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2020 TULLOCH STAKES

Date	Saturday, 28th March
Track	Rosehill (Race 3, 1:50pm local time)
Class	Group 2
Distance	2000m
Prizemoney	\$200,000
Age / Sex / Conditions	3YO C&G

Past Winners & Performances

YEAR	WINNER	WEIGHT	RATING	SP	MARGIN
2019	ANGEL OF TRUTH	56	110	\$11	2
2018	LEVENDI	56	109	\$4	0.1
2017	JON SNOW	56	107	\$2.75	2.8
2016	OLD NORTH	56	107	\$4	1.3

Obviously the Tulloch Stakes is a good leadup to the Derby, being 2000m for the boys and a week before. In 2016 OLD NORTH won the race going 107, and then went on to 2nd in the Packer Plate 2 weeks later, before a 4th in the Open age G2 Hollindale. In 2017 JON SNOW won it in his first start in Aus from NZ, and then went on to win the Derby going 112 at his next run. LEVENDI in 2018 won it fourth up from a spell, having run 2nd in the Alister Clark over 2040m at MV the start before, then also win the Derby at his next run, going 112, while in 2019 ANGEL OF TRUTH was also fourth up from a spell, and he subsequently went on to win the Derby rating – you guessed it, 112.

Speed Map

				4 - DIASONIC (8)	7 - BLAZING SUNRISE - (4)	5 - ZEBROWSKI (6)	
	8 - SIRMAZE - (1)	2 - FORTRESS COMMAND - (5)		3 - RELUCENT - (7)	1 - QUICK THINKER - (2)	9 - HIGHMASTE R - (3)	6 - PRIDE OF ADELAIDE - (9)
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Just a moderate pace in this I think, PRIDE OF ADELAIDE is a natural leader and though drawn the outside should take it up, however I don't think Clark will be wanting to go too hard, first look at the 2000m for him and for a few in the race means I think we'll get a bit of a sprint home. That being said it's 2000m and that's pretty fair at Rosehill.

Rated Market

NO.	HORSE	BARRIER	JOCKEY	WEIGHT	RATING	PRICE
1	QUICK THINKER	2	JAMES MCDONALD	56	111	\$2.0
2	FORTRESS COMMAND	5	JASON COLLETT	56	106	\$11.8
3	RELUCENT	7	TOMMY BERRY	56	105	\$18.9
4	DIASONIC	8	N RAWILLER	56	105	\$18.9
5	ZEBROWSKI	6	J BOWMAN	56	107	\$7.7
6	PRIDE OF ADELAIDE	9	T CLARK	56	107	\$7.7
7	BLAZING SUNRISE	4	BRENTON AVDULLA	56	103	\$54.9
8	SIRMAZE	1	T MARQUAND	56	103	\$54.9
9	HIGHMASTER	3	G BOSS	56	102	\$98.3

Four main hopes for me, in QUICK THINKER, ZEBROWSKI, PRIDE OF ADELAIDE and FORTRESS COMMAND but I have QUICK THINKER clear of them. He did an excellent 110 chasing FUNSTAR and PROBABEEL last time, I liked how he found the line that day and as the history shows 110 would win (or dead heat in 2019) the race each of the last four years. I love that James McDonald goes on, he gets every chance in the run and if he holds his form he should win.

Betting Angles

Happy to back QUICK THINKER even though he is a short fave in the real market, I think he'll be too good.

Runner Comments

NO	NAME	COMMENT	PRICE
1	QUICK THINKER	Very hard to beat. Excellent run in the Phar Lap stakes behind two very good fillies in Funstar and Probabeel, he was still going with them on the line and annihilated the rest. The only concern is if his best is on wetter but he won on the dry in NZ and if he repeats the run in the Phar Lap he wins.	\$2.0
5	ZEBROWSKI	Nice, strong win LST at Kensington, looks a big, strong 1 pace kind of horse who will appreciate the 2000m and further into the Derby, definitely haven't seen his top	\$7.7
6	PRIDE OF ADELAIDE	Very promising 3yo, he has shown a big kick at both of his last two wins. Hard to know exactly what his top mark is going to be because he clearly has a lot more in the tank, and he'll take some catching here	\$7.7
2	FORTRESS COMMAND	Not suited at all in the Randwick Guineas when back against the slow pace but did finish it off OK and he has ability	\$11.8