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Australia is in a dominant position after two days of the First Test in Galle, having reached 6/654 declared, with Sri Lanka 3-44 at stumps. As expected, Travis Head opened and peeled off 57 off 40 balls, to set the tone for the day. His free-flowing knock seemed to supercharge Usman Khawaja as he and Steve Smith dominated the rest of the day. Smith has had a resurgence since his Test ton at the Gabba, while Khawaja rarely looked troubled in making his best-ever Test score.

Josh Inglis made his much-awaited Test debut and peeled off an effortless 100, so now with he, Nathan McSweeney, Sam Konstas and Beau Webster with all making their debuts in the last six Tests, the Australia Test team is finally getting the renewal and changes that many have been seeking. With 17 wickets to get over the next three days, one would expect Australia to win the match and go one up in the series.

The wrap up of the Big Bash was a ripper with the Hurricanes winning easily over the Thunder, with Mitch Owen smashing a brilliant 100. The lad is destined to be a T20 star of the next few years and will reap the rewards of his magnificent knock at Bellerive on Monday night. It was some the cleanest hitting I've seen and one hopes he can go on with the job and set himself up as a professional cricketer.

The Shield and one-day cup series resume next week, with South Australia on top in both competitions. With Carey and McSweeney away in Sri Lanka, it was heartening to see Jason Sangha back playing, having him at number for SA's game next Friday at the WACA will be crucial if the team has any success for the rest of the season. Making enough runs will be the key, as the bowling setup seems well stocked. Jordan Buckingham will be looking to keep his name in front of the national selectors, while Brendon Doggett, Nathan McAndrew and Wes Agar will be part of the SA pace battery. With three wins on the board, SA probably only needs to win two of their last five to make and hopefully host the final. It's been 29 years since our last Shield, and this season is our best chance at breaking that very long drought.

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Morphett Parks	Sandown	Rosehill	Doomben
Crystal Clear	The Shark	Harbour Harry	Jungle Jim
R1 : 3 , 1 , 2 , 5	1: 5 , 4 , 7 , 2	1 : 15 , 12 , 2 , 1	1: 6 , 1 , 7 , 5
R2 : 1 , 3 , 2 , 6	2: 3 , 5 , 2 , 4	2 : 9 , 10 , 7 , 4	2: 9 , 1 , 7 , 6
R3 : 4 , 6 , 7 , 13	3: 7 , 10 , 1 , 2	3 : 1 , 7 , 3 , 2	3: 3 , 4 , 6 , 7
R4: 6 , 5 , 4 , 2	4: 9 , 5 , 8 , 2	4 : 3 , 1 , 9 , 2	4 : 2 , 3 , 6 , 8
R5: 2 , 3 , 1 , 7	5: 4 , 6 , 3 , 9	5 : 3 , 6 , 2 , 14	5: 10 , 5 , 9 , 3
R6: 5 , 3 , 1 , 8	6: 5 , 13 , 2 , 8	6 : 12 , 5 , 10 , 1	6: 15 , 3 , 4 , 16
R7: 2 , 10 , 5 , 1	7: 5 , 6 , 2 , 1	7 : 14 , 9 , 6 , 2	7: 11 , 2 , 6 , 8
R8: 4 , 7 , 2 , 9	8 : 6 , 9 , 8 , 4	8 : 9 , 7 , 5 , 1	8: 5 , 7 , 1 , 13
R9: 5 , 3 , 8 , 2	9: 9 , 4 , 3 , 8	9 : 6 , 14 , 1 , 12	9: 9 , 10 , 11 , 12
	10: 11 , 7 , 6 , 9	10: 8 , 12 , 18 , 5	10: 5 , 9 , 12 , 18

Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
SR 1 # 12 Rapbidash	MR 10 # 11 Name Dropper	AR 2 # 1 Gotta Go Guru
BR 5 # 1 Mishani Aloha	SR 10 # 8 Yorkshire	AR 8 # 7 Global Turn
BR 8 # 1 Dream Hour	BR 10 # 5 Mintaka Lad	AR 9 # 3 Declared

At The Barriers Podcast by Gary Newton - Wednesday and Friday nights

Race 1 STRUCK BY is back in trip after going down in a photo finish at Murray Bridge a fortnight ago. Barrier 1 and he'll carry 61kg after the claim. MANHATTEN TIMES looks the danger.

Race 2: GOTTA GO GURU. has won her past two in good style, the only negative is the big rise in weight. RABTAT drew wide gate last week and did well to stick on and finish second.

Race3: SEA ROADS can settle handy to the speed and give a bold sight. MYSTICAL WISDOM was a good run last start to finish in fourth

Race 4: MORRIS MINOR who won his last start over 1600m can win again. PEARL ADIOS was disappointing last week but is capable of much better

Race 5 HATEECH backs up after winning two races late last week and is low-flying. WHATSANAMEGEORGE is suited by the 1950m

Race 6: PURE BLISS made it two wins from four starts this campaign and has Rachelle Milnes, DIVINE GLORY won in a stronger grade when resuming and forgiving its last start.

Race 7: In a tough race maybe SUGGESTIVE MISS (each way) finished a close third to San Lucido two starts ago and can improve.

Race 8: LIMBERING is a speedy mare who found the front from a wide gate at Strathalbyn and stuck on okay for third. SHISUTA BO Lines up against the mares today and has drawn favourably in barrier 1

Race 9: FINE FUTURE is a smart gelding who was seen doing his best work late in the race when just behind the placegetters last week. DECLARED sat wide and battled on well to place at Murray Bridge first-up.