

# THE TRIAL FILES

15/12/2023 MORPHETTVILLE

## RACE 1 - 3:00PM THE FOTOBASE GROUP MAIDEN PLATE (1200M)

A lot of these have had several chances to break their maiden tag and as such the debutante #5 MORRIS MINOR appeals here. He trialled at Gawler on 14/12 and liked the way he moved. He got to the outside of them and once he balanced up, he ran through the line nicely and looks to have enough ability for a race like this. The market has narrowed the race down to two chances, however, in #8 MANUKA BAY and #9 NOITULOVER. Manuka Bay is a 14-start maiden and although racing in career best form with placings at her last three efforts, she has had every chance to win those races and hasn't been able to do so. Noitulover has been good at her first two runs this preparation but again, has had every chance. #2 AMBELLO is another who is racing consistently but is a 17-start maiden and has had plenty of opportunities.

### SELECTION:

#5 MORRIS MINOR 1 win x 3 place

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## RACE 3 - 4:20PM STONEHAVEN WINES MAIDEN PLATE (1050M)

Very keen to stick with **#7 MOON TREATY** following its forgivable debut run. The trial leading in was very good which saw it jump with a \$1.65 SP. It missed the start by two or three on that occasion and had far too much work to do in a race that was dominated on speed. He still picked himself up and hit the line to run 5<sup>th</sup> in an encouraging effort. The winkers go on here which is a good sign that there is some intent to win this and make amends for the debut. **#1 ARAMOSO** ran well in the same race finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. He got back and hit the line well, but I don't think he will have Moon Treaty 3L behind him here and will have to get a long way back from the outside gate. **#6 MAGIC FIELD** trialed well at Murray Bridge on 23/11 and has an each way hope, but could be caught wide from barrier 11 so happy to risk. **#12 SHARENDIPITY** was good on debut, running 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same race as Moon Treaty/Aramoso. He did SP \$31 there so the \$6 currently available seems too short.

### SELECTION

#7 MOON TREATY win.



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## RACE 8 - 7:04PM STURDIE HANDICAP 0-62 (1200M)

I thought the trial of **#3 MIGHTY SAPPHIRE** at Balaklava on 7/12 was very good. He got back in the field on that occasion but made ground under his own steam and was strong through the line. He is a recent acquisition to the Aaron Bain & Ned Taylor stable and they have been doing a super job of late with these tried horses coming from other stables. He gets all the head gear off here that he wore with his previous stable, which tells me they have worked the horse out and have him going well. The main danger is clearly **#12 PROVEN CORRECT**. She trialed well prior to a first up 2<sup>nd</sup> at Gawler when \$1.60 on that occasion. She gets the blinkers on here and must be a big chance, you can easily save on her. There are several consistent horses in this race that are racing well, but I think a lot of them have found their grade whereas the two mentioned have the potential to race on in better company than this.

### SELECTION

#3 MIGHTY SAPPHIRE win.

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## Race 7 - 9:00PM KIA EVENING STAR (1200 METRES)

I think **#2 SHINES** has come back in good order this preparation based off it's trial at Rosehill on 5/12. He settled outside the leader there and went to the line under a hold with the ears pricked to win that event. Should be able to settle in the first couple from barrier 3 with Tommy Berry engaged to ride and looks a strong chance. **#3 DIAMOND DIESEL** resumes with handy form at the back of last prep off a nice trial at Newcastle. He did get back there and wonder if the stable will elect to ride conservatively from the outside gate here. If they do it looks hard for him, but concede he is a chance off his trial. Thought **#4 OAKFIELD DUKE's** trials were only fair leading in and happy to risk it here. **#9 CHARLAMAGNE** and **#8 LANCASTER BOMBER** are always around the mark in these races and can't be ruled out entirely but have them as minor chances only.

### SELECTION

#2 SHINES win.

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