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THE “PINKY” IS BACK AUSTRALIA WIDE FOR THE ADELAIDE OVAL PINK BALL TEST

The Adelaide Test looks to be the most important home match for Australia in many, many years. With India one-nil up and dominating all but the first two sessions of the First Test, Australia not only needs to win, but several players need to really find form otherwise the series scoreline with two-nil very quickly.

While the batting is a real concern, the loss of Josh Hazlewood is a big blow. Scott Boland is a decent and honest replacement, but quite predictable in length, so it will be fascinating to see how the India batsmen will attack him. Given they are ahead in the series, their approach will be very positive, with the likes of Jaiswal and Pant prepared to try and change his length and score rapidly.

No 3. Marnus Labuschagne could well be on his last chance, his form has dropped off a cliff of late. He sought advice with Fox Cricket and former Aussie batsman Mark Waugh post-Perth, who offered that the object of batting was to score runs rather than let the ball go so much. **His approach in this game will be fascinating. Steve Smith is starting to look worn out, but often at the back end of your career you can find that one extra effort and with Australia under the pump, don't be surprised if he raises his game.**

What the pitch will be like is always a great topic leading into the Adelaide Test match. With the weather hot in the lead in, it seems likely the surface will be drier than normally, **suggestions are that the “cut” will be at 8mm, with another cut before play.** The tracks for the Shield games have been drier this season, almost back to what the pitch was like pre-drop in, which gives the spinners a chance.

As for a prediction, my gut says India, with Rohit and Gill back in the top six. With a drier surface, I also wonder if Ashwin comes in for Reddy, for a more balanced attack. I do expect a significant response from Australia and if they win the toss and bat, I feel like they can turnaround their form with the willow. India have only played four day/night Tests and with the warmer weather as well, the match with even up. **Whatever happens it will a great time at Adelaide Oval – if you're there enjoy it and if you're watching on Fox, stay tuned for another great chapter of cricket between these two great nations!**

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AT THE BARRIERS Podcast by Gary Newton is on Wednesday & Saturday Mornings.

Race 1 2yo only two runners have faced the starter before selection is number 6 Tiz Worthy

Race 2 Manoel Nunes should have a good start to the meeting here with ZENACITY of the others maybe LAYIN' UP who won a 800m trial recently. Selections 11 to win from 9

Race 3 SCHRODER'S MISTAKE is overdue for a win but will find WALK LIKE AN ANGEL hardest to beat. Selections 1 from 2

Race 4. Forgive PURE BLISS's last run at Moonee Valley get a chance to get back in winners circle here. MY RUBY has had the benefit of two recent trials, winning the latest over 1000m at Strathalbyn on November 26th. Selections 6 from 3

Race 5 I'm giving one more chance to ARUGAMAMA sacked if doesn't win this. Selection 2 in a tough race.

Race 6 . BRISTLER races well when fresh is top pick here. OLD TIME ROCK might be the leader and will take beating. Selections: 4 from 2

Race 7: Victorian visitor VAN ROY lead at Moonee Valley last start and scored. He drops 1.5kg in weight JENKINS returned to form with an easy win over Royal Mile three weeks ago. Selections 6 from 5.

Race 8 SUPER ALANA sat wide and still scored at Murray Bridge first-up. KINETIC JEWEL was close-up in the finish last start Selections 3 from 6

Race 9 ZEBELLA is up in grade but down in weight looks the one to beat SIXTEEN REASONS did not have the best of luck when a close fourth behind Sir Sway last time . Selections 9 from 5

Race 10 DELIGHTFUL SHECKY was placed at his first two runs this campaign, then was not disgraced in the big final last start gets Pannell back on.

MIGHTY SAPPHIRE won two starts ago gets back out to 1400m the Bain & Taylor team is firing.

