

NSW TIPS & RATINGS PREVIEW

GOLDEN ROSE DAY

Want the lowdown on key races for Golden Rose day? Professional punter Mark Rhoden has delved into the big races with a full preview for the Group 2 features and an insight into the 3yo feature race.

Mark heads up the NSW Tips & Ratings service for Winning Edge Investments and is again delivering profits to members this spring, with four recent winning Saturdays in a row (+15.58 units profit). For a \$100 per unit member, that is \$1,558 profit in just four betting days.

RACE PREVIEW

G2 Golden Pendant (1400m)

SPEED MAP: Mizzy to lead in a pretty moderate pace. Dyslexic really should be making use of her gate and pushing up into the box seat. Fundamentalist faded after leading at Flemington last time so may take a sit here. Champagne Cuddles will be fairly handy/midfield on the fence, Enticing Star and Pretty In Pink will get back and Invincibella will have to look to slot in from the outside gate in the small field.

		 INVINCIBELLA (7)			
 ENTICING STAR (6)	 PRETTY IN PINK (4)			 FUNDAMENTALIST (3)	
			 CHAMPAGNE CUDDLES (2)	 DYSLEXIC (1)	 MIZZY (5)

HORSE NAME	Comment
INVINCIBELLA	Trialling nicely but took a couple of runs to peak last preparation. The mounting yard and late betting moves will be interesting on this mare.
CHAMPAGNE CUDDLES	Inexplicably didn't take the box seat on a hot rail first-up, which may have cost her the race. The knock on her is that she seems to lack a bit of competitive desire on occasions – if anyone can straighten that out, it's Nash Rawiller, so should get her chance on Saturday.
MIZZY	Racing really well but has had all the favours in her two wins this time in. That said, she's a mare in great form and she'll get every chance to the run the 1400m from the front on Saturday.
PRETTY IN PINK	Unsuited first up and has shown a good turn of foot on her day. A possible improver.
ENTICING STAR	Has an outstanding record in WA. Has trialled very well in preparation for her debut for the Chris Waller stable. She'll get back a bit, but it's a small field and a moderately run 1400m should give her the chance to unleash her brilliant turn of foot.
FUNDAMENTALIST	At her best (2nd to The Autumn Sun in the Randwick Guineas, for example) she'd just about win this, but she's been below that level so far this time in. Needs to improve.
DYSLEXIC	No luck in the Sheraco last time. She'll get a soft run here, but she may need a touch of luck getting out again. To be honest I'd like to see a jockey change on her.

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"Happy to be with Enticing Star here – her trials suggest she's going really well and at her top she's the one to beat at the weights. The early price isn't massive, but it's acceptable. Champagne Cuddles with Nash on deserves to be second pick, but there's no edge in her early price. Dyslexic and Mizzy next best, with a late batting watch on Invincibella," Mark says.

RACE PREVIEW

G2 Shannon Stakes (1500m)

SPEED MAP: Little speed in the race. Avantage leads by default from Con Te Partiro. Tom Melbourne can make some use of barrier one and sit fairly handy. Volpe Veloce can be closer in the run than he was last time, as can Gem Song. Expect the other three to get back.

 ABDON (7)	 NOIRE (5)	 GEM SONG (6)		 VOLPE VELOCE (4)	 CON DE PARTIRO (3)		
	 MISTER SEA WOLF (2)				 TOM MELBOURNE (1)		 AVANTAGE (8)

HORSE NAME

Comment

MISTER SEA WOLF

Totally unsuited first up, but ran the best last 600m sectional in the race despite being in the wrong part of the track. He's likely to get back again, but J McDonald takes the ride and he's never missed a place at the Rosehill 1500m. Over the odds.

VOLPE VELOCE

Unsuited first up, but he did nothing in the run home. He'd need to improve sharply with the blinkers on here.

GEM SONG

Eye-catching run behind Arcadia Queen first-up, but he never left the rails which was the place to be that day, so he may have been flattered a little. No Nash Rawiller today either, so while he's a definite chance, I don't want to take a short price.

TOM MELBOURNE	As always, capable of winning on his best form. Totally unsuited first up and can surely improve – but I want no responsibility for anyone backing him in the win-only market!
NOIRE	Another who was unsuited last start, and she ran well despite that. Loses J McDonald today, and will get back as usual, but has a chance.
AVANTAGE	Looked to have an easy enough run but was beaten soon after straightening – a very ordinary performance. Her best is good enough to win this but she needs a very quick bounce to that level of performance.
CON TE PARTIRO	Had no luck at all in the Cameron at Newcastle. This race is a little stronger than that one (despite the small field), but she maps beautifully up on a moderate speed, and the jockey change is a good one. Solid chance in this.
ABDON	Likely to take a run or two to peak off one very quiet trial.

OVERVIEW

"I'll firm up my thoughts after scratchings on Saturday, but at this stage I'll work around Con Te Partiro and Mister Sea Wolf, who I think is the best value in the race. Gem Song is a definite danger but the market has given him full value for a slightly flattering first-up run, and Avantage needs to be taken on trust after a shocker last week," Mark says.

G1 GOLDEN ROSE (1400m)

Mark has also delivered his assessment of the feature race. Check his thoughts below.

"I'm keeping it simple, and leaning to the two horses with the best credentials in their leadups this preparation – Bivouac and Exceedance. Bivouac was a little flat second-up when Exceedance beat him in the San Domenico, then the boot was on the other foot in the Run To The Rose (Exceedance was also unsuited by the track pattern that day). Bivouac is my top pick from Exceedance, and there might be enough value in their prices to back both. Yes Yes Yes and Yao Dash are in the race but will need to take a step forward to win it (both are capable of doing so), while Castelvechchio and Kubrick have come back well but will be even better at 1600m, I suspect. A small field, but a very good race," Mark says.