

THE TRIAL FILES

Decent results at Wyong Wednesday with our two each way plays running second and thrd. MEMO was a good thing beaten, while Horseshoe Hill was huge, wide, keen, overracing throughout, circling and finding plenty to run third. Can follow these two.

13/12/2024 PINJARRA

Race 6 – 4:56PM YOU'VE GOT THE TABTOUCH CLASS 1 HANDICAP (1300 METRES)

Competitive class 1 over the 1300 here, with a decent tempo predicted. #9 SHAFASA will go forward with #5 AIN'TSOBAD and #2 AT YOUR SERVICE holding spots from low draws.

We loved the recent trial of #2 SKYTALKER. Last preparation he was a dominant maiden winner at Belmont before racing well in better grade than this. Sent to the paddock after a lacklustre effort and based on his recent trial he has returned a much improved racehorse. He looks to have improved both in his manners and physically, and the way he rounded up his opposition in his 25/11 Belmont 1000m trial and put them away in a matter of strides was very impressive. He is likely to settle around midfield in this but there looks to be solid pace on paper and providing he can build momentum into the straight he will be very hard to beat.

#5 AIN'TSOBAD returned with a strong on pace win first up on the back of an impressive trial. She is a lightly raced 5-year-old mare, but she seems to be putting it together now. She led first up and suggest the same tactics will be employed here and she looks the logical main danger. #8 AT YOUR SERVICE broke through for its maiden win last time out at Belmont and was good in doing so. The step out to 1300m suits and she gets the gun run from 2 for Johnston-Porter.

#1 I'M NIPOTE comes through a good for race fresh and was sound again 2nd up out to 1400m. Gets the right run from 4 and looks next best.

SELECTION:

#2 SKYTALKER (win)



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Race 8 - 9:30PM RANVET HANDICAP (1250 METRES)

Another race with a ridiculous number of scratchings. 6 of the 14 come out. ZALE to lead with LANCASTER BOMBER working to be outside maybe. Last start winner SCORCH gets a nice run in transit.

Wary of how the track plays tonight with the rail in the True. Could be inside fence bias and on speed favoured. At least we will have a good gauge by Race 8.

Keen to be with the one first up in #10 WINSTON HILLS. He probably won't find the fence from the gate, so just be mindful of that before diving in too early. Convinced he is a nice horse. At his second start, this gelding had a starting price of \$1.90 against Sunshine In Paris if you don't mind. Not sure we've seen the best of him just yet and he has clearly had his issues. He started his career with three seconds, before having a long break and winning a Maiden in nice style in his only run last campaign. Another long break with 47 weeks between runs but he looks to have come back as good, if not better than where he left off if his trials are anything to go by. Three trials leading in also is a good sign of intent and his latest was impressive here at Canterbury winning by a space, charging down the middle. McMonagle stays with him off the trials and think he is the horse to beat with the slight caution of how the track will play.

The key danger has to be #8 HOW DARE YOU. Could/should find the fence from an inside barrier but may also need luck from there. Walked out of the gates here on November 15, before charging home to run 4th. Could've/should've won that. 4 weeks since that, kept fresh suits. She is a nice mare with ability.

SELECTION:

#10 WINSTON HILLS (WIN) – Could save #8 pending market.

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