

# THE TRIAL FILES

11/08/2023 ROSEHILL

## Trial 1 - GROUP TRIAL (COURSE PROPER) – 900m (1:00.28)

So much talk about ALLIGATOR BLOOD here and how well he went. Yes, he went well but it was visually more impressive due to being sharper than the stayers he met. He showed good freshness and good speed, leading. The impressive part of the trial was his sharp turn of foot, sprinting away from his rivals. The final 600m split was on par with other heats on the course proper, however this was run over further.

## Trial 2 - GROUP TRIAL (COURSE PROPER) – 900m (56.54)

Star studded trial this with the Golden Slipper winner, **SHINZO** winning this trial impressively from ZAAKI and GOING GLOBAL. Loved the trial of **SHINZO** here and he stamped himself as a Slipper winner we can follow as a 3YO. He moved well, sprinting sharply late in the piece, bursting between runners and running past ZAAKI late. Lovely effort by a horse who always looked like he'd improve as a 3YO. Absolutely no knock on ZAAKI and GOING GLOBAL.

PRINCESS GRACE doesn't look like the same horse, beaten out of sight. Not sure what's happening with her this campaign but we were taken with her in the Autumn. Couldn't back fresh of what we've seen.

## Trial 3 - GROUP TRIAL (COURSE PROPER) – 900m (57.13)

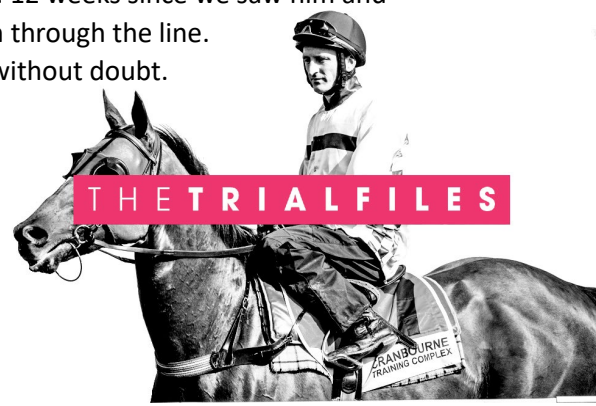
All eyes on the return of NATURE STRIP and he could hardly have been more impressive. He didn't win but loved the way he ran through the line. They didn't go overly fast but he moved well and looks in fantastic order. Happy to say he's somewhere near his best on this effort. QUEEN OF THE BALL is a speedy and professional mare. She won well and can't be faulted. ESPIONA and NEW MANDATE were beaten a long way but did enough through the line.

## Trial 4 - OPEN TRIAL – 1030m (1:03.61)

A half a length between the first four here but worth mentioning that BACKROWER and SHIBLI looked good making ground from the tail. No knock on EGYPTIAN TYCOON and AMUR, and BOIS D'ARGENT was strong late as you'd want to see.

## Trial 6 – OPEN TRIAL – 1030m (1:03.66)

**NAVAJO PEAK** looks like he's in for another good campaign. His career record is fantastic this 5YO gelding, running the quinella in 12 of 17 starts, including his last 5. 12 weeks since we saw him and his first trial back. Loved the way he moved and ran through the line.  
He can build on his good record this campaign without doubt.



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## Trial 8 – OPEN TRIAL – 900m (55.81)

HIGHLIGHTS is a new addition to the Bjorn Baker stable and it's interesting this 6YO is here. He moved well in winning this. The 6YO son of Your Song settled behind the leader and got a split late, working home well between runners to win impressively. A little wary of Baker triallers but worth mentioning.

## Trial 9 – OPEN TRIAL – 900m (54.69)

Good time here set by and interesting runner. BOSTON CITY is the horse and I'm very intrigued as to why this gelding is here, back in NSW. He was last seen on the Gold Coast putting in two mixed runs on the synthetic surfaces in a Class 1 and Class 2. Maybe he's going better this time in and they've got him here at Rosehill trialling. He led comfortably here and won by a big margin. Nice effort in smart time!

## Trial 10 – OPEN TRIAL – 900m (55.63)

**MUMBAI MUSE** – 3YO Filly for Michael Freedman. Second trial this time in and a very smart performance. This daughter of Zoustar finished off this trial in fine style, moving very well and winning this heat impressively. She's had two career runs and been a little plain, but both were in strong 2YO races. She looks to have improved and can make her presence felt this spring.

WILLIAMSBURG moved well. He's a horse that will be better over further and better on wet tracks but he went nicely. The talking point from the trial is MASKED CRUSADER. He plugged away on the inside and was under significant riding. He doesn't look to be at his best.

## Trial 13 – OPEN TRIAL – 900m (54.97)

KANDINSKY ABSTRACT – 3YO Colt in the Coolmore ownership. Waller trained and ridden by James McDonald. This son of Zoustar made an impression on debut and stamped himself as a horse to follow in the spring with a dominant Canterbury win. Second trial back and a nice one at that. He settled behind the lead before McDonald worked him into the clear in the straight, allowing him to pick up the leaders and win this well.

BUTCH CASSIDY showed speed here to settle second, outside the lead. He found under riding and trialled nicely. Liked the way TUMBLING found the line. He was having his third trial this time in.

## Trial 14 – 3YO+ MAIDEN TRIAL – 900m (54.65)

Don't like the profile of this filly, with a few trials under her belt, but hard to not be impressive with the trial of **ALLERPERCANTO**. This filly had one trial under the care of Ryan and Alexiou but is now in the hands of the Hawkes team. She was niggled at but came with a powerful run to win this, showing a turn of foot that will win races.



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Trail 14 continued... Also liked the trial of **XIDAKI** who finished strongly. This Zoustar gelding won his first trial and backed it up with a powerful piece of work. Think the first two are above average.

## Trial 17 – 3YO+ MAIDEN TRIAL – 900m (54.99)

**MAKARENA** – 3YO Filly by Snitzel trained by Hawkes and ridden by Zac Lloyd. Second trial for this filly, after winning a heat back in March. She returned here with a dynamic win. She jumped well, settled midfield before working to the outside and winning in style. She has a turn of foot and looks a nice mover. She will be winning races and is worth following. Price will be the only query given the connections.

**RAVENCLAW** ran second but he put in a sneaky nice trial in behind them. Don't let him get under your guard on debut.

### BLACKBOOKERS:

T2 – SHINZO

T6 – NAVAJO PEAK

T10 – MUMBAI MUSE

T14 – ALLERPERCANTO

T14 – XIDAKI

T17 – MAKARENA

T17 – RAVENCLAW



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