



# MELBOURNE CUP

# SWEEP CHART



# TAB

**PRIZE MONEY: A\$8 MILLION****5pm NZT, Melbourne Cup, 3200m.****Follow the build-up live at nzherald.co.nz Live commentary on Newstalk ZB**

FORM	HORSE	DRAW	JOCKEY	WEIGHT (KG)	TAB ODDS (WIN)*		SWEEPSTAKE DRAW
1	<b>Gold Trip (Fr)</b> 7-year-old Horse Breeding Outstrip (GB) - Sarvana (Fr) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	2	James McDonald	58.5	\$4.50		Defending champ Gold Trip aims for repeat Melbourne Cup wins, last achieved by Makybe Diva (2004/05). He's in form winning the Turnbull Stakes followed by top runs in the Cox Plate and Caulfield Cup. Superstar James McDonald, on board with weight the biggest concern.
2	<b>Alenquer (Fr)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Adlerflug (Ger) - Wild Blossom (Ger) Trainer: Michael Moroney	9	Damien Oliver	56.5	\$34		Michael Moroney's French stayer Alenquer is le longue-shot. Hasn't run a place in nine starts since a Group 1 win in Ireland, in May last year. Never sighted in the recent Moonee Valley Gold Cup, following a fair fifth in the Might And Power. Damien Oliver needs a miracle in his final Cup race.
3	<b>Without a Fight (Ire)</b> 7-year-old Gelding Breeding Teofilo (Ire) - Khor Sheed (Gb) Trainer: Anthony & Sam Freedman	16	Mark Zahra	56.5	\$7		Super win in Caulfield Cup, in-form former English stayer is going for a rare Cup double, having thrived being trained in Australia by the Freedmans. Has to overcome his 1kg penalty and the memory of last year's failure in the same race when stepping up to the 3200m
4	<b>Breakup (Jpn)</b> 6-year-old Horse Breeding Novellist (Ire) - Little Jun (Jpn) Trainer: Tatsuya Yoshioka	18	Kohei Matsuyama	55	\$15		Japanese runner Breakup is a Grade 2 winner, who was fourth under a huge weight in the Group 1 Tenno Sho over 2m underlining his staying credentials. A little unlucky when 8th in the Caulfield Cup after 4 months off. With 55kg and top Japanese jockey aboard, is a threat on a firm track.
5	<b>Vauban (Fr)</b> 6-year-old Gelding/horse/mare Breeding Galiway (GB) - Waldfest (GB) Trainer: Willie Mullins	3	Ryan Moore	55	\$3.50		Was a listed winner in France before joining the legendary Willie Mullins' Irish yard where he won two Grade 1 hurdles before switching back to the flat for a brilliant Group 3 victory at Royal Ascot. Mullins brought a hurdler to run second in 2015, and this horse is favoured to go one better.
6	<b>Soulcombe (GB)</b> 5-year-old Gelding Breeding Frankel (GB) - Ribbons (GB) Trainer: Chris Waller	4	Joao Moreira	53.5	\$11		From Kiwi ex-pat Chris Waller's stable, this imported son of Frankel won the 2600m Queen's Cup at Flemington when younger and brings solid form before a battling seventh after missing the jump in the Caulfield Cup. Untested at 3200m but has potential and a real turn of foot.
7	<b>Absurde (Fr)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Fastnet Rock - Incroyable (USA) Trainer: Willie Mullins	8	Zac Purton	53	\$21		Irish legend Willie Mullins' stablemate to favourite Vauban, this dour French gelding stayed on strongly to win the English golden ticket Ebor Handicap. Also a winner over 2m4f hurdles so will handle the Melbourne Cup's distance easily especially with Zac Purton riding at a light 53kg.
8	<b>Right You Are (Aus)</b> 7-year-old Gelding Breeding So You Think (NZ) - Leica Ding Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	15	John Allen	53	\$51		Maher/Eustace's Right You Are was in remarkable form last season with 6 wins in 7 starts. Has yet to quite recapture that form but was an encouraging fifth in the Caulfield Cup, and comes in with 53kg and John Allen aboard as a bit of a dark horse. The 3200m trip is also a concern.
9	<b>Vow And Declare (Aus)</b> 8-year-old Gelding Breeding Declaration Of War (USA) - Geblitzt Trainer: Danny O'Brien	19	Billy Egan	53	\$26		Vow And Declare is aiming for a second Melbourne Cup victory, and coming back into serious form with 2 top runs for 2nd at both Caulfield and Moonee Valley recently. With just 53kg he's seeking to become the first horse since Peter Pan to reclaim the Cup title years apart.
10	<b>Cleveland (Ire)</b>	<b>SCRATCHED</b>					
11	<b>Ashrun (Ire)</b> 8-year-old Gelding Breeding Authorized (Ire) - Ashantee (Ger) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	11	Kerrin McEvoy	51.5	\$34		Maher & Eustace's 8-year-old Ashrun secures another attempt in the Melbourne Cup after a strong 2nd in the Geelong Cup. He was 10th in the 2020 Melbourne Cup and returned from injury this September, showing promising form. Three-time winner Kerrin McEvoy rides at 51.5kg. Good chance
12	<b>Daqiansweet Junior (NZ)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Sweet Orange (Usa) - Paulette (Nz) Trainer: Phillip Stokes	12	Daniel Stackhouse	51.5	\$101		Phillip Stokes' Kiwi-bred gelding was one of the standouts from last season's Melbourne Cup when finishing on strongly for a very good sixth, showing he relished the 3200m trip. He has been showing improved form in his last three runs after an eight-month layoff and looks to be set for this
13	<b>Okita Soushi (Ire)</b> 6-year-old Horse Breeding Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Amicus Trainer: Joseph O'Brien	20	Dylan Gibbons	51.5	\$51		Another Irish raider from Joseph O'Brien's powerful stable, this Royal Ascot winner and two-mile specialist was disappointing in the Caulfield Cup. But with young jockey Dylan Gibbons on board, and back to a favourable longer distance with a very light weight, could surprise.
14	<b>Sheraz (Fr)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Sea The Stars (Ire) - Shemiyla (Fr) Trainer: Chris Waller	22	Beau Mertens	51.5	\$101		A wet track specialist, Sheraz finished 8th in the Moonee Valley Gold Cup, just two lengths off the winner Cleveland. He's demonstrated staying power, securing a win up to 3000m and grabbing 2nd in the 2022 Sydney Cup on a wet track, but the rest of his form is bleak.
15	<b>Lastotchka (Fr)</b> 5-year-old Mare Breeding Myboycharlie (Ire) - Muthla (Fr) Trainer: Mick Price & Michael Kent (Jnr)	21	Craig Williams	51	\$21		Craig Williams rides French mare, eyeing his second Melbourne Cup. She won at Longchamp in a Gp3 at 3100m last start, and won another staying group race on a soft track proving her endurance. Although it's her first race in Australia, with her weight and a soft track, she could be a big player.
16	<b>Magical Lagoon (Ire)</b> 5-year-old Mare Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Night Lagoon (Ger) Trainer: Chris Waller	7	Mark du Plessis	51	\$101		This beautifully bred 5-year-old mare, an Irish Oaks and a Royal Ascot winner in 2022, has been a major disappointment since joining Chris Waller's stable in Australia. Despite the blue blood, blue riband credentials has failed to place in any of her 5 starts Down Under.
17	<b>Military Mission (Ire)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Mastercraftsman (Ire) - Atlantic Isle (Ger) Trainer: Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	5	Rachel King	51	\$34		Former Irish-bred English raced stayer Military Mission, has found success in Sydney with Gai Waterhouse, winning the G2 Herbert Power Stakes. Despite this being his first 2m race at Flemington, his light weight with top Sydney jockey Rachel King aboard, is definitely one for the combinations.
18	<b>Serpentine (Ire)</b> 7-year-old Gelding Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Remember When (Ire) Trainer: Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	1	Jye McNeil	51	\$51		English Derby winner sold to Lloyd Williams (chasing his 8th Melbourne Cup), gelded and placed in the Waterhouse/Bott barn where he led last year's Cup before fading to 20th. Showed recent form when 3rd in The Bart Cummings. Ridden by 2020's winning jockey Jye McNeil and dropping from 58kg to 51kg.
19	<b>Virtuous Circle (NZ)</b> 4-year-old Horse Breeding Almanzor (Fr) - She Is Stryking Trainer: Liam Howley	6	Craig Newitt	51	\$101		With a single victory from 11 races, the NZ-bred Virtuous Circle has shown glimpses of potential, finishing second in last year's Group 1 Australian Derby, and was just 3/4 lengths behind the winner, when 10th in the Lexus Bart Cummings on October 7. But he has never tried 3200m and the odds will be lucrative.
20	<b>More Felons (Ire)</b> 5-year-old Gelding Breeding Churchill (Ire) - Pivotalia (Ire) Trainer: Chris Waller	24	Jamie Kah	50.5	\$21		A former Irish hurdler, More Felons, (formerly Scriptwriter), caught the eye with a strong 5th in the Geelong Cup, showing late speed in his first start for Chris Waller since joining his stable. Still only young in staying terms, he's proven up to 3381m and comes in with a very light weight.
21	<b>Future History (GB)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Showcasing (GB) - Likelihood (USA) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	13	Hollie Doyle	50	\$26		From the powerful Maher/Eustace's stable, this in-form 6-year-old former European earned entry into the race with a beautifully rated front-running victory in the Lexus Bart Cummings. With new jockey, English star Hollie Doyle riding at a light 50kg, he is a strong contender with only the 3200m trip a concern.
22	<b>Interpretation (Ire)</b> 6-year-old Gelding Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Daldiyana (Fr) Trainer: Ciaron Maher & David Eustace	17	Teo Nugent	50	\$51		Dour stayers run to win the Bendigo Cup has put this Maher/Eustace former Irish-bred French raced gelding back in the field for a second shot at cup, after being pulled up last year. Has been gelded and given a 9 month break but has failed to impress many pundits with mixed efforts since.
23	<b>Kalapour (Ire)</b> 7-year-old Gelding Breeding War Command (Usa) - Kaladena (Ire) Trainer: Kris Lees	14	Zac Lloyd	50	\$101		Won Lexus Archer last chance race on Saturday, this Irish import displayed solid form previously, placing 3rd in his two previous races against the likes of Cleveland. He is aiming to be the first horse to win the race, formerly known as the Hotham Handicap since Shocking in 2009.
24	<b>True Marvel (Fr)</b> 8-year-old Gelding Breeding Masked Marvel (GB) - Anecdoticque (Fr) Trainer: Matthew Smith	10	Ben Thompson	50	\$101		True Marvel, an 8-year-old French gelding, has struggled this season, notably at Moonee Valley against Melbourne Cup runners. With 8 career wins and trained by Matthew Smith, he's shown potential at 2m but needs a big turn-around to impact the race.

\*TAB odds correct at 10pm, Sunday, October 30. Herald Network graphic