

1/2/2025 SANDOWN LAKESIDE

RACE 5 - 2:00PM CHAIRMAN'S STAKES 2YO (1000M)

Not a bad bunch lining up for this year's edition of the Chairman's. Only 2 of the 8 have been to the races to date.

#6 SWORD OF LEGACY is one of those. The two trials leading into the debut run were okay, but she ran a good race on debut down the Flemington straight when finishing 2nd. She settled just behind the speed and switched back to the inside and chased well, albeit comfortably beaten. Liked the way she stuck the neck out and chased but think that form is a rung below this. The race experience edge is an advantage, as is D. Lane, but think she is well under the odds.

Loved the trials of #2 FORCEOFONE. Gentle first hit out 10/1 but liked the way he moved, stretching out nicely late. Impressed again at his 2nd trial when he had to angle off heels to get clear running upon straightening, before sprinting sharply to win. The runner up there has since won well on debut, and we think this horse had a fair bit up his sleeve. Looks a stylish horse. Only knock is the gate, would have liked him drawn closer to the inside.

Gavin Bedggood's team is flying, and he seems to have another nice one in #3 HOT SEA. Well bred and has won two jump outs leading in, showing great early speed on both occasions. Loved the style in which he won his first but hard to rely too much on a 650m heat. Won the 2nd in similar fashion, being fast out, putting a gap on the field turning and winning comfortably. Should find the lead but we do have a slight query about the last 100m. Suggest he will be in front, but it could be a nervous watch late.

#4 TENTYRIS improved at the trials with the blinkers on and has some talent, while #9 INKARUNA closed strongly at her latest effort and looks a decent each way chance.

SELECTION:

#2 FORCEOFONE (win)



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1/2/2025 ROSEHILL

RACE 3 – 1:40PM CANONBURY STAKES 2YO (1100M)

Rail out 3, Good 4. Suggest that up and in will be best.

Small but select field for this year's edition of the Canonbury. #1 BLITZBURG is the one that is up and going. He ran 5th in the Wyong Magic Millions to subsequent MM winer O' Ole before being comfortably beaten by Space Rider at Eagle Farm. Returns here with the winkers applied for the first time but suggest he would need to lift to another level to win this.

The recent trial from #3 BURMA STAR was red hot. He jumped cleanly and sat just behind the speed before peeling off heels and running straight past them. Love the way he accelerated and chased to the line, and he moved superbly. We like the fact he comes here 1st up in his 2nd prep and has shown significant improvement at the trials. The debut run behind Icarian Dream was good and from barrier 4 he should get every chance here.

#7 TROPIC certainly creates a lot of interest also. The Zoustar colt trialled well back in October and was immediately sent for a break, before returning with a very nice piece of work over 900m at Rosehill on 23/1. He looks a natural, flee flowing runner and the big lead to his level of ability could be that we see J Mac down to 55kg to ride him here. From 1 he may lead and be very tough to run down.

We would be surprised if the winner came from anywhere else, although #2 FERMOY has nice form through his debut run and the recent trial was good enough.

SELECTION:

#3 BURMA STAR (win)



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