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Four Hundreds Weeks Around The Planet—Congrats MSN Team

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The anticipation ahead of the First Test between Australia and India is Perth is high, with both teams reason to be confident and nervous ahead of the first ball at lunchtime (SA time) on Friday,

India will be without skipper Rohit Sharma and with Shubman Gill busting his thumb whilst fielding in the practice game, they will miss their number three batsman badly. Young gun opener Yashasvi Jaiswal will have to carry the can, he had trouble with the left-arm quick Berger in South Africa earlier in the year (he got him out three out of four innings) so will need to learn quickly how to bat well on what should be a fast bouncy pitch. Virat Kohli has averaged only 33 in the last four years of Tests so the challenge will be there for him. India boasts a strong pace attack who will enjoy the Perth conditions, but having not bowled a lot in the recent Tests at home to New Zealand, will they be able to come back and perform well if they need to bowl third and fourth spells in a day?

Australia would be a little worried about their batting, but playing at home and at Perth Stadium (where they are four from four in Tests) is a big advantage, almost bigger than playing at the Gabba first up for all those years. Nathan McSweeney has a tight technique and has shown fine form this summer, hopefully he has the ability to make runs at Test level. Travis Head has had a good layoff and will be refreshed, but will need to be careful slashing outside off as third man is a place he has been caught a lot at the WACA and Perth Stadium over the years.

The Aussie pace attack picks itself, while Mitchell Starc is getting on a bit, he bowled very well in the recent Shield match at the MCG. Pat Cummins is still going well and I'd expect Josh Hazlewood to right up to the peak of his powers. Off-spinner Nathan Lyon loves bowling at Perth Stadium, where he has 27 wickets for an 18 average.

The series should be great to watch, India have won the last two in Australia, but this one will be tough without some key players out early on. I think Australia will win the Test and series 3-1, or maybe 4-1 if it doesn't rain in Sydney!

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Saturday, its finals day strong fields all day and racing on main track Morphettville , the rail is in a true position and a good 4.

Race 1 Victorian visitor COEUR DE LYON has won two of his past four, last start was beaten in a photo at the Valley. SIOUX WARRIOR This is harder than his last win at Balaklava but drops 2kg in weight. **Selections: 1 from 7.**

Race 2. Lets go with ROYAL MAJESTY again she will improve on last week's effort. DANCING STORM the one to beat again but has to carry 4kg more this week but has drawn favourably in barrier 3. **Selections: 5 from 1**

Race 3 : The Hardest race of the day MERCHANT BOSS is a favourite at the moment but is hard to catch. **Selections 4** if you must have bet but wait I'm sure will get out in the market.

Race 4 STARTS NOW bolted in last start and will be the one to beat again. EVENTUALLY has won two of her past three, the latest over this trip at Murray Bridge ten days ago **Selections 2 from 4**

Race 5 SIR SWAY dug deep to defeat Sixteen Reasons here three weeks ago and is a nice three-year-old . JACKS ON ICE went to the front last time and kept kicking to score. **Selections: 2 to win from 1**

Race 6 : ARUGAMAMA was good this route two starts ago but is becoming costly for punters. But did pull up lame last week. SIR KINGSFORD and TIPPA have both been racing in good form and are stepping up to 2500m for the first time. **Selections: 3 from 2 and 1**

Race 7 MIDNIGHT MASS finished second to all-the-way winner Air Assault last time Royal Mile was found to be lame last week but can improve. **Selections: 4 from 5**

Race 8: KINETIC JEWEL had no favours from a wide gate at Moonee Valley third-up and is top tip. ROCKSTAR MEGGSY will carry 58kg after Taylor Johnstone's claim. And look a danger. **Selections: 6 from 1**

Race 9 We have tipped HOWL in his last couple and nearly got the money at big odds last start. THE JOURNO drops 3kg in weight this week after a couple of nice runs took a danger. **Selections: 2 from 8**

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