



GBWGC



FORM GUIDE 2013

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ALL THE FORM

30,000m (approx)

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1 **Master Blaster** by Never Runs out of Enthusiasm



Lime green, grey cap

Part of the Allardice stable which, as has become traditional, has moved its entire operation to Mornington in advance of the big event. Is early favourite in a wide market. No stone has been left unturned to have this aging gelding in top nick for the Big One. If you have seen him perform then you would not be surprised to also find that several tonnes of sand, a number of trees and acres of fairway have also not been left unturned. This is where the smart money is.

May never see this kind of value again

2 **Iron Man** by Ronzo o.o. Ms Margaret



Lime green with extremely pretentious logo

A maturing colt who has learnt how to win when it really matters, and it always matters. Is totally driven by the chance to hold a trophy aloft and has managed to do so at Mornington at consecutive attempts – a world record. Untold punters have been burnt by failing to recognise the big event credentials of this up and comer. Should be favourite on past efforts but recent form has been questionable. In the event of a win, stewards will be working late into the night working out how the f—k this happened again.

God knows what to think. Have a saver.

3 **Snout** by Wishing he Wasn't o.o. Waystoswingaclub



Green, green stripes, green cap

Former stylish performer who has been having a few problems with his action in recent outings. Has split with legendary golf whisper Faldo and some good judges consider this to have been a grave error. Is in redevelopment mode at present, particularly with respect to tempo issues when club chucking. Seems to have now settled on a more moderate approach where distance has been sacrificed for accuracy. Return of form from days gone by would put him in the mix....but you know what they say about days gone by!

Have a small bet just in case old form accidentally returns

4 **Little Master** by Couldn'twaittogetthefuck o.o. Canberra



Blue, big white 'V', Victorian emblem, i'nt

Much travelled competitor who has appeared in top company in Darwin, Canberra and Melbourne in recent times. Has an unhappy knack of finding trouble wherever he

performs and has built up a reputation for being hard to predict. This may have something to do with the influence of part time mentor *The Panther*. Has looked a million dollars away from the track – can this be converted into eagles and birdies? We think not. Look for a newly acquired Victorian arrogance, particularly as is now on “home” track. **The Aussie dollar is strong, so get a bag of rupees and phone John the Bookie (tell him Hansie sent you)**



5 **Gawho** by Permanently o.o. Sight
Spotless
SCRATCHED



6 **The Barista** by Sending Aromacafe o.o. Business
Nothing but coffee

“How the @%\$&^# do you write a form guide about the ‘The Cracker’? Inconsistent, lacks application, takes too many risks, etc, etc.” That’s what the form guide said last time and little has changed. Has received kind treatment from the handicapper in recent times and could surprise with the right luck (e.g. into the hole off a golf cart, doesn’t miss the morning bus, etc). The old confidence is still in evidence, so if you take your cue from *Coffee Maker* he may talk you into have something on. My advice, try the impossible and stay out of earshot.

The more you put on, the more excited he’ll get. Worth the entertainment.



7 **Blindaz** by Thingskeepappearing o.o. The Gloom
White, purple ‘Vs’

Recent triumph in the GBWGC Championship was totally out of left field. Come to think of it, now seems to spend a fair bit of time there since misplacing his slice. Comes to the MM on a slightly easier handicap than at last appearance. Has benefitted from the generosity of the Little Master at the card table in previous years and is hoping for a repeat. Is in career best socialising form and is anticipating a good performance on that front. Will also play golf each day.

Winning form is good form..., go on, I dare ya.



8 **Phantom** by Occasionally Seen o.o. The Deep Woods
Purple, black and purple diagonal striped jacket and jocks, black goggles and cap

Connections have done a lot of work on this one since last stepping out on the Mornington turf. Most notable has been the employment of a golf whisperer who has been working on *Phantom* back at the barn. Has a noticeably changed action and seems to be on the way up after a few seasons where the pundits were left wondering whether too much had been paid for him, despite the pedigree. The handicapper has taken a particular interest and has pushed him up the weights a bit. Loves a challenge and seems in the right frame of mind to be a factor here. Whatever happens on the course, is at unbackable odds to spill the first drink in the clubhouse and also likely to, at some stage, pull the most outrageous hand at evening cards. Anyone who includes the design and colour of their jocks in their official silks description must be taken very seriously.

Has been kept safe in the market, but still good value. Anyway, it's only money.



Mr Consistent by Can'tfindhisway o.o. Adelaide
Yellow, orange stripes (no particular reason)

SCRATCHED (Pity, was going to be favourite)



Theundratererror by Youcan'ttakelaunceston o.o. The Boy
Blue, Tassie flag, blue and white quartered cap.

Product of the fertile Launceston breeding district and exhibits all of the traits of stock from that area, such as leaving the place immediately school was over. Has ventured far and wide since maiden performance in Canberra and tried many tracks in that time but seems to be most at home on the heavy going, preferably with a couple of feet of snow cover. The chances of such conditions prevailing at Mornington in March are little better than 50/50, so watch the forecast before having a wager. Despite wide ranging career, has only now gained sufficient confidence to submit himself to the rigours of the "The Big One". Time will tell whether he has the right stuff to compete in the pressure cooker that is Mornington.

Most of work done in private, so hard to get a line on form. Could be a smokey.



9 **Canberra Kid** by Trying to Get o.o. Bunkers
Silver, grey hoops, white cap

Don't you just love this fella. He is what it's all about. Does no training, rarely steps out onto a course anywhere, doesn't compete against the rest of the field unless it's in the "Big One" and generally gives the impression that he is not too concerned if his vast latent talent remains untapped. Why don't we just refer to him as a slack bastard? Come on, we're a lot nicer than that! Has missed the start previously but we hear that his barrier manners have improved and he will be cherry ripe for the jump on Sunday. Despite what

happens on the course, is expected to provide plenty of incisive satirical comment after play (which is at least as important as playing good golf). Late news from the stewards indicates that they have issued a strong warning about overdoing the Monty Python, and musical comedy references after a few beers.

Deserves support. so put plenty on (think of it as a donation. or payment for entertainment provided)



10 **The Panther** (NZ) by Time to Get o.o. The Workforce
All Pink, claret stains on front

SCRATCHED (following recent colic attack)



GUEST TIPSTERS' COMMENTS

Greg Norman: “My man’s not in it this year, so couldn’t care less – Hi Graham”

A random woman at the shops: “I’ll go for the grey one again, same as last time” She’s picked ~~most~~ of the whole field. Also, doesn’t sound all that random to me. – Ed.

Ian Chappell: I’ve picked the winner of every sporting contest held in Australia in the last 30 years (even before the event was over, on a couple of occasions). Based on that I don’t want to ruin it for everyone and reveal the winner beforehand. I predict that Iron Man won last time.

Julia Gillard: I have no interest in polls or pre-post markets. I just do what is right for the working families of Australia, and what’s right for them just now is for the Canberra Kid to strike a blow for the image and reputation of those us who spend our time in the nation’ capital. *(Translated from the original)*

The Australian Statistician: The numbers point to Iron Man for a threepeat, but we all know about numbers, don’t we – they are often not worth the score card they are written on. I’ll stay with the favourite, Master Blaster.

Wilson Tuckey: I told you what I thought last time. Fuck off!

Michael Jackson: Wow, a whole week sleep over with so many nice men who actually think they are still boys, my favourite kind. I've always wanted to meet The Phantom, ever since I was 39. I hope he wins, then comes over to my place to play in the woods out the back of my house.

This is where the credibility of this publication takes a huge hit. We all know that Michael Jackson doesn't know anything about golf – Ed.

Sachin Tendulkar: “Last time I tipped Little Master and the unsuccessful punters burned my bloody house down, isn't it. I hope the little bastard he plays better this time because I'm sticking with him”.

Tony Abbott: Thanks for giving me equal time. Err, I think err that err it's not so err important to make a selection, but err to rather make sure not to err say anything that can be err misconstrued. I'll give you my pick some other time.

BEST BETS AND NOVELTIES

Best straight out: Master Blaster – despite being favourite is very good value. Get on, and if the price holds up, come back for some more.

Best Eachway: The Barista – have a decent crack

Value bet: Snout – if he brings his A Game, is great value now that he is down in the weights.

Trifecta: Field/Field/Field (went out on a limb there).

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

THE DRIVER SAYS.....

I read the piece written by *Neddy* in the previous edition and it was such a load of tripe that I don't intend to lower myself to that level just for the entertainment of a bunch of (mostly) geriatric would (never) be golfers who should be old enough to realise that it's about time they gave up dumb ideas like “boys” trips. You are all well past it and should be at home tending to your rose bushes!

Editor's Note: Due to contractual arrangements we had to print the above outburst. Of equal importance is the fact that what he says is true. Just to fill up the space which was set aside for this column, the “Neddy” piece referred to above has been reproduced. It's an example of how much time and effort is wasted on the whole Mornington event.

This from the 2009 Mornington Form Guide:

It's the time of year when the nerve endings start to tingle and there is something in the air which defies definition. The last time I felt this way was when Geelong kicked twelve consecutive points in the 2008 Grand Final – you couldn't be sure, but you felt that the die had been cast on the fate of the Cats for 2008.

All of this tingling of nerve endings, defying definition and irrelevant references to football is a sure sign that the greatest golfing contest of the year is upon us – the now legendary Mornington Masters. Is there a golfer anywhere who does not aspire to hold the MM trophy aloft in Ron's kitchen on the final Friday of the tournament? I doubt it. They would surely walk over hot coals to attain the Holy Grail, the list of former winners of which reads like a veritable Who's Who of players named Graham Little.

In 2009, preparations have been long and arduous, with many contenders either facing the after effects of injury or falling by the wayside, completely overwhelmed by the physical effort required to be ready for the great event. Crucial 'no shows' include Long John who has succumbed to a combination of the surgeon's knife and the global financial meltdown and previous runner up Snout who has been unable to overcome massive cosmic forces at play in his non-golf life (is there really such a thing?). The Pacecracker has maintained the standard by facing the starter after a return from serious injury, and some say a recent relapse – it happens every year.

The starting line up is made all the juicier by the nomination of a couple of foreign invaders with very little exposed form. In the case of Canberra Kid this statement can be applied to his game generally and over the long term. As for The Panther, the grapevine is buzzing with reports of secret training sessions, professional coaching and outrageous expenditure on the latest golf technology, but there is not much to go on in terms of public appearances on the course. The bookies are likely to keep him safe until they are able to observe a round or two in the early part of the week.

Notwithstanding discussion of the celebrity component of the field, what a shot in the arm it would be for this great tournament if one of the 'bread and butter battlers' was to emerge as the winner this time. The likes of Master Blaster, Iron Man, Scobes, Little Master or Phantom (having his maiden start) would be more than worthy winners.

We can now do no more than wait for events to unfold after the gun is fired on Sunday 15 March 2009. Will Canberra Day (Monday 16 March) inspire the raiders from the national capital to great things (will they even be there)? Will St Patrick's Day (Tuesday 17 March) be the signal for players with Irish heritage, such as Little Master, to excel? Don't you just love the grand uncertainty of this event.

Further Ed note: We see what he means