

THE TRIAL FILES

Spring is well and truly in the air with the PB Lawrence at Caulfield and the Rosebud at Rosehill. Four races previewed across three states.

17/08/2024 ROSEHILL

Race 6 - 2:30PM SYDNEY MARKETS ROSEBUD (1100 METRES)

Expecting the fence to be off at Rosehill with the rail in the True. We'll know by now.

The feature, the Listed Rosebud for the 3YOs. ASTAPOR and SHANGRI LA EXPRESS the two leaders.

Absolutely loved the way #2 GATSBY'S found the line in winning his recent Rosehill trial, getting past a race fit and in form BRAVE ONE. McDonald has stayed with this son of Snitzel throughout his campaign which is a positive lead. Trial Files followers will know we loved the form and the win of this colt on debut, getting over the top of Roselyn's Star in the pouring rain back in February, putting huge margins on the field. That horse dominated his next run and then ran second in a Group 3. We have a big opinion of #2 GATSBY'S and think he's the horse to beat today. Leaning to the class over those with race fitness.

Yes, #4 TARPAULIN is racing well and coming off two good wins. He is race fit but McDonald jumps off and tipping this Listed race is different gravy. Further to this, concerned he'll be behind GATSBY'S in the run and it might be hard to pick him up.

#3 HIGH OCTANE is a winning chance. Burst through in his recent trial and ran second. Strong form lines and drawn well. Sting out no issue by Deep Field you'd suggest.

#8 BRAVE ONE is the other with a chance. He is a nice colt. Have the others ahead of him but can't knock. No issue the toppy but a big weight.

SELECTION:

#2 GATSBY'S (WIN)



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Race 8 - 3:45PM PRECISE AIR HANDICAP (1400 METRES)

Handicap over 1400m and a good race. AMOR VICTORIOUS leads from HINGED perhaps with not a lot of speed.

Have really been taken with the trials of #6 TOM KITTEN and the fact he comes here as a newly gelded commodity explains why he's been looking so good. He's looked sharp and really found the line in what he's been doing, winning his last trial impressively. The two trials, his latest over 100m looks a perfect set up for this 1400m first-up run. He looks a massive chance but he just needs luck from barrier 1 and the fence may not be ideal. JMac is the man for his job.

Yes, a plain/disappointing prep last time in but the gelding looks to have worked a treat. Confident he'll be hard to beat.

#10 AMOR VICTORIOUS is a nice horse and looks the speed in the race. Stable not flying at the moment but AMOR gets a few ticks today.

SELECTION:

#6 TOM KITTEN (WIN)



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17/8/2024 CAULFIELD

Race 8 – 4:05PM P.B. LAWRENCE STAKES GROUP 2 (1400 METRES)

BUFFALO RIVER should lead as we have come to expect over the years and likely sets a solid tempo. GENTLEMAN ROY should slide across from gate 9 as well. Outside of these two there isn't much speed engaged but the engagement of Buffalo River should ensure a decent enough speed.

We have thought the three trials from #6 PINSTRIPED this time in have been fantastic. He resumes here off a preparation last time which included only one run in the All Star Mile where he finished down the track and immediately went to the paddock. We particularly liked his trial on 29/7 where he cruised up to the leaders and when asked for an effort extended away from his rivals sharply. He is a high-quality galloper, has a good fresh record, is a good 1400m horse and handles all track conditions so there are plenty of ticks. Gets the right run from gate 5.

#1 PERICLES the obvious danger. He is a top line horse who's 5 run last prep were all in Group 1 company and including a 2nd in the Doncaster. His two trials have been nice enough and he is the clear class in the race. Major winning chance and rightful favourite.

#2 MUNHAMEK is racing in fine form and is the fit horse up and going into this. He might get a bit far out of his ground from 8 but can win. #4 BUFFALO RIVER and #7 GENTLEMAN ROY are the two on pace runners that if they get their own way will be hard to run down.

SELECTION:

Love the way #6 PINSTRIPED has returned this prep and happy to be with him (win) at \$6.

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17/8/2024 MORHPETTVILLE PARKS

Race 3 – 1:17PM CANADIAN CLUB 3YO MAIDEN (1250 METRES)

Quite a bit of rain overnight means we cop a Heavy 8 for this meeting with the rail out 3m. Despite the rain, you still want to be on speed and near the fence here.

#6 GOLDRUSH GURU returns off two encouraging runs in its debut prep. He showed he has a lot of talent when he savaged the line on debut over 1050m and was then slightly outclassed at stakes level before a break. He had a jump out at Morphettville on 13/8 and we liked what we saw. He was fast out of the machines, settled handy and when asked for an effort extended clear to put a space on his rivals. He moved particularly well there and showed he has come back a bigger and better horse. From barrier 1 if he can step cleanly, he should be close enough in running to really make his presence felt in this event.

Slight query about gate 1 if he can't jump with them, but still want to be on his side given the class we believe he possesses.

#2 COMMISSIONS showed speed to lead on debut at Murray Bridge over 1400m and was only caught late. The trial prior was nice and the drop back to 1250m looks to suit. He draws well in 5 and looks the logical danger. #9 SNOOPY NOW is a horse we have a lot of time for, but he keeps drawing wide gates and having to get too far back in his races. Unfortunately, he draws 14 again here and is likely to suffer the same fate, but he has ability and can win.

SELECTION:

We want to be with #6 **GOLDRUSH GURU** (win) 1st up off an impressive jump out.

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