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A terrific Border/Gavaskar Test series is over and the better side in Australia won. One could argue that if Jasprit Bumrah had been fit to bowl, India may have levelled the series in Sydney, but in the end, Australia's batsmen made centuries when they were needed, took the catches when they came and were superior in bowling.

Australia's bowling lineup were overall more consistent and stronger than India's with Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland all dominant figures at various stages. India only had Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, their spinners were largely ineffectual as was the output of their third seam option. In the period when Bumrah couldn't bowl, Australia's batting, led by Travis Head took control as Australia eventually went ahead in the series.

Australia nullified Virat Kohli in the last four Tests, when he averaged just 12. I doubt he will play another Test in our country. Rohit Sharma's Test career could well be over given he has averaged 10 in his last 15 innings and just six in the series. He looked cooked and off-spinner R Ashwin retired – three massive names who all under performed in the series.

For Australia, Head of course was great in Adelaide and Brisbane, Smith made two tough, hard fought 100s and Marnus Labuschagne kept his career alive with two gutsy 70s at the MCG. While Usman Khawaja batted well in the last two Tests, I find it hard to believe that he will face England in the Ashes next summer. With a two-Test tour of Sri Lanka up in a few weeks and a three-Test tour to the Windies to come mid-year, he'll need to find some 100s to keep his spot. Beau Webster impressed and now looks like he'll get a run at number six – and can he take a catch!

Finally, what about the crowds! The people turned out in massive numbers and the TV ratings have been enormous. Next year's Ashes will be superb and even better in Adelaide with a day-Test, which hopefully ensure we'll get at least a four-day match in the sunshine.

All Sporting eyes will be focussed on the Gold Coast Magic Millions meeting tomorrow, watch the weather closely says our Mailman who is keen on three horses there tomorrow, ref Page 2.

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Murray Bridge	Flemington	Wyong	Gold Coast
Crystal Clear	The Shark	Harbour Harry	Jungle Jim
R1 : 3 , 4 , 6 , 2	1: 3 , 2 , 1 , 6	1 : 1 , 3 , 2 , 8	1: 11 , 8 , 12 , 2
R2 : 5 , 6 , 1 , 2	2: 2 , 7 , 5 , 3	2 : 8 , 3 , 10 , 6	2: 7 , 9 , 4 , 6
R3 : 7 , 4 , 9 , 3	3: 2 , 1 , 8 , 3	3 : 9 , 1 , 3 , 12	3: 7 , 1 , 2 , 4
R4: 4 , 2 , 3 , 6	4: 7 , 5 , 2 , 11	4 : 2 , 1 , 3 , 6	4 : 5 , 6 , 4 , 11
R5: 6 , 2 , 3 , 4	5: 5 , 4 , 6 , 1	5 : 2 , 9 , 6 , 4	5: 6 , 5 , 7 , 1
R6: 2 , 8 , 7 , 1	6: 12 , 6 , 7 , 11	6 : 12 , 3 , 2 , 10	6: 6 , 5 , 1 , 8
R7: 3 , 12 , 1 , 13	7: 15 , 9 , 13 , 5	7 : 4 , 7 , 6 , 8	7: 13 , 10 , 14 , 6
R8: 11 , 7 , 3 , 13	8 : 9 , 4 , 5 , 1	8 : 12 , 13 , 1 , 4	8: 14 , 6 , 2 , 17
R9: 11 , 7 , 13 , 1	9: 8 , 11 , 4 , 10	9 : 11 , 5 , 13 , 12	9: 2 , 5 , 18 , 6
	10: 2 , 9 , 10 , 15	10 : 4 , 10 , 11 , 15	10: 6 , 15 , 1 , 10

Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
MR 8 # 5 Perelle	BR 3 # 4 Exceloquent	MR 2 # 7 Guru Warrior
BR 8 # 9 Street Chase	BR 6 # 5 Semana	AR 8 # 7 Runaway Statement
MR 10 # 9 Redoute's Night	BR 10 # 15 Busting	AR 9 # 13 Topsy Vixen

At The Barriers Podcast by Gary Newton is available Tuesday and Friday Nights

Race 1: LA ROUX is only tiny but she is quick. The Zousain filly, who cost \$60,000 as a yearling, led all the way to win impressively on the Parks track on her debut last month. EAGERLY AWAITS, a \$600,000 purchase, chased home La Roux, looking for improvement. Selections: 3 from 4

Race 2: LINGANI was in hot form when last in work before tackling the listed WYLIE. Lingani won a trial at Oakbank in preparation for her return to race day. PRAIRIE FLOWER was slow away last start and did a good job to go down narrowly to Vintage Star in town when resuming. Selections: 4 from 5

Race 3: is a strong maiden NOETZIE was well supported first up and made good ground from back in the field to finish fourth. Victorian visitor THE STREAKER from the Clayton Douglas year looked unlucky last start and should improve. Selections: 4 from 7

Race 4: RUSSIAN DANCER from the Stokes yard steps up to the 1800 metres and fourth up should be the main chance in a hard race. Expect improvement from MAGNETIC EDGE Selections; 1 to beat 6

Race 5: Victorian visitor RUMINATE has been racing in terrific form and will only carry 58kg after Matthew Chadwick's claim. RABTAT chased home Morris Minor this route last week and drops 4kg Selections 1 from 3

Race 6: Starts the Quaddie and the Stokes trained STARTIDE impressed winning at headquarters back in November, then was slow away here last start. SIOUX WARRIOR is at double figures today and gets Manoel Nunes has to be a danger. Selections 8 to win from 9 **Race 7:** COMMISSIONS steps up to 2000m after leading throughout to score over 1500m at Gawler, COURSE VITE drops back 500 metres from his last start and may need further but is a chance in this. Selections 3 to beat 4.

Race 8: I'm tipping the Stokes yard to have a good day at "the Bridge" RUNAWAY STATEMENT won here three weeks ago and should be the one to beat again. EROICA will improve second up and gets a tongue tie added today. Selections: 7 to win from 13 **Race 9:** THE MANSMAN went into our black book after finishing just behind the placegetters last month. Should appreciate the extra distance of the 1400m on Saturday he also wears a tongue tie for the first time. OUTTA COMPTON charged home from back in the field to finish second to Angelic Appeal this route. Selections: 11 to beat 1.