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Swing Into Xmas 2023 — With Plenty Of Positives

Wishing a Merry Xmas to all our readers , hopefully our loyal Hotel and Club hard copy readers are now all pretty well all sorted out , thanks for your loyal support over the years , also our facebook readers and members and these days our website readers .

Nice to report some positive news coming out of SA Racing this week . It's a breath of fresh air to see some of the greats of SA racing that will be honoured in the new look Adelaide Racing Carnival next year . The Group Three DC McKay Stakes over 1100m will now be known as the John Hawkes Stakes and take place on April 27. The RA Lee Stakes on the final day of the Carnival has been renamed The Cummings with prizemoney boosted to \$220,000. With all due respect to the time honoured Racing names of Lee and McKay the names of Hawkes and Cummings would have to be as strong as you can get in SA plus those families are still very much involved / competing at the highest levels in Australian racing . The 2024 Adelaide Racing Carnival has been completely re-vamped with three consecutive Group One Saturdays of racing starting at Morphettville on Saturday April 27, and going through until Saturday, May 11.

Plenty of positives to look forward to in the New Year with the LIV Golf back in Adelaide is certainly a bucket list item with golf and sports fans indeed . Also with the AFL Gather Round we strongly support the idea of the South Australia Vs Victoria game (day and venue yet to be decided) . What a great early season incentive for players and fans alike compared to playing this game in mid winter !!



Jimmy Olsen

MR 2 # 4 Hydro Star

BR 7 # 6 Jetty

BR 10 # 14 Light Of Boom

The Mailman

BR 3 # 5 Trifling

BR 4 # 6 Bossed Up

MR 3 # 9 Regal Zeus

Tower Of Knowledge

AR 2 # 4 Apache Star

AR 5 # 7 Rockstar Meggsy

MR 7 # 7 Howl

Murray Bridge Crystal Clear	Moonee Valley The Shark	Randwick Harbour Harry	Eagle Farm Jungle Jim
R1 : 3 , 4 , 5 , 2	1: 3 , 1 , 2 , 4	1 : 3 , 1 , 7 , 2	1: 5 , 6 , 3 , 4
R2 : 6 , 7 , 4 , 2	2: 8 , 5 , 13 , 12	2 : 9 , 5 , 1 , 2	2: 15 , 1 , 6 , 9
R3 : 11 , 3 , 9 , 4	3: 3 , 10 , 8 , 4	3 : 5 , 4 , 6 , 1	3: 5 , 1 , 3 , 6
R4: 6 , 2 , 9 , 5	4: 4 , 5 , 1 , 12	4 : 12 , 13 , 7 , 10	4 : 6 , 1 , 3 , 5
R5: 7 , 9 , 1 , 2	5: 6 , 10 , 1 , 4	5 : 11 , 9 , 5 , 2	5: 14 , 1 , 3 , 8
R6: 3 , 2 , 5 , 8	6: 6 , 1 , 8 , 7	6 : 8 , 10 , 1 , 3	6: 7 , 1 , 2 , 4
R7: 7 , 1 , 11 , 2	7: 10 , 2 , 1 , 8	7 : 12 , 10 , 9 , 2	7: 6 , 3 , 1 , 7
R8: 3 , 14 , 6 , 2	8 : 11 , 5 , 1 , 3	8 : 4 , 8 , 9 , 1	8: 7 , 3 , 6 , 4
R9 : 16 , 3 , 12 , 1	9 : 10 , 9 , 2 , 8	9 : 3 , 4 , 8 , 6	9: 10 , 5 , 8 , 9
	10: 8 , 1 , 9 , 6	10 : 4 , 9 , 10 , 2	10: 1 , 13 , 12 , 14

LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: *Lawrie Colliver*

Australia showed it was too good for Pakistan in the First Test, winning by 360 runs inside four days. Love him or hate him, David Warner peeled off a fine 164 and will get the finish to his International career he wants.

The bowlers all chipped in and in the latter stages of the match it was great to see Nathan Lyon claim his 500th wicket, even if the moment was spoiled slightly by the umpire initially giving it not

out. If Lyon can stay fit he could well play on until he is 40, which would be a hell of an achievement.

The Boxing day Test starts Tuesday and Australia will go in with the same XI. Pakistan has lost Shehzad their young quick with a stress fracture of the rib. The visitors will improve on their performance with the bat at the MCG, which one would expect won't have the same pace and bounce as Perth. If they don't, the Test summer will be very one-sided as the Windies don't look much chop at Test level, despite their good white ball form at the moment at home against the Poms

The Strikers grabbed their first win on the BBL13 on Tuesday, chasing down 201 to beat the Thunder in the last over. Skipper Matt Short (82 off 41) showed being called up for Australia was no fluke as he took control of the run chase. Adam Hose finished things off 28 off nine balls, while D'arcy Short (66 off 47) fared well on debut to help add 139 for the first wicket. Their next challenge comes tonight when they played the in-form Sixers (2/-) at the SCG, a ground the team has not won at since 2017.

To everyone, thanks for reading each week, have a great Christmas and stay safe on the roads.

