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## THE MEADOWS RACE PREVIEW

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### MTD Australian Cup

Group 1 – 525 metres – March 5, 2011. \$150,000 to the winner.



#### MID LEVELS

March 2008 Pure Octane x Black Chantilly

**Trainer:** Peter Giles

**Starts:** 56-20-15-8

**Prizemoney:** \$71,855

**Group Race Record:** 1 start: 0-0-1 3<sup>rd</sup> Group 1 Maturity Classic

**Owner:** Arthur Cooper

**PB this Track:** 30.10

**The Meadows Record:** 7-3-2-2

His first two sectionals are as good as it gets, running 5.05 and 17.59 in last week's heat win. Is drawn to take up a forward position here, but does tire in his races and will need to lead clearly to score.



#### ST. PIERRE

December 2007 Surf Lorian x Paris St Germain

**Trainer:** Debbie Cannan

**Starts:** 59-20-9-8

**Prizemoney:** \$88,320

**Group Race Record:** 3 starts: 1-0-0 Won Group 3 Devonport Cup

**Owner:** Christopher Nutt

**PB this Track:** 30.11

**The Meadows Record:** 2-1-0-0

Used his box one draw perfectly in his heat win last week, scoring in 30.11. The Tassie chaser has lots of early speed and does prefer to be drawn close to the fence, so draw helps.



#### APACHE LEAP

March 2008 Brett Lee x Glamorous

**Trainer:** Stuart Divers

**Starts:** 35-8-9-6

**Prizemoney:** \$45,990

**Group Race Record:** First start in a Group race.

**Owner:** Stuart Divers

**PB this Track:** 30.08

**The Meadows Record:** 13-2-4-1

Trainer Stuart Divers has his charge racing very well, winning in 29.54 at Sandown recently and now earning qualification in one of the country's biggest races. Has good beginners on his inside, and will need lots of luck here from the awkward draw.



#### WHITE KNUCKLES

January 2009 Run's House x Oodeim Lara

**Trainer:** Darren McDonald

**Starts:** 17-5-3-2

**Prizemoney:** \$24,275

**Group Race Record:** First start in a Group race.

**Owner:** Colacian Synd

**PB this Track:** 29.93

**The Meadows Record:** 7-3-2-0

Ran down Group star Greta Bale in an eye-catching heat win last week, scoring in 30.01. Lacks early speed, but capable of a barnstorming finish. Will be looking for a sit behind the early pacesetters. Place chance.



## FINBAR MCCOOL

November 2008 Premier Fantasy x Fang Meehan

Trainer: Cameron Bahen

Owner: Susan Merry

Starts: 26-8-6-3

PB this Track: 29.83

Prizemoney: \$42,750

The Meadows Record: 11-5-2-1

Group Race Record: 1 start: 0-1-0 2<sup>nd</sup> Group 2 Cranbourne Cup

Backed up his super 29.83 win at The Meadows on February 12 with another impressive performance in his heat last week. Has a slow beginner on his inside, so box may not be as bad as first thought. Keep safe.



## PERFECT FANCY

August 2008 Black Enforcer x Flash Fancy

Trainer: Darren McDonald

Owner: Tracsan Racing Synd

Starts: 29-15-6-7

PB this Track: 29.80

Prizemoney: \$110,480

The Meadows Record: 6-3-2-1

Group Race Record: 5 starts: 0-4-1 2nd Group 1 Adelaide Cup, 2nd Group 1 Silver Chief, 2nd Group 1 Temlee, 3rd Group 1 Hobart Thousand, 3rd Group 3 Magic Maiden

Deserves a Group 1 win after some terrific placings of late. Brilliant heat win off box eight, jumping well and giving nothing else a chance in 29.91. Looks the main danger to champ High Earner.



## HIGH EARNER

May 2007 Collision x Double Guess

Trainer: Kel Greenough

Owner: Christine Robartson

Starts: 65-33-11-8

PB this Track: 29.73

Prizemoney: \$563,795

The Meadows Record: 6-3-1-0

Group Race Record: 15 starts: 6-1-1 Won Gr 1 Perth Cup (2010, 11), Won Gr 1 Temlee, Won Gr 1 WA Derby, Won Gr 2 Qld Derby, Won Gr 3 V. Curry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 2 GC Cup

What a star. Has a chance to push his prizemoney to \$713,795 with victory here. His heat win was brilliant, scoring on a rain-affected track in 29.83. Will be very hard to beat with a clean getaway. Short odds.



## SALVADOR BALE

August 2008 Where's Pedro x Talia Bale

Trainer: Graeme Bate

Owner: Paul Wheeler

Starts: 38-8-6-7

PB this Track: 30.03

Prizemoney: \$31,275

The Meadows Record: 12-5-3-2

Group Race Record: 1 start: 0-0-0

Surprise \$18 heat winner last week, using box one well to score in 30.03. Trainer going for his third Australian Cup success after victories in 2003 and 2009. Hard to see him making an impact here. Long odds.



## PROVEN CHEVY

May 2008 Pure Octane x Proven Babe

Trainer: Wayne Vassallo

Owner: Mcgrath Synd

Starts: 34-12-5-2

PB this Track: 29.98

Prizemoney: \$39,545

The Meadows Record: 6-3-1-0

Group Race Record: First start in a Group race.

Beaten by just a quarter of a length behind White Knuckles in the first of the Australian Cup heats. Would start long odds if gained a start.



## DAINTREE PALACE

May 2008 Bombastic Shiraz x Daintree Lady

Trainer: Lauren Gorman

Owner: Gary Joske

Starts: 34-12-8-4

PB this Track: 30.09

Prizemoney: \$49,785

The Meadows Record: 11-4-1-1

Group Race Record: First start in a Group race.

Second behind Finbar McCool in his heat effort. Big odds if started.

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