



10 MINUTE GUIDE
TO BACKING MORE
AUTUMN RACING CARNIVAL
WINNERS

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THE 10 MINUTE GUIDE TO BACKING MORE AUTUMN RACING CARNIVAL WINNERS

The Autumn Racing Carnival spans the best part of 3 months (early February-late April) over the two big racing capitals of Australia in Melbourne and Sydney. Our Melbourne Racing Tips and Sydney Racing Tips delve deep into the Autumn Racing Carnival with the iTipsports Racing e-book The 10 Minute Guide to Backing More Autumn Racing Carnival Winners. We have broken this guide down into two distinct areas of the Autumn Racing Carnival as follows:

- **Melbourne Autumn Racing Carnival**
- **Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival**

We have picked 3 key races from each Carnival to dissect and find you the edge so you can do minimal work for hopefully maximum return:

10 MINUTE GUIDE TO BACKING MORE AUTUMN RACING CARNIVAL WINNERS – FEATURE PURPOSE

The idea of this guide is to give you a relatively quick framework you can work through when sorting through form for these feature races.

History is a wonderful thing and it repeats time after time in the horseracing world. We believe that by looking at “recent history” in this report we have chosen the last 17 years we can find some common threads through the horses lead up form that point to them having a nice profile leading into the feature race.

To be armed with this information doesn’t guarantee you will find the winner but what it can do is greatly narrow down the field as you can put a line through the horses who do not measure up to the criteria, and in a way it gives you a crystal ball into the future by looking at the results of the past.



We Help You Back More Racing Winners”

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BLUE DIAMOND - FIRST LOOK AT 2 YEAR OLD STARTS

The classic 2 year old race of the Melbourne Autumn Racing Carnival. Run over 1200m this Group 1 does represent some clear patterns that are profitable and it will depend on what type of punter you are as to the pattern you will want to adopt.

Plan A - FAVOURITES

If you're the style of punter who likes to back horses well in the market then this style is for you. Essentially horses that are WINNERS go on to win this race.

In the last 17 years 12 horses have WON at their start prior to the Blue Diamond. The average winning price of these horses that have won is \$5.33 so clearly a profitable play.

It is worth noting that this average has been greatly boosted by two last start winners who were "roughies" Star Witness (\$10) and Reaan (\$14) when these two have been withdrawn the starting price average drops to \$3.80.

So this style of investing in the Blue Diamond has a higher strike rate at a lower return price producing an overall profit.

Plan B - ROUGHIES

If you are the style of investor that prefers the rougher end of the market then there has been a VERY profitable play you can utilise also.

It involves backing horses who have finished 4th to 6th in the Blue Diamond Prelude the traditional lead up race. This particular system has produced 3 winners in the last 17 years Tagaloa (\$26) Nadeem (\$17) and Undoubtedly (\$26).

Whilst the winners are few and far between their price is such that a healthy overall profit is achievable, effectively the 3 winners have been at an average price of \$23. The clear element that stands out in both of these systems is the winner of the Blue Diamond has run well in the Blue Diamond Prelude (either the Fillies or Colts division).

There is no question this is THE key lead in race with 14 of the 17 winners of the Diamond coming through the preludes. There is a slight leaning to the males in this race (won 10 of 17) but not at a price indicative of an "edge".

Essentially you have to pick the style that suits you for this classic 2yo race.

01 BLUE DIAMOND - FIRST LOOK AT 2 YEAR OLD STARTS

BLUE DIAMOND BETTING STRATEGY

PLAN A - BACK HORSES THAT HAVE WON AT THEIR START PRIOR TO THE DIAMOND

OR

PLAN B - BACK HORSES THAT HAVE FINISHED 4th 5th or 6th IN THE BLUE DIAMOND PRELUDES

(you can use these two systems together however you do risk more exposure for less return you are BEST TO PICK THE ONE THAT SUITS YOUR INVESTING STYLE).

02

AUSTRALIAN CUP - THE COX PLATE OF THE AUTUMN

The Australian Cup is Victoria's "Cox Plate Of The Autumn" it's a Weight For Age event run over 2000m at Flemington, however it's a bit of a stretch to put in the same sentence as the Cox Plate. Sure there have been some star horses win the race but in truth the honour roll of the Australian Cup reads a little more like a list of nice Group 2 winners.

Generally at the weight for age scale the best horse comes to the fore as there are no burdens to carry from a handicap perspective. Whilst it has been profitable on a small level to back the inform horses in the Australian Cup by far and away the best result has been had by backing those horses that appear to be OUT of form heading into the race.

Lets have a look at the maths of it. We have assumed "good form" to be a horse who runs top 2 at its start before the Australian Cup. Over the last 17 years there have been 8 of the 17 winners fit this profile it has produced a profitable edge with 8 winners at an average of \$4.60, but the big result has been to back horses "out" of form.

For the sake of distinguishing we have determined an "out of form" horse to be a horse that runs unplaced at its start before the Australian Cup. There have been 7 of the last 17 winners run unplaced at their start before the Australian Cup who have gone on to win it at an average price of \$26...now there is a VERY profitable play!!!

AUSTRALIAN CUP BETTING STRATEGY -

BACK HORSES WHO HAVE RUN UNPLACED AT THEIR RUN BEFORE THE AUSTRALIAN CUP

03

NEWMARKET HANDICAP - 1200M CLASSIC DOWN THE STRAIGHT AT FLEMINGTON

The Newmarket Handicap is the feature Sprint Race over the Melbourne Autumn Racing Carnival. As the name states it's a HANDICAP so there can be a nice edge found in this race by playing a few angles not the least of which is the weight!

Keys to backing Newmarket Handicap Winner:

Weight - Backing horses down in the weights has been a BIG advantage over the last 17 runnings of this race.

This is for a couple of reasons. Almost always the horses toward the top of the weights are the well performed Sprinters that the public know and have a big interest in so they do get some weight of money. This means the horses less known and less well performed (ie lower in the weights) are at an inflated price).

Also carrying less weight they have a nice acceleration and strength through the line that can give them an advantage over the top weights. 6 of the last 17 winners of the Newmarket handicap have carried 52.5kg or LESS at an average price of \$16.50 making it a very profitable approach.

AGE - Of the last 17 runnings of the Newmarket 8 of the 17 winners have been 3 year olds, CLEARLY the favoured age profile.

This is possibly for a couple of reasons being 3 they are yet to have fully exposed their talent this means that they really get in "under" their true weight so they have the opportunity to beat the handicapper.

Secondly 3 year olds in the Autumn can really furnish and develop allowing them to run to levels they have previously been unable to. The Autumn 3 year olds can experience the biggest leap in performance of their whole career. The 8 winners have been at an average winning price of \$7.50 once again a profitable play

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NEWMARKET HANDICAP - 1200M CLASSIC DOWN THE STRAIGHT AT FLEMINGTON

KEY LEAD UPS -

No doubt the two races you are looking for are the key lead up sprint races the Lightning Stakes and the Oakleigh Plate.

Of the last 17 winners of the Newmarket 14 of the 17 winners have had their lead up run in one of these two races.

Whilst there is no applicable pattern we can apply to override the above data it should give you some extra confidence if the horse you are backing comes through either of these 2 races.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP BETTING STRATEGY

WEIGHT

BACK HORSES THAT ARE CARRYING 52.5KG OR LESS IN THE NEWMARKET

AGE

BACK THE 3YO'S ITS CLEARLY THE FAVOURED AGE PROFILE

It's worth noting there is no distinct advantage to couple these two strategies ie a 3 year old carrying under 52.5kgs does not generate a better return

04 GOLDEN SLIPPER - WORLDS RICHEST 2 YEAR OLD RACE

The Golden Slipper is the premier 2YO race in Australia and perhaps even the world. A real test of the juveniles over a strongly run 1200m where only the tough survive! Just like the Blue Diamond the Golden Slipper really is a "winners" race. 11 of the last 17 winners of the Golden Slipper have won at their start before the Slipper.

As a 2YO horses tend to find their level pretty quickly. Particularly the horses who are in contention for this style of race. Generally they are early "goers" and they find their best early. What this means is that it is not too often that "blowout" type results occur because these horses find it hard to make massive improvement in their 2yo year. So it very much becomes what you see is what you get sort of race.

This is important to know so that you don't go chasing shadows down rabbit holes looking for things that aren't there, exposed 2YO form is quite possibly as pure as it gets.

LAST START WINNERS - Quite clearly backing last start winners to win the Golden Slipper has been a very profitable play there have been last start winners win 11 of the last 17 Golden Slippers at an average price of \$7.80

The key lead in races to be able to win the slipper are no doubt the Todman (colts) and Riesling Slipper (fillies) with 10 of the last 17 winners finishing top 2 in these key lead up races. There really is no clear angle for "roughies" in the slipper there have been 3 double figure odds winners however there is no cross reference pattern for it to be a recommended play.

GOLDEN SLIPPER BETTING STRATEGY -

BACK LAST START WINNERS PRIOR THE GOLDEN SLIPPER

05

ATC DERBY - AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST 3 YEAR OLD RACE

There is no doubt the secret to this race is to not go searching for the “outsider”.

The winning patterns tend to follow the tried and proven method of following the classic three year old trail the Randwick Guineas into the Rosehill Guineas and the Tulloch Stakes and running well.

8 of the last 17 Derby winners have won one of these lead in races before winning the Derby at an average price of \$6. There have been a further 6 winners of the Derby that have run top 4 in these lead up races meaning of the last 17 winners 14 have been top 4 in these lead up races. However at the reduced average price of \$4.90 it's a less desirable play.

What this does tell us is you are wasting your time thinking a horse will suddenly “turn around its form” and win a race like the Derby. Further to this in most recent times the Tulloch Stakes has been the superior lead in race with the last 4 Derby winners winning the Tulloch Stakes at their start before the Derby.

There is one exception to this rule there is also a very profitable play this being if the horse had their final lead up run in NZ. The market sees the Sydney form as far superior allowing for some value plays on the Kiwis and there have been 2 winners in the last 17 years but at an average price of \$30 it has been a profitable play. So if you can stomach the “run of outs” you will be more profitable then backing the inform local horses.

ATC DERBY BETTING STRATEGY -

BACK THE LAST START WINNERS OF EITHER THE RANDWICK GUINEAS, ROSEHILL GUINEAS OR TULLOCH STAKES

OR

BACK THE HORSES THAT HAD THEIR FINAL LEAD UP RUN IN NEW ZEALAND REGARDLESS OF FINISHING POSITION IN THE RACE

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DONCASTER HANDICAP - 1600M CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE MILERS

The Doncaster is the premier mile race over the Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival. Once again being a handicap there definitely shows a historical advantage to the horses down in the weights, the data also shows us that you need to have run well at the start before without question the key lead up race is the George Ryder stakes.

Weights - Weight stops trains as they say and there is no doubt an advantage to be backing horses down in the weights in the Doncaster 8 of the last 17 winners of the Doncaster have carried 52kg or less, at an average winning price of \$11, producing a nice return on this factor alone.

Lead Up Race - Without doubt the key lead up race to reflect success in the Doncaster is the George Ryder, 9 of the last 17 winners of the great race have finished TOP 3 in the George Ryder leading into the Doncaster at an average price of \$7.30 creating another profitable avenue.

It is worth noting that combining these 2 variables into one (ie a horse carrying less than 52kg who finished top 3 in the George Ryder) does NOT greatly improve you returns, this produces 5 winners at an average of \$7 so seemingly a lesser return than taking each individual factor on their own merit.

DONCASTER BETTING STRATEGY -

BACK HORSES CARRYING 52KGs OR LESS

OR

BACK HORSES THAT FINISHED TOP 3 IN THE GEORGE RYDER AS THEIR LEAD UP RUN TO DONCASTER

NOTE: IT IS BEST TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER AS THE EDGE IS REDUCED IF YOU UTILISE BOTH ASPECTS NEEDING TO BE PRESENT IN THE AVAILABLE SELECTION.

SUMMARY

The 10 Minute Guide To Backing More Autumn Racing Carnival Winners

As you have possibly picked up as we have gone through this guide there is no “sure fire” way to find the winners of these feature races.

However with a bit of research and diligence you can start to shift the percentages in your favour by following a few historical patterns that can be quite often overlooked by most of the market.

We have outlined the historical patterns for each feature race for you so its simply a matter of spending a few minutes matching up the historical patterns of significance with the runners engaged in each event so at least you know where to start as there is already a provable edge in built in these selections.

That said this is not only a guide for these races but a game plan for you to do your own research into other races that may be of interest to you.

History repeats in horse racing over and over again however most people are swayed so heavily by the recency bias of last start that they fail to factor other key historical elements in.

We hope you have gained some value from this guide with iTipsports Racing and as they say in the classics... Good luck and good punting!

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