

THE TRIAL FILES

20/12/2023 WARWICK FARM

Race 2 - 2:35PM BUY AN ARROWFIELD GRADUATE PLATE (1300 METRES)

On a Heavy 8 which adds a bit of a spanner in the works. Good maiden over 1300m. VANQUISHED the leader with DIMITROV likely leaders back. ONE LAST SHOT can work forward also but a moderate tempo expected. That moderate tempo will likely help VANQUISHED who continues to race well for an in form stable. The gelding is 4 weeks between runs up ever so slightly in distance and is third up today, ready to peak. His figures suggest he will definitely be in the finish and he looks hard to beat, with a query still on a genuine Wet track.

Plenty of other horses of interest. DIMITROV is first up being gelded. He is talented and has run three placings in his career. He'll need to jump well and camp close to the speed from barrier 1 but he has trialled well enough to be in the mix today.

The horse we were keen to follow from the trials was GELATIN who has found a strong race to compete in first-up. That said, he has the ability to be in the finish here at a price. 1300m looks perfect for him first up, he'll just need a bit of luck and he does need to get through a wet track. Would have loved a bit more pressure on up front for him today, so he can use his turn of speed at the end of the race. This colt ran the fastest final 400m of the race when we saw him last his sectionals at his second start over 1400m were fantastic. In fact, that third behind Tutta La Vita produced the highest career rating of all runners in this race. With a low percentage racing pattern, particularly over this trip, and a query on the Heavy, he's no good thing today but worth a small spec.

Unfortunately, the money has come for him already, there's now no third dividend and he's around his right price after scratchings.

SELECTIONS:

Wet track a query and not playing strongly. Was keen to be with #3 GELATIN and #9 VANQUISHED. Likely a small win bet now on #3 GELATIN but playing safe.

#3 GELATIN (small win)



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Race 6 - 5:05PM BIVOUAC FIRST YEARLINGS HANDICAP (1100 METRES)

Four scratchings and we're left with a field of 6 for this BM72 over 1100m. POWER BALLAD looks the leader with SHAKEN right up there also. SHAKEN is the horse we want to be with here on the back of two smart trial wins. She went to Rosehill over 742m, showing speed and cruising to victory before again winning well over 800m at Hawkesbury. She is a nice filly, with upside and looks the horse to beat today. Nice racing pattern and her maiden win came on a Soft 7, so tipping the wet will suit, especially looking at her action.

Open race outside of her. The main danger looks to be EUROS now third up.

SELECTIONS:

#9 SHAKEN (Win)

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Race 3 - 3:30PM TICK HOMES DASH F&M BM70 (1000m)

Really liked the jump outs this time from #1 ARCTIC FAIRY. Given a quiet time at the first before jumping to the lead and moving very well at its most recent jump out at Werribee on 12/12. She showed a lot of promise early on before a failure in Stakes grade, but the long spell since then suggests something went amiss. She is a straight track winner too, which is a plus. It is quite an even race and the market fancies #2 JOSEYLIN and #3 SANS DOUTE are clearly winning chances, but happy to be with ARCTIC FAIRY at a very backable price.

SELECTION:

#1 ARCTIC FAIRY win.

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Race 6 – 5:00PM GREENVILLE SPRINT BM70 (1100 METRES)

We've absolutely loved the jump outs of #11 THE REAL THING leading into this. He has improved at every jump out and importantly, he has shown a lot more dash than in previous preparations, putting himself right on speed in each of his three pieces of work. His last effort was particularly eye catching on 11/12 where he sat on speed, cruised to the 200m, and then powered away from his rivals to record a strong win. We thought that was the best he has moved to date and were impressed with his strength through the line. It looks a very even and moderate BM70 and think we are getting a good price to find out how much he has improved.

SELECTION:

#11 THE REAL THING each way.

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Race 1 – 3:51PM QUAYCLEAN HANDICAP 3YO NMW (1000m)

We thought the two trials this time in from #4 CHOP SUEY were promising. Chased well at the first and then showed speed to drive through and lead and win its second. This is his second prep with some educational trials at his first, and there is no doubt he has improved this time in. He has shown that he responds and responds well to a crack with the whip, which is something we like to see. Nice mover. No doubt the testing material will be #8 SIBERIAN SIREN. It trialled smartly before having no luck when posted 3 wide without cover first up. He was brave to hold on and run 4th on that occasion. Drawing 1 and back to 1000m are positives for it. Liked the trial of #9 HOT NOVA as well. Moved nicely without being asked to do much but would have liked to see one more. #11 ROCKING GEM beat CHOP SUEY home winning its most recent hit out and is a chance at an each way price. Happy to risk #6 KINGS HONOUR off a big trial win. Went fast and won by a space but query how much more is there.

SELECTION:

#4 CHOP SUEY each way.

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