

SPORT

MAITLAND

DAY: THURSDAY TAB code: CG
 DLY DBL: 6 & 8 QUAD: 5, 6, 7, 8
 E/QUAD: 1, 2, 3, 4 FIRST 4: ALL

1-3.47 MAIDEN HEAT 450M
 1— 428 POWERFUL PAT.....NBT
 2— 264 BAZZA BRANN.....SCR
 3— 122 AUDI DIOR.....NBT
 4— 362 GUNMETAL VALLEY.....FSTD
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 14 PREHISTORIC.....FSH
 7— 345 TRIBAL NATION.....FSH
 8— 336 PROUD MOMENT.....FSH

□ TIPS: 3-4-6-1
2-4.07 MAIDEN HEAT 450M
 1— 1 RATTLIN' CHELL.....25.400
 2— 2 BARRON RIVER.....NBT
 3— 324 WISH MACHINE.....FSH
 4— 546 SHAMAL.....FSTD
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 222 MY LIL LOUIE.....NBT
 7— 745 SPECIAL BLACK.....NBT
 8— 276 ZIPPY POPPY.....FSTD

□ TIPS: 1-6-2-8
3-4.22 GRADE 5 565M
 1— 867 LADY'S COMMAND.....NBT
 2— 665 ZIPPING HECTOR.....32.20
 3— 547 SUBWAY MISS.....NBT
 4— 451 RONNY.....31.88
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 465 FEDERAL BRAE.....FSTD
 7— 735 MOTHER'S PRAYER.....FSTD
 8— 464 ONLY NINETEEN.....FSTD

□ TIPS: 8-7-4-3
4-4.49 MASTERS GRADE 3 400M
 1— 657 CHASE THE DREAM.....22.59
 2— 123 GREYSYND FRANKIE.....NBT
 3— 376 WHO HA.....22.30
 4— 645 TINY TERROR.....22.06
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 353 PROUD RACER.....NBT
 7— 631 DON'T SEAMUS.....NBT
 8— 338 HAMBANI KAHLE.....NBT

□ TIPS: 8-3-4-7
5-5.07 GRADE 5 400M
 1— 556 PHOENIX PAK.....NBT
 2— 214 MONICA SAPPHIRE.....NBT
 3— 152 DESPICABLE BELLA.....22.73
 4— 835 O'HARA.....22.64
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 261 LUCA BAZOOKA.....22.61
 7— 357 MEPUNGA REIGN.....22.47
 8— 277 TICK THE ZIPPER.....FSH

□ TIPS: 2-3-8-1
6-5.32 GRADE 5 450M
 1— 716 ANNIE BRANN.....Scr
 2— 311 NO RULES.....25.02
 3— 612 KING OF SHEBA.....FSTD
 4— 782 IRISH ROGUE.....NBT
 5— 534 DESPICABLE SLINK.....25.59
 6— 121 ZIPPING IVY.....FSH
 7— 465 STARKASE MAGGIE.....FSH
 8— 423 FRANKLIN ALLEN.....FSH

□ TIPS: 2-4-6-3
ANNIE BRANN (Tony Atkins): Scratched.
NO RULES (Harry Sarkis): Chasing hat trick after 25.02 win here box 8 May 9 and 25.14 win here box 1 May 18. The one to beat.
KING OF SHEBA (Michelle Shambler): Led throughout for 23.02 Gardens win May 10 before 2 1/2 len 2nd here 22.55 May 16. Worth thought.
IRISH ROGUE (Steven Burgis): Finished distant last Albion Park 30.19 Apr 1 then led before 3/4 len 2nd here 25.14 May 16. Has strong claims.
DESPICABLE SLINK (Sarah Easey): Overall form only steady and last start was 5 1/4 len 4th here 22.55 May 16. Look elsewhere.
ZIPPING IVY (Jason Magri): Debuted with nose 2nd Bulli 22.66 May 11 then scored 22.57 win there May 15. Chance.
STARKASE MAGGIE (Shayne Doherty): Never a threat when 5 1/4 len 6th Gardens 30.08 May 11 and 9 1/2 len 5th there 29.84 May 18. Preferred in something easier.
FRANKLIN ALLEN (Jamie Sheen): Only won 1 from 26 overall and last start was 7 1/2 len 3rd Muswellbrook 25.97 May 19. Cannot recommend.

7-5.47 MIXED 4/5 450M
 1— 442 WICKED THUNDER.....FSTD
 2— 451 FLYING APOLLO.....NBT
 3— 666 OHMYWOW.....25.37
 4— 273 SHAHDANE.....NBT
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 255 NARCISSIST.....FSH
 7— 467 EYE ROCK.....25.36
 8— 541 FAB MULWEE.....NBT

□ TIPS: 2-1-7-6
8-6.11 FREE FOR ALL 400M
 1— 133 LEONARDO PEARL.....22.51
 2— 223 BUMPO.....22.90
 3— 442 O'LEARY.....22.39
 4— 228 OXLEY REBEL.....FSTD
 5— 321 BRUNO ZARR.....22.75
 6— 223 BLACK FORGE.....NBT
 7— 811 FAIR DINKUM.....22.54
 8— 522 ALL ABOUT TIGER.....22.21

□ TIPS: 6-1-8-4
LEONARDO PEARL (Ron Bell): Clocked 29.77 in Gardens win 3 runs back Feb 22. Resumed from break with 3 1/4 len 3rd here 22.54 May 16. Hard to beat.
BUMPO (Warren Slade): Runner up beaten 3 len Gardens 29.70 May 10 and 3rd beaten 4 3/4 len there 29.85 May 17. Not the worst.
O'LEARY (Brian Tuft): Plodded to 8 3/4 len 4th Gosford 22.15 Dec 11 then resumed with 1 1/4 len 2nd Gardens 23.45 Mar 2. Look elsewhere.
OXLEY REBEL (Darren Sultana): Solid 1 1/2 len 2nd Gardens 34.70 Apr 12 before 8 len last here 31.93 Apr 18. Consider for multiples.
BRUNO ZARR (Tony Desira): Fair 1 1/4 len 2nd here 22.46 Apr 18 then scored 22.76 win here box 1 May 16. Others preferred.
BLACK FORGE (Darren Sultana): Quality sprinter clocked 24.90 winning here Mar 21 and last start was 2 3/4 len 3rd WP 29.92 Apr 20. The one to beat.
FAIR DINKUM (Louise McGee): Chasing hat-trick after 22.67 and 22.54 win here May 9 and 16. Up in class here, others look better.
ALL ABOUT TIGER (Terry Priest): Finished 2nd past 2 beaten 4 1/4 len Albion Park 22.75 May 13 and nose there 19.08 May 17. Expected to measure up.

9-6.27 GRADE 5 400M
 1— 234 SKETCHY ONE.....22.71
 2— 627 DIVER'S MCCURRY.....NBT
 3— 413 TITANIUM RUBY.....FSH
 4— 286 MR. KNOXVILLE.....FSTD
 5— VACANT BOX.....
 6— 348 BAGO ROAD.....22.86
 7— 321 GOLDIE TARO.....22.62
 8— 423 PIXI LIMBURNER.....22.60

□ TIPS: 1-7-6-2
10-6.44 GRADE 5 400M
 1— 868 SCOTT NO GO.....NBT
 2— 134 MUSCLE UP.....22.87
 3— 11 GAROPPOLO.....22.59
 4— 543 DIVER'S SESSION.....NBT
 5— 875 LIMBURNER DAVE.....NBT
 6— 683 JUNGLE JACQUI.....NBT
 7— 513 TECTONIC MAGIC.....FSH
 8— 111 AFFRAID SO.....FSH

□ TIPS: 3-8-2-4



BRILLIANT: Ryan Clarke was the pick of the Maitland players against Rosebud, setting up both goals and having his best game of the season.

Huge week for Magpies

FOOTBALL
 BY RICK ALLEN

TO DESCRIBE it as season defining would be an exaggeration, but there's no question that this week is a big one for the Maitland Magpies.

At the start of the week coach Mick Bolch had to deal with the tricky challenge of an NPL match against Adamstown Rosebud, followed by tonight's midweek FFA Cup match against Charlestown City Blues (7.15pm kick-off), before tackling the high flying Jets Youth team on Sunday.

All this on the back of a shock four-nil thumping the

previous weekend by Hamilton Olympic.

But it started well when the Magpies accounted for Rosebud in convincing fashion two-nil on Sunday, heading into tonight's home clash with fellow NPL side Charlestown City.

And Bolch is not backing off.

"Last season was my first and we were probably more focussed on the NPL competition itself," he explained.

"But not now. I said at the start of the season that we were aiming to reach the round of 32 at least and nothing has changed.

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Coach Mick Bolch riously and I expect a strong showing. "We have the depth to deal with this as well as the NPL."

Maitland have been remarkably consistent if you can overlook the terrible game against Hamilton.

On either side of that match they have beaten Adamstown Rosebud (2-0), Lake Macquarie City (3-1), Edgeworth (2-1), and Charlestown (2-0), as well as a highly creditable away draw with ladder leaders Broadmeadow Magic.

That's good form - four wins and a draw from their last six.

"We're going along nicely," Bolch conceded. "I wanted a response on the weekend against Adamstown following that effort against Ham-

ilton Olympic, and I got that. "I thought two-nil was flattering to Rosebud. We hit the post and probably could have scored another couple.

"And it was good to keep them scoreless, especially after conceding four the previous week."

Ryan Clarke was the pick of the Maitland players with an outstanding game, causing the Rosebud defence no end of problem.

But attacking midfielder Ryan Broadley suffered a suspected hand fracture, but played out the game. It remains to be seen whether it will force him to miss any action.



IN FORM: After a slow start Weston go into tonight's FFA Cup match on the back of some strong recent wins.

Maitland, Bears in FFA Cup action

FOOTBALL

THE Maitland Magpies and the Weston Bears are both in action tonight as the fifth round of the nation-wide FFA Cup continues.

The Magpies have a home ground advantage when they take on Charlestown City Blues while Weston are at home to Valentine Phoenix.

Both teams go into the games full of confidence coming off wins last weekend.

Weston, in particular, would have to be happy with their effort in knocking over high flying Edgeworth 2-1 at home on Sunday. It comes off the back of a win over Charlestown City and they suddenly find themselves near the top of the ladder.

The Magpies had a com-

fortable 2-nil win over Adamstown Rosebud which leaves them within striking distance of the top four with a game in hand.

The winners of each match will progress to the State Qualifiers on the June long weekend (8th-10th).

Tonight's matches are: Kahibah FC vs. Cessnock City Hornets FC - 7pm, Kahibah Oval

Weston Bears FC vs. Valentine Phoenix FC - 7pm, Rockwell Automation Park

New Lambton FC vs. Edgeworth Eagles FC - 7pm, Alder Park

Maitland FC vs. Charlestown City Blues FC - 7.15pm, Cooks Square Park

Warners Bay FC vs. Hamilton Olympic FC - 7.30pm, John Street Oval