

NSW TIPS & RATINGS PREVIEW

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RACE PREVIEW: G1 Golden Slipper (1200m)

SPEED MAP (without the two unlikely emergencies)

 RATHLIN (18)	 PERSONAL (17)	 MUNTASEERA (16)	 MINHAAJ (12)				
 THERMOSPHERE (10)	 HANSEATIC (9)	 HUNGRY HEART (5)	 SEE YOU SOON (8)	 TAGALOA (6)	 PRAGUE (7)	 FARNAN (13)	 MILDRED (15)
		 KINGS LEGACY (2)		 DAME GISELLE (4)	 AWAY GAME (3)	 MAMARAGAN (1)	

THE FIELD *Runner-by-runner*

#	FORM	HORSE NAME	COMMENT	TRAINER	JOCKEY	BAR	WGT
1	31x412	TAGALOA	Big win in Diamond. Perfect tune up last start. Great chance.	Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young	Michael Walker	6	56.5kg
2	1x112	HANSEATIC	Beaten on merits in Diamond. Tempo suits here.	Anthony Freedman	Kerrin McEvoy	9	56.5kg
3	11011	FARNAN	Foolproof racing style, solid chance. Some chance wants soft?	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	Hugh Bowman	14	56.5kg
4	1161	PRAGUE	Maps well with Marquand, chance if repeats last start effort.	Ciaran Maher & David Eustace	Tom Marquand	7	56.5kg
5	315x	KING'S LEGACY	Huge task to win 1 st -up here	Snowden Racing	Damian Lane	2	56.5kg
7	1	MAMARAGAN	Not easy to win 2nd start. Maps well with Nash.	John Thompson	Nash Rawiller	1	56.5kg
8	41114	AWAY GAME	Big run in Diamond but has had testing prep.	Maher & Eustace	Glen Boss	3	54.5kg
9	21x31	DAME GISELLE	Good win against the pattern last start. More depth here.	Peter & Paul Snowden	Tim Clark	4	54.5kg
10	12x2	SEE YOU SOON	Had favours last start, needs to improve to win.	Jean Dubois	Jean Van Overmeire (a)	8	54.5kg
11	115x133	MILDRED	Pressure should get rid of her here.	Grahame Begg	Jordan Childs	17	54.5kg
12	213	PERSONAL	Everything went right in Diamond. Map looks bad here.	David & B Hayes & T Dabernig	Craig Williams	19	54.5kg
13	21x252	MUNTASEERA	No match for Minhaaj last start. Map looks bad	Maher & Eustace	Michael Dee	18	54.5kg
14	21	HUNGRY HEART	Plenty of upside. Maps well with McDonald.	Chris Waller	James McDonald	5	54.5kg
16	4211	THERMOSPHERE	Needs to improve again to win.	James Cummings	Tommy Berry	10	54.5kg
17e	721637	RATHLIN	Drawn badly. Needs easier.	Maher & Eustace	Mark Zahra	20	56.5kg
18e	11	MINHAAJ	Untapped ability. Map not great, but can win.	Hayes & Dabernig	Daniel Stackhouse	13	54.5kg
19e	1x32	TIME IS PRECIOUS		Gerald Ryan		11	54.5kg
20e	134	PHILIZZY		Anthony Cummings		16	54.5kg

RACE OVERVIEW: No absolute superstar two year old this year, but that means have a good, competitive Golden Slipper. I have Tagaloea on top – his Blue Diamond win was huge, then he had a lovely tune up for this in the Todman. He'll be close enough in the run from his draw and should be in the finish. Farnan has a foolproof racing style and has to be a chance, my only query on him is that his two best runs have been on softer ground than this. I'm a huge fan of Minhaaj as a horse, but she's been a big shortener during the week. If she'd drawn a gate and had a big-race jockey on board I'd have her top pick, but the map looks a bit awkward and the value isn't really there now (no surprise to see her overcome the negatives and win, however). Best roughies for me are Prague on the quick back up, and the untapped Hungry Heart.