

8/5/2024 SANDOWN HILLSIDE

Race 1 – 12:25PM SPORTSBET JOCKEY WATCH PLATE 2YO MAIDEN (1000 METRES)

8 debutantes in this makes it an interesting race. Of those that have raced there look to be two standouts. The first of those is #1 BLUE RENEGADE who performed well on debut behind Rich Dottie. Jumped cleanly from the wide draw and sat outside the leader and hit the lead inside the 100 only for the winner to get through on the inside and knock him off late. He should have taken good improvement from that and draws well in gate 5 here for Lane.

The other is #7 MARKDEL who brings the strongest form into this from his debut where he finished 3rd behind Stay Focused & Trunk albeit beaten 4.75L on that occasion. He had a soft trial at Flemington on 5/4 without the blinkers on before a stronger hit out at this track on 18/4 where the blinkers were applied again. He trialled well enough there and was strong through the line under riding. Can win.

The market has found #13 SHE'S GOT PIZZAZZ off the back of a smart back straight jump out win at Pakenham on 23/4. She showed good gate speed to lead there and put a nice margin on her rivals when asked to quicken. She is a well-bred filly, being a full sister to a Group 1 performed horse and has had 5 jump outs over 3 preparations so she looks well prepared for her debut run. Draws 7 for Shinn and she looks a leading chance.

The horse that we want to be with here is #2 CLEARLY DIVINE. Loved his jump out last preparation where he beat Angel Capital who was an impressive debut winner recently, and he showed that he has improved since that with a great jump out at Cranbourne on 22/4 over 650m. He showed speed and professionalism there and loved the way he extended. He is a great mover and from barrier 4 he should get every chance and he has come up a good each way price.

SELECTION:

#2 CLEARLY DIVINE looks a good each way bet. (Early preview 07/05 @ \$9)



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Race 6 – 3:20PM TILE IMPORTER HANDICAP 3YO BM64 (1000 METRES)

Relatively deep BM64 here with a few lightly raced nice horses engaged. Speed looks strong as you would expect in any 1000m race and wide barriers are not too disadvantaged from the chute at Sandown.

#2 FLYING MEAN has returned this prep with two very good trials. Went to the line quietly in the 1st on 22/4 at Cranbourne before a very impressive win at the same track on 29/4. Love the way the horse extended away from his rivals there and he looked to move very stylishly. He is a maiden stepping out 1st up in a 3yo BM64 but the placement suggests the stable think he is up to this and better. The 2nd in the VOBIS Gold Carat to end last preparation supports that theory and the Kah/McDonald combination has been a winning one of late. He draws 13 but from the chute at this track/trip it should allow him to stay out of trouble and have his chance to win.

#6 RUSSIAN BOBSHARK backed up some good trials with a very strong debut win at Cranbourne on 12/4. He was slowly away but mustered to settle behind the leader and once he got clear at the top of the straight sprinted well to win. He looks a promising horse and should get a similar run to Flying Mean.

#11 MANTUA was desperately unlucky last time out at Pakenham and has had 5 weeks since that run leading into this. Drawing 1 here could present similar traffic issues but if the runs come, he is a chance. #7 GRAND LARCENY and #12 FAITHINHER are both speedy horses that have trialled well leading into this but suggest they may be place chances at best.

SELECTION:

#2 FLYING MEAN (WIN) in an open and competitive race.



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08/05/2024 WARWICK FARM

Race 1 - 12:50PM JAMES SQUIRE PLATE (1000 METRES)

Heavy 9 official Track Rating with showers forecast throughout the day. Monitor conditions. Wide draws no issues.

Good 2YO race to kick things off for the boys. Only one with race experience so 6 horses making their debuts on the wet track which is always a query.

SHALAA GOLD looks the leader with Braveheart coming out.

#2 EMIRATE looks the best type and the horse of key interest off the trials. No surprise to see him come up as favourite and he does look the horse they have to beat. He is a nice mover who has trialled very well, making strong ground in both. #8 SHALAA GOLD competed in the same trial and he won that Rosehill trial nicely but #2 EMIRATE was clearly under less pressure. EMIRATE was beaten 2.17L but 20m past the line had gone straight past SHALAA GOLD which was fantastic to see. Heavy track on debut is always a risk but by Extreme Choice, he should get through it. No better jockey to navigate the situation with James McDonald sticking with him after that Rosehill trial but his recent midweek record isn't great. He looks the horse to beat and a nice horse at that. All about price today.

#3 FREEZING drifted back in his latest trial before extending when asked. He moved well and looks a nice enough type. The horse that won that trial came out and ran second in a Saturday 2YO event at Rosehill.

#5 LECONFIELD and #4 INSIST come through the same trial at Canterbury, with LECONFIELD having another one post that.

SELECTION:

#2 EMIRATE clearly on top and looks the pick from the trials. Wednesday JMAC on a horse that won't be in the first few from the inside on a Heavy track is reason enough to not declare him but he looks the horse they have to beat.



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Race 3 - 2:00PM TAB PLATE (1000 METRES)

Time for the girls. A whopping 20 acceptances for this event but 8 scratchings which is no shock.

CLEAN ENERGY from out wide to work forward, following ZOUBABY and SHEZASIREN kicking up from barrier 2.

Good opinion of both #3 CLEAN ENERGY and #9 LADY SHENANDOAH. Like the preview of Race 1, this is a big field of 2YO's on debut on a Heavy track which is always a query. No issue with the wide barrier for #3 CLEAN ENERGY as it could be the place to be here at WF on the wet. She has won two trials leading in impressively and looks a typical professional strong on pace type for the Waterhouse Bott camp. The daughter of Zoustar was bought for a huge price, and she will be in this a long way. Major player.

#9 LADY SHENANHOAH is by Snitzel and should have no issue on the wet track but it's always good to see them on it first, especially when they're short priced favourite. Love the way this filly moves and have loved both her trials leading in. McDonald sticks after a Rosehill trial where the pair made good ground through the field late, running second. She is the other of key interest off a good map.

SELECTION:

Expecting one of #3 CLEAN ENERGY or #9 LADY SHENANDOAH to win this event and the market has it right. Little edge.



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