

# 17/2/2024 FLEMINGTON

# Race 3 - 1:20PM TCL Talindert Stakes (1100 METRES)

2-year-olds line up down the straight here. COUNTEROFFENSIVE and PRO FORMA showed speed at their most recent start and should go forward again. CONTINENTAL KISS has showed speed at its jump outs and likely goes forward as well with WOLFGANG handy.

AARDVARK has had 3 trials leading into this following a good debut 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Debutant Stakes in October behind Coleman/Arabian Summer. Like the way this horse has come back, with all 3 jump outs being good. We particularly liked the most recent one down the straight at this track on 9/2. He sat just off the speed and was very strong through the line and moved well. He looks to have improved in the break and think he is quite a smart horse. Like the fact he has had a go down the straight, albeit in trial conditions.

PRO FORMA was a good winner on debut at Canberra and has drawn wide which can be an advantage here. Can never leave out Gai's 2-year-olds, especially with how well they are going at the moment.

EJECT trialled fairly two back but improved considerably with the blinkers on at its last hit out. Could go forward and be hard to catch. WOLFGANG has the runs on the board having already won twice before being outclassed in the Magic Millions.

Like the way CONTINENTAL KISS has trialled. Her jump out at Mornington in particular was very good and she looks over the odds at \$21. Could be worth a small each way bet.

SELECTION:

#3 AARDVARK (win).



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## 17/2/2024 MORPHETTVILLE

#### Race 2 – 1:02PM AIG SECURITY MAIDEN (1000M)

The Clarken/O'Shea stable look to hold the key to this race with the two favourites in PURE BLISS and CINCHONA. PURE BLUSS has had 2 trials this time in, the first a very nice win at Oakbank on 30/1. She jumped well there and put the field away turning for home to record a comfortable victory. Her latest trial she sat just behind the speed and closed strongly to win. She is a big, strong filly who looks to move very nicely and like the two 1000m trials leading in. Draws 3 here with Ben Price to ride and should get every chance to win here. Top pick.

CINCHONA showed speed to lead at her only jump out and recorded a nice win. She has only had the one jump out and don't think she is as prepared for her debut as the stablemate. She has drawn 4 and will go forward and look the winner at some stage.

We were on OAKLAND RAIDER last time and he looked all over the winner but was soft late and was beaten on the line. He would need to have improved to win this but does get the benefit over the two Clarken runners having already had a run this prep. Drawn better in 5 in this and should get the right run here.

ZANTHRON is racing consistently and should press forward but keeps finding a couple better. BLANC VISAGE was good on debut, running 2<sup>nd</sup> but the form from that race has been suspect. Can run well and has trialled nicely between runs.

## SELECTION:

#12 PURE BLISS (win)



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## Race 5 – 2:47PM ADELAIDE GALVANISING INDUSTRY BM82 (1400M)

Small field with many of these generally looking for further than this trip. Think WILD IMAGINATION holds a spot in the lead or near the lead from barrier 1 with PRINCE JOFFRA likely to was to press forward with EXALTED FIRE and LA FERRARI. Good track with the rail out 3m at the Morphettville Parks track is usually a good place to be on pace and near the fence.

LE FERRARI is the fit horse in this race and comes into this off the back off a 1300m BM70 win at Sandown. Think this race looks a bit harder than his recent form and happy to bet around him here despite the fact he has the fitness edge on a few of his rivals. Barrier 3 gives him the chance to go to the front here however which will be an advantage.

We have liked the two trials of WILD IMAGINATION this time in. Settled back and closed very nicely at his first on 15/1 at Murray Bridge before going forward and winning comfortable at his most recent at Morphettville on 8/2. He is the best performed horse in the race, draws barrier 1 and will be going forward. Really like the way he has moved in his two trials, and he looks value at the current price.

THIRSTY GUEST trialled well at Oakbank on 30/1. Got back but rounded them up quickly and recorded a strong win. He is a progressive and talented horse and will certainly be winning races this prep but prepared to risk at \$2.50 given he likely gets back in this event on a track where you typically need to be up and in with this rail position.

PRINCE JOFFRA and EXALTED FIRE both have each way chances here but happy to risk.

**SELECTION:** 

# #2 WILD IMAGINATION (win)



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