

# THE TRIAL FILES

28/2/2024 GAWLER

## Race 3 – 2:52PM KINGSFORD HOTEL MAIDEN (1200M)

Rail comes back to the true after being out 7m at the previous meeting so monitor the track pattern early. The inside 7m is fresh ground and can favour those on speed under these conditions. DOUBLE YOU OWE looks the leader with ZESTY SPICE, SOLESUN and THEORIZER likely to push forward also.

The favourite SOLESUN is the obvious starting point in the race. He is a very talented horse who was narrowly defeated 1<sup>st</sup> up by the very talented A Samurai Mind. He settled close to the speed on that occasion and with the blinkers 1<sup>st</sup> time here you would expect that to be the plan again but drawn 11 they may opt to find some cover. Always a risk that horses can be slowly away with the blinkers 1<sup>st</sup> time also. He looks the obvious but wouldn't have minded seeing him out in trip here. Deserved favourite.

We really liked the trial of MAHENO at Morphettville on 8/2. We had a bit of time for this horse in his first racing preparation and his trial tells us that he has improved in the break. He settled just behind the speed and once he got to the outside, he finished the trial off very well under no riding. He looks to have improved physically and mentally leading into his 2<sup>nd</sup> prep and although he will likely be better over further as his career progresses, he gets a good chance to win this race from barrier 4 with Ben Price to ride. \$7.50 available at most agencies.

DOUBLE YOU OWE comes through the same race as SOLESUN and beat him home there, albeit narrowly, and must be a chance in this. Will go forward and be hard to get past. Outside of him there doesn't appear to be too much depth to this.

### SELECTION:

**#11 MAHENO** (1 win x 3 place).

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