

# THE TRIAL FILES

15/08/2023 RANDWICK

## Trial 1 - GROUP TRIAL (KENSINGTON) – 1250m (1:16.23)

1250m trial and no standouts. WHITE MARLIN led and was ridden out but was rundown late by MY OBERON. WHITE MARLIN was strong through the line, in front not long after the post. MY OBERON came from well back to win this trial. He was urged along but responded and was good late.

## Trial 2 - GROUP TRIAL (KENSINGTON) – 850m (50:90)

Fascinating trial this with ZAPATEO showing more speed than usual, racing fresh and leading throughout. The mare usually settles back in her races and she was last seen running third, coming from 10<sup>th</sup> in the Group 1 Goodwood. She's a nice mare but the tactics are of note. It was her first trial this campaign, so it will be interesting to see if she has another and whether her tactics are replicated. LIBERTAD is a nice horse but thought he was a little plain late in the piece here. He will be well found in betting first up as he's undefeated but wanted to see him a bit stronger late before we dive in first-up. Liked the way KOTE finished off here, making strong ground down the outside.

## Trial 3 - GROUP TRIAL (KENSINGTON) – 850m (51.50)

Another very good trial field and a few key horses of interest went around in Trial 3. KALLOS beat home SALTCOATS with IN SECRET in third. ARTS finished fourth and for a horse that ran well over 2000m last campaign, she looked good here over this short course, making ground down the outside. Nice trial from her and she looks to be in good order. KALLOS won this trial after leading throughout. He's a nice gelding with a superb career record, last seen running 7<sup>th</sup> in a Group 1 Goodwood. Good effort from him.

**SALTCOATS** goes into the blackbook. This was a lovely effort by a lightly raced 3YO from New Zealand, racing against the older horses. He is coming off a strong win on a Listed Heavy track win and clearly gets through the wet. The Soft 7 track was obviously to his liking as he jumped well, settled second and clearly ran through the line well. He was strong late, taking ground off a nice horse and he will improve off what was only his first trial here in Australia. McEvoy on for Waller.

McDonald rode IN SECRET who did enough in a soft piece of work.

## Trial 6 – OPEN TRIAL – 1050m (1:05.40)

SATURN STAR has ability but clearly issues. He had race fitness coming into this trial but he covered ground and showed the ability we know he has. CAPTAIN AMELIA also went well and looks ready to head to the races again.

## Trial 14 – 3YO+ MAIDEN – 743m (44.85)

**GOLD DUST** – 3YO Filly by Exceed and Excel, trained by John O'Shea. Second career trial and first this time in. Lovely effort, charging from the tail in what was an impressive piece of work. She looks above average and keen to follow. MISS BAYLES also went nicely here.



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