

So You Think He's Good!

Defending Cox Plate champion SO YOU THINK returned to racing in brilliant fashion in the Memsie Stakes at Caulfield today in what looked like a dress rehearsal for this year's race.

Bart Cummings's star galloper held off a late challenge from WHOBEGOTYOU while SHOOT OUT ran a gallant third after being trapped off the track the entire race. Star mare TYPHOON TRACY set the pace in today's race but weakened to finish a close fourth. The quartet dominated the race with the next horse finishing three and a half lengths away. "SO YOU THINK could not have been more impressive but the second and third horses were also very good runs. When you throw in the performance of MORE JOYOUS at Rosehill, the Cox Plate looks as strong a race as we've seen for a number of years," Betstar's Alan Eskander said after today's racing. The exciting MOUDRE tightened further for the Caulfield Cup after another super performance over 1700 metres at Caulfield. "He looks a very exciting horse and he's going to get in the Caulfield Cup with a light weight. You can see why Craig Williams has committed to him and we've had to trim his price after that run today," Eskander said. The action at Caulfield almost stole the spotlight from Rosehill where Damien Oliver scored on TOORAK TOFF in the Group 1 Golden Rose although Eskander says third horse ILOVETHISCITY was the unlucky runner. "We were facing a \$50,000 payout on that horse after someone jumped in at the early odds and had \$750 each way at \$67 and I think we were lucky we only had to pay the place portion of the bet. That horse ran into all sorts of dead ends in the straight before he got clear and I've got no doubt he should have won the race. I take nothing away from the winner but ILOVETHISCITY will be hard to beat in the Caulfield Guineas on that run," Eskander said.

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