



By Cameron O'Brien

2021 SA DERBY

Date	Saturday, 1 ST May
Track	Morphettville (Race 7, 3:20pm local time)
Class	Group 1
Distance	2500m
Prizemoney	\$502,250
Age / Sex / Conditions	3YO SW

Past Winners & Performances

YEAR	WINNER	WEIGHT	RATING	SP	MARGIN
2020	RUSSIAN CAMELOT	56.5	111	\$2.8	1.8
2019	QAFILA	54.5	106	\$13	3.5
2018	LEICESTER	56.5	107	\$4	1.5
2017	VOLATILE MIX	56.5	108	\$16	0.5

Some pretty good figures for the SA Derby, it shouldn't be under-estimated based on the ratings it takes to win it. VOLATILE MIX was decent odds coming off a bad run in a key lead-up, the Port Adelaide Guineas and a fair run in the Chairman's, trained by Weir he managed to find a big new peak, who'd have thought it. LEICESTER in 2018 was also trained by Weir and he had a bit more predictable form (and hence price) as he ran 4th in the Port Adelaide Guineas then won the Chairman's, going 104 there before winning this and going 107. QAFILA the one filly to win the race, she came off a 4th in the Australasian Oaks at Morphettville before winning this, while RUSSIAN CAMELOT was a short fave and he was still untapped at this stage of his career, coming off a big win going 108 at Pakenham the start before.

Speed Map

					14 - ICHIBANSAN - (14)	15 - PERSONAL - (16)	10 - ABREED - (12)	4 - LETS KARAKA DEEL - (15)		
			2 - ROYAL MILE - (2)	12 - SUPPRESSIO N - (13)		7 - MILETUS - (5)	6 - DEEPSTRIKE (9)	13 - TOKEN SPIRIT - (11)		
	3 - LIQUEURO - (6)	11 - SOLAR APEX - (7)	8 - MONTEPULC IANO - (1)		9 - NOBEL HEIGHTS - (4)	16 - SHEBRINGZIT - (3)	5 - AZALY - (8)	1 - EXPLOSIVE JACK - (10)		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

Not much pace here for mine. LIQUEURO led throughout last start and I can't see why they'd want to go quick here, SOLAR APEX gets a good run on pace and ROYAL MILE and MONTEPULCIANO can race up handy too. A lot of these backmarkers are grouped together, we could see some wide trips for some of those, not ideal over any distance but the further you go the less ideal it is! Want to be midfield and closer with a trail here for mine, but of course in a race like this the ability to run out the trip is very important.

Rated Market

NO.	HORSE	BARRIER	JOCKEY	WEIGHT	RATING	PRICE
1	EXPLOSIVE JACK	10	JOHN ALLEN	56.5	110	\$3.1
2	ROYAL MILE	2	JACOB OPPERMAN	56.5	101	\$23.1
3	LIQUEURO	6	L CURRIE	56.5	106	\$7.6
4	LETS KARAKA DEEL	15	BEN ALLEN	56.5	103	\$16.5
5	AZALY	8	BLAKE MCDUGALL	56.5	95	\$88.0
6	DEEPSTRIKE	9	DAMIAN LANE	56.5	105	\$10.6
7	MILETUS	5	J M MOTT	56.5	98	\$45.1
8	MONTEPULCIANO	1	JAKE TOEROEK	56.5	96	\$78.7
9	NOBEL HEIGHTS	4	WILL PRICE	56.5	99	\$36.1
10	ABREED	12	J HOLDER	56.5	92	\$171.9
11	SOLAR APEX	7	M J WALKER	56.5	99	\$36.1
12	SUPPRESSION	13	T PANNELL	56.5	98	\$50.4
13	TOKEN SPIRIT	11	B VORSTER	56.5	97	\$63.0
14	ICHIBANSAN	14	MS C JONES	56.5	96	\$78.7
15	PERSONAL	16	D OLIVER	54.5	107	\$5.7
16	SHEBRINGZIT	3	K H ZECHNER	54.5	95	\$73.6

Not surprisingly the AJC Derby form for EXPLOSIVE JACK is strong for this, and makes him clearly the one to beat. That being said, the VRC Oaks winner from 2020 in Personal is here to take him on, and she was excellent closing it out last time, and LIQUEURO brings good form into the race too. They're the main three for me, as with a lot of these types of races (set weight races for set age) the quality drops off and there's usually a stand out or two, and it's much the same here.

Betting Angles

None by the looks, the market is in near complete agreement with me! Go narrow in quads though if you're taking them.

Runner Comments

NO	NAME	COMMENT	PRICE
1	EXPLOSIVE JACK	Winner of the AJC Derby at Randwick LST rating 112 and frankly that just wins here if he brings that. The negative for him is that he is off a big peak there and he'll go well back but that didn't stop him last time. Clearly the one to beat.	\$3.1
15	PERSONAL	VRC Oaks winner of last year who showed LST with a very strong closing run that she is back this prep in very good form. I'd have her as a bet if it weren't for the shocking gate, that being said she's probably longer in the market than she otherwise would be because of that fact, so it might be cancelling out anyway. Will need a great ride from Oliver from that gate but if she gets in she'll be very hard to hold out.	\$5.7
3	LIQUEURO	Racing very well and can get an excellent run on pace again here. Already showed at Caul LST that he gets this trip, legitimate and clear danger to the fave.	\$7.6
6	DEEPSTRIKE	Complete forgive LST when held up the entire, his prior form was good and he looks progressive, the trip looks good and he could be a sharp improver here.	\$10.6
4	LETS KARAKA DEEL	Keeps improving every run and bred to stay this trip, I would be a lot keener but for the fact of the draw, if he presses on he'll work early, otherwise go back and give them a big start. Will run on hard though if he does that second option.	\$16.5
2	ROYAL MILE	Shooting for 5 wins in a row. Led and repelled challengers to score in weaker grade here last time out. Excels on this course. One for exotics.	\$23.1