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Race 2 - 12:40PM Noel Rundle Handicap (1200 METRES)

Not a huge amount of speed for a 1200m race but a big field should create decent pressure. Have BOLD RESPONSE leading with PRANCING SPIRIT trying to find a position from a wide barrier.

Good race this but we are quite keen on one at a lovely each way price. That horse is #13 IRONTON who is first up today in over a year. He was last seen running a close up 5th at Rosehill on Feb 28 2024 when starting favourite. His win prior to that on debut was brilliant, beating home Xidaki. That horse would win his next start and then go on to win the Listed Canberra Guineas and the Group 3 Winx Guineas. The form stacks up and this son of Lope De Vega looks stacked with ability. We loved his recent jump-out too, beating home a race fit Ndola at Flemington who had run 2nd in a CS Hayes prior. #13 IRONTON has been off the scene for a while and maybe that is why we are getting a price, but convinced he has a lot of ability and the form lines read very well for a race like this. He is drawn to get an economical run in transit and looks a lovely each way play.

Three rivals come through a BM74 at this track and trip back on March 15. #9 HEART OF GLASS ran second there, beating home #7 NAMESAKE in 4th and #10 BARBARIC LAD in 5th. Convinced the winner there is a nice horse and they did go fast in that (8.5 lengths quicker to the 600m than class), setting it up for HEART OF GLASS to finish off. All three were good but perhaps HEART OF GLASS has the most improvement now second up from a nice gate today. #10 BARBARIC LAD drew wide, went back to last and charged late, running the fastest final 200m of the day. The run was fantastic and he can't be taken lightly.

SELECTION:

#13 IRONTON (EW) \$8



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