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Race 4 – 7:15PM SPORTSBET FUTURE STARS SERIES HEAT 3 (1200 METRES)

Pretty handy Maiden for a Friday night at Pakenham as can be the case in these future stars heats.

#4 STAR RAPPER has been well backed since markets opened all the way into \$1.80 and it is clear why. He went straight in the black book after a seriously impressive jump out back in July and has returned this prep looking to have improved again. He has had 3 jump outs this time in and all have been good. Particularly liked the last effort where he really closed well. He is a very good mover and there is no doubt he will be a handy galloper in the future regardless of the outcome here. Top pick.

#10 DELICATE LADY was super on debut on the back of nice work at the trials. She drew wide and had to work to eventually sit outside the leader, which is hard to do fresh, let alone on debut. The form guide reads Yarra Valley Maiden from start 1 but that was a pretty good race and rated well. She showed good fight and with a kinder run in this, she can win.

#7 GILES has won 2 trials in readiness for this. The first he was off pace and closed over the top to win, and he showed more speed to sit behind the leader and win his 2nd. He looks a big, cumbersome type and he took a lot of riding to win his trials, and we suggest he will be better over further. Others ahead here but follow him.

We thought a bit of #2 AMRAAM before his debut run. Nothing went right there with the apprentice on board. Got keen in behind runners after getting back and wobbled around the turn, but thought he balanced up and hit the line nicely late. Positive jockey change and with the experience under his belt he must be a chance.

SELECTION:

Good race. #4 STAR RAPPER clearly on top, keep an eye out for notifications if he gets out in price as he is too short currently.

Could play #2 AMRAAM each way also.



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