

THE TRIAL FILES

31/7/2024 SANDOWN HILLSIDE

Race 1 – 12:25 PM SPORTSBET PHOTO FINISH REFUND 2YO HCP (1000 METRES)

Racing on a Heavy 8 at the time of writing with minimal rain forecast before the start of the meeting, so we may see a slight upgrade. The rail is out 4m the entire circuit.

A field of 16 2yo's to kick off the program is always fun and as the market suggests, it looks an even contest. In saying that, we are keen to be with two runners here.

The first of those is #6 NOSTRINGSATTACHED. He had one jump out back in February and was immediately put away and has returned this time in with two impressive jump outs. The first of those was on 3/6 where he jumped well and pushed through to lead. He was little green upon straightening until he was challenged by a runner on his outside and when that happened, he responded strongly to win. His next jump out at Cranbourne on 17/6 was outstanding.

He settled back in behind them and once he was brought to the outside in the straight and asked for an effort, he extended very smartly to win in great style. He draws 1 which could get ugly if he is slowly away and it has now been the best part of 6 weeks since his last jump out, so there are enough queries to be a little cautious, despite the quality we believe this horse possesses.

The 2nd runner that we want to be with here is #7 WINCHESTER. He made his debut in the Listed Talindert Stakes in February down the Flemington straight where he showed speed and was right in the race at the 200 before tiring into 5th. It was an encouraging debut, however, and he has returned this preparation a gelding and his trials have been very good. We particularly liked his latest effort at Rosehill on 23/7 where he jumped straight to the front, travelled well and was strong through the line under little riding to win. He looks to have improved in his break and post his gelding operation and should get the right run on speed from barrier 4.

SELECTION:

Two bet play in an open 2yo event. Backing both #6 NOSTRINGSATTACHED (win) and #7 WINCHESTER (win). \$4 and \$4.40 currently available.

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