

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP CHART

5pm, Melbourne Cup, 3200m.

PRIZE MONEY: A\$8m (\$8.83m)

Live commentary on Newstalk ZB

FORM	HORSE	DRAW	JOCKEY	WEIGHT (KG)	TAB ODDS (WIN)	SWEESTAKE DRAW	
1	Gold Trip (Fr) 6-year-old horse Breeding Outstrip (GB) - Sarvana (Fr) Trainers: Claron Maher & David Eustace	14	Mark Zahra	57.5	\$14		A slashing Cup trial when just pipped in the Caulfield Cup. Gold Trip is a 5yo French import in the leviathan Claron Maher & David Eustace barn. Forget run in Cox Plate, where he had no luck, he is a very talented entire whose prospects will only improve if there is any rain in the air.
2	Duais (Aus) 5-year-old mare Breeding Shamus Award (Aus) - Meerlust (Aus) Trainer: Edward Cummings	10	Hugh Bowman	55.5	\$26		An impressive winner in this year's Australian Cup, and also a winner in the Tancred Stakes, Duais has taken time to recapture that form since resuming. The 5yo Australian-bred mare has lacked a kick in recent efforts against top company. Would need to improve.
3	Knights Order (Ire) 8-year-old gelding Breeding So You Think (NZ) - Lamanka Lass (USA) Trainers: Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	24	Tim Clark	55.5	\$16		Ran 19th in last year's Cup, but in much better form this year. A brilliant front runner who won the 3200m Sydney Cup with a dominant display, this tough as teak, Irish-bred gelding was collared late but fought back bravely for third against many of these in the Caulfield Cup last start. Big chance.
4	Montefilia (Aus) 5-year-old mare Breeding Kermadec (NZ) - Bana Wu (GB) Trainer: David Payne	11	Jason Collett	55.5	\$11		NSW trained Australian-bred mare is a former Spring Champion Stakes champion and put in an eye catching Cup dress rehearsal when she stayed on well for fourth in the Caulfield Cup. Although she can handle a soft track, she struggled the previous start in very heavy going. Respect.
5	Numerian (Ire) 7-year-old gelding Breeding Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) - Delicate Charm (Ire) Trainer: Annabel Neasham	7	Tommy Berry	55.5	\$51		Didn't lose too many fans with a close and dogged fifth in the Caulfield Cup, this Irish import is an on pace runner with no quit in his body. But he has never gone further than 2400m and whether he can foot it with the classy Europeans down the long Flemington straight is the big question.
6	Without A Fight (Ire) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Teofilo (Ire) - Khor Sheed (GB) Trainers: Simon & Ed Crisford	18	William Buick	55.5	\$11		English trained Irish bred stayer who rarely runs a bad race, winning 7 races, including an impressive win in the Group 3 Silver Cup Stakes at York. Has overseas experience, having run second in Dubai, and runs best when on pace, or leading. Very tough and up for a fight. One for the combinations.
7	Camorra (Ire) 6-year-old gelding horse mare Breeding Zoffany (Ire) - Mauralakana (Fr) Trainers: Ben & JD Hayes	17	Ben Melham	55	\$51		Irish bred and trained, Camorra earned his spot with a dour staying run to win in the Curragh Cup on a good surface over 2800m in June. He did not appear to handle heavier ground on the same course in the Irish St Leger in September, when he was well beaten. One for better odds on a fine day.
8	Deauville Legend (Ire) 4-year-old gelding Breeding Sea The Stars (Ire) - Soho Rose (Ire) Trainer: James Ferguson	9	Kerrin McEvoy	55	\$3.30		Rising staying star, who has been perfectly prepared for this by emerging English trainer James Ferguson, who prepares horses to race in Australia. Has genuine speed to add to his staying credentials where he was a leading light in an above average 3YO crop and will be one of favourites.
9	Stockman (NZ) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Tavistock (NZ) - Crimson (NZ) Trainer: Joseph Pride	2	Sam Clipperton	54	\$31		Kiwi-bred Stockman is in solid form and had a strong win last start at Randwick over 2600m. Started favourite in the Sydney Cup over this distance but could not stay with the pace set by Knights Order, who is likely to do the same in this race. The pace, and the distance, are big questions to answer.
10	Vow And Declare (Aus) 7-year-old gelding Breeding Declaration Of War (USA) - Gebnitz (Aus) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	4	Blake Shinn	54	\$21		Won this race as a 4YO in 2019, but was beset by back and tendon injuries before he returned for this campaign, as good, if not stronger than before, according to his trainer. Got into the race with a solid sixth in the Caulfield Cup, and now his Queensland connections will be hoping the rain stays away.
11	Young Werther (NZ) 5-year-old gelding Breeding Tavistock (NZ) - Romantic Time (NZ) Trainer: Danny O'Brien	21	Damian Lane	54	\$31		Another New Zealand-bred, from a Cup winning stable, but who just battled in the Cox Plate, and hasn't won since his first start, as a 3YO maiden, although he finished second in the Australian Derby and placed twice in subsequent Group 1 Turnbull Stakes, two starts ago. Has some support.
12	Hoo ya Mal (GB) 4-year-old horse Breeding Territories (Ire) - Sensationally (GB) Trainers: Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	15	Craig Williams	53.5	\$15		An unplaced effort in the oldest classic of them all, the St Leger (2916m) was the last start for Hoo Ya Mal, who was also runner up in this year's Epsom Derby. This classy English raider from the Newmarket yard of George Boughey is vying to become the 24th 3YO (NHT) to win the Melbourne Cup.

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13	Serpentine (Ire) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Remember When (Ire) Trainer: Robert Hickmott	23	John Allen	53.5	\$61		Epsom Derby winner who was in that race as a pacemaker but was not caught, then gelded and sold to Lloyd Williams to race Down Under rather than stand at stud. Earned his way into the Cup the hard way by grabbing the last ticket on Saturday in the Lexus Archer Stakes, with a dour second.
14	Daqiansweet Junior (NZ) 5-year-old gelding Breeding Sweet Orange (USA) - Paulette (NZ) Trainer: Phillip Stokes	13	Daniel Moor	53	\$31		The fourth New Zealand stayer swooped to win the Adelaide Cup over 2 miles on a slow pace in the Autumn before running on late into third in the Sydney Cup when the pace was much stronger, as it is likely to be in the Cup. Will struggle against the class of this field and will be at outside odds.
15	Grand Promenade (GB) 7-year-old gelding Breeding Champs Elysees (GB) - Zacchera (GB) Trainers: Claron Maher & David Eustace	1	Harry Coffey	53	\$81		An English import who has done all his racing in Australia in the leviathan Maher/Eustace stable. His last win was in the Bart Cummings over a year ago, which punched his ticket into last year's race, where he finished a tiring sixth. Form only fair since and will be at long odds. One for the optimists.
16	Arapaho (Fr) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Lope De Vega (Ire) - Alzubra (GB) Trainer: Bjorn Baker	19	Rachel King	52.5	\$81		Won a listed race in France before being exported to Australia at the end of his 3YO career to the care of ex-Kiwi Bjorn Baker. Very honest horse, winning once and placing three times in his last four starts in good company. Very one paced and probably lacks the genuine turn of foot to win this.
17	Emissary (GB) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Kingman (GB) - Soviet Moon (Ire) Trainer: Michael Moroney	3	Patrick Moloney	51.5	\$41		Deemed good enough to race in the Epsom Derby, but sold to Australia as a tradesman stayer in expat Kiwi Mike Moroney's barn, he has risen into this race with two slashing performances this spring, the last in the Geelong Cup last month. Has that speed of foot from his former self to make him a bolter
18	Lunar Flare 7-year-old gelding Breeding My Fair Lago (Aus) - My Fair Lago (Aus) Trainer: Grahame Begg	12	Michael Dee	51.5	\$18		In form staying mare trained in Victoria, by German-bred 2013 Melbourne Cup winner Florente, who was a 2500m winner on this track just two starts back, and finished strongly when second last start in the Moonee Valley Cup, which she won last year. One of the top chances.
19	Smokin' Romans (NZ) 6-year-old gelding Breeding Ghibellines (Aus) - Inferno (NZ) Trainers: Claron Maher & David Eustace	16	Jamie Kah	51.5	\$16		Another Kiwi-bred and one of a strong hand in the race for Claron Maher & David Eustace, who has emerged as the most improved stayer in Australia, scooting away to win the \$1,000,000 Turnbull Stks earlier in the Carnival. Ran into traffic problems in Caulfield Cup last start. Definite chance.
20	Tralee Rose (NZ) 6-year-old mare Breeding Tavistock (NZ) - Star Of Tralee (NZ) Trainer: Symon Wilde	22	Dean Yendall	51.5	\$81		The third New Zealand-bred by Kiwi sire Tavistock in the race, this richly bred mare won the 2021 Group 3 Geelong Cup, to get into last year's Cup where she finished just better than midfield. A minor injury has been followed by a long period of indifferent form since.
21	Point Nepean (Ire) 5-year-old gelding Breeding Sea Goddess (Ire) - Sea Goddess (Ire) Trainer: Robert Hickmott	20	Wayne Lordan	51	\$34		Irish import with impeccable staying credentials owned by seven-times Melbourne Cup winner Lloyd Williams and two-time winning trainer Robert Hickman, Point Nepean won three staying races earlier this year in preparation for this, but recent form since resuming has been very disappointing.
22	High Emocean (NZ) 6-year-old mare Breeding Ocean Park (NZ) - High Joy (NZ) Trainers: Claron Maher & David Eustace	8	Teo Nugent	50	\$41		Former Kiwi mare is another from huge Maher/Eustace barn who stormed into the field with a strong win in the Bendigo Cup last week. A gear change worked the oracle two starts back in another win, at this track, against many of these. Won't mind the wet with the 3200m trip, the only question.
23	Interpretation (Ire) 5-year-old horse Breeding Galileo (Ire) - Out Of Daldiyana (Fr) Trainers: Claron Maher & David Eustace	6	Craig Newitt	50	\$41		Another well bred Irish import who won the Listed Vinnie Roe Stakes (Listed) over 2800m, one of three staying wins in the Emerald Isle before exported to Australia. Has shown a glimpse of form this spring but would still need a big improvement to win this. Will be at juicy odds.
24	Realm Of Flowers 6-year-old mare Breeding So You Think (NZ) - Astral Flower (GB) Trainers: Anthony & Sam Freedman	5	Damien Thornton	50	\$9		Two solid placed runs this spring has been the first show of form in 12 months. Won four as a 3YO including the \$400,000 The Andrew Ramsden, defeating Grand Promenade who she will meet again here. Snuck into the Cup with scratching on Friday. Hard to recommend in a field of this quality.

*TAB odds correct at 10am, Monday, October 31



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