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In this edition, we caught up with Sydney's leading jockey Nash Rawiller, give a recap of the Betfair-sponsored Magic Millions yearling sales, plus take an early look at the footy season with AFL Informer Mark Ricciuto.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *Betfair Black*.

Giles Thompson
CEO, Betfair Australia



Dominic Beirne

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Mark Ricciuto

Mark enjoyed a 14-year career with the Adelaide Crows and is renowned as one of the greatest players of his generation. He was an 8 time All-Australian throughout his career, which included a premiership with the Crows in 1998, and a Brownlow Medal in 2003. Nowadays he's a special comments man for Fox Footy, has a heavy involvement in the hotel industry in Adelaide, and is a Betfair Informer.



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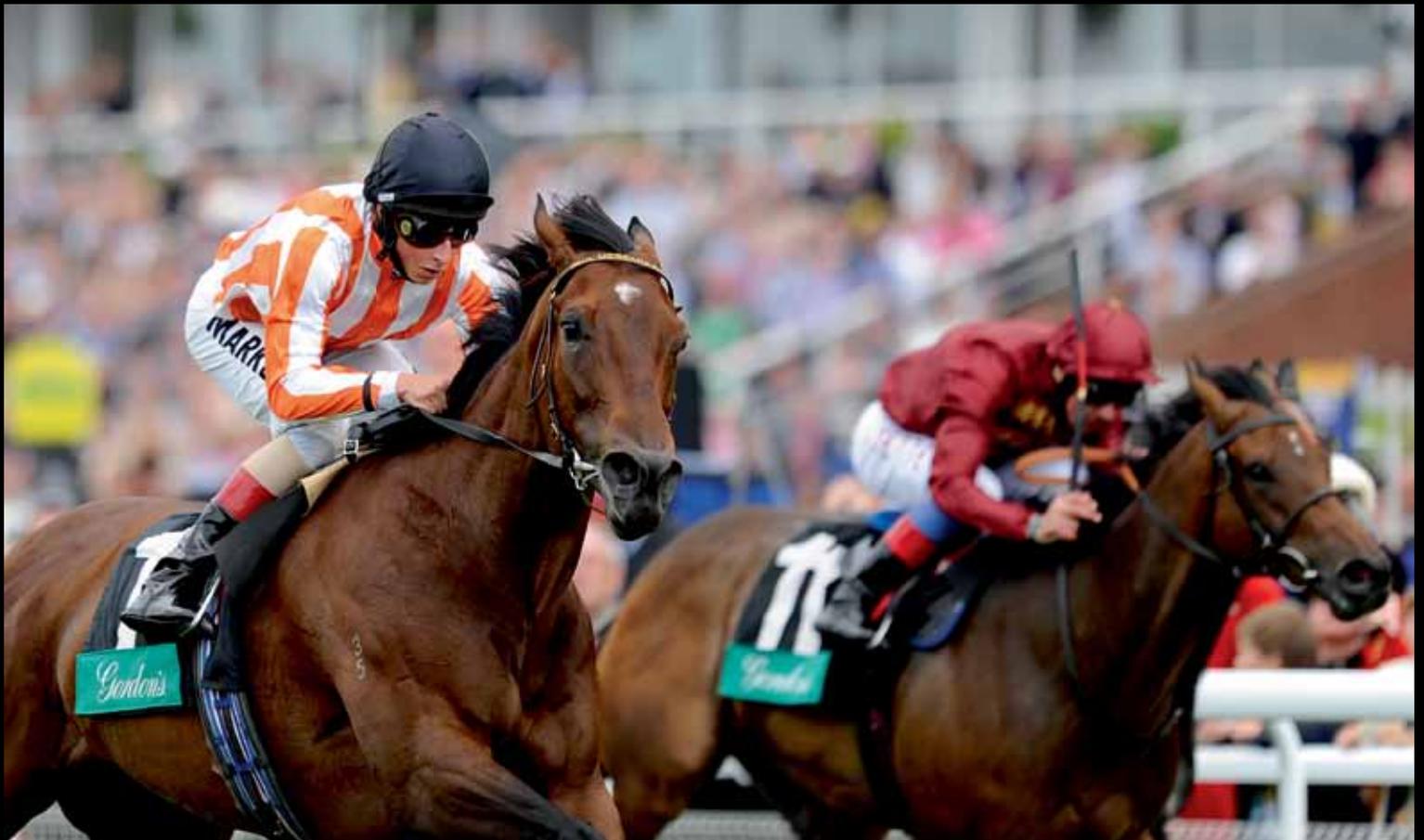
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GROUP 1 RACING CALENDAR 2013

MARCH

- 2 Australian Guineas
Flemington, VIC
- 9 Chipping Norton Stakes
Warwick Farm, NSW
- 9 Newmarket Handicap
Flemington, VIC
- 9 Australian Cup
Flemington, VIC
- 16 Randwick Guineas
Warwick Farm, NSW
- 22 William Reid Stakes
Moonee Valley, VIC
- 23 Coolmore Stud Classic
Rosehill, NSW
- 23 Ranvet Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 30 Rosehill Guineas
Rosehill, NSW

APRIL

- 6 The BMW
Rosehill, NSW
- 6 Golden Slipper Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 6 George Ryder Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 6 Queen of the
Turf Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 6 Storm Queen Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 13 ATC Australian Derby
Randwick, NSW
- 13 ATC Sires
Produce Stakes
Randwick, NSW
- 13 T J Smith Stakes
Randwick, NSW
- 20 Doncaster Handicap
Randwick, NSW
- 20 ATC Australian Oaks
Randwick, NSW
- 27 ATC Queen Elizabeth
Stakes, Randwick, NSW
- 27 Sydney Cup
Randwick, NSW
- 27 Schweppes Oaks
Morphettville, SA
- 27 Robert Sangster Stakes
Morphettville, SA

MAY

- 4 SA Derby
Morphettville, SA
- 11 BTC Cup
Doomben, QLD
- 11 The Goodwood
Morphettville, SA
- 18 Doomben Cup
Doomben, QLD
- 25 Doomben 10,000
Doomben, QLD

JUNE

- 1 Queensland Oaks
Eagle Farm, QLD
- 8 Queensland Derby
Eagle Farm, QLD
- 8 Stradbroke Handicap
Eagle Farm, QLD
- 8 The TJ Smith
Eagle Farm, QLD
- 22 Tattersall's Tiara
Eagle Farm, QLD

JULY

- 27 King George & Queen
Elizabeth Stakes
Ascot, UK
- 30 Lennox Stakes
Goodwood, UK
- 31 QIPCO Sussex Stakes
Goodwood, UK

AUGUST

- 1 Goodwood Cup
Goodwood, UK
- 2 Betfred Mile
Goodwood, UK
- 2 King George Stakes
Goodwood, UK
- 2 Glorious Stakes
Goodwood, UK
- 3 Markel Insurance
Nassau Stakes
Goodwood, UK

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Matron Stakes
Leopardstown, IRE
- 7 Irish Champion Stakes
Leopardstown, IRE
- 7 Betfred Sprint Cup
Haydock Park,
Merseyside, UK
- 15 Golden Rose Stakes
Rosehill, NSW
- 22 Underwood Stakes
Caulfield, VIC
- 22 George Main Stakes
Randwick, NSW
- 30 Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes
Caulfield, VIC

opposite page
top: Mid Summer Music winning 2012
Stradbroke Handicap. © Noel Pascoe
bottom: 2012 King George Stakes
at Goodwood racecourse.
© Alan Crowhurst/Getty Images



FASTNET ROCK (& ROLL)

Betfair takes on proud role as the Official Wagering Partner of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

WORDS | DANIEL BEVAN

At \$1.35 million. Done? All done.” With the fall of the hammer, the yearling colt was led from the sale ring, unaware of the expectation placed on him as he topped the 2013 Magic Millions sale on the Gold Coast.

Mid-way through day two of the sale and the colt had just been knocked down for the highest price seen at the Magic Millions since 2009. Coolmore Stud made the purchase and immediately announced Gai Waterhouse as trainer.

“We know how the well the stallion is going and the colt is a lovely individual,” said Coolmore’s racing and new business manager, Tom Magnier. “He is by the right sire and we’re delighted to have him.”

Magnier’s ‘right sire’ is Coolmore’s own Fastnet Rock, remembered best for the autumn of 2005 when

he and filly Alinghi set up such a fierce racetrack rivalry that separate groups of fans cheered each of them down the Flemington straight.

In his three-year-old season, Fastnet Rock chalked up his first Group One win beating Alinghi by a quarter of a length in the Lightning Stakes. He then collected another in the Oakleigh Plate before Alinghi turned the tables on the colt in the \$1 million Newmarket Handicap at Flemington on Super Saturday.

The buzz around Fastnet Rock yearlings on the Gold Coast was palpable.

As impressive as he was on the race track, a winner of more than \$1.7 million in only 19 starts, it is in the breeding barn where Fastnet Rock is truly making his mark.

Standing at Coolmore’s Jerry’s Plains stud at a nomination fee of \$220,000, he has a list of progeny that reads as a veritable honour roll of early-running stakes winners.

His best-performed progeny to date is Mosheen, winner of the 2011 VRC Oaks and 2013 Australian Guineas and Randwick Guineas.

Sadly retired at four years of age in 2012, in only 18 starts Mosheen notched up more than \$2.7 million on the track and is a lesson in the versatility of her sire. She placed second to Sepoy in the Golden Slipper at two; and she backed up her early sprinting form with wins right up to the Oaks distance of 2500 metres.

top left: The Fastnet Rock-Smart Company colt worth \$1.35 million. © Magic Millions
top right: Betfair Owners’ marquee. © Betfair
opposite page: Real Surreal pips Sweet Idea to win 2013 race. © Magic Millions

Betfair’s sponsorship of Magic Millions

Hosting vendors, buyers, trainers and other industry figures throughout the week, the Betfair Owners’ Club marquee provided a welcoming place for participants to take a break from proceedings, escaping the heat that accompanied each day with one eye on the races from around Australia and another on the action within the sales ring.





...the average sale price for a yearling by Fastnet Rock in the first four sessions of this year's Magic Millions sales was a healthy \$318,000...

It is no wonder then that the average sale price for a yearling by Fastnet Rock in the first four sessions of this year's Magic Millions sales was a healthy \$318,000 and eclipsed only by that of Redoute's Choice at \$384,500, but across three times the number of lots.

Two short years ago, a flashy Lonhro colt from Darley mare Miss Right Note was led through the ring and knocked down for \$230,000 to Gai Waterhouse.

Then, as now, a legion of trainers, bloodstock agents and potential buyers spent the week prior casting their eyes over hundreds of yearlings, preparing a short-list and then entering the energy-charged ring to bid on the most impressive.

Then, as now, differences of opinion about about conformation, type and pedigree.

VIP ringside reward for Queensland-based Betfair Black members

Betfair was also pleased to utilise the hospitality afforded by the Magic Millions to reward a large number of Queensland-based members of the Betfair Black program who were able to rub shoulders with the movers and shakers of Australia's racing industry at the VIP ringside dining facility right in the thick of the action.

Fast facts

A prominent partner with racing and sporting organisations from the national to the grassroots level right across Australia, Magic Millions marked Betfair's first racing-based sponsorship in Queensland.

The Lonhro colt went on to be *Pierro*, arguably the juvenile of the modern era.

Under Sydney's leading rider Nash Rawiller, the colt took everything before him in his two-year-old season and became only the sixth horse to complete Sydney's famed triple crown with victories in the Golden Slipper, the Sires Produce and the Champagne Stakes.

Who knows whether this year's top lot will be able to back up the confidence that his buyers demonstrated in the sales ring or whether a more reasonably priced lot from a lesser-known sire will return in 12 months to scoop the \$2 million Magic Millions Classic.

After all, the 2013 winner, *Real Surreal*, was one of the few lots passed in at the 2012 sales and has already won more than \$1.25 million, despite failing to attract bids higher than \$75,000 when auctioned. **BB**

top left: VIP ringside dining.
top right: Sales Auditorium.
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AS TOUGH AS NAILS

top: Victorious at the 2012 Inglis Queen of the Turf Stakes aboard More Joyous.
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A profound interview with leading Sydney jockey Nash Rawiller covers his first big break aboard Elvstroem, a Cox Plate dream, dealing with injury and More Joyous, who he calls the “best mare I’ve ever ridden”.

WORDS | DANIEL BEVAN

Growing up in such a big racing family, what are your earliest memories associated with riding?

I was very lucky growing up, [because] my uncle used to train horses and my father would ride trackwork, so I’d often tag along with them when I didn’t have school. I guess that’s my earliest memory of being around it all. I also had a couple of cousins (Colin and Darren Browell) who are great jockeys in their own right and I guess between all of them, that gave me a really good grounding in my early days.

How has racing defined your relationship with your brother and fellow jockey, Brad?

Racing is a cutthroat industry with plenty of ups and downs, but it’s great to be able to speak to Brad every few days and chat about what’s going on in each other’s lives – not just about racing, but also as a brother. We still have that relationship, which is important, but unfortunately we’ve both been out injured a bit lately so we haven’t had much to talk about [laughs].

Career highlight?

Looking back to the early success I had on Elvstroem always brings a smile to my face. I guess that was when I got my first really big break and the first time in my own stomach I had the feeling that perhaps I belonged at that level. In saying that, every time you get to ride a good horse in a really big G1 [Group 1], then that’s always a highlight too.



above: Nash wins the 2004 Caulfield Cup aboard Eivstroem. © Mark Dadswell/Getty Images
below: Nash Rawiller and Gai Waterhouse on eve of 2012 Melbourne Cup. © Cameron Spencer/Getty Images

What is your goal for 2013?

I want to make a really good go of it this autumn, like I did last year, and basically keep that rolling right up until the spring. The last couple of springs I haven't had much really go my way, so it's a major focus of mine to make sure everything comes together and [I] make an impact in Melbourne this spring.

A major part of your success in Sydney has been your partnership with Gai Waterhouse. How did that come about?

I've been with Gai for about six years and it came about through a phone call where she asked me whether I'd be able to come up and ride for a few months. Once I got that call, I made my mind up that I was going to put absolutely everything into making that relationship a success, because I knew what a tremendous opportunity it was, and certainly one that I didn't want to let go to waste.





this page: 2010 Toorak Handicap win aboard More Joyous. © Quinn Rooney/Getty Images

opposite page
Taking Pierrro to a 2012 AAMI Golden Slipper win. © Brendon Thorne/Getty Images

You're an international G1 winner – what is the achievement that still eludes you?

The race I'd most like to win is the Cox Plate. That race, along with everyone's dream of winning the Melbourne Cup, requires everything to go right in the lead-up and both races are extremely hard to win. I feel I've got the quality of horses around me to make this a pretty special year, but it's all about the preparation and timing. I feel this could be a really big year for me.

You suffered a serious injury to your ankle at the end of 2012. What impact will that have on your 2013 season?

All that the injury did was to put me a month to six weeks behind the eight ball in terms of my autumn preparation. I'm thankful for my connection with a big stable that it has given me the time to do all the necessary rehab and get myself back into a physical condition to both ride again and get the opportunities.

You're at the top of Sydney's riding ranks now, but it's been a long and tough career. What keeps you going?

It's probably a lot to do with where I've come from. I did it really tough in the country for a few years and remembering those times probably gives me that extra bit of motivation. I've had to work so hard to get to where I am and now it's all about staying there.

What is your favourite release from racing?

I love to have a hit of golf with my friends away from the track, but probably my greatest love away from racing is fishing. It's something I can do with my family as well, which is a bonus, so that's what I do to unwind when I can.

How long do you see yourself riding, and what's the plan post-racing?

For the time being I'm more focused on giving myself the best chance of riding for as long as I possibly can. You always hear about jockeys who have an age that they'd like to retire, and most of them are earlier rather than later, but I'm the complete opposite. I want to ride for as long as I can. I have so much respect for blokes like Jimmy Cassidy, who have been able to ride for such a long period of time and also maintain such a high standard. **BB**

NASH BY THE NUMBERS: LIFETIME CAREER STATS

GROUP & LISTED					
	1st	2nd	3rd	R	PM
Group 1	46	41	32	339	27335164
Group 2	55	39	35	344	10192257
Group 3	56	41	31	332	6721080
Listed	77	54	59	484	7107053

1st = number of wins
2nd = number of seconds
3rd = number of thirds
R = number of rides
PM = Prizemoney

JOCKEY STATS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	R	PM
Provincial	927	724	619	4964	13597981
Metropolitan	839	665	542	5035	67736319
Country	170	146	116	1131	1451050



“I feel I’ve got the quality of horses around me to make this a pretty special year, but it’s all about the preparation and timing.”
– Nash Rawiller on the 2013 Cox Plate and Melbourne Cup.

Major turning points in your career have often been tied to one horse. What are your memories and feelings towards the most memorable ones?

Elvstroem

There’s no doubt Elvstroem was one of the most important horses to me. Not only did he put me on the map by winning the Caulfield Cup, but also he took me around the world, which was a great learning curve as a young rider.

Bentley Biscuit

He was a major help to me when I first arrived in Sydney and probably a big reason I landed the job with Gai. He was nothing special to look at, but the feel he gave you on race day was extraordinary.

More Joyous

Just an outstanding mare. Year in and year out, she just keeps coming back and doing the job and probably getting better. By far the best mare I’ve ever ridden.

Pierro

Perhaps on his way to becoming my favourite horse I’ve ever ridden if he fulfils his potential over the next 12 to 18 months. Absolutely awesome to ride and his record speaks for itself.

A SCRAMBLE TO THE FINISH

Our comprehensive taster of the prodigious Golden Easter Egg.

WORDS | MICHAEL EAST

On Easter Saturday every year, racing fans from across Australia flock to historic Wentworth Park in the heart of Sydney to see who will claim one of the most sought after greyhound races

in the world – the Group 1 Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg. Worth a quarter of a million dollars to the winner, the race has changed the lives of owners and trainers, made the winning greyhounds household names and provided the sport with some of its best moments.

With so much at stake – for a time it was the richest greyhound race in the world – so it is easy to see why the Golden Easter Egg attracts the best greyhounds from around Australia each and every year to compete. But history has shown that pure ability is not enough to land the lucrative prize.

Part of the allure of the Golden Easter Egg is the fact that it requires a greyhound to produce more than one brilliant run to land the prize.

To win the Golden Easter Egg, a greyhound must first get through the heat and semi-final stage

– navigating their way around the tight turns of the famous 520-metre Wentworth Park circuit – before getting the chance to compete in the final.

This means a greyhound needs not only ability, but stamina, versatility and a tiny bit of luck to have any chance of giving their connections the opportunity to claim the egg-shaped trophy.

The first greyhound to demonstrate he had these abilities was Ultra Sense, who won the first ever Golden Easter Egg in 1990. Trained by Jim Coleman at Londonderry in Sydney's west, Ultra Sense ate up the Wentworth Park track to record a dominant win, and ensure he became fodder for quizmasters at pub trivia events across New South Wales.

On the back of Ultra Sense's win, the prize money for the Golden Easter Egg gradually rose as the years progressed, helping it become the race that every trainer wanted to win. This guaranteed that some future legends of the sport took out the race in the 1990s, including Tenthill Doll (1996), Rapid Journey (1998) and Faithful Hawk (1999).

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Victorians' dominance could well continue in this year's edition of the Golden Easter Egg with stars such as Proven Nitro, Renegade Chief, Veyron Bale and even Don't Knocka Him all sure to be gunning to make sure they are at Wentworth Park on Easter Saturday.

Part of the allure of the Golden Easter Egg is the fact that it requires a greyhound to produce more than one brilliant run to land the prize.

Fast facts

Don't Knocka Him set a race record with the Jason Thompson-trained greyhound stopping the clock at 29.60 seconds, 0.07 seconds quicker than the 2011 winner Radley Bale.

Arguably the most popular Golden Easter Egg winner was Brett Lee in 2001, who showed he could almost run as fast as his famous namesake could bowl, thrashing a quality field in front of a packed Wentworth Park.

Brett Lee's Golden Easter Egg triumph helped make him an overnight celebrity, with the black dog becoming the most famous greyhound of the modern era. Brett Lee went on to amass more than \$400,000 in prize money (unheard of in that era) and forge an unsurpassed career at stud.

Coincidentally, another greyhound with a name that had connections to Australian cricket took out the Golden Easter Egg six years later.

Slater started as the pre-series favourite in 2007, but punters quickly dropped off him after he posted lacklustre times in his heat and semi-final victories. But the Darren Murray-trained greyhound showed you can never discount a champion and went on to record a dominant five-and-a-half-length victory.

In recent times, the race has been dominated by Victorians, with greyhounds trained in that state winning the last three Golden Easter Eggs, including last year's winner Don't Knocka Him.

In 2013, meanwhile, there are a number of New South Wales trainers who are intent on ensuring the Golden Easter Egg trophy (and the winner's cheque) stays in the state after the Victorian hot streak.

While it is impossible to pick this year's winner at this stage, one thing certain is that all eyes will be on Wentworth Park on Easter Saturday to see who will be the next winner of the Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg. **BB**

opposite page: 2011 winner Radley Bale.
above left: Last year's trainers parade.
left: Sponsor and connections from 2012.
All images © Craig Golding





READING

THE PLAY

Looking forward to 2013, and back at 2012 spring triumphs, with Betfair's racing Informer Dominic Beirne.

WORDS | DOMINIC BEIRNE

2012 SPRING

SUCCESSSES

Opposing Nechita in the Golden Rose (and finding the winner)

"At her current price, I'm passing on Nechita." *Nechita was unplaced at a Betfair SP of \$2.82.* "Epaulette would have preferred a more favourite barrier draw but is still a positive bet." *Epaulette won at a Betfair SP of \$11.49.*

Opposing More Joyous in the Toorak Handicap

"It's really hard to place a win probability next to each runner and get More Joyous priced less than the public price. Therefore no, she's not good value at \$2.50." *More Joyous was unplaced at a Betfair SP of \$2.52.*

Fat Al in the Epsom

"Fat Al has a spiraling pattern of ratings. He has been lightly raced and is a serious contender for the Group 1 Epsom Handicap in three weeks, for which he is currently priced at \$24." *Fat Al won the Epsom at a Betfair SP of \$5.20 on the day, but higher (see quote) in ante-post markets.*

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2013: THE YEAR OF THE STAYER?

When So You Think went overseas, Australasia was left devoid of stayers. The spring of 2012 saw somewhat of a resurgence, most notably through the feats of New Zealand galloper Ocean Park. The promise exists that we may be entering another golden age with the quality of imports improving noticeably to include emerging stayers like Puissance de Lune, Fiorente and Glencadam Gold. Whether a convergence of this talent occurs in the Australian Cup, Ranvet, BMW or we have to wait until the spring, 2013 will be a hell of a year and a long-overdue fillip for our staying ranks.



above: Puissance de Lune wins the 2012 Queen Elizabeth Stakes. © Michael Dodge/Getty Images
below: Green Moon wins the 2012 Melbourne Cup. © Michael Dodge/Getty Images

GREEN MOON IN THE MELBOURNE CUP



Betfair Black magazine (Issue 4, 2012)

“... one that stands out is Green Moon. The added advantage that Green Moon provides is that he is a European ‘shipper’. Like many stayers he produced his personal best at his fifth run from a spell. I would like to see him present fourth up in the Caulfield Cup and fifth at the Melbourne Cup as this would follow the form cycle that saw his best two performances last preparation.”

Cox Plate review

“The marketplace has chased him out to 25-1 in the Melbourne Cup, yet Green Moon is going better than Efficient was in the lead up to the 2007 Melbourne Cup. Provided he has not incurred an injury, he will be very competitive next Tuesday.”



THE DONCASTER HANDICAP

Sunline's 2002 Doncaster win. © 2013 Bradley Photos

A look at the toughest mile race going around.

WORDS | GARY CRISPE
TIMEFORM HANDICAPPER

The Doncaster Handicap is one of the hardest races to win on the racing calendar. For that reason, only the very best horses are capable of carrying big weights to victory.

The Doncaster Handicap has been won by some of Australia's great horses including Super Impose, the mighty Gunsynd and Tobin Bronze plus champion mares like Sunline, Emancipation, Maybe Mahal and, of course, More Joyous in the 2012 renewal.

Without a doubt the main lead-up race for the Doncaster is the Group One George Ryder Stakes run over 1500 metres under weight-for-age conditions at Rosehill on Golden Slipper day.

Of the last 15 Doncaster winners, eight have used the race as a final lead-up with Rangirangdoo the latest in 2010. Prior to Rangirangdoo, Racing To Win (2006), Haradasun (2007) and Vision And Power (2009) each claimed the George Ryder Stakes/Doncaster Mile double.

All of the above mentioned horses during their respective Doncaster Mile wins have relished

dropping in weight after the George Ryder Stakes. The Queen Of The Turf Stakes (More Joyous), Ranvet Stakes (Sacred Choice), Hobartville Stakes (Triple Honour), Ajax Stakes (Grand Armeé), Phar Lap Stakes (Over), Coolmore Classic (Sunline, 2002) and the deregistered Moonee Valley Oaks (Sunline, 1999) are where the other seven Doncaster winners have been readied.

The biggest weight carried to victory in the last 15 years was 58 kilograms by champion mare Sunline in 2002. However, the average winning weight in the same period has been 53.5 kilograms. Between 2006 and 2008, three-year-olds reigned supreme with Racing To Win, Haradasun and Triple Honour all claiming the prestigious mile event.

Past trends suggest additional key attributes to look for in search of a Doncaster Mile include runs from a spell plus their ability over 1600 to 2000 metres.

Over the past 15 years, contesting the Doncaster fifth run back from a spell appears to be the magic number, with six claiming the lucrative feature at this point in their campaigns.

A conventional Doncaster Mile preparation generally consists of a galloper steadily rising in trip throughout their campaign until reaching the famous Randwick Mile. Only three runners have defied that trend during the past 15 years. Sunline in 1999 claimed the Doncaster a fortnight after taking out the Moonee Valley Oaks (2040 metres). In the past few years, Rangirangdoo and Sacred Choice have each been freshened for the Doncaster following the Ranvet Stakes (2000 metres).

The Randwick Mile is known as a tough 1600 metres and good credentials over the distance heading

DID YOU KNOW ?

Age can also be a significant factor in finding the Doncaster winner. Three-year-olds have an excellent record in the race. Seven of the last 20 renewals have been won by that age group.

into the event are most important. Nine of the past 15 winners of the Doncaster Mile had won over the trip or further prior to lining up in the Group 1 handicap.

Of the six who recorded their first win over a mile in the Doncaster, four of them added additional wins over the distance and beyond to their record.

Grand Armeé and Racing To Win won Doncasters in their first attempts over 1600 metres, while Triple Honour and Haradasun each had just one opportunity over the trip prior to the main event.

After posting a record-equalling seventh Doncaster Mile win with More Joyous during 2012, Gai Waterhouse at this stage is expected to possess a strong hand in this year's renewal. The likes of Pierre and Proisir tick all of the right boxes as Doncaster Mile hopes following their feats of 2012. **BB**

Doncaster Mile Timeform Rating Honour Roll

- 2012** More Joyous – 128
- 2011** Sacred Choice – 120
- 2010** Rangirangdoo – 126
- 2009** Vision And Power – 121
- 2008** Triple Honour – 121
- 2007** Haradasun – 126
- 2006** Racing To Win – 126
- 2005** Patezza – 119
- 2004** Private Steer – 122
- 2003** Grand Armeé – 118

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CRISP: A GRAND NATIONAL HERO



The 1973 runner-up who achieved the highest Timeform rating of the last 40 years, deserves a Hollywood ending.

WORDS | SIMON ROWLANDS

Few Hollywood scriptwriters could have dreamed up the finish to the 1956 Grand National, when the Queen Mother's horse Devon Loch threw away certain victory with a bizarre belly-flop on the run-in.

In addition, a redraft would have been demanded of any synopsis that predicted rank outsider Foinavon winning the 1967 renewal, when he was the only runner to jump the 23rd fence after a mass pile-up caused by two loose horses.

Even the 1973 renewal, widely regarded as the greatest ever Grand National, featured a heartbreaking defeat for a 'moral winner' very much in the National Velvet mode. Jockey exhaustion playing its part in valiant frontrunner Crisp suffering a last gasp defeat at the hands of Red Rum.

Crisp is the exception to the rule that 'nobody remembers a runner-up'. Bred to be a sprinter, he had a giant frame that soon prompted connections to try him over jumps. He won five times over hurdles before carrying all before him over fences in his native Australia. Wins included the VRC Cup Steeplechase, the VRC Footscray Steeplechase and the A V Hiskens Steeplechase (twice).

After he ran out of local rivals, his owner, Sir Chester Manifold, a prominent racing administrator in Australia, made the decision to seek new climes.

The payback

Crisp's final ever win did provide some consolation for that Grand National heartbreak, though, as it came in a match against Red Rum at level weights over three-and-a-quarter miles at Doncaster six months later – this time Crisp and Pitman prevailed by a comfortable eight lengths.

Having accepted an invitation to contest the inaugural running of the revered Colonial Cup at Camden, South Carolina, Crisp was then sent to his new home in Lambourn, England. Trainer Fred Winter, the guru who led another foreign import, the American chaser Jay Trump, to the 1965 Grand National win, was waiting.

Surviving the shock of his first northern hemisphere winter, Crisp burst onto the British racing scene when lowering the two-mile chase track record at Wincanton, before running out a wide-margin winner of the Two-Mile Champion Chase at Cheltenham on his next start.

A tilt at the following season's Cheltenham Gold Cup ultimately fell just short (Crisp was sent off favourite, but faded into fifth), yet Winter and Manifold had even bigger plans for 1973, with an ambitious assault on the Grand National.

To put Crisp's task into context, it needs stressing that the marathon four-and-a-half-mile Grand National trip was significantly further than he'd ever tried before. Indeed, he lined up at Aintree on the back of finishing third in the 1973 Two-Mile Champion Chase – that's the equivalent of Black Caviar tackling the Melbourne Cup after her Royal Ascot sprint win!

In a vintage field, Crisp shared top weight of 12-0 with dual Cheltenham Gold Cup winner L'Escargot and was sent off a well-backed 9/1 joint-favourite alongside the up-and-coming Red Rum, who was receiving 23 pounds from the top-weighted pair.

Winter's stable jockey Richard Pitman made the daring decision to allow Crisp his head in order to make full use of the gelding's trademark superb

jumping, which saw him take a definite lead at the sixth – the daunting Becher’s Brook, cleared by Crisp as if it was a hurdle.

That lead had been extended to 30 lengths starting the final circuit, bewildering the BBC commentary team, with Julian Wilson exclaiming, “I can’t remember a horse so far ahead in the Grand National at this stage”, when the microphone was handed over to him at the 20th (Crisp’s lead was up to 35 lengths by then).

Red Rum was sent in pursuit of Crisp from early on the final circuit and began to make gradual inroads from the second Becher’s (the 22nd), but he was still 19 lengths adrift at the 30th and final fence.

By this stage, however, both Crisp and Pitman were out on their feet: “I’d never known tiredness like it before. My aching limbs had now given their best and every breath I snatched scalded my windpipe as if it was boiling water – in fact, I was no help to him at all,” Pitman explained.

Pitman, by his own admission, was never the strongest in a finish and his efforts to wake up the “drunk” Crisp proved disastrous. The pair floundered badly on Aintree’s lengthy run-in and, although Crisp tried to rally when sensing Red Rum at his quarters, he was headed in the dying strides.

Red Rum scored by three-quarters of a length in the end, with a further 25 lengths back to third-placed L’Escargot, while the course record dating back to 1934 was shattered (it stood for the next 17 years). Going on to become the greatest horse in Grand National history, Red Rum won again in 1974 (under top weight) and 1977, plus finishing runner-up under big weights in both 1975 and 1976.

Crisp, however, was the moral winner in 1973 and posted one of the highest ever Timeform ratings achieved in the Grand National. Injury restricted him to just nine more starts and, alas, he never tackled the Aintree fences again.

In-running punters would have nightmares had the Red Rum/Crisp scenario happened during the Betfair era, yet the drama continues. **BB**



Crisp is the exception to the rule that ‘nobody remembers a runner-up’.

Highest Timeform ratings achieved in the Grand National during the past 40 years

CRISP

173 (2nd in 1973)

SUNY BAY

171 (2nd in 1998)

MASTER OATS

168 (7th in 1995)

NEPTUNE COLLONGES

166 (1st in 2012)

RED RUM

165 (1st in 1974)

DON’T PUSH IT

162 (1st in 2010)

HEDGEHUNTER

162 (2nd in 2006)

MASTER OATS

162 (5th in 1997)

CORBIERE

161 (3rd in 1985)

L’ESCARGOT

161 (1st in 1975)

MAORI VENTURE

161 (1st in 1987)

ROYAL ATHLETE

161 (1st in 1995)

WHAT’S UP BOYS

161 (2nd in 2002)

CORBIERE

160 (3rd in 1984)

GARRISON SAVANNAH

160 (2nd in 1991)

LORD GYLLENE

160 (1st in 1997)

WEST TIP

160 (4th in 1987)

NB: The two ratings above 170 were achieved under vastly different ground conditions – the 1998 National had only six finishers and took nearly two minutes longer to complete than the 1973 renewal, which had 17 finishers.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Richard Pitman’s son, Mark, capitulated in a similar fashion to Crisp, when his ride Garrison Savannah came runner-up in the 1991 National, while 2012 runner-up Sunnyhillboy traded as low as 1.04 on Betfair before being collared in a photo finish.



opposite page: Crisp (right) being chased down.
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left: Red Rum beats Crisp to the finish line.
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top right: Crisp post race.
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SPORTS EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

opposite page
top: Harry O'Brien and Nic Naitanui
 in action. © Quinn Rooney/Getty Images
bottom: 2012 Tour de France
 winner Bradley Wiggins.
 © Doug Pensinger/Getty Images

MARCH

- 2-13 Surfing – Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast
- 3-26 Cricket – 2013 VB Tour India v Australia
- 7 NRL season begins
- 26 Cricket – Sheffield Shield final
- 14-17 F1 – Australian GP
- 15-16 AFL – NAB Cup final
- 22 AFL season begins
- 22-24 F1 – Malaysian GP
- 24 Athletics – IAAF World Cross Country Championships Poland
- 24 Netball – ANZ Championship begins
- 26 Soccer – FIFA World Cup Qualifier – Australia v Oman
- 27 Surfing – Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach
- 31 Baseball – MLB season begins US

APRIL

- 1 Athletics – Stawell Gift
- 7 MotoGP – Qatar GP
- 5 Soccer – A-League finals begin
- 11-14 Golf – US Masters
- 12-14 F1 – Chinese GP
- 19-21 MotoGP – Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas
- 19-21 F1 – Bahrain GP
- 26 May Swimming – Energy Australia Swimming Championships
- 27 NHL regular season ends

MAY

- 4-26 Cycling – Giro d'Italia
- 11 Soccer – FA Cup final
- 12 Superbike – Monza GP
- 12 F1 – Spanish GP
- 17-19 MotoGP – French GP
- 19 Soccer – English Premier League ends
- 23-26 F1 – Monaco GP
- 25 Soccer – Champions League final
- 26 Superbike – European GP Donington Park
- 26 Tennis – French Open begins

JUNE

- 2 MotoGP Mugello
- 5 Rugby League – 2013 British Lions tour begins
- 5 NRL – State of Origin game 1 New South Wales
- 7-9 F1 – Canadian GP
- 8 Tennis – French Open women's final
- 9 Tennis – French Open men's final
- 10-16 Golf – US Open
- 24 Tennis – Wimbledon Championships begin
- 26 Cricket – Ashes Tour Begins England v Australia
- 26 NRL – State of Origin game 2 Brisbane
- 29 Cycling – Tour de France begins
- 28-30 F1 – British GP

JULY

- 6 Tennis – Wimbledon Championships women's final
- 7 Tennis – Wimbledon Championships men's final
- 5-7 F1 – German GP
- 14 MotoGP – German GP
- 14 Netball – ANZ Championship Grand Final, venue TBC, date subject to change
- 17 NRL – State of Origin game 3 New South Wales
- 14-21 Golf – British Open Championship
- 19-21 MotoGP – US GP
- 21 Cycling – Tour de France finishes
- 26-28 F1 – Hungarian GP

AUGUST

- 4 Superbike – British GP
- 16-18 MotoGP – Indianapolis GP
- 24 Cycling – Vuelta a España begins
- 24-26 MotoGP – Czech Republic GP
- 26 Tennis – US Open begins
- 30 MotoGP – British GP





A 2013 AFL season preview that's full of brave calls and brains.

WORDS | MARK RICCIUTO



SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

Birds of a feather flock together at the top of the AFL table this season, reports our intrepid Informer.

TOP FOUR

ADELAIDE

For the second year in a row, Adelaide have been handed a great draw from the AFL. It has been an off-season marred with controversy for the Crows, losing draft picks in this year's draft and next, and key forward Kurt Tippett to the Sydney Swans. However, with the loss of picks not expected to affect the Crows in the interim, and ready-made replacements for Tippett in Josh Jenkins and Shaun McKernan waiting in the wings, you'd expect the Crows to be around the mark again in 2013.

HAWTHORN

As they were beaten in the 2012 decider, it's difficult to predict whether the pressure of failure will hinder or drive the Hawks in their pursuit to hit back. A major issue is their wayward goal kicking, which haunted them in the Grand Final, and the question remains: will it cost them again? They desperately need skipper Luke Hodge to get back to his best, and Max Bailey to put together a full season in the ruck, which will allow Jarryd Roughead to play forward.

SYDNEY

Do the reigning premiers have the hunger to bounce back again? They are a young list with plenty of scope for improvement. Kurt Tippett's role in the Swans 2013 season will be an interesting one, however, given he will miss the first 11 games, and it's not likely we'll see him at AFL level until at least round 14. If he can perform the way he did in the preliminary final, the Swans will have the luxury of one less tall.

Roo's Brownlow Medal tips

Bet on players over the odds that play in sides that will win the majority of their games, and show signs of improvement. Rory Sloane from Adelaide polled 11 votes last year, while Patrick Dangerfield and "Nat" Fyfe are two other popular choices, but at the moment I feel they are too short to be betting on.

WEST COAST

Despite a terrible run with injuries, the Eagles still performed admirably in 2012, and you'd expect them to improve further if they get some luck. They should be bolstered by the return of fit superstars such as Mark LeCras, Josh Kennedy, Andrew Embley and Mark Nicoski, which you'd think would make them a fairly formidable force, particularly given their home ground advantage.

TOP EIGHT CHANCES

FREMANTLE

Freo improved sharply in the second half of 2012, getting through to a semi-final, and in Ross Lyon's second season, you'd expect this improvement to continue. Young gun Nathan Fyfe is a star, but questions still remain over his shoulder, as they do over Aaron Sandilands' toe! Both players are crucial in the club's endeavours to play finals footy.

ESSENDON

In the first half of 2012, the Bombers were matching it with the best, but a raft of soft tissue injuries saw them lose their last seven games. Key players, Michael Hurley, Paddy Ryder, David Zaharakis, Brent Stanton and Tayte Pears endured horror years, as the club struggled to find a balance between fitness and fast-tracking development. Brendon Goddard's inclusion is a smart move by James Hird and Mark 'Bomber' Thompson, but how will the team deal with the off-field controversies?

COLLINGWOOD

In Nathan Buckley's second year, Collingwood will be looking to recapture their form and appetite from flag year 2010. Travis Cloke, keen to repay the faith, will improve on a disappointing 2012 season. Questions remain over how close the members of the group are, with reports of infighting at times last year. Queries over ruckman Darren Jolly, given the Pies' lack of depth in big man stocks are a worry.

GEELONG

You can never write off the Cats. They gained sought after midfielder Josh Caddy in the off-season, while boosting their defence with Jared Rivers to cover as best he can for Matthew Scarlett. A fit Hamish McIntosh will help the rucks, but with a tough opening month to the season, and not playing at Skilled Stadium until round 10, the ride will be bumpy.



Mick Malthouse was Carlton's big off-season coup, but how much influence can he have on the promising list.

The Kurt curse

I've got concerns as to whether Kurt Tippett will fit in with the Swans' strong culture and, for a bloke who's a couple of concussions away from serious damage, his estimated \$900,000 salary seems steep.

FIGHT FOR THE EIGHT

CARLTON

Mick Malthouse was Carlton's big off-season coup, but how much influence can he have on the promising list. Still doubts in defence, and need luck with injuries post 2012.

NORTH MELBOURNE

Much improved in 2012, but they need to take the next step. They've also been handed a nightmare fixture, ranked the hardest by Champion Data.

ST KILDA

Promising signs at various stages in Scott Watters' first year. However, I struggle to see how they can be competitive at the business end with such an ageing list.

RICHMOND

Like Essendon, the Tigers are right under the microscope. They've got a good draw, but need to fire; it's crunch time for Damien Hardwick's group.

THE REST

MELBOURNE

They should, and need to, improve in Mark Neeld's second year. In comes Chris Dawes, and quality youngsters.

BRISBANE

Jonathan Brown and Simon Black reliance must end. There's a great young midfield, they just need to sort the spine.

PORT ADELAIDE

I'd expect the Power to improve under new coach Ken Hinkley and fitness guru Darren Burgess.

WESTERN BULLDOGS

Cameron Mooney, Matthew Scarlett and Brad Johnson join second-year coach Brendan McCartney to help reverse the slide.

GWS AND GOLD COAST

GWS will probably finish with the wooden spoon, but will be eager to out do the Gold Coast. **BB**

opposite page: Taylor Walker is pumped for the year ahead. © Quinn Rooney/Getty Images
above left: Kurt Tippett with new coach John Longmire. © Matt King/Getty Images

above right: Michael Malthouse takes charge. © Michael Dodge/Getty Images
below: Nick Malceski is swamped after kicking the 2012 Grand Final winner. © Quinn Rooney/Getty Images



WANDERING STARS

Western Sydney Wanderers' boss, Lyall Gorman and coach Tony Popovic build a franchise club from the ground up and achieve staggering results.

WORDS | LUKE DOHERTY

Work begins at the Western Sydney Wanderers at 3 o'clock every morning. That's when the alarm of Lyall Gorman, the club's executive chairman, goes off.

"That's to keep the club going," he says with the type of matter-of-fact tone that almost has you believing a workload of that size is normal. "That's what it takes," he assures me.

There are also the 80- to 100-hour weeks turned in by his staff. "You don't build football clubs in five months without monumental effort from everyone," he continues. This is part of what has made the Wanderers a genuine finals, even premierships contender, in their first season.

There was a time when this had the potential to be a spectacular failure when several bidders were rejected, so Football Federation Australia (FFA) decided it was best to put its money where its faith was and fund the club itself. It was a risky decision from an organisation that wasn't exactly flush with funds, but the need to move on the market overtook any financial concerns. After "several discussions"

with FFA chairman Frank Lowy, Gorman decided to leave his post as the head of the A-League and start the marathon stretch.

"We had to ensure success and control the development of the foundations and framework of the club," Gorman says. North Queensland Fury had financial woes while Gold Coast United was funded by billionaire Clive Palmer, but struggled to pull fans through the gate on game day.

The Wanderers needed to be bulletproof on both of those fronts to ensure they were an attractive business opportunity after the initial set-up phase, so Gorman embarked on a seven-stop listening tour that would've made a politician proud. This wasn't about kissing babies and placing scarves and memberships in the hands of parents. The goal of the community forums was to place the development of the club into the hands of those they hoped to convert into fans.

They showed up in their hundreds right across the western Sydney region and debated culture, values, colours, playing style, coaches and home grounds. The seven football associations along with the six premier league clubs in the area were also consulted.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many sporting organisations claim to be community focused, but the Wanderers don't just pay lip service to the concept. In the two months leading into the start of the competition in October, Gorman and co did 55 community appearances and reached 100,000 people.

"You don't have to win on the field all the time. As long as you defend them with pride and represent them with pride and commitment and passion, they'll back you and support you," says Gorman of the followers.

When the time came to turn the wish list into a working football team, Gorman recognised he needed a manager who understood the market.

"Tony Popovic was the right man from day one and, while we had countless approaches, I only ever



opposite page: Western Sydney Wanderers celebrate a goal.
left: Mateo Poljak in action.
right: Lyall Gorman inspects training.
below: Tony Popovic in press conference mode.
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Gun international signings

spoke to one coach because I knew the culture that we wanted to mould here. He was the epitome of it.” Popovic, a former Socceroo, had been spoken about in football circles for some time as an outstanding coach-in-waiting.

The 39-year-old had served his apprenticeship on the Sydney Football Club bench after a playing career that spanned almost 20 years, and was coaching in England as an assistant at second tier side Crystal Palace when his phone rang. A four-year contract was negotiated and the rest is history.

“He’s a perfectionist,” says defender Shannon Cole. Cole had parted ways with Sydney FC and was looking at options in the US when Popovic convinced him to be one of the first pieces of what was a complicated jigsaw puzzle.

Cole describes the early days at the club as “odd”. Popovic, despite the pressing time concerns, didn’t rush into signing players. That meant training consisted of a small group of contract holders surrounded by an ever-changing collage of faces on trial.

Jérôme Polenz, who had played for Werder Bremen in Germany, Mateo Poljak of Dinamo Zagreb, Youssouf Hersi, who once called Ajax and FC Twente in Holland home and Japanese star Shinji Ono have all made their mark with Western Sydney Wanderers in the 2012/13 calendar year.

“He wanted to make sure that everyone who had signed was on board with that and that we were all on the same page,” he says.

Adam D’Apuzzo, the former Newcastle Jets defender was one of the players who had to trial with the club before receiving a contract. His situation was slightly different.

“I’d achieved everything I wanted to achieve,” D’Apuzzo states. “I’d won a championship, played over 100 games and played in the Asian Champions League.”

After knocking off many milestones so quickly, he looked around for an overseas club, but when that failed, he was set for a life as a chartered accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers until Popovic came calling.

His signature was part of the slow build that eventually netted quality professionals from overseas, but skill wasn’t the only box that needed to be ticked during the recruitment process. Players also had to pass a strict character test.

“Absolutely, the character comes first,” explains Gorman. “We rejected many players who would’ve fitted on the field, but just wouldn’t have fitted off the field.”

Within three years the club hopes to be under a community ownership model, private equity ownership or a combination of both and show football fans everywhere that ‘expansion’ is not a dirty word. **BB**

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THE MAD MONTH OF MARCH

Emerging as a Super Bowl rival, college basketball has immense betting fervour surrounding it.

WORDS | NICK TEDESCHI

On the first Monday of last April, the eyes of the US and a good deal more were focused on a Louisiana Superdome that was drenched in blue. College basketball powerhouses Kentucky and Kansas – that both have as much affinity with the royal blue as they do with the storied history of the college game – were squaring off in the final of the NCAA (National College Athletic Association) Tournament, an event that has come to rival the Super Bowl in US sporting precedence.

Just on 40 seconds remained. Kentucky, the 6.5-point favourites, had led by as many as 18 points, but

had seen their lead whittled down to six after a Tyshawn Taylor seven-foot jumper.

Those who had backed the (Kentucky) Wildcats were apoplectic even as Big Blue Nation (Kentucky's fan base) prepared to celebrate. While the (Kansas) Jayhawks had almost certainly seen their title hopes crumble, bettors who had taken the plus were quietly thrilled to be on the right side of the number.

And be sure, plenty had bet on the game. USA Today reported in the lead-up to last year's Final Four that betting on the NCAA Tournament had surpassed that of the Super Bowl, until recently unchallenged as the most wagered on event in sport.

Jay Kornegay, manager of the Las Vegas Hilton Race and Sports Superbook, told the newspaper, "You take all those games, and combine them, it surpasses what we take in on the Super Bowl." R.J. Bell of Pregame.com estimates that all betting – including illegal – on the NCAA Tournament totalled \$12 billion in 2012, more than \$2 billion above that bet on the Super Bowl.

Kornegay says that on the opening weekend, the total legal turnover equalled that of Super Bowl

Brackets bonanza

'Bracketology' has become so popular and advanced over the years – particularly since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 – that, despite the ethical posturing of the NCAA, interest in gambling on the event has exploded. Lines are published in newspapers, handicapping is discussed on television and mainstream websites calling teams regularly make subtle references to betting outcomes.

Sunday. No longer is the last Sunday in January the Mecca of the punt – it is the first four days of the NCAA Tournament. “Thursday, Friday Saturday, all three of those days, there are as many people in the hotel as there are for the Super Bowl,” says John Avello of Wynn Las Vegas and Encore Resort.

Punters go into a frenzy that first weekend of the tournament with the constant action that presents itself across 48 games: a whirling dervish of wagering, handicapping, chasing, basketball, powerhouses, mid-majors, parlays, theories and money... always money.

When the normal gap between wagering on football and basketball is accounted for, the Nevada Gaming Commission reported that in 2011 football accounted for 41 percent of the total sports betting handle of the state, compared to 23 percent for basketball. It shows how much ‘March madness’ infects the masses.

If the Super Bowl is the equivalent of NRL (National Rugby League) or AFL (Australian Football League) Grand Final day, the NCAA Tournament is the US equivalent of the Melbourne Cup: an event that is about fairy tales, history and the masses.

Kansas quickly fouled Kentucky and when Marquis Teague missed a one-and-one, those with tickets for the Wildcats were already adding the finishing touches to their bad beat story.

But two made free throws from the Wildcats’ Doron Lamb, a missed three from Kansas and the match finished at eight, a win and a cover for the well-backed Kentucky and salt in the wound for the Jayhawk who liked a bet.

Despite the NCAA’s moral chest-beating when it comes to gambling, there is little question that its biggest event and betting are intrinsically intertwined, wagering the main driver in the tournament’s ascent up the sports popularity charts.

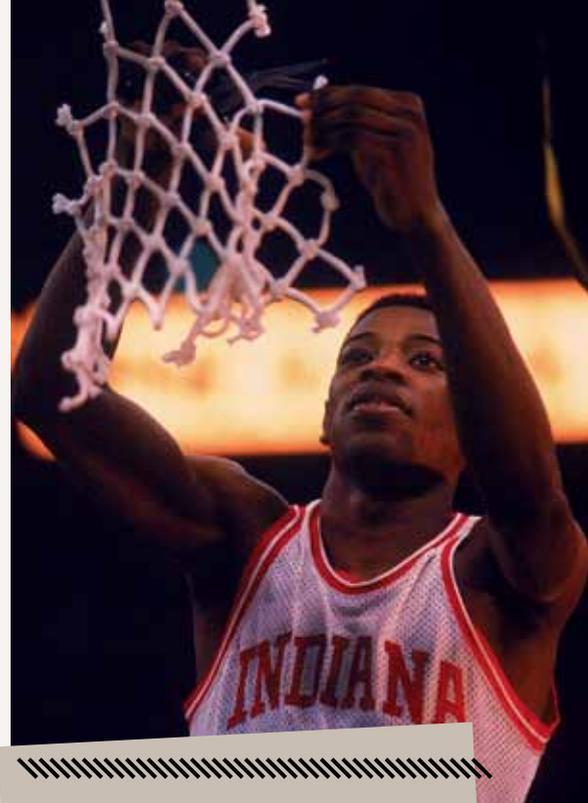
As late as the 1980s, not all games of the tournament were televised. Today, every game is shown live nationally and the tournament continues to be a ratings bonanza with CBS and TNT paying an incredible US\$10.8 billion over 14 years for the television rights in 2010.

In the same way that the sweep has become as central to the Melbourne Cup in Australia as tonic has to gin, the bracket pool has become an essential element of the NCAA Tournament. An estimated 45 percent of all Americans fill out brackets in what is arguably the most widespread form of sports gambling in the US.

Even the President partakes, Barack Obama calling it “a national pastime”.

Part of the drawing power of the NCAA Tournament – for bettors and the public alike –

...the NCAA Tournament totalled \$12 billion in 2012, more than \$2 billion above that bet on the Super Bowl.



Memorable NCAA moments

Chris Webber’s memorable time-out in the ’93 championship game is arguably one of the most infamous moments in US sports history. Keith Smart nailing ‘the shot’, which took Indiana to the ’87 title. Kansas’ Mario Chalmers capping a stunning comeback with a three-pointer on the buzzer of the ’08 championship match. Fred Brown’s misdirected pass. Magic versus Larry.

opposite page:
Kentucky’s Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (14) battles Kansas’ Tyshawn Taylor.
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above right: Indiana’s Keith Smart post the 1987 NCAA National Championship.
© Jerry Wachter/Sports Illustrated/Getty Images
below: Larry Bird battles Magic Johnson in 1979 final. © James Drake/
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has been the egalitarian nature of the single-elimination format that has often allowed minnows to floor major programs, Davids to down the Goliaths.

Yet it is not just upsets that have made the NCAA Tournament all that it is. March madness has an inbuilt sense of creating the moment, of producing the unforgettable, the magnificent and the dramatic.

It is an event that is steeped in history, built on drama, wrapped in excitement and filled with suspense.

Punters go mad in March. Mad with joy. It is not hard to figure why. **BB**



PIGEON POWER

Cricket legend and Betfair Informer Glenn McGrath, reflects on an illustrious sporting career, while offering some tips for punters.

INTERVIEW | JAKE WALSH

Glenn, you spent the majority of your life out in the middle. How does the game of cricket look now from the other side of the fence?

I'm still a big fan of the game, but it is undoubtedly in a unique position at the moment. There's a lot more of a focus on the shorter forms of the game, where in previous years the focus was solely on Test cricket. Nowadays, we have players just playing T20 and one-day cricket and not worrying about the longer forms of the game, but overall I think it's ticking along nicely.

The 2012/13 summer produced a mixed bag for Australia. Are you confident in where Michael Clarke is leading this group?

Yeah I am. I think Australia would be reasonably happy with their summer, especially in the longer forms of the game. There was only really one hiccup in Perth that ultimately cost us the series against South Africa, but now this group faces a huge challenge to replace the likes of Mike Hussey and Ricky Ponting. With two really tough away series against India and England coming up this year, I'll be intrigued to see how we fare without the experience of two champions to steady the ship.

You made your Test debut after only eight first-class matches. Did you feel at the time that you entirely deserved your spot, or was it a surprise?

My initial reaction as far as I can remember was probably neither here nor there. I wasn't totally surprised, but I didn't think that I totally deserved it either after only eight first-class matches. So I guess in a sense I was just going with the flow and before I knew it I was making my debut for Australia. I think it was probably more to do with being in the right spot at the right time, following a tough Ashes series in 1993 for a few of our fast bowlers and I was lucky enough to get the nod.

Early in your career it was your aggressive style of bowling that made people sit up and take notice. Was that premeditated or just something that happened out in the middle, in the heat of battle?

Early on I was in and out of the side for the first 18 months or so and then, in 1995, we went to the West Indies and, due to a couple of injuries, I found myself as, I guess, the 'leader of the attack' and that gave me the opportunity to bowl more aggressively. On that 1995 tour I took my first five-wicket haul and that gives you the confidence to not only bowl more aggressively, but there is a sense of belonging after that.

Did anyone ever tell you that you needed to curb your aggression?

I always felt I had a pretty good handle on it. No doubt I overstepped the mark on the odd occasion, but who hasn't? I remember back to when I first started my career, I was playing a Shield match and Allan Border was giving me a gob-full and he was probably wondering back then if I actually spoke, but I guess he sort of taught me the way of the game and, being a fast bowler, I feel that playing aggressively is just part of it.

Throughout your career Australia enjoyed a remarkable period of dominance. Was there something that made this group so special?

There are probably a few reasons. You can't deny that the calibre of players was pretty special, but I think it was where Australian cricket had come from that moulded us. When Allan Border and Bob Simpson took over, they brought with them a tougher mentality, which brought us up from the bottom of the pile, and then, as each captain took over after that, they brought another element with them while still retaining that fierce competitiveness and determination to win.

"I'm still a big fan of the game, but it is undoubtedly in a unique position at the moment."

An Ashes year is always a special one for Australian and English cricket fans, but 2013 is one out of the box with two series back to back. How do you feel we are placed to regain (and perhaps retain) the coveted urn?

I think it's about time we regained the Ashes. England has had it far too long and I feel our boys will have taken a lot of confidence out of this summer just gone. So, as we head to India and then England, I think we are in pretty good shape. Our fast bowling stocks are strong, as long as they can stay on the park, but we might just need a bit more stability in the top order.

Just on that, with Mike Hussey and Ricky Ponting departing over the summer, who are you looking at to step up and ease the burden on Michael Clarke this year?

I think in India Michael Clarke will have to bat up the order because of his ability to play spin so well, but for those around him I feel that there may be an opportunity for an experienced campaigner to step in and provide some stability. Someone like a David Hussey might get a chance or even Brad Haddin. [Phil] Hughes and [David] Warner are also key – both magnificently talented and no doubt they need to now shoulder some more of the responsibility going forward.

In November last year you were inducted into the ICC (International Cricket Council) Hall of Fame alongside Brian Lara. Is that as special as it gets?

Obviously a huge honour, and I think there are only 70-odd players who have ever been inducted, so it was really humbling when I got that news and to be inducted alongside Brian I feel was quite fitting. I think I knocked him over 15 times throughout his career, whereas, on the other hand, he scored some big hundreds and double hundreds against us. So we enjoyed some really memorable battles and I have a lot of respect for him.

There are many opportunities for intelligent punters to bet in-play over the course of a five-day test match – the key to getting value is predicting changes in momentum. How can you best attempt to predict momentum swings at an early stage, before the wickets fall and the punters all catch on?

It's a funny game sometimes, [because] you find yourself on a roll and the next minute the momentum can be snatched away from you in a heartbeat. A lot can depend on a bowling attack and how much pressure they can apply on a batting line-up in the early parts of matches. The first session on the first day is absolutely crucial and it's where you can really set up a win, so pay close attention to the early happenings out in the middle and who takes the early ascendancy.

Outside of Australia, which is the nation that you see improving its performance the most in the next year and providing some value to Betfair punters?

Well, in the shorter forms of the game, I have been really impressed with the steady improvement of New Zealand, but in the longer forms of the game I can't see any of the lower rung sides challenging the 'big four', who will continue to provide good value for the punters this year. The great thing about the likes of India, Australia, England and South Africa right now is that all of them are capable of beating each other on their day. **BB**



ROYAL FLUSH

Crown Melbourne's world famous Poker Room has become Australia's home of poker, hosting some of the circuits most prominent events including the prestigious Aussie Millions Poker Championship.

Top players from around the globe descend on Crown to participate in some of the most well-run poker championships in the world.

Now, for the very first time, Crown Melbourne will host the World Series of Poker - Asia-Pacific (WSOP APAC) in April 2013. Players will be welcomed into the world-class Crown Melbourne Integrated Resort for the twelve-day event set to commence on Thursday April 4 and run until Monday April 15, 2013 when the 'Main Event' Champion will be crowned.

Legions of locals have been swept up in the Australian poker boom that was ignited when Melburnian and Crown Ambassador Joe Hachem became the 2005 World Series of Poker Champion, scooping up \$10 million in prize money for his efforts.

This enormous win, along with the made-for-television poker tournaments, where concealed cameras reveal each player's cards to the viewer, and Crown's internationally renowned Aussie Millions Poker Championship (presented for

the first time this year by Betfair Australia) have elevated the game to a spectacular sport and opened up a players-eye-view and its popularity has skyrocketed.

These contributing factors and Crown's highly acclaimed Aussie Millions have seen the Crown Poker Room swell from 21 to 72 tables. Following a recent licence awarding, this will further grow to a total of 100 poker tables, making Crown's Poker Room the largest outside North America.

"The World Series of Poker - Asia-Pacific is an exciting partnership bringing together two industry leaders, and two strong brands, to create a premier poker event in this region," says Crown Melbourne's Chief Executive Officer, Greg Hawkins.

"Our agreement firmly aligns with our objective of attracting the very best local and international players, all vying for a coveted WSOP bracelet. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved with the Aussie Millions and look forward to featuring WSOP Asia Pacific on our poker calendar in April 2013."

Crown Melbourne is Australia's leading integrated entertainment resort attracting approximately 17 million local, interstate and international visitors each year. It is one of the

largest entertainment complexes in the world showcasing world-class gaming facilities and is the home of the distinguished 'Aussie Millions Poker Championship'. The outstanding complex also boasts Australia's best restaurant precinct, international designer brand shopping and award-winning hotels - Crown Towers, Crown Promenade and Crown Metropolis.

The 2013 WSOP APAC is expected to feature five highly anticipated bracelet tournaments, the first time WSOP gold bracelets have ever been offered in Australia, plus a high rollers' event, a Caesars Cup Invitational event pitting notable Asia-Pacific players against a team from The Americas, in addition to a full-slate of satellites, cash games and ancillary tournaments.

2005 World Series of Poker champion and Crown ambassador Joe Hachem explains: "It's thrilling to think the World Series of Poker is coming to Australian soil. I know first-hand what a life-changing moment winning the WSOP gold bracelet was and how it served as a catalyst for the growth of poker in Australia and Asia. It will be a dream come true to host a worldwide poker event such as this at Crown. I can't wait."



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Mental wins the 2012 Pattnack Farm Classic.
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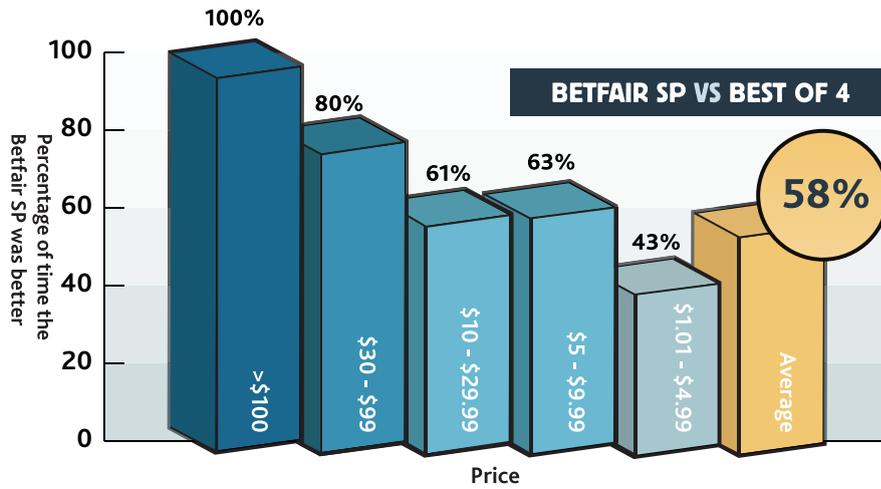
Betfair Starting Price (SP) is increasingly becoming a popular betting option for savvy Betfair punters.

WORDS | TOM CLEMENTS

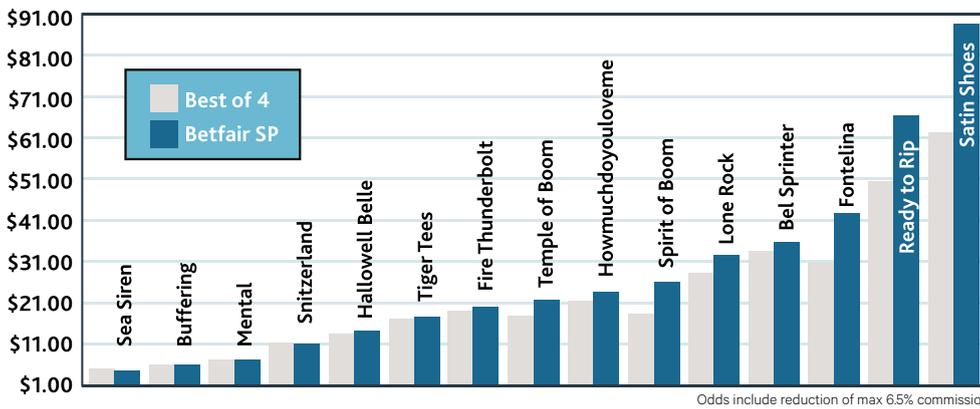
Traditionally solely associated with on-course bookmakers, the term colloquially known as 'SP' usually refers to the most common price available in the bookie ring at the venue in question. Betfair has taken this pricing concept and given it a bit of a tweak to create a unique Betfair SP product, incorporating both back and lay punters, and therefore providing Betfair punters with an extremely competitive product.

As touched on earlier, the Betfair SP is determined by matching the total of back SP bets and the total of lay SP bets by any unmatched exchange bets to create a fair price for both the back punters and the lay punters. As with an exchange bet, there is no profit margin incorporated into the price, so taking a Betfair SP bet still provides great value, and, given that the Betfair SP is calculated at the start of a race, there is almost zero chance that an SP bet will go unmatched.

When it comes to market competitiveness, the Betfair SP is an extremely competitive product, which has the unique ability to virtually guarantee the punter a matched bet...



2012 PATINACK FARM CLASSIC - BETFAIR SP VS BEST OF 4



percentage of 105.74 percent compared to a total market percentage of 108.50 percent, which the best of four price provides.

The above has illustrated the strength of the Betfair SP in comparison to the best of four product offering, as well as showing punters that taking the Betfair SP is virtually a guaranteed exchange bet. The final piece of this puzzle is actually placing the SP bet.

One of the real advantages of the Betfair exchange is the punters' ability to name their own price for their back or lay bet. The minor concern over this feature of the exchange is that the bet may not end up being matched. That is where the Betfair SP comes into play. Simply by nominating a price that you would like to see your bet matched, and ticking the 'take SP at the jump if bet unmatched' box, illustrated below, Betfair punters are guaranteed an extremely economical product.

Combining the price strength of Betfair SP, the options available to Betfair patrons to take the SP price at the jump and the fact that it is a guaranteed way to get your bet on the exchange, it really does pay to give some consideration to Betfair SP punting. Further SP information can be found on our SP website www.sp.betfair.com.au.

As always, best of luck on the punt, and hopefully these few simple Betfair SP tips can prove to be lucrative in your future punting endeavours. **BB**

When it comes to market competitiveness, the Betfair SP is an extremely competitive product, which has the unique ability to virtually guarantee the punter a matched bet while still providing the value with which Betfair has become synonymous over the years.

Across the four feature days of the 2012 Melbourne Cup Carnival, including the corresponding days and feature Sydney and Brisbane metropolitan meetings, the winning horses' Betfair SP price was better 58 percent of the time, when compared to the best of four product, as the graphic above illustrates. Furthermore, the Betfair SP really provides its greatest strength for winning runners that are above the \$5 quote.

Not only does the Betfair SP price stand up on the winners, but, looking across the board at race level, it proves to be an extremely viable market when comparing market percentages to the best of four product.

The middle graphic illustrates the starters for the 2012 Patinack Farm Classic, one of the greatest weight-for-age races in Australia, which is run on Derby Day. As the graph illustrates, the Betfair SP price is clearly better across the board than that of the best of four price, providing a total market

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	Unmatched	8.6	\$5.00	\$38.00

Ref: 2587437772 Bet placed: 14:44 19-Feb-13

top right: 2012 Hong Kong International Races.

bottom right: Mark Ricciuto and friends. © Betfair



HONKERS AHOY

Betfair takes pride in rewarding customer loyalty and 2012 was no exception.

WORDS | LEE MAZIARZ

Throughout the year, many of our most loyal members were treated to memorable experiences and events, highlighted by an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2012 Hong Kong International Races.

While the focus of the tour was race day at Sha Tin on the Sunday, the party of 11 enjoyed

seven days of fine dining and money-can't-buy experiences tailored to the sport-loving punter.

Former Adelaide Crows captain and Betfair's AFL InFormer Mark Ricciuto accompanied the tour and, after arriving in Hong Kong on 4 December, guests were treated to the best that Hong Kong and Macau had to offer.

Members of the party were treated to five-star accommodation at the Grand Hyatt in Macau and the Shangri-La in Hong Kong, receiving ample time to relax before the big day on Sunday.

According to one punter, "Not only was this the trip of a lifetime, it was a great opportunity to trade war stories with some of Australia's finest and most talented racing and sports punters."

Opportunities like this are crafted to reward customer loyalty and grow the already strong relationship between Betfair and its most valued clientele.

Stay tuned for the next big event. **BB**

What the tour included

An evening at Happy Valley for the International Jockeys' Championship

A kick-about with AFL legend Mark Ricciuto

An evening on board Aqua Luna Sailing – Symphony of Lights cruise

Helicopter transfer to Macau

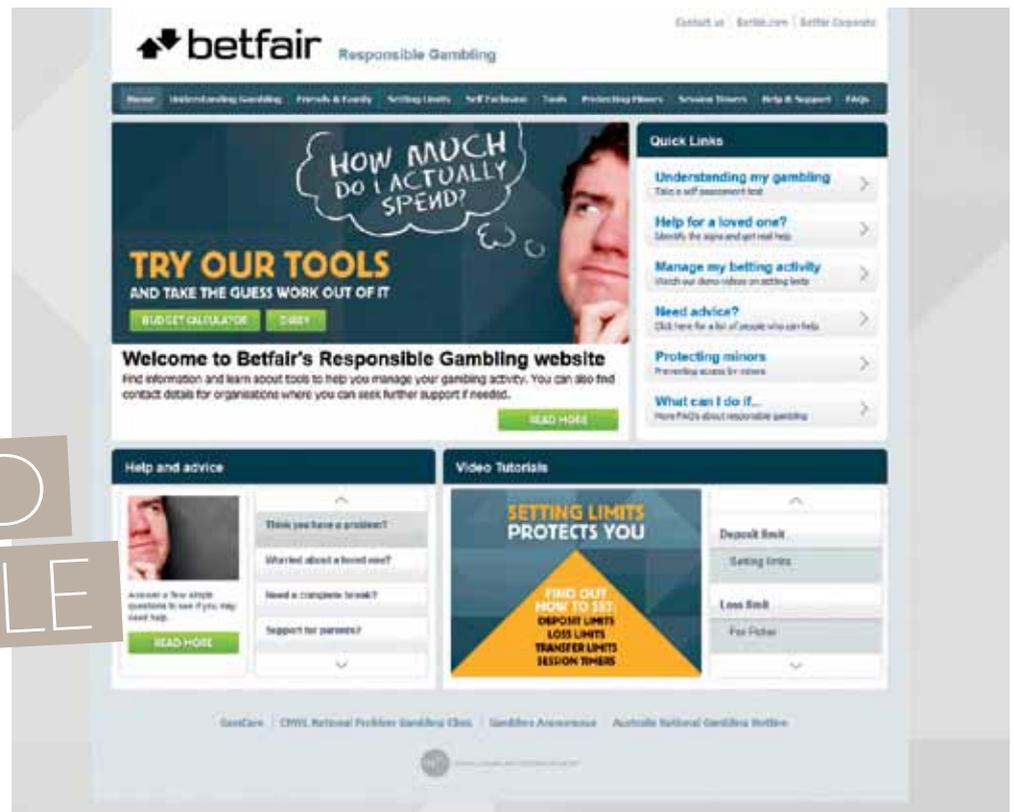
Access to Crown Macau VIP Gaming

Premier jetfoil boat transfer from Macau to Hong Kong

Tailor-made suit fitting, which were supplied to attend race meetings, and

A day at Sha Tin Racecourse for the Jockey Club International Races.

BETFAIR AND RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING



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The page contains:

- video tutorials about how to set financial limits and access Betfair's self-exclusion facilities
- a budget calculator to assist you in working out how you are spending your money each month
- an online time management diary to calculate the time and money you spend on gambling
- a self-assessment test to help you maintain control of your gambling, and
- information on how to ensure that minors are unable to access Betfair on your devices.

Importantly, Betfair offers customers the ability to set financial limits – either on a deposit or loss basis – over daily, weekly or monthly periods.

MANAGING BETTING HABITS

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If you are encountering problems or, if you are concerned about a friend or family member, please contact the Betfair Helpdesk or National Gambling Helpline on 1800 858 858 or www.gamblinghelpline.org.au for confidential support and advice.

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2013 BENTLEY CONTINENTAL GT V8

A rather suave V8 full of grunt, grandeur and sexy beast appeal.

WORDS | CONNOR STEPHENSON

If Hermès were to fit wheels and an engine to one of its absurdly expensive yet admittedly luxuriously special handbags, it would no doubt sell in huge numbers to the Beckhams, Lohans and wealthy wannabes of the world.

The fact is, though, that another company has already beaten it to the idea, because riding in a Bentley – any and every Bentley – feels exactly like that. The quality of the leather, the scent, the detailing, the design, everything about a Bentley interior is so superb that it feels like a Rodeo Drive, rather than a regular drive.

The sun visors, just as one example, are so solidly special, you find yourself wishing you could remove one and give it to your wife as a gift.

There are manly touches as well, of course, particularly in the stonkingly stupendous Continental GT V8, including throttle and brake pedals so soundly metallic, they feel like they could be used for working a furnace, or flying a jet, and a gear

lever that would make an excellent appendage for a Terminator. It all feels fantastic to the touch, while the bright work and the dials are a feast for the eyes, and bring to mind an expensive watch.

Of course, just sitting there taking in the sumptuousness of the interior – or the brutal, bold lines of the exterior – of this \$370,000 Bentley beast is to miss the point, because what lurks beneath is far more impressive than what's wrapped around it.

Many cars have V8s, it's true, particularly in Australia, but the 4.0-litre that grumbles malevolently beneath that massive bonnet has the sort of power that would make an HSV go and hide in a corner, weeping. Try 373 kilowatts – some 500 horsepower in the old money – and 660 Nm (newton metres) of torque, enough to launch this 2295-kilogram beast (all that leather and loveliness weighs a lot, you know) to 100 kilometres per hour in just 4.8 seconds.

Truly, it's like a rocket crossed with the QE II – one minute it's parked next to the Harbour Bridge, a blink later it's already steaming past the Sydney Heads. Mash the accelerator into the deep, woolly carpet and you're in for genuine fireworks, and noise that brings to mind bellows and anvils, and a little bit of hellfire.

The Continental GT can use all that power to make horizons go blurry, or it can purr along with the merest amount of effort on the highway,

Truly, it's like a rocket crossed with the QE II – one minute it's parked next to the Harbour Bridge, a blink later it's already steaming past the Sydney Heads.

occasionally treating the overtaking of other cars as an exercise in superiority. Whatever you're doing, the ride quality is stupendous. Rolls-Royce likes to use the word 'waft' to describe the way its cars glide over the world, as if they're not really there, and this Bentley is similar. Speed humps, potholes, broken bitumen... all are things sent to bother poorer people in their ordinary cars, while you treat them with disdain. If you notice them at all, that is.

The Bentley Continental GT V8 truly is a car in another realm, in every sense: performance, comfort, visual beauty. And it will match your Hermès bag beautifully. **BB**

Sony 84in Bravia XBR-84X900

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Price: US\$24,999

www.sony.com



Ecovacs Winbot 7

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A MATTER OF FACTS

Even the smartest of punters should test their skills from time to time.

Frankel at Royal Ascot last year.
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SPORTS (GLOBAL)

1. Canada has had two teams play in the NBA (National Basketball Association) – name them.
2. Where did the 2012 Dakar rally finish?
3. Which six NBA franchises did Shaq (Shaquille O'Neal) play for?
4. Who is the only athlete to win Olympic 400-metre and 800-metre titles?
5. In Olympic men's weightlifting, what are the lowest and highest weight categories?
6. Which two teams made up the Old Firm in the Scottish Premier League of football?
7. What are the nicknames of these English football clubs: Newcastle, Southampton, Everton, Sheffield United?

SPORTS (LOCAL)

1. Which Australian golfer has won more than one of the four Masters and when?
2. In which year did Robert DiPierdomenico win the AFL Brownlow Medal?
3. In what year did Brisbane first play in the National Rugby League?

RACING

1. Who sired the top lot at this year's Magic Millions sales and for what price did the colt sell?
2. Which horse was recently confirmed as the highest ever rated racehorse by Timeform and what was the rating?
3. Before Ocean Park in 2012, who was the last overseas-trained horse to win the WS Cox Plate?
4. Did the following horses win the races renamed in their honour: (a) Makybe Diva (b) Kingston Town (c) St Steven?
5. Who is the most recent apprentice to win a Victorian metropolitan jockey premiership?
6. Which Golden Slipper-winning filly was the dam of popular stallion O'Reilly?
7. Who were the shortest-priced winner and the shortest-price beaten favourite in a Group One of the 2012 spring carnival?
8. What is the longest flat race and the longest jumping race conducted annually in Australia?
9. How many races are conducted annually in Australia at the distance of 3200 metres and what are they?
10. How many horses have completed the Golden Slipper-Caulfield Guineas double?

ANSWERS

- Sports (Global)**
1. Vancouver Grizzlies and Toronto Raptors
 2. Lima, Peru
 3. Orlando Magic; LA Lakers; Miami Heat; Phoenix Suns; Cleveland Cavaliers; Boston Celtics
 4. Alberto Juantorena
 5. Up to 56 kilograms and 105 kilograms-plus
 6. Rangers FC and Celtic FC
 7. Newcastle – Magpies; Southampton – Saints; Everton – Toffees; Sheffield United – Blades
- Sports (Local)**
1. David Graham – PGA (1979) and US Open (1981)
 2. 1986 (tied with Greg Williams)
 3. 1998
- Racing**
1. Fastnet Rock, \$135 million
 2. Frankel, 147
 3. Sunline, 1999/00
 4. Makybe Diva – No, Kingston Town – Yes (when it was WATC Western Mail Classic), St Steven – Yes
 5. Nick Ryan in 2004/05 with 83 wins
 6. Courtza (1989 Slipper)
 7. Winner: Ocean Park (\$152 Betfair SP) in the Caulfield Stakes. Beaten favourite: Piero in the Caulfield Guineas at a Betfair SP of \$124
 8. Flat: The Yalumba (3600 metres at Oakbank; SA). Jumps: The Grand Annual (5500 metres at Warrambool, Vic)
 9. 7. Melbourne Cup (G1 – Flemington, November); Sydney Cup (G1 – Randwick, April/May); Queensland Cup (L1 – Eagle Farm, July); Adelaide Cup (Morphettville, March); Stayers Cup (Rosehill, June); Andrew Ramsden Stakes (Flemington, May) and Sandown Cup (Sandown, November)
 10. 4. Storm Queen (1966); Vain (1969); Luskin Star (1977) and Manikato (1978)

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