRAY	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
2	3622x	BAYCAT	\$8	9	57.0	JARROD AUSTIN	CHAD LEVER
3		DEE DEE EXPRESS	\$7	6	57.0	MATTHEW DALE	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
4		UBER IN	\$5	8	57.0	RICHARD LITT	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
5	0000x	DEEP AFFECTION	-	2	55.0	JOHN P THOMPSON	BROCK RYAN
6	40x6	FLASHBACK TIME	-	5	55.0	GRATZ VELLA	QUAYDE KROGH
7	29x63	K'GARI	-	10	55.0	JOHN SARGENT	MITCH STAPLEFORD
8		LETHAL LOVE	\$2.2	1	55.0	RICHARD & WILL FREEDMAN	TEAQUE GOULD
9	57x8	NOTHING SPECIAL	-	4	55.0	GRATZ VELLA	JEFF PENZA
10	979x	PRINCESSA	-	3	55.0	BECKY BYRNE	JACK BAKER (A2.0)
11	8x453	SHAFT ATTACK	-	11	55.0	LEN HODGSON	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
12	x575x	STORMY REIGN	-	12	55.0	LUKE PEPPER	JACK MARTIN

Race Analysis: This looks a strong maiden, and Lethal Love may be the pick of them. Things set up beautifully for her today albeit a 3YO taking on the older horses. Her two trials in town have been super and the map looks favourable for her from an inside barrier. May just need some luck at the top of the straight to find daylight, but she looks the one to beat on what we've seen publicly. Uber In and Baycat trialed on the same day at Warwick Farm, and while Baycat won her heat, she was ~1.25 lengths slower than Uber In. With that, they have to be held together in the market, though I would still have the gap between them slightly bigger. Dee Dee Express led in her trial and ended up finishing 2.2 lengths back in fifth, though she wasn't asked to do a whole lot in her Kembla Grange heat. Can show early speed and be in this for a long way. Happy to put a line through Deep Affection despite the filly having tackled strong races in her debut campaign. Her trials have only been fair and while it can be suggested that they're coming here 'for an easy kill', I think it's more the fact she mightn't be going that well. I'll eat my words if she wins, but I would've liked to have seen more from her at the trials coming in.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	5x107	BROOKLYN LIGHTS	-	5	59.0	ANTHONY WARREN	BILLY OWEN
2	713	RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR	-	4	59.0	MATTHEW DALE	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
3	04420	ZOUWASE	-	7	59.0	B JOSEPH & P & M JONES	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM (A2.0)
4	0617x	ANULFA	-	1	57.0	STEPHEN HILL	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
5	64721	BON ELTON	-	4	57.0	GRAHAM BROWN	SHAUN GUYMER
6	x2135	BRUTAL EYES	\$3.2	5	57.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	JEFF PENZA
7	00246	STEAMED HAMS	-	6	57.0	NATALIE JARVIS	TEAGHAN MARTIN (A2.0)
8	5x0	ALZAMAN	-	1	56.5	JOHN O'SHEA & TOM CHARLTON	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
9	03093	PONTIAC	-	2	56.5	NORM GARDNER	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
10	862	PROPHET'S PROMISE	\$4.5	8	56.5	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
11	6x38	HEADSTREAM	-	4	55.0	BLAKE RYAN	CHAD LEVER
12	x8823	HELIGAN	-	9	55.0	NATALIE JARVIS	JACK MARTIN
13	4x46	O'SHEAMUS	-	7	55.0	JOHN O'SHEA & TOM CHARLTON	BROCK RYAN
14	7	STELLAR RHONDA	\$3	3	55.0	MATTHEW SMITH	CHAD LEVER

Race Analysis: This race changes a bit following scratchings. Stellar Rhonda is all upside. She was just fair on debut over 1250m, though the track at Newcastle that day was Heavy and she never got to the fast lane down the outside fence. The stable have hit the reset button and her latest trial was very impressive in town. Getting onto a firmer and fairer deck today can see her improve substantially. The small field now also favours Brutal Eyes who we were keen on a fortnight ago. She was taken on up front there and did very well to stick on for fifth with the pace they set up front. This looks a very different scenario where Penza may be able to dictate up front, and that makes her a rather attractive proposition. Prophet's Promise had plenty of support on debut but was rather disappointing in his first two runs. Out to 1400m saw him go close last start in a good maiden here and now out to the mile. The one query is his racing pattern, particularly if they go slow early, but he has the scope for improvement.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1		COPARTNER PEGASUS	-	2	59.0	STEPHEN O'HALLORAN	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
2	645x5	FELIS CHAUS	\$3	11	59.0	RICHARD LITT	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
3	5486x	SACRED INGOT	-	1	59.0	MITCHELL MALONEY-STONE	SHAUN GUYMER
4	56344	AZZUCCA	-	3	57.0	GRATZ VELLA	BILLY OWEN
5	5338x	MAGENTA SHORES	-	8	57.0	LEE & CHERIE CURTIS	JEFF PENZA
6	5	MISS EADIE	-	6	57.0	GARRY KIRKUP	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
7	3x	SHE'S A DAME	\$5	4	57.0	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	LOUIS-PHILIPPE BEUZELIN
8	234x4	THE EYES HAVE IT	\$6	5	57.0	LUKE PEPPER	JACK MARTIN
9	20x02	WINNING RULET	\$7	9	57.0	KERRY PARKER	BROCK RYAN
10	5x	YINDYAMARRA	-	2	57.0	ANTHONY WARREN	TEAGHAN MARTIN (A2.0)
11	5	ARCTIC BRIGHT	-	7	55.0	JOHN SARGENT	MITCH STAPLEFORD
12	230x8	LADY PANKHURST	-	10	55.0	JOHN SARGENT	
13	7	MRS VEE	-	10	55.0	MATTHEW SMITH	LOUISE DAY

Race Analysis: Another tricky race to assess. Felis Chaus is the correct favourite on the back of an impressive run first-up at Gosford, though the barrier draw will see her well back in running. No doubt the bigger track today will suit her and the booking of McDougall is a big push for her chances. While it may be a tough watch in the run, if she can run up to the splits she produced at her first-up run then she'll be flying late in the race. She's A Dame will be at the opposite end of the spectrum with her early speed holding her in good stead. She'll be fitter for two trials and was solid on debut at Nowra when leading over 1400m. Can give them something to chase. The Eyes Have It comes through a maiden here last week that we'll get a good line on through Dancing Man in R2. Just have a slight niggles going from 1000m to 1300m, but the fresh run was solid and that may set her up nicely for this. Winning Rulet was better last start at Wyong when sitting on the speed and that rating stacks up in this field. The firm deck looks a big tick for her chances and she's right in the mix with improvement expected, though the barrier makes things tricky.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	5x00x	REET PETITE	-	1	62.5	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	JESSICA BROOKES (A2.0)
2	96044	ACHESON	-	7	61.5	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	
3	13x1	BUENOS	\$1.8	6	60.5	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
4	686x0	OHTANI	-	7	60.5	BRYCE HEYS	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
5	360x2	PETAWAWA	\$3	3	59.5	MATTHEW DALE	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
6	93384	BENAMERA	-	4	59.0	STEPHEN O'HALLORAN	WINONA COSTIN
7	24431	COSMIC RIDE	-	5	58.5	LUKE PEPPER	JACK BAKER (A2.0)
8	138x0	DREAM INHERIT	-	8	58.5	BECKY BYRNE	JOHN KISSICK
9	1x8x9	STEELY GIRL	-	9	57.5	MARC CONNERS	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
10	48321	GHOSTORM	-	3	57.0	GREG STEPHENS	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
11	6313	MOLTEUNO	-	2	56.5	TASH BURLEIGH	SHAUN GUYMER

Race Analysis: Keen to follow up on the locally trained Buenos after a big win first-up. It highlighted that the debut campaign wasn't a fluke, picking up in good order with further improvement anticipated. She should've finished much closer to the winner second-up last campaign in the Guineas Preview and drawing outside again is a big tick under Rebecca Bronnett Prag. She's a lightly raced mare with stacks of upside, though this race does shape better for Petawawa who was no match for Buenos last start. She returned as good as ever, Petawawa, but was still no match for the Dryden & Snowden galloper. Suspect this time she'll be in front of Buenos and she gets a big weight swing in her favour. She ticks plenty of boxes with McDougall hopping on board too and the race looks to revolve around those two at the top of betting.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	63957	POKERJACK	-	8	62.0	TASH BURLEIGH	SHAUN GUYMER
2	x172x	EXTRAVAGENT LAD	\$7	7	61.5	SCOTT COLLINGS	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
3	3134x	FANGELA	-	11	61.0	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG
4	9823x	MOGO MAGIC	\$6	6	61.0	SCOTT COLLINGS	PIERRE BOUDVILLAIN
5	3x136	TAKE THE RAP	\$3	1	55.0	NORM GARDNER	CHAD LEVER
6	0x45x	WHO BUT ROO	-	4	55.0	GEOFFREY CROTHERS	
7	2436x	STARLIGHT GIRL	-	9	55.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	CORIAH KEATINGS
8	13971	VELLA'S BEST	\$4.5	10	55.0	GRATZ VELLA	LOUISE DAY
9	2362x	MY LAST HOORAY	-	5	55.0	FRANK CLEARY	JEFF PENZA
10	6219x	PRINCESS HALO	-	3	55.0	B JOSEPH & P & M JONES	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM
11	0x174	SUTTON VELLA	-	4	55.0	GRATZ VELLA	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
12	5218x	DESTRUCTIVE DIVA	-	2	55.0	NORM GARDNER	GLENN CAHILL

Race Analysis: Keen to play in the Black Mountain, taken out by Tulla Park 12 months ago. This time I'm hoping for a local victory with Take The Rap who has been eyeing this event throughout his campaign. He felt the pinch second-up on the Acton and was taken back from the draw at Warwick Farm most recently, but his late work was solid enough. Down in weight now and into what looks a very suitable race for a horse with his ability. He still has some upside about him and on recent figures, he's clearly the one to beat. Vella's Best dropped back to country level last start and bolted in to win a CL3 at Moruya. He carried the grandstand there and now drops right down to 55kg. He has the speed to roll across from out wide, though Take The Rap is expected to be within striking distance on straightening. Mogo Magic couldn't land a blow on the Acton, though his runs suggested he wasn't far off his best. That form holds up here and he's likely to be prominent from the outset. His stablemate Extravagent Lad was solid at the trials here last meeting and can fire first-up, though there doesn't seem to be any edge in his early price.

Tb	Frm	Horse Name	Assd	BP	Wt	Trainer	Jockey
1	74184	STONECOAT	-	9	62.0	MATTHEW KELLEY	CLAIRE RAMSBOTHAM (A2.0)
2	24913	HEIR JORDAN	-	5	59.0	LUKE MUSSON	CHAD LEVER
3	52237	TIP TOP TIMING	-	3	59.0	CLARRY CONNERS	JEAN VAN OVERMEIRE
4	51x60	LUMBER DREAM	-	8	58.0	RODGER WATERS	SHAUN GUYMER
5	6x536	MISSILE LEADER	\$6.5	1	58.0	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	JACK MARTIN
6	99331	RONNY ROCKART	\$5	2	57.5	NEIL OSBORNE	GLENN CAHILL (A2.0)
7	x8064	MAH ALI	\$4	7	57.0	KERRY PARKER	BROCK RYAN
8	91921	PHILADELPHIA STORM	\$7	4	57.0	GARY COLVIN	CARLY FRATER
9	173x3	BURGUNDY GIRL	\$8	6	56.0	KEITH DRYDEN & LIBBY SNOWDEN	REBECCA BRONETT PRAG (A1.5)
10	4x643	MAGIC PHAROAH	-	2	55.0	RICHARD LITT	BLAIKE MCDUGALL
11	3x267	WEBEJAMIN	-	9	55.0	STEPHEN O'HALLORAN	WINONA COSTIN

Race Analysis: Even race to end the day which makes things tricky. Mah Ali was strong late at Wyong last time out over 1350m and the rise to 1600m looks to suit. However, the obvious query is her 0/7 record at the trip which is concerning, though she has spent the majority of her career in Provincial and Metropolitan company. Don't think there's any real edge in the early price, particularly with a lot of these at a similar mark. Ronny Rock Art was tough on speed last start here to score over this track and trip. He looks one of the main speed influences in the race and he drops in weight as he rises in grade slightly. Thinking there's some value in his price with the way this looks to set up. Missile Leader is another who looks an improver now fourth up off a long break. The last time he raced at this track and trip, he bolted in by 2.1 lengths as an \$2 chance. Been a while since then, but he has shown glimpses he's back on song and this looks a brilliant opportunity to show he's back in business. I have my queries on the stablemate Burgundy Girl who was the flashing light run first-up in the Federal a fortnight ago. She can tend to be the flashing light in her races however and this looks to be a more sedate race than what was on offer in the Federal a fortnight ago. With her racing pattern and the fact she'll eventually get out further, this looks a bit of a trap despite the brilliant fresh effort. Philadelphia storm rates well off the Heavy track win at Goulburn last start but there are a couple of niggles against him this time. McDougall hopping off is a massive loss, but if he can run up to his recent performances in this tougher grade, he won't be far away.