

FORM GUIDE 2015 - Mornington Masters



It all started at Flinders in 2008. Pacecracker and Canberra Kid dispute possession of the pin. The Little Master casts a long shadow while he plots his next move.

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ALL THE FORM

Mornington Masters 2015

32,000m (approx)		Hcp	
1	Master Blaster	GG Allardice	7/2 21
2	Iron Man	GG Allardice (Jnr)	2/1 23
3	Snout	GG Dalby	6/1 26
4	Little Master	GG Joseph	6/1 23
5	Niknakpaddy-cracker	GG McLennan	7/1 26
6	Mr Forgetful	GG Scoble	6/1 23
7	Phantom	GG Walker	9/2 32
8	Mr Enigma	GG Squance	4/1 21
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12	Neigh (NZ)	GG McCarthy	4/1 18



1. Master Blaster by Never Runs out of New Ideas

Lime green, grey pointy cap

The Allardice stable is back in force again this year. They have made this event their own over the journey and hold a very strong hand again in 2015. Master Blaster is the sentimental favourite of their two runners. You can tell this by the tears in the eyes of other competitors when they have to listen to MB going on about this event. Strong equal second favourite in early betting and likely to shorten as the big week gets closer. With a few early nights (guaranteed) and a bit of Scottish reinforcement after dinner (also guaranteed) should jump and run and be hard to head off at any stage.

Get on early as is likely to shorten right up. If your kids have any spare savings it would be a good investment for them to be on Master Blaster.



2. Iron Man by Can'tbelievehe's o.o. The Office

Lime green with similar pretentious logo to last time

Has made this event his own after a *Makybe Diva* like performance last time, making it three in a row – totally unprecedented in the four iterations of this event. You can tell it's MM time by observing Iron Man on the course in the lead up – all nerves and worry, but seems to be able to control these emotions when it counts – or at least has been able to in the past. This is a **HUGE** challenge and **all the pressure is on him**. The weight of expectation and money on his shoulders **will be immense!**

Raging hot favourite since markets opened on the bus to Tullamarine two years ago. Will start the shortest priced favourite in the history of the event!



3. Snout by Nearly o.o. Excuses

Green, crossed goal umpire flags, white sleeves, quartered cap

It's so smooth. It looks soooo good. Then why hasn't this swing proved good enough to propel the slightest of them all to golfing greatness? Is it a temperament thing, is it stamina, is it the fact that he abandoned the advice of the great Faldo? No one has any idea, least of all himself. Sometimes it appears that the sky is the limit, at others, the sky appears to be in no danger at all. There is a school of thought that says that the recent relocation of the domestic base to the links like environment of Gwelup (OK, it's a lake, not an ocean) will be just the tonic needed to propel the Snout from pretender to contender.

All you can do is go on exposed form and I can tell good exposed form when I see it (can't quite remember her name after this many years). Anyway, I am having \$1 on Snout because he is a good bloke and also he writes the reports and I hate to get bad reviews. Will make the front page of "The West" if he gets up.



4. Little Master by Spendsmostofhistime o.o. Australia

Yellow, ABS Logo

Continues to focus his lead up work on far flung courses in an attempt to emulate the variety of courses on offer at the MM. There is little information about his form in Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor Leste or PNG, but you can be sure he has spent plenty of time honing his skills away from the gaze of the form analysts. Some say he has a series of well credentialed coaches spread around Asia and has spared no taxpayers' money in using them for his personal advantage. Others say that it doesn't matter if he has because he is sure to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory if he gets into a winning position. Others just don't seem to give a rats. Has been struggling to overcome the personality flaws picked up while domiciled in Victoria and it will be interesting to see how he adapts to close quarters living with the rest of the MM contenders.

Could be a bit of a dark horse. If you have bart and/or rupiah available, use them here.



5. Niknakpaddycracker by Thrivesonbeing o.o. Jeanie's Clutches

Nothing but coffee

An absolute veteran, not only of the Mornington Masters, but just in general (you know – an old bastard). What can you say about the former Pacecracker that he hasn't already said about himself several times. Skilled, calm, focussed, determined and, oh yeah, totally f#@%^# crazy. Enough of the compliments and talking him up because that's what he thrives on. As far as the MM is concerned, has come to the event in the best physical nick for some years (or even ever). It may be wise therefore, to ignore his previous atrocious record and look to several good wins in minor events in the past six months.

The moment of dread for a form analyst has now arrived - what to recommend. Put it this way, if you are a gambler who likes to see (and hear) his selection performing in an event, you could do no better than to go for the entertainment value on offer here (phew).



6. Mr Forgetful by Makesthreestarttimes o.o. Four

White, purple 'Vs', quartered cap

Yet to be placed in this event from three starts. Since last appearing at Mornington, has been inconsistent in the extreme. This could be due to the fact that he is getting further up in the weights as the months go by. Rumours of lifestyle changes to address this issue have had about as much factual content as most statements made by the Federal Treasurer in the past year. Yep, that far off. Never shirks the issue though and always gives his best, particularly on those occasions when he turns up at the correct course at something like the appointed time. If he makes the plane from Perth, should make most tee off times, given the obvious clubhouse activity each morning.

Likely to have more influence on the beer fridge than the score board. Not with my money.



7. Phantom by Just Occasionally o.o. Carnarvon

Purple, black and purple diagonal striped jacket and jocks, black goggles and cap

These remain the only colours never to have changed in the history of the MM (would you phuck with the Phantom's underwear?) Has one of the key attributes required for success on the Mornington courses – length off the tee. If that length can be regularly expressed as the straight line distance between the launch point and the pin then The Ph. could be a big threat (that means if he hits it straight as well as long – God it's hard sometimes). The Handicapper continues to be generous and at some stage it is likely that the Phantom will pull off one of these big ones. Will this be that time? I have no idea; I just write this crap.

If the 9/2 holds up, then that seems like a pretty good price. If he leads at the half way mark, expect him to power away with the event. Maybe wait to see what the half way scores are?



8. Mr Enigma by Happytobe o.o. Putin's Way

Red, white and blue

You never know what you are going to get when Mr E tees it up. Was a late scratching when favourite for the MM last time and still shows glimpses of what it takes to win a big one like this. Arrow straight drives, laser like fairway irons, radar like putts are all in his arsenal, somewhere. Whether he can get enough of them on deck on enough days at Mornington is the question. The bookies are not sure either, because such a skilled player should be pushing for favouritism again this time. Do they detect a fatal flaw in his game, particularly when the big shot needs to be played? I have no idea – go and ask them yourself! Sorry; have nearly finished this Form Guide and I'm over it! Back to the enigma. On pure skill and ability he must be a good chance and certainly has fitness on his side.

A first starter in this, but vastly experienced and would not surprise if he is in front sometime on Day 6 (not sure what that course is as the wife chucked out my itinerary while cleaning up – sorry Ron)



9. Bicton Bomber by Justrecently o.o. Como

White, red BB, yellow sleeves.

Former international performer who has recently been returned the stable where he learnt everything he knows about the game. Is now showing the signs of a brutal series of campaigns undertaken over the years. The elastic bandage and knee brace bills incurred in recent years make it imperative that the Bomber finishes on the podium this time. A recent steward's inquiry exonerated him from any blame in relation to a fire bomb attack on his stables and the discovery of several supermarket trolleys in the vicinity of his premises. Smooth is good when the The Bomber is at his best – can he be smooth enough for long enough this time?

Whatever happens, is certain to have a good technical explanation for why he played well/badly. My dad always said not to back anything wearing a bandage, so we may have to see what shows up on Sunday.



10. Canberra Kid by Stilltryngtoget o.o. Bunkers

Silver, grey hoops, red cap

Could be the *Dustin Johnson* of the Mornington Masters. Would rather have a few (at least) drinks than pick up a golf club and hit a few practice shots. Having said that, such an approach seems to have worked for CC in the past. Imagine the disappointment of spending hours on the practice range and then coming to Mornington and hitting the ball into 40 or 50 bunkers in one week. What a waste of time all that practice would have been. Will be sporting the red cap this year, a sure sign that his confidence is high. It smacks of an attitude which says, "Listen the fuck up you lot, I'm here, I'm mad as hell and you better stay out of my way on the course or I will crush you" (Jeff, is that you under that red cap?). At the very least, light musicals and Monty Python will return to Mornington.

Look, I might just pinch some money from someone's wallet and throw it on The Kid. I think enthusiasm and erudite conversation should be rewarded.



11. The Panther by Finally o.o. The Workforce

Faded Pink with camper trailer

After being struck down with a devastating colic attack just prior to the last Masters, the Panther has returned to full health and even given away working, almost entirely to facilitate his intense ambition to win the Mornington Masters. We have all seen that drive and determination at work in the past. Who can forget his reaction to being held up for an hour on the first tee at Portsea? To overcome his sense of boredom he got on the Blackberry and sent DCMs to a couple of hundred of his caught off balance staff. But can he play golf? History suggests that all he needed was a bit of practice and reports are that he has done little else in recent times.

I was so impressed with this write-up that I slashed his price to 7/2 without a bet being laid. If the Panther offers you a performance appraisal at 2.30 am you can take it that he is in the very best of form and throw your life savings on.



12. Neigh (NZ) by Another One o.o. The Shaky Isles

Black and Gold Halves

Totally unknown competitor with next to no exposed form. Was a bit late coming to the course as a youngster as connections toiled long and hard to come up with a racing name – waste of time. Is registered as NZ breeding but there are rumours that he could more accurately be referred to as a Kiwi pretending to be an Aussie pretending to be a Kiwi. Performance in the first couple of rounds will be keenly observed and the Handicapper will be ready to pounce if called upon.

Classic punting conundrum here. Take the relatively generous 4s early or wait to see whether the hype is misplaced.



GUEST TIPSTERS' COMMENTS

Karrie Webb: Wow, a bunch of blokes playing golf and having a piss up. I'd fit right in to that. Can I play next year? I'll go with Mr Forgetful; sounds like we might be about my age and shape.

Ian Chappell: (We didn't ask Ian this year. As he has picked the winner of everything that happened in the last 20 years and we didn't want to spoil things by publishing the actual results before they occurred. Ed)

Julie Bishop: I have that certain feeling already. Iron Man is such a nicely built young man and I believe he is also quite a good player. I can't talk anymore as I get so excited at the very mention of that name. By the way, do you like my hair?

The Australian Statistician: Look, I've got a Population Census to cancel, so I would respectfully ask that you approach someone else with a better knowledge of this matter, say, Kevin Rudd (As you would expect, in the interests of our own sanity and the need to keep the Form Guide under 100 pages, we did not take up that suggestion. Ed)

Scott Morrison: Stop the Golf!! What? Sorry, just jumped into auto response mode there. I don't have any idea (this surprised our reporter immensely. Ed), but I can guarantee that by this time next year all golfers will be sent to Nauru for a bit of re-education prior to having their Golflink cards re-ratified – or not.

Michael Jackson: Seemed to bit out of it when we tried to speak with him. Didn't have anything to say this time.

Sachin Tendulkar: After unsuccessfully sticking with that "Little Master" bastard for the past two times, I'm shifting my allegiance to the one with the type of consummate skills that I exhibited when I was playing cricket. Niknakpaddy-cracker is the one.

Tony Abbott: Good tipping starts now. The name "Iron Man" gives me a feeling of immediate excitement. Sounds like a winner, like me.

Bill Shorten: In the interests of balance, we..... (We couldn't do it. At least a passing attempt at entertainment is our motto. You know what we mean. Ed)

BEST BETS AND NOVELTIES

Best straight out: Iron Man – A bit short at 2/1 but history indicates that IM is just about past the post. **Would be a major shock to see him FAIL!**

Best Eachway: Neigh – could be one out of the box, so at 4/1 looks like good value.

Value bet: Phantom – At 9/2 could be the blowout. On his day can destroy his rivals. Can he keep it up for 6 days? (Max may be able to shed some light).

Trifecta: Iron Man/Field/Field – It's really only an Exacta as **IM is past the post**

For the Ladies: Iron Man – the only one they are interested in.

ETIQUETTE

DOs AND DON'Ts AT THE MORNINGTON MASTERS



..White golf shoes should never worn with tartan



..Unnecessary celebration is to be avoided

..Never stand with your back to a cemetery



..Chimpanzee impersonations are not in the spirit of the game



..Do not tell the cart driver how or where to drive. If wants your input, he will ask.



.....and finally

..There will be no “Dainty” jokes before 9am or after 10pm. They are compulsory at all other times!

LATE BREAKING NEWS....

FACILITIES UPGRADE AT THE CLUBHOUSE.

Additional ablutions facilities (pictured) have been provided at the Safety Beach Club House for the 2015 Mornington Masters. Club social headkicker and tour organiser, Ron “*Master Blaster*” Allardice, has been quoted as saying that it was a move which had to be made as it took months to render the Clubhouse fit for human habitation after the previous Masters was conducted.

He also went on to assure *Snout’s* extended family that a special detail would ensure that said *Snout* did not get left sitting (or even standing) in said facilities when the bus leaves for golf each morning.



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Now you all have a good time...hear!!