

THE TRIAL FILES

19/6/2024 CANTERBURY

Race 1 – 12:50PM GOLDEN MILE @ DARLEY 2YO COLTS & GELDINGS MAIDEN HCP (1250 METRES)

Another wet track for the Sydney Wednesday meeting which is no surprise, and the rail is in the 3-metre position. The last time they raced here on 10/6 it was a Heavy track with the rail was in the true position, and unless you were on the fence in run you had no chance. With the rail moving out under similar conditions we are assessing this meeting assuming that up and in will likely be the place to be again.

There are a couple of runners in Race 1 that have caught our eye leading in to debut runs. The first of those is #4 HOUDINI SPIRIT from the Portelli yard. His first trial at Warwick Farm on 21/5 was a sound first hit out, but it was his 2nd trial at Hawkesbury on 3/6 that impressed us. He showed more early speed there and cruised to the home turn before showing a nice turn of speed to win by 3L. He looks a very stylish mover, and we love the improvement he has shown us already. The map does look very tricky and unless he can land outside of the leader or in front, it looks a big ask for him on debut. \$

The other horse we have liked leading into this is #6 WANARUAH. The most recent trial at Randwick on 31/5 was good and he looks a typical Gai tough, front running type and with Tim Clark booked to ride you would think he will be the leader in this event. The 1250m looks to suit him as a kick off point and he looks to get the biggest favours on the map. He doesn't appear to be any value at his current quote of \$2.50, however.

Of the others, #8 RAILWAY MAN looks the biggest threat. He's a superbly bred son of I Am Invincible out of Group 1 mare Booker, and he does look to have inherited some of their talent. He started \$2.90 on debut in January in a hot race which suggests the stable had an opinion of him and his two trials this time in have been good. Barrier 7 makes it tricky here and it seems like they will have to go back which will make it tough for him to win.

SELECTION:

Wanted to be with #4 HOUDINI SPIRIT but he may not find the fence which is a big concern. Could back it and save on the leader #6 WANARUAH.

No official selection, we will wait to see the mounting yard before deciding to bet.

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