



MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP CHART

TAB

• 5pm today • Length **3200m.**

• Prize money: **A\$8,000,000** • Last year's winner: **Vow And Declare**

FORM	HORSE	DRAW	JOCKEY	WEIGHT (KG)	TAB FIXED ODDS	SWEETSTAKE DRAW
1 25x12	Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) 5-year-old Horse Breeding: Galileo (Ire) – Believe'n'succeed (Aus) Trainer: Aidan O'Brien	3	Hugh Bowman	58.5	\$8	An English Derby winner from the powerhouse Aiden O'Brien Ballydoyle stable who has raced in six countries, with top placings in big races in England, Ireland, France and the US. Slashing run in the Caulfield Cup for second recently was a great dress rehearsal. Massive chance.
2 4x626	Avilius (GB) 7-year-old Gelding Breeding: Pivotal (GB) – Alessandria (GB) Trainer: James Cummings	10	John Allen	57	\$31	Godolphin decided not to fly down their European stars after winning with Cross Counter two seasons ago, leaving it up to the Australian stable under James Cummings to fly Sheik Mohammed's royal blue with Avilius, who ran second last in that race. Showed a glimpse of form returning last start in Caulfield Cup.
3 5x900	Vow And Declare (Ire) 5-year-old Gelding Breeding: Declaration Of War (USA) – Geblitzt (Aus) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	4	Jamie Mott	57	\$31	Last year's winner and beneficiary of a master ride by Craig Williams, who positioned himself perfectly to trail the front runners who set a dawdling pace, turning the race into a sprint home. History shows Vow And Declare just got the nod in a blanket finish. Has shown little in the lead-up to suggest he can repeat.
4 x6221	Master Of Reality (Ire) 6-year-old Gelding Breeding: Frankel (GB) – L'Anresse (Ire) Trainer: Joseph O'Brien	11	Ben Melham	56	\$17	Brilliant young trainer Joseph O'Brien nearly made it two in a row with his tactics last year, with Master of Reality surging clear in the straight, just getting caught as he tired, ducking in and get relegated from second to fourth. Placed twice at Group level and then winning a listed race, all over 2800m before heading Downunder. At juicy odds.
5 22221	Sir Dragonet (Ire) 4-year-old Horse Breeding: Camelot (GB) – Sparrow (Ire) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	14	Glen Boss	55.5	\$10	Royally-bred British stayer could not have been more impressive in winning the WS Cox Plate, kicking clear in the straight and finishing full of running. With 3-time Cup winner Glen Boss aboard, from top Aussie Ciaron Maher and David Eustace stable, looks top pick, especially with a softer track.
6 x2113	Twilight Payment (Ire) 8-year-old Gelding Breeding: Teofilo (Ire) – Dream On Buddy (Ire) Trainer: Joseph O'Brien	12	Jye McNeil	55.5	\$18	Joseph O'Brien set the pace last year with Twilight Payment just coming up short in making it two Cups in a row. This prep Twilight Payment has won twice at Group level before being placed in the G1 Irish St Leger (2816m) at the Curragh before heading Downunder. Fit and in the mix despite odds.
7 x1411	Verry Elleegant (NZ) 5-year-old Mare Breeding: Zed (NZ) – Opulence (NZ) Trainer: Chris Waller	15	Mark Zahra	55.5	\$11	Magnificent Caulfield Cup victory has set this Chris Waller-trained mare up beautifully to be both the first Kiwi-bred to win the Cup and the first horse to do the Caulfield Cup double since Ethereal in 2001. The last mare to win the Cup was champion Makybe Diva in 2015.
8 x0098	Mustajeer (GB) 8-year-old Gelding Breeding: Medicean (GB) – Qelaan (USA) Trainer: Kris Lees	2	Michael Rodd	55	\$61	Beat one home in last year's Cup. Came back in the autumn to win Listed Parramatta Cup on a soft track and then twice placed at Group level. Has yet to fire on three runs back in this campaign. Relishes heavy to soft ground and will be one to keep in the multiples should rain become a factor.
9 4x072	Stratum Albion (GB) 8-year-old Gelding Breeding: Dansili (GB) – Lunar Phase (Ire) Trainer: Willie Mullins	9	Jordan Childs	55	\$31	The Irish have brought a hurdler to the Melbourne Cup, and won it before. Indeed the first Northern Hemisphere horse to win the Cup. Vintage Crop, won two hurdles for trainer Dermot Weld prior. Good enough to run in the Cheltenham Festival, Stratum Albion returned to the flat to run second in the G2 Lonsdale Cup. Be warned.
10 x1140	Dashing Willoughby (GB) 5-year-old Gelding Breeding: Nathaniel (Ire) – Miss Dashwood (GB) Trainer: Andrew Balding	19	Michael Walker	54.5	\$61	Another Northern Hemisphere stayer, part-owned by NZ interests, who has won over 2 miles at Group level, including twice this year before being shipped Downunder. His only Australian start was a fortnight ago in the Caulfield Cup, where he set the pace but was gone by the turn and finished last. Others preferred.
11 7x335	Finche (GB) 7-year-old Gelding Breeding: Frankel (GB) – Binche (USA) Trainer: Chris Waller	6	James McDonald	54.5	\$15	Flashy chestnut racing in the Khalid Abdullah colours of his famous sire Frankel, but trained by ex-Kiwi Chris Waller in Australia. Finche ran fourth in 2018, and was not far away when seventh last year. Eyecatching in appearance, and also when third in the Turnbull and a close fifth in the Caulfield Cup recently. Nice price.
12 36x34	Prince Of Arran (GB) 8-year-old Gelding Breeding: Shirocco (Ger) – Storming Sioux (GB) Trainer: Charlie Fellowes	1	Jamie Kah	54.5	\$10	Ran third in the 2018 Melbourne Cup, ran second after promotion last year, half a length from the winner. Could this be third time lucky? Was running on strongly for an encouraging fourth in the Caulfield Cup under rising star jockey Jamie Kah last start, as the perfect dress rehearsal for this. Keep in your combinations.

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13 15x29	Surprise Baby (NZ) 6-year-old Gelding Breeding: Shocking (Aus) – Bula Baby (NZ) Trainer: Paul Preusker	7	Craig Williams	54.5	\$9	A fast finishing and close fifth in last year's Cup and a winner over this trip, when in the Adelaide Cup last year. This New Zealand-bred son of 2009 Cup winner Shocking has raced twice since last year's Cup for a half-length second in the Feehan Stakes before being hampered badly but storming home late in the Turnbull Stakes. Big show.
14 x2x03	King Of Leogrance (Fr) 6-year-old Gelding Breeding: Camelot (GB) – Amourette (Fr) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	18	Damien Lane	53.5	\$34	Another European stayer, bought by the powerful Lloyd Williams group, with all the credentials to give this race a shake. Has won over 3200m this season, taking the Adelaide Cup and ran third in Geelong Cup recently. From a Cup-winning stable, a Cup-winning ownership group, and a Cup-winning pedigree and preparation Respect.
15 x2123	Russian Camelot (Ire) 4-year-old Horse Breeding: Camelot (GB) – Lady Babooshka (GB) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	16	Damien Oliver	53.5	\$12	Danny O'Brien won last year with Vow And Declare, and has a real chance to repeat again this year, with this high class import. Ran a top race for third last week in the WS Cox Plate and had won two and placed second the previous four races, all at Group 1 level. A very serious player in this. Right in this.
16 32x41	Steel Prince (Ire) 7-year-old Gelding Breeding: Nathaniel (Ire) – Steel Princess (Ire) Trainer: Anthony and Sam Freedman	21	William Pike	53.5	\$26	Ninth in last year's Cup, this Australian-trained European import has had an impressive build-up this year with two third placings in Group company before a last start grinding win in the Geelong Cup over 2400m in the past fortnight. Not the worst, but will need everything to pan out in his favour.
17 x1873	The Chosen One (NZ) 5-year-old Horse Breeding: Savabeel – The Glitzy One Trainer: Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman	5	Daniel Stackhouse	53.5	\$26	Sixty years of breeding for four Southland brothers, Martin, Joe, Ray and Tony Dennis, may culminate in the biggest prize of all, if The Chosen One can go one better than his second in this year's Sydney Cup. A super run in the Caulfield Cup for third was a great dress rehearsal. The Chosen One carries sentimental favouritism with a real chance.
18 5x221	Ashrun (Fr) 4-year-old Horse Breeding: Authorized (Ire) – Ashantee (Ger) Trainer: Andreas Wohler	24	Declan Bates	53	\$18	Came with a stayer's run to win the Lexus Stakes and now hopes to join 10 others to win the Cup with this last chance ticket, the last being Shocking in 2009. German-bred, won a French Group race over 2500m before his export for Australia. Only other start in Australia was a good fourth in the Geelong Cup, so is in the right form.
19 3x760	Warning 4-year-old Gelding Breeding: Declaration Of War (USA) – Livia (Aus) Trainer: Anthony & Sam Freedman	8	Luke Currie	53	\$31	Last year's Victorian Derby winner is making his first attempt at Australia's toughest staying race. Has not won since, which will be just over a year when the gates open today, but finished on strongly in the Turnbull Stakes two starts back in an encouraging run. Did not fire in the Caulfield Cup after getting too far back in the field.
20 41x04	Etah James (NZ) 8-year-old Mare Breeding: Raise The Flag (GB) – Etah (NZ) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	22	Billy Egan	52.5	\$71	Well travelled and proven Kiwi stayer, trained on this side of the Tasman by part-owner Mark Lupton, running third in this year's Avondale Cup. Transferred to the care of the powerful Maher/Eustace stable for this year's Australian campaign and won the Sydney Cup over this distance in April. Ran fourth in the MV Cup last start. Juicy odds.
21 3x121	Tiger Moth (Ire) 4-year-old Horse Breeding: Galileo (Ire) – Lesson In Humility (Ire) Trainer: Aidan O'Brien	23	Kerrin McEvoy	52.5	\$7.50	Two of the last three winners of the Melbourne Cups have been Northern-breds who were still only officially 3YOs (although 4 here). Tiger Moth is the latest to attempt the feat, and the punters have installed this high-class Aidan O'Brien Irish Derby runner-up favourite despite this being only his fifth lifetime start.
22 x0003	Oceanex (NZ) 5-year-old Mare Breeding: Ocean Park (NZ) – Danex (NZ) Trainer: Mick Price & Michael Kent (Jnr)	17	Dean Yendall	51.5	\$51	Won The Andrew Ramsden over 2800m on this track in May, which qualified her for this race, and the mare has been set for this. Three runs over increasing ground culminated in an eye-catching third placing in the Moonee Valley Gold Cup. The Kiwi-bred mare will be near the pace and a genuine outsider's chance, if it rains.
23 40661	Miami Bound (NZ) 4-year-old Mare Breeding: Reliable Man (GB) – Arapaho Miss (Aus) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	13	Daniel Moor	51	\$26	Victorian Oaks winner but who had not registered a placing in the year since, before bouncing back to form with a cracking win last weekend in the Moonee Valley Cup. From the in-form Melbourne Cup winning stable, but others will be preferred in what is shaping up to be one of the strongest fields ever assembled in Australia's greatest race.
24 12121	Persan 4-year-old Horse Breeding: Pierra (Aus) – Ofcourseican (Aus) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	20	Michael Dee	51	\$23	From the powerful Maher/Eustace stable, who has matured into an improving stayer. He earned a spot in the field with a win in The Bart Cummings earlier in the spring, a race Almandin won before winning this in 2016. A lightweight in-form runner from a top barn at outsider's odds.