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Race 8 - 4:15PM BMD Benchmark 56 Handicap (1050 METRES)

We put #10 LINGANI in the black book with an exclamation mark following her jump out and trial to commence this preparation. She is a talented filly who broke her maiden in impressive style at her 2nd start in her first preparation which saw her subsequently SP \$4.20 in a strong 3YO metro race. Her effort was good in that event and she was put away for a break immediately, and judging by her trial at Oakbank on 27/5 she's taken great improvement from it. She sat handy and was presented to the middle of the track upon straightening and when given a crack with the whip sprinted sharply to win by 4.6L. We loved the way she moved and she looks a major winning hope in this. The only slight query is barrier 1 but she has the speed to make use of it.

The main dangers look to be #1 LAKE AGAWAM. If he can recapture his best form he can give this a shake. Draws 2 which should allow Munro to utilise the 3kg claim and put him right on speed. He would need to improve from his latest effort. The other danger is the lightly raced #8 GILDED LADY. She closed well from back in the field first up over 900m at Murray Bridge and the extra 100m in this event suits. Outside of these it's a very even and typical BM56.

SELECTION:

#10 LINGANI (win)

Race 3 – 1:20PM Mybutcher Maiden Plate (1400 METRES)

Favourite looks hard to beat here but wanted to mention #5 MAXILDO for those looking for a bit more value. This 3YO Gelding showed good improvement in his mid prep Oakbank trial and might be worth a small 1x3 play.





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