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<div> <div>5pm • Emirates Melbourne Cup • 3200m • Prize money: A\$7,300,000</div> <div>Live commentary on Radio Sport</div> </div>									
	Form	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Weight (kg)	TAB fixed odds			Sweepstake drawer
1	x111	Best Solution (IRE) 5-year-old horse. Breeding: Kodiak (GBR)-Al Andalyya (USA) Trainer: Saeed Bin Suroor	6	Pat Cosgrave	57.5	\$15			You won't see a better Caulfield Cup winner. Used up early and wide to take prominent position, sprinted early, fought hard. No weight increase after third group one win on trot after two in Germany. Class act but never tested at 3200m and weighted to max.
2	433	The Cliffsofmoher (IRE) 5-year-old horse. Breeding: Galileo (IRE)-Wave (IRE) Trainer: Aidan O'Brien	9	Ryan Moore	56.5	\$17			Consistently running on in races, settled just off the pace and ran on for rock solid third in Caulfield Cup. Hard to see him getting the better of Best Solution on that form. Might leaving you wanting more.
3	150x11	Magic Circle (IRE) 7-year-old gelding. Breeding: Makfi (GBR)-Minkova (IRL) Trainer: Ian Williams	17	Corey Brown	56	\$10			If he can bring his UK form this much-improved stayer could find the winner's circle. Weighted quite highly for what he's done but last two starts in UK were super-impressive as he decimated fields to win going away with a high-octane finishing bursts.
4	250x0	Chestnut Coat (JPN) 5-year-old horse. Breeding: Heart's Cry (JPN)-White Veil (JPN) Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi	4	Yuga Kawada	55.5	\$51			Failed in Caulfield Cup on wet track which he doesn't like. Good Japan form including solid fifth in a group one 3200m race in April but has never won a stakes so maybe not classy enough to wear the winner's coat here.
5	4341x	Muntahaa (IRE) 6-year-old gelding. Breeding: Dansili (GBR)-Qertaas (IRL) Trainer: John Gosden	13	Jim Crowley	55.5	\$11			Form-line through Best Solution in UK is strong - was 4.5 lengths back of that horse when carrying same weight at Newmarket and then blitzed field at York in last race before spell. At weights would be considered a chance based on form around Best Solution.
6	132x0	Sound Check (GER) 6-year-old horse Breeding: Lando (DEU)-Sky Dancing (IRL) Trainer: Michael Moroney	16	Jordan Childs	55.5	\$41			Pushed Best Solution close at same weights in a group one race in Berlin over 2400m before failing in Caulfield Cup. His racing style in Germany shows he's got fight. Kiwi trainer Mike Moroney knows how to win these big races and the horse is well-weighted relative to Best Solution.
7	x7694	Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) 10-year-old gelding. Breeding: Yamanin Vital (NZL)-Ears Carol (NZL) Trainer: Chris Waller	18	Ben Melham	55.5	\$67			This old favourite is 10-years old which makes him the equivalent of a 65-year-old human. Can a gold card holder win the gold cup? Possibly not but he's a tough old boy having his fourth Melbourne Cup start, with his best being third in 2014.
8	02410	Ace High 4-year-old horse. Breeding: High Chaparral (IRE)-Come Sunday (AUS) Trainer: David Payne	22	Tye Angland	55	\$17			Proven quality horse as a three-year-old with win in Victoria Derby. Set pace in Caulfield Cup but faded when pressure went on, and possibly uncomfortable in ground. Wouldn't totally discount on a firm track.
9	2112x	Marmelo (GB) 6-year-old horse. Breeding: Duke Of Marmalade (IRL)-Capriolla (GBR) Trainer: Hughie Morrison	10	Hugh Bowman	55	\$17			Ninth in last year's Melbourne Cup as joint favourite. OK run. Has won two of four races in interim back in Europe, including at group two weight-for-age level in France. Same weight as last year might be better horse but weighted to the best of his ability.
10	x11114	Avilius (GB) 5-year-old gelding. Breeding: Pivotal (GBR)-Alessandria (GBR) Trainer: James Cummings	11	Glyn Schofield	54.5	\$13			Beaten only once in five starts since coming to Australia from France, and that was an outclassed fourth in the Cox Plate behind Winx. The horse is weighted to win and a win would allow James Cummings to emulate his great father Bart in finally training a Cup winner.
11	6013x1	Yucatan (IRE) 5-year-old horse. Breeding: Galileo (IRL)-Six Perfections (FRA) Trainer: Aidan O'Brien	23	James McDonald	54.5	\$4.50			Made a huge impact on debut in Australia when destroying opposition in Herbert Power Stakes (2400m) at Caulfield. Got slapped with a hefty 2.5kg penalty for the Melbourne Cup so possibly too highly weighted now. False favourite.
12	x5266	Auvray (FR) 8-year-old gelding. Breeding: Le Havre (IRL)-Ameyrah (IRL) Trainer: Richard Freedman	1	Tommy Berry	54	\$101			Best form was around four years ago and hasn't lived up to European pedigree since being imported to Australia. Has also had a couple of stable changes which is telling and looks too old and too outclassed given Sydney form.
13	5x1x3	Finche (GB) 5-year-old horse. Breeding: Frankel (GBR)-Binche (USA) Trainer: Chris Waller	15	Zac Purton	54	\$21			Big showy chestnut with solid French form. Won over 2500m in France beating Tiberian which was seventh behind Rekindling in last year's Cup. Good third in Geelong Cup. Excellent trainer in Chris Waller. Possibly weighted too high for what he's achieved.
14	08030	Red Cardinal (IRE) 7-year-old gelding. Breeding: Montjeu (IRL)-Notable (GBR) Trainer: Darren Weir	5	Damien Olivier	54	\$101			Was talked about as possible winner of Cup in 2017 after coming to Australia with form in similar races to this year's favoured candidates but battled to midfield finish. Has slipped a little form-wise since that and hasn't done enough since to justify including.
15	x4059	Vengeur Masque (IRE) 7-year-old gelding. Breeding: Monsun (DEU)-Venetian Beauty (USA) Trainer: Michael Moroney	2	Patrick Moloney	54	\$101			Has missed past two Melbourne Cups by one qualifying spot in past two years but now finally in. Showed ability when winning Queen Elizabeth Stakes at end of last year's carnival. All races since - while lacking results - suggest he'll run out the 3200m.
16	79401	Ventura Storm (IRE) 6-year-old gelding. Breeding: Zoffany (IRL)-Sarawati (IRL) Trainer: David & B Hayes & T Dabernig	7	Mark Zahra	54	\$26			Terrible in last year's Cup when got tongue over bit. Seems to be good up to 2400m and maybe lacks some punch over 3200m. Won the Moonee Valley Cup but has struggled to beat horses such as Who Shot Thebarman and Sir Charles Road. Same weight as last year, same result likely.
17	x241121	A Prince of Aran (GBR) 5-year-old gelding. Breeding: Shirocco (GER) Storming Sioux GBR) Trainer: Charlie Fellows	20	Michael Walker	51	\$15			Prince Of Arran gained entry into the Cup at the last chance saloon Lexus Stakes with a stout performance which will have gained plenty of new admirers. The five-year-old gelding is well-travelled having raced in Dubai, Chester and New York, finishing third in the Grade 1 Belmont Gold Cup there.
18	x24112	Nakeeta (GBR) 5-year-old gelding. Breeding: Sixties Icon (GBR) - Easy Rd (IRE) Trainer: Ian Jardine	3	Regan Bayliss	53	\$101			Snuck into the field late yesterday when Red Verdon was ruled out of the race. Finished fifth in the 2017 Melbourne Cup, before that winning the Ebor Handicap, one of England's greatest staying races.
19	x0147	Sir Charles Road (NZ) 5-year-old gelding. Breeding: Myboycharlie (IRL)-Giant Mystique Trainer: Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott	14	Dwayne Dunn	53.5	\$101			Kiwi-trained galloper who was a solid third in Sydney Cup (3200m). Been solid if not spectacular in lead-up races before third in Bendigo Cup where he peaked on run. Not good enough sadly and like to be down the road.
20	0080	Zacada (NZ) 6-year-old gelding. Breeding: Zabeel (NZL)-Lacada Trainer: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman	24	Damian Lane	53	\$101			Kiwi-trained and bred, by super sire Zabeel. Avondale Cup winner, fourth in Auckland Cup, brave second in Sydney Cup earlier this year behind Who Shot Thebarman after getting bad check at 600m. Will stay all day and has lightweight but not light enough to be in contention.
21	0x341	Runaway 4-year-old rig. Breeding: Manhattan Rain-Catshaan Trainer: Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	12	Stephen Baster	52	\$35			This horse is a rig, ie a male but with testicles hidden so looks like a gelding. Won the VRC St Leger (2800m) leading all the way and going fast to line at end. Won Geelong Cup in similar fashion. In at light weight and will give a sight even though unproven at this level.
22	x6327	Youngstar 4-year-old mare. Breeding: High Chaparral (IRL)-Starspangled (IRL) Trainer: Chris Waller	8	Craig Williams	51.5	\$17			Only mare in field. Got within a length of stablemate Winx in Turnbull Stakes at weight-for-age, strong run in Caulfield Cup, settling back, going deep and making ground to finish seventh in a sound performance under the circumstances. Excellently weighted but query over distance.
23	x24112	Cross Counter (GB) 4-year-old gelding. Breeding: Teofilo (IRL)-Waitress (USA) Trainer: Charlie Appleby	19	Kerrin McEvoy	51	\$11			Young horse highly-rated and well-weighted in similar fashion to Rekindling last year but maybe without the classic form of Rostropovich. Question is over ring-craft at this level and had setback in quarantine with injured leg which may suggest he's worth risking.
24	22515	Rostropovich (IRE) 4-year-old horse. Breeding: Frankel (GBR)-Tyranny (GBR) Trainer: Aidan O'Brien	21	Wayne Lordan	51	\$21			Lightly-raced but classy. Superb breeding, great trainer. Runner-up in Irish Derby to Latrobe who is a non-starter in the Cup. Likes to be on or near the pace and shows good fight. Got good pipe-opener in Cox Plate though outclassed by Winx. Superbly weighted, looks a great chance.

