Melbourne Cup 2026 Sweep

Tuesday 3 November 2026 · Flemington · 3,200m · approx 3:00pm AEDT

COST PER HORSE	TOTAL POOL	1ST / 2ND / 3RD SPLIT
$	$	% / % / %

NO.	HORSE	BARRIER	DRAWN BY
1	Sons And Lovers	3	
2	Trustyourinstinct	18	
3	Knight's Choice	2	
4	Middle Earth	1	
5	Vauban	22	
6	Enfjaar	8	
7	Royal Supremacy	21	
8	Wine Dark Sea	23	
9	~~Asterix~~ SCRATCHED	-	Leave out of the draw
10	Goodie Two Shoes	19	
11	Juja Kibo	14	
12	Hopewell Rock	15	
13	Onesmoothoperator	13	
14	Soul Of Spain	5	
15	Zahrann	11	
16	So You Are	7	
17	Future History	12	
18	James J Braddock	24	
19	Kizlyar	20	
20	Point Of Law	9	
21	Strictly Business	4	
22	Mr Monaco	16	
23	Zakouma	10	
24	Shockletz	17	

Final field and barriers as declared (Victoria Racing Club field and barrier draw, 31 October 2026), updated race morning, Tuesday 3 November 2026: Asterix (No. 9, barrier 6), withdrawn by stewards on race morning. 23 starters. Leave scratched horses out of the draw. A further late scratching is still possible, so agree the refund or redraw rule before the race.

How it works: everyone pays the same amount per horse, horses are drawn at random, and the pool is paid out to whoever holds the placegetters. Agree the split before the race. A common split is 60% / 25% / 15%. Workplace sweep rules vary by state and employer, so check your workplace policy first. Free from TippingEdge.com.au. 18+.

Read a Cup Form Guide in 60 Seconds

Four things matter most in a 24-horse, 3,200m handicap. Everything else is detail.

1. Distance form
Has the horse won or run well over 2,800m or more? Most of the field rarely races this far. Staying is not something you can assume.

2. Weight
It is a handicap, so better horses carry more. Weight bites hardest over long distances, and few horses win carrying a big weight.

3. Barrier
A wide draw means burning energy to cross or settling back and giving away ground. It costs something, but it is not fatal.

4. Recent runs and the track
How it went in its last two or three starts, and whether it handles the going. Rain at Flemington changes which horses are suited.

Reading the form line

- The string of digits (for example **3x21**) is recent finishing positions, oldest on the left. **x** marks a spell (a break from racing). **0** means it finished tenth or worse.
- The number in brackets after the horse's name is usually its barrier.
- The weight is in kilograms and includes the jockey and saddle.

The each-way trap. "$10 each way" is two bets: $10 to win and $10 to place. It costs $20, not $10. Decide your total budget for the day first, then work backwards to bet sizes.

Bet types

- **Win**: first. **Place**: top three. **Each way**: one of each, double the stake.
- **Quinella**: first two, any order. **Exacta**: first two, exact order.
- **Trifecta**: first three, exact order. Boxing three horses is six combinations, so six times the cost.

Before 3pm

- Set the total you are prepared to lose across the whole day, including the sweep, before you leave the house.
- Set a deposit limit with your betting account the day before. Every licensed Australian operator must offer one.

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