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Australia is well placed to take out the Border/Gavaskar series after a monumental win at the MCG last week. They made fewer errors than the Indians and came up with the win to go 2-1 up in the series. I mentioned Sam Konstas last week, in what was a thrilling first session which set the tone for the Test. Usman Khawaja looked freed up batting with him and with Steve Smith making a fine 100, Australia passed 400 in the first innings and were on their way.

Pat Cummins and Scott Boland were outstanding with the ball and with Marnus Labuschagne making 70 in each innings, Australia's XI are almost all firing again. Mitch Marsh is the exception, having been shallow for runs throughout. Sadly the selectors have opted to leave him out, with Beau Webster getting awarded his Test debut. He was Shield player of the year two seasons ago, hits the ball hard and catches superbly. He is also handy with the ball, as he bowls a mix of seam and spin. Having said that, I'd have kept Marsh in for the final Test, despite his lack of runs – given he has part of the side for the whole series and could turn it around in the final game.

India made too many mistakes in the game and it eventually cost them. In the first innings, the run out of Jaiswal late on day two was a bad error, likewise Pant's two loose dismissals in the match, especially in the second dig just after tea, when India almost looked safe from defeat. Skipper Rohit Sharma can't make a run and since Perth Virat Kohli has been not much value at all and is lucky to be playing in the final game given his shoulder bump on Konstas. Dropped catches also didn't help their cause, Had Labuschagne been caught on day four when 46*, Australia would have been seven down with a lead of just 204.

Looking at the SCG Test, the stats of the last six years at the ground say pace is better than spin, with the quicks averaging 35 to spin 44. With India a chance to level the series and keep the trophy, I expect Mitchell Starc will want to play and early reports suggest he will. With the Tests so close together it will be a massive toss, if Australia win it, it will go a long to ensuring the return of the Border/Gavaskar trophy.

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R2 : 2 , 4 , 5 , 3	2: 11 , 2 , 1 , 9	2 : 2 , 11 , 13 , 1	2: 2 , 1 , 4 , 3
R3 : 5 , 1 , 12 , 11	3: 12 , 8 , 4 , 5	3 : 1 , 3 , 6 , 5	3: 8 , 12 , 9 , 4
R4: 5 , 6 , 8 , 9	4: 10 , 8 , 4 , 9	4 : 6 , 2 , 3 , 5	4 : 6 , 13 , 10 , 2
R5: 4 , 2 , 1 , 3	5: 1 , 10 , 4 , 2	5 : 13 , 10 , 11 , 2	5: 9 , 6 , 4 , 15
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R8: 11 , 10 , 3 , 8	8 : 3 , 2 , 1 , 5	8 : 20 , 17 , 19 , 2	8: 2 , 1 , 5 , 11
R9: 13 , 15 , 11 , 5	9: 3 , 8 , 7 , 13	9 : 4 , 8 , 10 , 12	9: 4 , 12 , 7 , 6
	10: 10 , 4 , 2 , 3	10 : 2 , 9 , 13 , 1	10: 10 , 8 , 3 , 7

Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
MR 5 # 8 Title Fighter	BR 6 # 10 Addriel	AR 1 # 2 Russian Dancer
SR 6 # 4 Fiddlers Green	SR 7 # 9 Amazing Eagle	AR 3 # 5 Novela
BR 8 # 4 King Kapa	BR 9 # 4 Private Harry	AR 6 # 9 Gotta Go Guru

At The Barriers By Gary Newton

Race 1 DIVINE FIRE from the in form Stephen Theodore stable and is in good form will be hard to beat. SAN LUCIDO was tough at Morphettville last start. Selections 3 to win from 4

Race 2 DYER is an intriguing animal who will benefit from Alan Lai claim. HARPALEE for the Hayes boys looks the danger. Selections: 1 from 2

Race 3: NOVELA Chased home stablemate Stolen on debut. Better for the race experience and can go one better. CARIBBEAN BREEZE started odds on last start will benefit from the run. Selections 5 from 9

Race 4: LIMBERING was dominant at Strathalbyn last start. METRO LEGEND has good first-up record and two recent trials have been good. Selections 5 from 1

Race 5: PROVEN CORRECT was found to be lame on pulling up last start and gets his chance here. RABTAT chased home Devils Dexter when beaten less than 2 lengths. Selections: 1 from 3

Race 6: EVENTUALLY trained by Sarah Rutten has been in good form including a victory at Gawler last start. GOTTA GO GURU was sent out favourite last start and finished down the track expect her to bounce back. Selections 1 to win from 9

Race 7: FINE FUTURE another from the Theodore yard is a speedy type and if he can get away with a breather mid race might take some catching. PURE BLISS will get the perfect sit behind the speed only needs luck. Selections: 1 and 2

Race 8 STOLEN is a promising type who finished too well winning in town last start. . HIGH ON SUGAR third up is ready to win Selections: 11 from 3

Race 9 The Get out stakes lets hope not because it's a tough race. SHISUTA BO raced up on the speed when a winner last start. AMELIA VALENTINA lost all chance when reared at start last outing. Selection 11 from 13 **AT THE BARRIERS is back next week join Craig Lewis on Wednesday & Mal James on Saturdays for all the winners and black bookers.**

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