

# THE BMW (2400m) PREVIEW

## April 2, 2011: Rosehill, Race 5, 2.25pm

### OVERVIEW

#### (Based on a track rated dead 4)

The G1 The BMW (registered name is the Tancred Stakes) is a race of many dimensions. It can be dominated by the best horse as it was when Tie The Knot won it twice in 1999 (\$2.40) and 2000 (\$1.75), or it can throw up an complete surprise, such as Blutigeroo (\$11, 2007), Freemason (\$31, 2003) and Curata Storm (\$91, 2001).

This year's race could fall into either category – the favourite pair

**Descarado** and **Maluckyday** might be just too good for their rivals, but in the same token we could see a surprise, just as we did when **Zavite** beat a similar field in the G1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m, Rosehill) two weeks ago at \$101. Zavite, who finished second behind Littorio in this race last year, can certainly win again.

The extra spice, that makes this race an even more interesting one than the Ranvet, comes from Melbourne in the shape of Lloyd Williams' leggy grey, **Linton**.

Linton comes off a terrific second behind Shocking in the G1 Australian Cup (2000m, Flemington), and that's a stronger form line than the Ranvet. Importantly, Linton meets Maluckyday on 2.5kg better terms for finishing second to that horse in the G3 The Lexus (2500m, Flemington) in the spring – admittedly, Maluckyday (2<sup>nd</sup>) thrashed Linton (21<sup>st</sup>) in the Melbourne Cup three days later, but this is a totally different type of race.

Personally, I am happy to forgive Maluckyday his fourth behind Zavite in the Ranvet. It was obviously a long way out that Maluckyday was not handling the slow/heavy ground – jockey Jim Cassidy was niggling at him to no avail – but the horse stuck on solidly to be beaten four lengths. It's a fair bit to make up on Zavite and runner-up Descarado, and he will be giving them a start again. I expect Cassidy, aided by a drier track, won't let Descarado get too far ahead of him this time.

Trainer Gai Waterhouse, as usual, won't hear of Descarado being beaten, and jockey Nash Rawiller blames his impatience for the gelding's defeat in the Ranvet. He should be able to get a nice sit behind Zavite and **Mourayan** this time. There will be no excuses.

TAB	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	BR	WGT	TAB Odds	DP* Ratings
1	Zavite (NZ)	Glen Boss	Anthony Cummings	10	59	\$14	\$12
2	Hawk Island (IRE)	Glyn Schofield	Chris Waller	5	59	\$15	\$34
3	Illustrious Blue (GB)	Hugh Bowman	David Payne	3	59	\$17	\$26
4	Ginga Dude (NZ)	Corey Brown	Graeme Boyd	9	59	\$35	\$51
5	Mourayan (IRE)	Michael Rodd	Robert Hickmott	11	59	\$51	\$81
6	Descarado (NZ)	Nash Rawiller	Gai Waterhouse	7	58.5	\$3.60	\$4.50
7	Linton	Nicholas Hall	Robert Hickmott	4	58.5	\$6.50	\$5
8	Maluckyday (NZ)	Jim Cassidy	Michael, Wayne, John Hawkes	1	58.5	\$2.70	\$3
9	Cedarberg	Damien Oliver	Pat Carey	2	58.5	\$31	\$16
10	Extra Zero	Steven Arnold	David Hayes	6	58.5	\$61	\$81
11	Laristan (FR)	Craig Williams	David Hayes	8	58	\$18	\$34

Percentages: TAB (115.3%); DP (100%)

\* Danny Power's ratings are a guide only. TAB Price as at 9.00am Friday.

Against his chances is the likelihood of a firmer track as he has shown a preference for the wet ground he got at Rosehill two weeks ago.

If there is a roughie to cause the upset, I think the Victorian **Cedarberg** is the horse. I have a very healthy respect for the gelding, and he had excuses for his 7<sup>th</sup> behind Shocking in the Australian Cup. Cedarberg will race near the lead and he will be suited by the 2400 metres – don't underrated him.

**Illustrious Blue** can improve on his 6<sup>th</sup> in the Ranvet. He's drawn to get the smother he didn't get at his last start, so he can sneak into a place at long odds.

### THE TEMPO - GOOD

Glen Boss got Zavite into a nice rhythm in front in the G1 Ranvet Stakes, and the little gelding kept his rivals off the bit, and he kept running.

It's safe to assume that Boss – there is no better man on a stayer – will apply similar tactics again.

Also going forward will be Descarado and Mourayan. The latter set a solid pace in the G1 Australian Cup (2000m) at Flemington, in which his stablemate Linton finished second. Linton also will be ridden back in this race.

I expect Jim Cassidy on Maluckyday will make use of barrier one to try and get Maluckyday in touch with the leaders when the pressure goes on.

### RECOMMENDED PLAY

My feeling is that if there are those on Betfair who will regard Maluckyday as too short in view of his fourth in the Ranvet Stakes: if so I might be able to ask for and receive \$3.00. I will back him.

I would want \$4.50 about Descarado before I play on him, and to be honest, I don't think it will be available – the Gai Waterhouse spruik-machine is operating on more revs than a McLaren.

Linton represents good value. His run in the Australian Cup was a beauty, and he has the talent to beat these. I rate him a \$5 chance, and expect to get at least \$6 on Betfair. He's a player for me.

I also plan to have something on the roughie Cedarberg – loving the \$35 that is on offer in early markets. Betfair should offer \$41 or longer.

If there is a lay, I will go out on a limb and label Descarado, if he remains under \$4.00. I think he had his chance on his favoured wet ground in the Ranvet, but couldn't get by Zavite.

**SPEED MAP – PREDICTED POSITIONS ON SETTLING**

			 Ginga Dude		
 Linton	 Extra Zero	 Hawk Island	 Laristan	 Descarado	 Mourayan
	 Illustrious Bue	 Maluckyday	 Cedarberg		 Zavite

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**THE TOP SIX**

1. Maluckyday
2. Linton
3. Descarado
4. Zavite
5. Cedarberg
6. Illustrious Blue

**ANALYSIS BY RUNNER**
**1. ZAVITE (NZ)**
**(b g 8, Zabeel (NZ)-Miss Vita (USA), by Alleged (USA))**

Shocked most people when he led and fought back to win (at \$101) the G1 Ranvet Stakes (WFA, 2000m, Rosehill) two weeks ago, outstaying the heavily backed Descarado in wet ground – previously considered unsuitable for Zavite. But a look back through his record showed that he has run at weight-for-age over 2000m or further only two other times, including a brave 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Littorio in this race last year. Trainer Anthony Cummings praised the toughness and durability of Zavite, who, like most Zabeels, keeps getting better with age. Expect him to work across the field to the front, and the firmer track will certainly be in his favour. Don't underrated him. Seven horses have won the Ranvet-The BMW double, the most recent Tuesday Joy in 2008.

**2. HAWK ISLAND (IRE)**
**(b g 6, Hawk Wing (USA)-Crimphill (IRE), by Sadler's Wells (USA))**

Imported galloper, who ran his best race in Australia finishing solidly for 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Zavite and Descarado in the G2 Ranvet Stakes (WFA, 2000, Rosehill) two weeks ago. Before that he beat Alexander Of Hales to win the LR Parramatta Cup (2000m) at Rosehill on Feb. 19. Yet to win beyond 2100m, but he should be suited by this extra

distance. He was certainly suited by the slow/heavy ground in the Ranvet – seven of his nine wins are in slow/heavy ground – but he will get firmer going this time.

**3. ILLUSTRIOUS BLUE (GB)**
**(b or br h 8, Dansili (GB)-Gipsy Moth (GB), by Elisio (GB))**

Pay to forget his 6<sup>th</sup> behind Zavite in the G1 Ranvet Stakes (WFA, 2000m, Rosehill) two weeks ago, because he was trapped wide early and jockey Hugh Bowman made a midrace charge to sit outside the leader. Illustrious Blue never really settled into a rhythm. His best UK form is sound for this, and he ran a good 9<sup>th</sup> behind Americain in the G1 Melbourne Cup (3200m, Flemington). Certainly the 2400m is in his favour, and barrier three means he will get some cover. Look for an improved run.

**4. GINGA DUDE (NZ)**
**(ch g 7, Istidaad (USA)-Clatitude (NZ), by Clay Hero)**

Ginga Dude will find his a lot tougher than his 7<sup>th</sup> (under 60.5kg) behind Paddy O'Reilly in last week's Albury Cup (2000m) when he got too far out of his ground from barrier 1. His three runs this time in haven't up to par with his good spring in Melbourne when he won the G3 Coongy (2000m, Caulfield) and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind So You Think in the G1 Mackinnon Stakes (WFA, 2000m, Flemington). Yet to win beyond 2200m, and probably needs a bit of wet ground to be competitive here.

**5. MOURAYAN (IRE)**
**(b or br h 5, Alhaarth (IRE)-Mouramara (IRE), by Kahyasi (IRE))**

Grinding stayer, who backs up from his solid, one-paced 4<sup>th</sup> behind Bid Spotter in last week's LR Manion Cup (2400m) at Rosehill. Before that he bowled along in front before tiring for 11<sup>th</sup> behind Shocking in the G1 Australian Cup (WFA, 2400m, Flemington). He's on a Sydney Cup

mission and he is likely to be ridden aggressively in this as he did in the Australian Cup when stablemate Linton finished second. Can sneak a place.

**6. DESCARADO (NZ)**
**(b g 4, High Chaparral (IRE)-Karamea Lady (NZ), by Lord Ballina)**

Backed as if unbeatable to win the G1 Ranvet Stakes (WFA, 2000m, Rosehill) two weeks ago, and he looked the winner when he got to the front at the 300m, only for the \$101 longshot Zavite, who had led, to kick back and nail him by a half head. Jockey Nash Rawiller blames himself for the defeat – "I went for home too early," he said. Trainer Gai Waterhouse has said this week – "they won't beat him this time." Importantly, the Ranvet run was a solid return to the form that won him the G1 Caulfield Cup (2400m) in the spring. Waterhouse has won this race twice – Tuesday Joy (2008) and Stony Bay (1995).

**7. LINTON**
**(gr g 4, Galileo (IRE)-Our heather (NZ), by Centaine)**

There is not doubt that there is a big Group 1 win in Linton. Comes off a terrific 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Shocking in the G1 Australian Cup (WFA, 2000m, Flemington) on Mar. 12 when he raced wide back in the ruck of the field, before unleashing a big run to hit the front at the 250m – Shocking was just a shade too brilliant for him but Linton's effort was outstanding. This is his first try right handed, but he will be have well schooled. The 2400m is ideal. Meets Maluckyday on 2.5kg better terms for Maluckyday beating him easily in the G3 The Lexus (2500m, Flemington) in the spring.

**8. MALUCKYDAY (NZ)****(b or br g 4, Zabeel (NZ)-Natalie Wood (NZ), by Yachtie)**

There is debate around the traps as to whether this horse was disappointing or not in finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Zavite in the G1 Ranvet Stakes (WFA, 2000m, Rosehill) two weeks ago. Jockey Jim Cassidy blamed the wet ground, stating the horse was never comfortable, and it looked that way from the 1000m when Cassidy was niggling him in last place. Maluckyday ran on OK without threatening the leaders. Others have said the horse should have performed better. Gets back onto a dry track and he will be (1) fitter and (2) ideally suited by the 2400m of this race. Go back to his brilliant emerging spring campaign when he easily beat Linton in the G3 The Lexus (2500m, Flemington) before an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Americain in the G1 Melbourne Cup (3200m, Flemington). Happy to keep backing him.

similar run when 6<sup>th</sup>, beaten 4.05 lengths in the G1 Australian Cup (WFA, 2000m, Flemington) on Mar. 12. Didn't have the turn of foot to match the good horses. The 2400m suits, but prefer him under handicap conditions.

**9. CEDARBERG****(ch g 4, Helenus-InfraredI, by Spectrum (IRE))**

Underrated young stayer, who is quite capable of causing an upset. Ignore his 7<sup>th</sup> behind Shocking in the G1 Australian Cup (WFA, 2000m, Flemington) as he settled midfield and copped bit of a buffeting – finished with a off foreleg wound. Trainer Pat Carey has given the gelding time to get over the run, and he has already had a run at this trip this time in – 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Guyno in the LR Mornington Cup on Feb. 16. Should track the speed from barrier 2 – don't underestimate him.

**10. EXTRA ZERO****(b g 4, Danzero-Extra Bubbly, by Bellotto (USA))**

Showed a glimpse of his best form when 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Paddy O'Reilly in last week's Albury Cup (2000m), but rises from 53kg to 58.5kg. It was his best run since finishing winning the G2 Autumn Classic (1800m) in February last year. In 2009, he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Monaco Consul in the G1 Victoria Derby (2500m, Flemington). Hard to recommend.

**11. LARISTAN (FR)****(gr h 4, Sinndar (IRE)-Laxlova (FR), by Linamix (FR))**

French import with a good record. Encouraging win over Mourayan in a 2000m handicap at Flemington on Mar. 5 when tracked the speed. Had a