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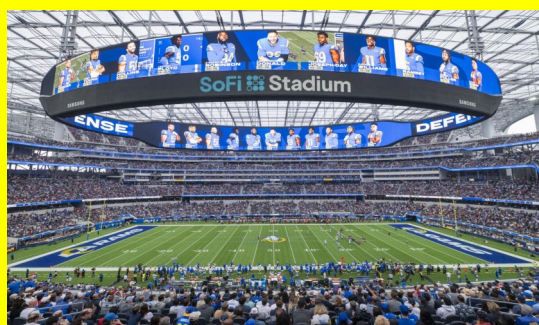
Australia looks well placed to win the Test series in Sri Lanka after a strong opening day in the second Test in Galle. Keeping the hosts to 9-229 after they were 1-93 was an excellent performance by the bowlers who stuck to the task on a good pitch for batting. Nathan Lyon took the first three wickets and bowled superbly, while later in the day Mitchell Starc took a couple of wickets with the new ball. Matt Kuhnemann took 2-53 off 30 overs and kept things very tight, while Travis Head chimed in for the wicket of Kamindu Mendis.

Steve Smith took two sharp catches and now has the most for Australia in Tests, 197 to go ahead of Ricky Ponting. This is a big call, but he is the best slip fielder for Australia I have seen in nearly 50 years of watching the team, putting him ahead of the like of the Chappell brothers, Mark Waugh, Ponting and Mark Taylor. Ponting would be the best overall fielder, but Smith has he and the others covered in slips, just ahead of Waugh.

It's great to see Cooper Connolly making his Test debut, the fourth Aussie in the last four Tests to be brought into the side. He reminds me a lot of the late great David Hookes, with his blonde hair, shots through the off-side and his handy left-arm spin bowling. Having watched him a bit quite a lot in Big Bash and Sheffield Shield, I think he is going to be a better player of spin than Hookes and he also is naturally a good fielder, much like David was. It'll be an exciting moment when he walks out to bat in the Aussie first innings.

The Shield side is off to Perth for the game starting tomorrow against reigning champions Western Australia. With three wins on the board, if they can win two of their last four, they should make the Final. Games to come after this are Tasmania (Adelaide Oval), Victoria (Junction Oval) and then last up is Queensland at Rolton Oval. They are in contention for the one-day final as well, so it's a big couple of months for the lads, hopefully we can grab hold of some long overdue silverware in March!

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At The Barriers Podcast by Gary Newton - Morphettville Selections

Race 1: This is for 2-year-old the speedy LA ROUX has left her opposition in her wake at both her outings to date. SWIFT ENDORSEMENT from the Hayes yard has won his past two trials and looks the main danger STEEL TRAP had one start for a fourth in October but won a trial recently. Selections 1to win from 3 and 9

Race 2: Victorian RUBOLOGY (also accepted to run at Caulfield today) won at Cranbourne three weeks ago, and if trainer Peter Gelagotis decides to cross the border looks like the one to beat. RUSSIAN DANCER was placed behind Divine Fire two starts ago. The Stokes yard has added a tongue tie for this. Selections: 1 to beat 2

Race 3: PALM OF JUMEIRAH has always shown above-average ability and was runner-up to Angel Torque at Murray Bridge last month. MESROUR won a jumpout recently and must be given a chance. Selections: 9 to win from 1

Race 4: PRAIRIE FLOWER is a double acceptor here and at Caulfield. If they elect to go around here, she looks the winner on paper. THE GREAT BABY blitzed them in a trial recently and has been racing well. Selections: 5 to beat 8.

Race 5: SWYCHO looked in need of the run when having her first run for seven weeks when just behind the placegetters at Murray Bridge. PELEVECCHIO steps up to the mile here after chasing home Chipson last start. Selections: 1 from 9

Race 6: KINETIC JEWEL was close-up in a stronger grade last time. She won two in a row prior. DECLARED gets blinkers go back on today. Selections: 5 from 4.

Race 7: THE MAP returns after contesting the Melbourne Cup, she finished second to Lake's Folly in a 1000m Strathalbyn trial. WILD IMAGINATION has won three of her past five last start, she was runner-up in the Strathalbyn Cup. Select 1 from 4

Race 8: RABTAT raced wide throughout here last time and stuck on gamely to finish second. HARD PRINCE is suited by the rise in distance this week. Selections: 3 is a nice race from 5.

Race 9: YASUKE was a \$540,000 yearling and has been very good since crossing from Chris Waller's stable will carry 61kg's after Rochelle Milnes claim. OVEREXTEND finished second first up at Penola after two barrier trials for Bain & Taylor yard look for improvement. Selections 1 from 3.

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