

## Elite Strategies

This query came in after Saturday's racing where the Elite-Suite finished exactly square and the Mel-Combo won \$1,199.

Winners, Maserartie Bay at \$4.00 and Passive Aggressive at \$3.20 were Mel Combo qualifiers that missed the E-Suite cut (along with loser Lyrical Lad).

*"...Hi Larry,*

*Do you have the stats on Melbourne Combo qualifiers that are not Suite bets?*

*There seems to be a few of them getting up at the moment that aren't Suite bets. I was thinking if profitable backing them as extra bets..."*

Fair question because since the algorithm upgrade in April, the Elite-Suite is \$1,072 in profit v's Mel Combo + \$3,507.

The long-term stats (back to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2021) show an overall loss for those Mel-Combo bets that the E-Suite rejects but a closer look shows a dramatic shift since the start of the current season.

Jan 2021 to July 2021 saw the Mel-Combo **rejects** lose **\$2,568** with just four winners from 25 rejects. Two came second and five came third. Just 44% ran a place.

Since the start of this season (Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2021) there has been 12 winning rejects from 37 bets for a net profit of **\$1,763**.

Nine came second and seven came third. So 76% of the Mel-Combo rejects have finished in the first three this season.

Overall, the loss is \$806.

When you look at those two periods and analyse the Mel Combo bets that did qualify for E-Suite you see two virtually identical score cards:

### **Jan 21 to Jul 31<sup>st</sup> 21**

75 Mel Combo bets qualified as E-Suite bets

31 won (41% @ 4.00)

Mel Combo bet: \$12,550

Mel Combo Ret: \$21,208

Mel Combo Profit: \$8,658

Profit % for Mel Combo bets that made it to E-Suite: **+ 69%**

### **Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to now**

102 Mel Combo bets qualified as E-Suite bets

44 won (43% @ 4.04)

Mel Combo bet: \$16,795

Mel Combo Ret: \$28,329

Mel Combo Profit: \$ 11,534

Profit % for Mel Combo bets that made it to E-Suite: **+ 69%**

The Elite-Suite / Mel Combo filters are working as intended. It is the rejects that have staged an amazing turnaround.

To me that indicates stronger overall Mel Combo selections. To make \$3,500 net profit in the past six week is fantastic.

The answer to the initial question? It is impossible to call but I hope those stats help in some way.

## Best Odds

Elite-Suite winner Bella Rouge really put the spotlight on the need to get the best of the odds. She was backed in from \$5.50 to start at \$3.40.

13	Bella Rouge	5.5, 5, 4.8, 3.4
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Here's one of our bets on her:

ton Race 3 - Leilani S	13. Bella Rouge	\$250.00 @ (Best of the Be	Return @ Tkt 4245	<b>-\$250.00</b>
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There is a massive difference between \$5.50 and \$3.40! Those who bet on the tote had to settle for \$3.10.

We do not affiliate with any bookies but it is absolutely essential to get the best of the odds. One bookie that we do recommend is Rod Cleary's vicbet.com. He has the same customer-care culture that we have.

Regards

Larry and Ric.