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Rosehill Racetrack Bombshell to Put It Mildly !!!

News that the home of the Golden Slipper being Rosehill Racetrack soon to be lost has totally flabbergasted many Aussie sporting and racing fans. The breaking news of future plans will see the entire site be developed into housing with racing events to cease at the track within the next five years. With the news that negotiations were taking place between the Australian Turf Club (ATC) and NSW Government that up to 25,000 homes will be built on the current Racetrack land in the west of Sydney. The ATC and Racing NSW will receive an estimated influx of \$5 Billion. A statement has been released to ATC members explaining this news that this new revenue will set up the racing industry for long-term success. Chairman Peter McGauran quoted "It is a compelling, once in a lifetime opportunity to transform our racing industry," he said. "These funds will ensure all our racecourses and facilities, and Member and raceday experiences are the very best in the world – for many decades into the future. "This proposal will involve careful and extensive due diligence with a full business case developed by ATC and the NSW Government.

"Along with these once in a generation improvements to our racing, training, stabling and spectator facilities, we are playing a major role within the community to help ease the housing crisis across Sydney.

"ATC and the entire racing industry on every level stands to benefit as we fully secure the future of Sydney racing into the next century. Rosehill Gardens will forever own the legacy of future-proofing Sydney racing for decades to come."



Jimmy Olsen

BR 2 # 3 Winston Smurfhill

MR 2 # 2 Vianarra

BR 4 # 8 Naughty Nurse

The Mailman

SR 6 # 8 Toesonthenose

SR 8 # 10 With Your Blessing

BR 10 # 5 Evocator

Tower Of Knowledge

AR 4 # 3 Canford

AR 7 # 3 Bristler

AR 9 # 4 The Grey King

Morphettville	Ballarat	Randwick	Eagle Farm
Crystal Clear	The Shark	Harbour Harry	Jungle Jim
R1 : 5 , 3 , 1 , 4	1: 3 , 5 , 1 , 6	1 : 5 , 7 , 1 , 2	1: 4 , 3 , 9 , 11
R2 : 8 , 7 , 1 , 11	2: 7 , 11 , 5 , 2	2 : 10 , 2 , 1 , 4	2: 3 , 4 , 14 , 1
R3 : 3 , 2 , 4 , 5	3: 12 , 13 , 11 , 1	3 : 5 , 7 , 2 , 8	3: 5 , 2 , 4 , 7
R4: 3 , 2 , 1 , 4	4: 3 , 7 , 5 , 6	4 : 8 , 9 , 1 , 14	4 : 5 , 1 , 4 , 8
R5: 1 , 2 , 3 , 4	5: 11 , 13 , 14 , 8	5 : 3 , 2 , 6 , 10	5: 3 , 2 , 1 , 12
R6: 8 , 4 , 1 , 5	6: 16 , 11 , 12 , 17	6 : 8 , 6 , 9 , 11	6: 7 , 2 , 5 , 6
R7: 2 , 3 , 10 , 7	7: 8 , 1 , 12 , 9	7 : 19 , 2 , 6 , 4	7: 2 , 3 , 12 , 4
R8: 13 , 11 , 9 , 5	8 : 1 , 2 , 8 , 4	8 : 5 , 10 , 3 , 6	8: 5 , 4 , 15 , 10
R9 : 2 , 1 , 6 , 4	9 : 3 , 7 , 8 , 11	9 : 8 , 13 , 2 , 5	9: 17 , 16 , 10 , 1
	10: 18 , 15 , 12 , 16	10 : 1 , 7 , 11 , 9	10: 5 , 23 , 21 , 17

LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: *Lawrie Colliver*

The Test summer kicks off next Thursday in Perth and Australia are well placed to have another strong season at home, with three Tests v Pakistan and two against a weak West Indies. It'll be another opportunity for local lads Travis Head and Alex Carey to enhance their reputations as Test players. Head now seems rock solid in his Test spot, but with Josh Inglis breathing down the throat of Carey, he will need to be at his best to maintain his spot in the side.

Clearly the Bairstow incident at Lord's has caused Carey some stress, but it is now sixth months ago and one hopes he has put it well and truly behind him.

The bouncy Perth Stadium pitch will cause the Pakistan batsmen some issues, but it was encouraging to see their new skipper Shan Masood peel off a double ton in Canberra in the tour match. Babar Azam is a champion player and with left-arm quick Shaheen Shah Afridi a top liner, they'll press Australia at times in the series. Whether the rest of their side can cope with the Aussie conditions remains to be seen. The pitches at several venues in recent seasons have been more in favour of the pace bowlers, so their lack of an experienced spinner may not matter too much.

Domestic cricket changed formats as BBL13 kicks off, the Strikers taking on the Heat Saturday night at Adelaide Oval. They've lost Rashid Khan which is a blow, but left-arm quick David Payne from Gloucester and Surrey (Eng) all-rounder Jamie Overton will more than replace him. Matt Short is the new skipper and being fresh back from India, will be keen to impress. Runs was a problem for the Strikers last season, so some of the batsmen are going to have to stand up and be counted.

With a 40 match fixture instead of 56, the format is shorter and will keep players and fans alike fresher. Hopefully if the weather holds on Saturday night, the Strikers can do the business!