

THE TRIAL FILES

5/11/2024 FLEMINGTON

Race 1 – 10:45AM DARLEY MARIBYRNONG PLATE GROUP 3 2YO (1000 METRES)

The G3 Maribyrnong Plate is always a fun start to Cup day down the straight and always a tricky race to find the winner.

Starting with those that have raced, #1 SHINING SMILE and #10 PRICE TAG came through the lead up on 5/10. Shining Smile hit the front on that occasion inside the 100 but the horse on his inside fought back to beat him after he looked all over the winner. The addition of winkers is a positive. Price Tag didn't have the clearest path on that occasion and liked the way she hit the line once she balanced up. We liked her going into that and she draws the right part of the track here to have every chance.

#2 WINMAR and #3 BACASH come through the Debutant Stakes at Caulfield on 16/10. Thought Bacash went particularly well there. He was 3 deep without cover and hit the front shortly after straightening to eventually be beaten 3L into 5th in a race that was dominated by swoopers. Thought his run was enormous. Winmar was of one the swoopers in that event. He settled midfield with cover and sprinted well but was no match for the winner who came from behind him. B Shinn on helps.

Now for the unraced. #5 PRESTAR trialled smartly at Horsham on 21/10 where the stable looked to show a fair bit of intent to win and win well. Looks a lovely mover, main query here is gate 1. #6 RED BARRON has come up a huge price in the market, but the most recent Flemington jump out was better than that of a 50/1 shot and the stable are flying. Watch the market for it.

#7 SAN MRACO KID trialled well enough, not hopeless. #9 TYCOON STAR impressed us at the jump outs on 18/10. Loved the acceleration and the way he levelled out once they turned for him and he looks a winning chance. #13 MILITARY TYCOON has only had the one hit out leading into this, but it was a good one on 14/10 at Cranbourne. Looks a nice type of horse, would have liked to have seen one more jump out, however.

SELECTION:

Seriously tough race. Like #10 **PRICE TAG** but too short. #3 **BACASH** (small win) & #9 **TYCOON STAR** (small each way) at the prices is the play.

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