



## **R2W ROSEHILL 1200m – SPECIAL REPORT**

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## **Rosehill 1200m – Special Report (March 2015)**

### **Includes our 2015 Golden Slipper Preview**

Since 1957 the time honored Golden Slipper Stakes has been the premier Group 1 race and indeed the world's richest race for two year olds. The race of course is run under set weights conditions and is the flagship race run annually over 1200m at Rosehill. The first running of the race saw the makings of young champion Todman emerge. Todman was of course sired by the immortal Star Kingdom who in turn produced the next four winners of this great race.

Before coming back to our 2015 Golden Slipper Preview, let's examine the Rosehill 1200 start citing a number of angles that punters can use that just might fly in the face of conventional beliefs.

In today's report we will examine data for the period 1/03/2011 to 28/02/2015 (1,461 days). In addition we will analyse in some detail the Golden Slipper Stakes from 1983 the year one of my long term favourite horses Sir Dapper was victorious. Oh how I remember both his racetrack performances and those of the great mare Emancipation.

Back on point!

#### **Barriers**

The Rosehill 1200m start commences from a chute inside the main course proper and offers horses a 400m run before a fairly tight double turn. There is a general belief, one that is not supported by the data that inside barriers have an advantage.

Within the period of review (174 races) it's important to note that the betting returns from backing all horses starting from the Rosehill 1200m start produces only slightly better than average market returns -10% POT. This will form the general benchmark from which to compare the data.

**Barriers all runners – sorted by groups**

Barriers	Runners	Wins	W%	POT%
1 to 4	696	56	8	-32.91
5 to 8	635	80	12.6	2.7
9 to 12	307	35	11.4	21.12
13 to 16	63	3	4.8	-0.26

From the overall data above we can clearly see that drawing in close is clearly not an advantage. In fact both the strike rate and betting returns suggest this can be poison to punters. But what happens when you run the same data but restrict the odds of runners to =<\$8.00 SP/NSW tote?

**Barriers all runners =<\$8.00 – sorted by groups**

Barriers	Runners	Wins	W%	POT%
1 to 4	266	42	15.8	-30.26
5 to 8	245	62	25.3	10.63
9 to 12	92	24	26.1	35.9
13 to 16	7	1	14.3	7.2

Nothing much changes. The strike rate of horses drawn in close continues to trail that of horses drawn out from gate four. Competing against long held beliefs, the positive expectation that can be gained by supporting the right horse from a wider draw over the Rosehill 1200m can deliver superior profits over the long term. Of course it's not just a matter of considering the horse and barrier. Pace, speed and the likely race map combine to provide the best clues for when the edge-odds ratio synchronise that in turn provide the better the best chance of success.

**Position in Run**

A common mistake that analysts of racing data make in respect of analysing a horses position in run is that they attempt to fit past data by isolating horses that take up certain positions within a race. When you think about it logically, there is no point knowing, that if I just back the leaders, or the horses that settle within the first four then at a particular track and/or distance I may win because the long term data tells me so. Why? Because you don't know the leader or the four horses that will settle on speed in a race until it actually occurs. The better thought process is to analyse the predicted position in run.

In that context we will analyse below our (R2W Axis) expected positions in run (PIR) against the data under review.

**PIR all runners – sorted by groups**

PIR Rank	Runners	Wins	W%	POT%
1 to 4	696	95	13.6	-3.32
5 to 8	635	54	8.5	-19.2
9 to 12	307	20	6.5	-15
13 to 16	63	5	7.9	6.12

From the overall data above we can clearly see that racing on the pace (based on predicted PIR) is an advantage both in terms of strike rate and betting returns that are around 3 times better than the benchmark. The further you get back the bigger the disadvantage it is that you have to overcome excluding the smaller sample between predicted PIR 13-16. But what happens when you run the same data but restrict the odds of runners to =<\$8.00 SP/NSW tote?

**PIR Rank all runners =<\$8.00 – sorted by groups**

PIR Rank	Runners	Wins	W%	POT%
1 to 4	319	76	23.8	-0.38
5 to 8	208	40	19.2	-10.2
9 to 12	68	9	13.2	-21.5
13 to 16	15	4	26.7	56.15

Once again, nothing much changes. The strike rate of horses racing on the pace (based on predicted PIR) continues to dominate those expected to settle further back. Again the positive expectation that can be gained by supporting the right horses (expected to race on pace) over the Rosehill 1200m can deliver superior profits over the long term. As with the previous study of barriers, successful betting is not just a matter of considering the horse and its expected PIR. Pace, speed and the likely race map combine to provide the best clues for when the edge-odds ratio synchronise that in turn provide the bettor the best chance of success.

## **Other factors**

R2W Axis database clients have the ability to perform all the analysis referred to in this report. Including but not limited to Rosehill 1200m races, our clients can quickly identify other factors of significance that deliver ongoing positive expectation. What we are talking about here is having a real betting edge over those that are confined to analysis derived from other mainstream databases that are reliant on publically available information only.

## **R2W Preview of the 2015 Golden Slipper Stakes**

Over the last 32 editions of the Slipper history tells us:

- That the winner is most likely to be less than \$10.00 (78.12% probability);
- That the winner will draw 1 to 8 (59.37% probability); and
- That the winner will draw 9 to 16 (40.63% probability).

The 2015 edition of this great race is dominated by two horses namely Vancouver and Exosphere. Combined they currently control ~ 60% of the betting market. Vancouver is set to start from barrier 18 but is likely to come in a bit closer given the gates drawn by the three emergencies unlikely to gain a start. Star Watch in 1988 sat wide and won although its stablemate Comely Girl was taking ground off him quickly towards the finish. Phelan Ready drew wide but went back from its gate to settle near last before saving ground and getting a dream run through the field to win at big odds. The track that day was rain affected which meant that the jockeys perhaps overplayed any apparent bias by wanting to get off the fence too soon thus allowing Brad Rawiller an opportunity to make cheap ground through the field. Can Vancouver then press forward and overcome his gate given the proximity of the other speed drawn in the middle set of barriers inside him, like that from Speak Fondly, Odyssey Moon, Headwater and Serenade? Personally I think that the favourite will have to work from the gate so it needs to be right on its game on Saturday if it is to win. If it does press forward, gets some cover and is within say 2-3 lengths of its opposition at the turn then the current market price is reasonable. The more likely scenario suggests that the current price though is under the odds, assessed as being more like a \$4.90 chance.

The other main market contender Exosphere has drawn gate 10 and is not without its challenges. He also could be trapped wide and forced to work early should he likes of English and Racy decide to hold their likely midfield positions. The best assessment we can give Exosphere suggests that it is more likely a \$6.00 chance of taking the race.

## **Can anything else win?**

Well yes. Our analysis suggests that if either of the two favourites don't get the luck in running then there are up to seven others that have some reasonable chance of success. In TAB number order they are Headwater, Furnaces, English, Reemah, Speak Fondly, Lake Geneva and Serenade if it gets a run. So on face value it appears that Gai Waterhouse has the best chance of success of winning this year's event with the combined assessed probabilities of her runners being ~ 37% or \$2.70. Currently Tabcorp are offering only \$2.40 about Gai training the winner which is under the odds. The price they are offering about Gai not training the winner seems about right at \$1.55.

Below you will find this year's field, and both the current market price and our assessed price (r2win\$). Runners highlighted in **Green** represent winning value chances, those that are **Orange** represent winning chances that are either under the odds or those that do not offer enough of an edge to warrant supporting for the win only. Those that are **Red** represent poor value in terms of their current winning odds and those that are **Black** we suggest you eliminate totally from winning and place contention.

No	Recent	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Barrier	Weight	Market	r2win\$
1	1x11	VANCOUVER	Gai Waterhouse	Tommy Berry	18	56.5kg	2.8	<b>4.9</b>
2	113	HEADWATER	Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes	Glen Boss	11	56.5kg	11.0	<b>14.0</b>
3	1x22	FURNACES	John O'Shea	Hugh Bowman	1	56.5kg	15.0	<b>20.0</b>
4	11	HAPTIC	John O'Shea	James Doyle	3	56.5kg	17.0	<b>70.0</b>
5	7x11	EXOSPHERE	John O'Shea	James McDonald	10	56.5kg	4.2	<b>6.0</b>
6	1	READY FOR VICTORY	Mick Price	Nicholas Hall	9	56.5kg	11.0	<b>49.0</b>
7	1423	ODYSSEY MOON	Rodney Northam	Ryan Moore	13	56.5kg	71.0	<b>38.0</b>
8	11	ENGLISH	Gai Waterhouse	Blake Shinn	6	54.5kg	15.0	<b>21.0</b>
9	8x22	REEMAH	David Hayes & Tom Dabernig	Kerrin McEvoy	15	54.5kg	35.0	<b>10.0</b>
10	3x21	SPEAK FONDLY	Gai Waterhouse	Damien Oliver	12	54.5kg	35.0	<b>9.4</b>
11	2313	FIREWORKS	Gerald Ryan	Brenton Avdulla	14	54.5kg	51.0	<b>306.0</b>
12	241221	HAYBAH	David Hayes & Tom Dabernig	Stephen Baster	2	54.5kg	71.0	<b>59.0</b>
13	1x42	OTTOMAN	John O'Shea	William Buick	8	54.5kg	26.0	<b>236.0</b>
14	23	LAKE GENEVA	Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes	Dwayne Dunn	5	54.5kg	15.0	<b>14.0</b>
15	1332	SINGLE GAZE	Nick Olive	Ms Kathy O'Hara	16	54.5kg	51.0	<b>189.0</b>
16	22915	LOOK TO THE STARS	Clarry Conners	Craig Williams	19	54.5kg	101.0	<b>36.0</b>
17e	134	SERENADE	Michael Moroney	Unknown	7	54.5kg	201.0	<b>18.0</b>
18e	1307	RACY	Gary Portelli	Unknown	4	54.5kg	201.0	<b>161.0</b>
19e	1x90	HEAVENLY HAND	Gerald Ryan	Unknown	17	54.5kg	201.0	<b>289.0</b>

### **In Summary**

This year's edition of the Slipper offers a great deal of interest given the dominance of the two favourites. Whilst we conclude that the likelihood of one of the two winning is ~37% chance, we also suggest that backing either or both does not represent value. Personally (assuming I was betting to collect around 4% of my bankroll) I would be looking to back:

**Reemah 0.4 unit, Speak Fondly 0.4 unit and Serenade 0.2 unit.**

In the event that Serenade doesn't gain a start then I would alter the strategy to include **Lake Geneva for 0.3 unit.**

Of course things can change. The way the track plays on the day and the prevailing weather conditions can lead us to change our assessments. But assuming all is fair then our strategy offers an economic way to play the race providing an opportunity for good returns in the event that either of the markets main fancies falter.

The challenge then for most punters is that many of their ratings, price assessments and data calculations are based solely on official data. There seems to be no allowance for the level of misinformation associated with this approach. The data and ratings developed and maintained by our company is without doubt amongst the best available. It is because of this fact that many professional punters and other industry participants which also include jockey managers, trainers, breeding operations, price assessors and traders choose to align themselves with Ratings2Win.

#### So what does all this really mean?

It simply means that as a punter, relying on data that isn't accurate has the propensity to prevent you from reaching your betting objectives. Given that professionals often work on margins of between 5-10% on turnover, the disadvantage associated (as illustrated above) with relying on data that is flawed makes achieving this type of objective almost impossible.

#### **The solution**

If you are serious about achieving your betting objectives you need to arm yourself with data that is superior to that used by the mainstream betting public so that you can have an edge over the market.

#### So what do we do?

Simply put:

**"We arm our clients with the necessary tools, information, knowledge, education and understanding that enables them to profit from racing on a consistent basis".**

#### Necessary tools and information

R2W Axis contains the most accurate ratings and data that is commercially available in the marketplace today. In addition other key components and data analysis tools that form part of our software are proprietary in nature and are unavailable elsewhere.

#### Knowledge, education and understanding

I am available to anyone wanting answers to their betting related questions. Our Learning to Bet like a Pro section of our website contains only the most relevant and factual betting education that will assist you in gaining a better understanding to the difficulties associated from making a living from betting. With this knowledge education and understanding you can learn what it takes to stay in front!

For more information on why Axis is **Australia's best and most powerful horse racing software** please contact Paul Daily.

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