

# THE TRIAL FILES

13/1/2024 FLEMINGTON

## Race 4 – 1:28PM READINESS APP SPRINT NMW (1000m)

Field of 7 lining up down the straight here. Doubt they will be going overly hard in the small field, and they tend to sit up a bit early in the straight events under those conditions. SHAIME and WHO SHOT SUZY the likely leaders.

#4 CHESTER WARRIOR was a narrow 2<sup>nd</sup> over the 1200m down the Flemington straight last time. He raced in a group of three horses on the inside section of the track while the main group raced toward the outside rail. He looked all over the winner 50m from home but was just bloused late. The other horses he raced with on the inside part of the track were beaten a long way which adds some merit to the performance. Back from 1200m to 1000m may not suit at this stage of his prep, but he is a key winning chance in this.

#7 WHO SHOT SUZY is another that performed well down the straight last time. She should sit up on speed and be in it for a long way. #8 KEANE ENUFF is on the back up after being outclassed in BM84 grade last time. He was only beaten 4L on that occasion in a much tougher contest than this and his previous form was good enough to win this. #11 SHAIME was good on return from a long spell at Mornington, but this race appears to have much more depth.

#9 PRINCESS ANNALISE has had three trials this time in off a long spell and has been fantastic in all 3. She has moved particularly well in all her trials, and she looks primed to run a big race here first up. She is coming off an 18-month spell, so she has clearly had her issues, but based on her trials this time in she is well and truly over them and looks to be going extremely well. Happy to have something on her in an even contest.

### SELECTION:

**#9 PRINCESS ANNALISE** win, small bet.

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## Race 2 – 1:07PM THOMAS FARMS 3YO MAIDEN (1000m)

Field of 14 with 8 on debut here. Speed looks to come from THE LAST DANCE from out wide as well as SIOUX WARRIOR, MAGIC FIELD, and BLANC VISAGE. IN MY ROOM has also shown speed at the jump outs and can take up a forward position.

We were with the Ryan Balfour trained #9 ESTICON on debut at a big price where she narrowly missed. She was unlucky at the top of the straight on that occasion, but once she got clear running she attacked the line well, finishing a narrow 2<sup>nd</sup>. She draws well here in barrier 4 and will have taken significant improvement from that debut run. She is a filly that we believe has much better things in store for her than this and this race looks to set up beautifully for her to go one better today.

#1 IN MY ROOM appears to be the biggest danger. We have only seen the one 600m jump out this time in, but he moved very stylishly in that and showed good speed. The query is the fact that he presents here off only that one short back straight jump out in comparison to ESTICON who has the race fitness, but we have no doubt that he has his fair share of talent and can win this race.

### SELECTION:

#9 ESTICON win.

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## Race 2 – 12:40PM TAB HIGHWAY HCP CLASS 3 (1100m)

There looks to be good speed engaged here with EXTRAVAGENT LAD, LORD REMY, OUTBACK RINGER, TABATA SET, SMART AND DAPPER and LIFE'S A PARTY all speedy customers. I'M A STEEL can settle closer here, she missed the start on debut but showed speed in her trials.

We are keen to be with #11 I'M A STEEL here. She is sharply up in class following a dominant and impressive Nowra Maiden win, but we think she can handle it. She was slowly away on debut before hunting up behind them turning for home, ducking back to the inside and running away to record a soft 4L win. That was on a Heavy track which is some query, but she trialled outstandingly prior to her debut win on a good surface. As mentioned, this is a steep rise in class, but we think she has a bright future and want to be with her here as she looks to go through her grades.

Outside of her it looks a very even contest as the Highway's generally are, so we are banking on the fact that she has more upside than these and can make is 2 from 2 to start her career.

### SELECTION:

**#11 I'M A STEEL win.**

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## Race 8 – 4:30PM RANVET HANDICAP BM100 (1300m)

ZOU TIGER should press forward here with KA BLING and UCALLEDIT holding spots. Speed doesn't look overly strong.

We liked the most recent trial of #9 ESTADIO MESTALLA on 2/1 at Warwick Farm. He was in behind them cornering before coming off heels at the 200m and running through the line strongly. has a good first up record (3:2-1-0) and notably two of those runs were with the Chris Waller stable who is not a noted fresh trainer, which tells us this horse flies fresh. He is now in the care of the Joe Pride camp and resumes here at 1300m which should suit. He has previously been fresh at 1500m but trusting the Pride team have him ready to run a big race fresh even over the shorter distance. Some query how far back he gets, but he is a horse with a lot of upside and a great fresh record coming off a hot trial, so we want to be with him here.

The other one we want to make sure we are with in this event is #1 UCALLEDIT. He won back-to-back Stakes races in the Winter before finishing down the track in the G3 Show Country and subsequently went for a spell. He did SP \$10 on that occasion against horses like Buenos Noches and Argentina which is a guide to the level of talent this horse possesses. He really caught the eye in a trial at Newcastle on 5/1. He settled in behind them and was never let off the bridle but made ground under his own steam and looked to move particularly well. Based off that trial, he has come back in good order. He gets in with 59.5kg after the claim for Benjamin Osmond and should get a great run in the race from barrier 2.

Of the others, #3 ZOU TIGER has come up short in the market and we are happy to bet around him. His trials were ordinary this time in, and he was very poor first up. #8 KA BLING looks the main danger, he has been progressing through his grades nicely before a good 5<sup>th</sup> in the Buffering at Doomben on 30/12. Should get a good run from the gate and looks the testing material.

### SELECTION:

**#9 ESTADIO MESTALLA** win & **#1 UCALLEDIT** 1 win x 3 place.

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## Race 3 – 1:00PM MAGIC MILLIONS THE DEBUT 2YO C&G (1000m)

Field of 10 line up here and as the race name suggests they are all on debut. Looks to be speed from THE HAMO from barrier 1, BARRACUDA, CLICK CLICK BOOM and SIBELIUS. They should go quick here.

We liked the trial of #8 LEAD ME ON on 18/12 over 800m at this track. Jumped and travelled well and extended smartly in the straight when given a couple of cracks with the whip by Michael Rodd. He has a lovely action and we like seeing a horse respond when asked for an effort like this horse did on this occasion. Of all the trials from all horses leading into this race, his trial caught our eye the most and we think he looks a nice horse. Disappointed when we saw he drew the outside barrier as he will either have to work hard to cross and lead or need a lot of luck to get cover, but that is reflected in his price. His trial was too good not to be with him here in a race with a lot of unknowns at a nice each way price.

#10 THE HAMO trialled well. He shot through to lead and won in good style. He should have the chance to lead this from barrier 1 and will have the rail to follow which always helps horses on debut. #5 HEAVENLY IMPACT and #6 INDECISIVE trialled similarly. Both are big, strong horses and both showed enough ability in their trials. They look nice horses but feel they may not be entirely suited over the 1000m here. Didn't mind the way the outsider #11 THE LI'L REX moved. Most likely outclassed but one to keep an eye on for the future and easier races.

Happy to bet around the favourite #2 BARRACUDA. Always scary being against a Waterhouse/Bott runner with James McDonald on board, but thought the trials were only okay and he looks short enough here.

### SELECTION:

**#8 LEAD ME ON** 1 win x 3 place.

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