

The Mile won't be Joyous if it rains

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SYDNEY'S fickle April weather holds the key to Saturday's Doncaster Mile, with ruling favourite More Joyous set to be scratched if the track becomes heavy.

John Singleton's racing manager Duncan Grimley said yesterday there was "no way" More Joyous would run if similar conditions to last year's muddy Doncaster prevailed.

That will have pre-post punters anxiously monitoring the Bureau of Meteorology this week, with Randwick Racecourse manager Navesh Ramdhani conceding the forecast is "not flash".

"(Tomorrow) and Wednesday look like pretty bad days for rain," Rhamdani said. "Then there's a lesser chance of rain heading into the weekend. Hopefully we can dodge the scattered showers."

After a perfect report card on Saturday, Rhamdani said Randwick was well positioned to cope with rain.

"We had an inch of rain on March 17 just before the races and it seemed to handle that pretty good," he said. "I'm confident it can handle some moisture, it just depends on how much arrives."

A total of 13mm fell last week, including 8.4mm last Wednesday morning, yet sizzling times were recorded across the card on Derby day.

More Joyous is proven in slow going, but her two career worst efforts came on heavy tracks.

"We just happened to strike them on Slipper day and Doncaster day. We won't be doing that again," Grimley said.

"The original plan was to back up next week into the Queen Elizabeth, but it's all weather dependent with her.

"We will never run her again on the heavy after last time (when 11th in the Doncaster)."

If More Joyous were to be scratched, it would open up the remote possibility of a Queensland campaign.

"I am keen to give her a 2000m run this prep," Grimley said. "The problem with Brisbane is it just shortens your spelling time and that will make it difficult to get her back for what we want in the spring.

"The cards would have to fall a certain way (to run in Brisbane) but I wouldn't rule it out."

The attrition rate in the Doncaster means More Joyous's stablemate Niagara is assured of a run.

Chris Waller yesterday ruled out Metal Bender, but confirmed 2010 winner Rangirang-doo would take his place, where he carries 58kg top weight.

"(Metal Bender) just had a little bit of heat in his legs this morning and I am not prepared to take the risk and he will go to the paddock," Waller said. "We will look at him again in a few months and see where we are situated for the spring."

Mick Kent won't run AJC Oaks winner Absolutely after she finished 13th in the Doncaster Prelude on Saturday.

Secret Admirer, striving to become the first Epsom winner since Super Impose to win the Doncaster in the same season, can land one lucky punter \$300,000 if successful, as part of a \$200 all up featuring earlier winners Mosheen (Australian Guineas) and Pierro (Golden Slipper).



HEAVY LESSON: The heavy track on Golden Slipper day led to one of More Joyous's worst career efforts but it is a mistake that will not be repeated. Picture: Mark Evans

Jewel the top foe for Caviar

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THE young gun still has a way to go to match the queen, but opinions suggest Atlantic Jewel would prove the most formidable foe Black Caviar has faced should a dream match race ever eventuate.

TattsBet yesterday made Black Caviar \$1.45 favourite for the mythical \$5 million Doomben 10,000 match race, as teasingly suggested by Peter Moody on Saturday, with Atlantic Jewel \$3.25 and More Joyous a \$13 outsider.

The trio are headed in different directions this year and unless Black Caviar was given a Cox Plate preparation in the spring, the dream meeting is not going to happen, but that did not stop many weighing into racing's mouth-watering debate.

"We don't really know how good Atlantic Jewel is because she's untapped, but taking a line through Mid Summer Music (beaten similar margins by both), it would send a signal there's not much between them," TattsBet's Gerard Daffy said. "It would be absolutely fantastic if it ever happened."

Vince Accardi of dailysectionals.com.au said Atlantic Jewel's winning return on Saturday put her within a length of Black Caviar's best performance.

Timeform has Atlantic Jewel at 128, still well short of Black Caviar's 136 level, but points out the younger filly still has further improvement and suggested a 1.5L to 2L deficit.

In *The Courier-Mail's* online poll, Black Caviar had 78 per cent of the votes to date yesterday, but with more than 20 per cent voting for Atlantic Jewel there is excitement about the latter's future.

The poll also highlights how More Joyous (1 per cent of the vote), a winner of 17 races and \$2.7 million, is the forgotten horse as racegoers salivate over the feats of the unbeaten duo.

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SPORT DETAILS

GOLF

RBC Heritage on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (par-71):

270: Carl Pettersson (SWE) 70 65 66 69
275: Zach Johnson (USA) 71 68 66 70
276: Colt Knost (USA) 67 66 69 74

278: Kevin Stadler (USA) 72 71 67 68, Billy Mayfair (USA) 72 70 67 69

279: Matt Bettencourt (USA) 73 69 68 69, Boo Weekley (USA) 70 66 70 73

280: Matt Every (USA) 68 72 73 67, Charley Hoffman (USA) 74 65 71 70, Jim Furyk (USA) 68 75 67 70, Harris English (USA) 68 68 73 71, Kevin Na (USA) 70 68 69 73

281: Mark Anderson (USA) 73 71 69 68, Vaughn Taylor (USA) 67 73 70 71, Brian Davis (ENG) 72 68 68 73, Robert Garrigus (USA) 71 66 70 74

282: Kevin Streelman (USA) 74 68 70 70, Rory Sabbatini (RSA) 70 72 68 72, Brandt Snedeker (USA) 71 67 69 75

283: Greg Chalmers (AUS) 71 69 73 70, D.A. Points (USA) 74 68 71 70, John Rollins (USA) 70 72 70 71, Michael Thompson (USA) 71 70 70 72

284: Bob Estes (USA) 71 67 75 71, Mark Wilson (USA) 73 72 68 71, Jason Dufner (USA) 73 66 67 73, Cameron Beckman (USA) 73 71 66 74, Chad Campbell (USA) 67 70 72 75

285: Charles Howell III (USA) 72 68 77 68, Geoff Ogilvy (AUS) 74 67 74 70, Kevin Chappell (USA) 70 72 73 70, Lee Janzen

(USA) 71 70 73 71, Jerry Kelly (USA) 72 69 72 72, Trevor Immelman (RSA) 71 71 71 72, Brendon De Jonge (ZIM) 72 70 71 72, Stephen Ames (CAN) 71 74 66 74

286: Spencer Levin (USA) 73 72 71 70, Luke Donald (ENG) 75 69 71 71, John Mallinger (USA) 69 72 73 72, J.J. Henry (USA) 72 70 72 72, Bud Cauley (USA) 71 68 74 73, Tim Clark (RSA) 73 67 72 74, Heath Slocum (USA) 71 71 70 74

287: Tom Gillis (USA) 70 71 74 72, Gary Christian (ENG) 71 68 76 72, Graham DeLaet (CAN) 74 68 73 72, Jeff Maggert (USA) 74 71 69 73, Marc Leishman (AUS) 71 71 70 75, Jason Bohn (USA) 70 71 69 77, Matt Kuchar (USA) 72 69 69 77, Michael Bradley (USA) 74 64 71 78

288: Webb Simpson (USA) 71 74 70 73, Charlie Wi (KOR) 68 73 73 74, John Daly (USA) 70 74 68 76, Tommy Gainey (USA) 70 70 68 80

289: James Driscoll (USA) 72 72 75 70, Stuart Appleby (AUS) 73 69 71 76, Hunter Haas (USA) 71 74 67 77, Chez Reavie (USA) 69 71 70 79

290: Shaun Micheel (USA) 72 73 76 69, Kyle Stanley (USA) 71 72 75 72, Ken Duke (USA) 72 72 73 73, Will Claxton (USA) 70 72 73 75

291: Nick O'Hern (AUS) 74 69 78 70, Joe Durant (USA) 70 71 77 73

292: Briny Baird (USA) 74 69 71 78

293: Fredrik Jacobson (SWE) 71 67 74 81

294: Sean O'Hair (USA) 73 69 79 73

296: Lucas Glover (USA) 72 72 74 78

297: Rocco Mediate (USA) 73 71 74 79, Brian Harman (USA) 71 70 74 82

Australian Boys Interstate Teams at Pacific Harbour Gold Coast Rd 1:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2-1/2 sq ACT 2-1/2 (A Murdaca Anthony sq C Cameron, M Lisk lost L Schenk 1 down J Williams d J Correll 2 up K Barratt lost to J Armstrong 4-3 J Bishop d T Theodosiou 3-1)

NORTHERN TERRITORY 3 d WESTERN AUSTRALIA (A Quayle d O Goss 1 up W Hetherington lost to J Felton 5-4 A Wilson d S Reeves 7-6 M Henderson lost to J Semmens 8-7 T Parmenter d B Sheehan 2-1)

VICTORIA 3-1/2 d TASMANIA 1-1/2 (L Herbert d S Rawlings 3-2 B Eccles sq B Elliott, D Loypur d M Clark 3-2 R Ruffels d J Tregaskisjago 2-1 M Shearer lost to Pinnington 1 down)

QUEENSLAND 3-1/2 d NSW 1-1/2 (V Badhwar lost to R Kato 2-1 J McCarthy sq M Venables, J McLeod d Z Stolz 6-5 J Hulyer d R Sondjaja 2-1 J Dick d Davis 3-2. Rd 2:

QUEENSLAND 3-1/2 d TASMANIA 1-1/2 (V Badhwar d S Rawlings 8-7 J McLeod d B Elliott 3-1 J Hulyer d M Clark 1 up J Dick sq J Tregaskisjago, B Proverbs lost to I Pinnington 1 down)

VICTORIA 3-1/2 d NSW 1-1/2 (D Loypur d R Kato 6-5 L Herbert d Z Stolz 3-2 B Eccles d M Venables 1 up R Ruffels sq R Sondjaja, J Bannan lost C Davis 3-2)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 4 d NORTHERN TERRITORY 1 (A Murdaca sq A Quayle, M Lisk d W Hetherington 6-4 J Williams d A Wilson 2 up L Booth sq T Parmenter, J Bishop d J Hetherington 4-3)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 5 d ACT 0 (O Goss d C Cameron 6-5 J Felton d L Schenk

5-3 C Luck d J Correll 5-3 J Semmens d J Armstrong 5-4 B Sheehan d J Gancarz 3-1).

BULLIMBA: Ind Stab: M Dornbusch (7) 41, R/Up: D Wilson (12) 39, BRD: 34. NTP: 1 S Beg, 4 P Ogle, 7 C Chamberlain.

MCLEOD: 4BBB Stab Invitation Day: Div 1: J Pfltzner, D Petry, R/Up: L O'Callaghan, R Elder, Div 2: G Burt, M Wallace ocb, R/Up: L Ryan, Y Hawke, NTP: M Duggan, 2 D Prior, 1 B Rusco, 10 C Boyd, 12 L Ryan, 17 G Stewart, 18 G Trevaskis, Pro Pin: 6 G Trevaskis, 16 J Hutton. BRD: 35.

BOWLS

AUST POLICE: C'ship @ Caloundra: Fours Rnd 2: Winners: K Emerton (NSW), G Kedge (Vic), N Dell (NSW), K Wakefield (SA), Fours Plate: Rnd 1: Winners: T Corinthwaite (WA), J Morris (SA), G Richardson (Qld), P Craggs (Qld), Sgls Rnd 1: Winners: T Mellotte (Vic), C Thompson (NSW), B Bandy (WA), C Cavauiolo (SA).

LYNNNDON: Mens Prs: N Smith D T Shand, G Scott D H Gauci.

QLD 100 CLUB: Prs: WoW: F Van der Woude, J Hoops +8. WoL: L Mayfield, R McLellan +12.

CRICKET

Second Test
Australia v West Indies
At Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain

Australia 1st Innings
D WARNER c Sammy b Shillingford... 29

E COWAN lbw Roach 56

S WATSON c Barath b Shillingford..... 7

M CLARKE c Shillingford b Deonarine 45

M HUSSEY not out..... 26

M WADE not out..... 11

Sundries (3lb 3nb)..... 6

FIVE WICKETS FOR..... 208

FALL: 53 (Warner), 65 (Cowan), 83 (Ponting), 167 (Clarke), 178 (Watson).

BOWLING: F Edwards 13-7-28-0 (1nb), K Roach 18-4-77-2 (1nb), D Sammy 12-4-16-0, S Shillingford 32-11-56-2 (1nb), N Deonarine 15-3-28-1.

Batting time: 358min. Overs: 90.

TENNIS

Moroccan Grand Prix in Casablanca (prefix denotes seeding):

Men Final: 3-Pablo Andujar (ESP) leads 7-Albert Ramos (ESP) 6-1 5-5 (to be completed).

US Clay Court Championships in Houston, Texas (prefix denotes seeding):

Men Final: 4-Juan Monaco (ARG) d 2-John Isner (US) 6-2 3-6 6-3.

FOOTBALL

FA Cup semifinal: Tottenham Hotspur 1 (Baie 56) Chelsea 5 (Drogba 43, Mata 50, Ramires 77, Lampard 81, Malouda 90+4), Liverpool 2 (Suarez 62, Carroll 87) Everton 1

(Jelavic 24). (Winners advance to FA Cup final)

English Premier League: Manchester United 4 (Rooney 7 pen, 73, Welbeck 43, Nani 90+3) Aston Villa 0

Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man U	34	26	4	4	82	28	82
Man City	34	24	5	5	85	27	77
Arsenal	33	20	4	9	66	41	64
Tottenham	33	17	8	8	57	38	59
Newcastle	33	12	8	12	50	42	59
Chelsea	33	16	9	8	56	38	57
Everton	33	13	8	12	38	34	47
Liverpool	33	12	10	11	40	36	46
Sunderland	34	11	10	13	42	41	43
Fulham	33	11	10	12	43	43	43
Norwich	34	11	10	13	47	58	43
Swansea	34	11	9	14	38	44	42
West Brom	34	12	6	16	40	47	42
Stoke City	33	11	9	13	32	45	42
Aston Villa	33	7	14	12	35	48	35
QPR	34	8	7	19	38	57	31
Wigan	32	9	10	16	31	57	31
Bolton	32	9	2	21	36	65	29
Blackburn	34	7	7	20	45	73	28
Wolves	34	5	8	21	34	73	23

NETBALL

NORTHERN MYSTICS 52 (Cathrine Latu 31 Maria Tutaiia 17 Grace Rasmussen 4) d **WEST COAST FEVER 45** (Caitlin Bassett 39 Catherine Cox 6) at The Trusts Stadium.