

THE TRIAL FILES

2/11/2024 ASCOT

Race 5 – 6:04PM SELANGOR TURF CLUB TROPHY RTG72+ (1000 METRES)

Happy to be with one at odds here in #3 THE BOSS LADY at \$12/\$2.50 at the time of writing.

She is a lightly raced mare stepping out for the first time since her 3-year-old campaign where she was competitive against some of the better 3-year-olds in Perth. She stretched out to 1600m at the back end of last campaign but suggest she is better suited as a sprinter, and we loved the recent 950m Lark Hill trial on 21/10. She settled in behind them and peeled off heels straightening and quickened nicely before finding herself in restricted room late. She looks to have come back in great order, and she should find herself with a nice cart into the race here with good speed engaged.

#6 ZING TO WIN comes up very short (\$1.70) in the market on the back of some dominant form, albeit around the Kalgoorlie circuit. The form doesn't read as well on paper, but the wins have been in good style, and it is on the up. Will likely need some luck from 10 or need to go back to last, so enough queries to bet around it.

\$9 KINGS HONOUR trialled super before being forced to do too much work first up and tiring. With a softer time in front from gate 5 in this, he will be hard to run past.

SELECTION:

#3 THE BOSS LADY (each way).

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Race 6 – 6:44PM TABTOUCH PLACID ARK PRELUDE 3YO (1000 METRES)

Pretty keen to be with the fresh horse on the scene here in #1 WIND AND THE LION. He was an impressive debut winner at Belmont in July and was sent straight to the paddock. He has returned with two very nice trials leading into this, the latest behind September Born on 14/10 over 1000m at Belmont.

September Born ran past him there, but he is a serious racehorse, and we liked the way Wind and the Lion accelerated and cleared out from the rest of them there. Barrier 10 is the slight query with a fair bit of speed engaged in this event, but he looks like he could be a very smart horse, and we want to be with him 1st up.

#2 SINFUL LIVING and #4 REPOSSESSION both come through the same race at Ascot on 12/10. They went hard there, and Sinful Living was a sitting duck but thought she fought on well to only go down narrowly. She backed up the following week and only went fairly. Repossession trialled super prior to that first up run and think he can hold the lead here drawn 1. Progressive horse and looks a big danger with the run under his belt.

#3 CATCH CARTER is up in grade from no metro win level on 23/10 but the win there was very good. Sat in the box seat and was held up straightening, but once he got clear he put them away quickly. Notably, that was his first run with the blinkers on and he improved sharply. He draws for the perfect run just behind the likely hot speed and can win.

SELECTION:

#1 WIND AND THE LION (win).

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Race 9 – 8:34PM MRS MACS' RTG66+ HANDICAP (1200 METRES)

Field of 13 to close out the card with many of them coming through similar form lines.

Plenty of horses with a hope, but the one we have identified is #3 ESPRIT GARCON. He returned 1st up at Ascot on 12/10 off a long spell (and a great trial) and we thought he went enormous. He was 4 wide without cover the trip and still had the audacity to loom up to win at the 200 before peaking on his run, finishing 6th beaten 1.3L. His form in his last preparation was very good and he is a highly promising galloper having only his 8th race start. He draws much more favourably in 8 here and has had 3 weeks to recover from his tough first up effort which we like. He should get a lovely cart into the straight on the back of what looks to be a good speed and if he finds clear air, he is going to be extremely hard to beat.

#4 MALKAR PINDARI returned well 1st up, closing hard to run 2nd. He is a quality galloper, and this looks a suitable race for him, but we have a slight query about where he gets to from gate 1 in the big field given he hasn't got a stack of early speed. With luck he is a danger.

#6 KEEP ATTACKING and #14 MISS FLIRTACIOUS beat Esprit Garcon home last time out, but they had much softer runs. Both horses are going well in their own right, however, and look the logical next picks.

SELECTION:

#3 ESPRIT GARCON (win).

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