

THE TRIAL FILES

20/8/2025 SANDOWN LAKESIDE

RACE 1 – 1:00PM SPORTSBET BLACKBOOK 3YO MAIDEN (1200M)

Interesting race to kick things off with several horses trialling well. We have been keen to see #9 GETTA GOOD FEELING back at the races. She was super on debut in a strong maiden, closing strongly from last. Went to the paddock after that and has returned with two very good jump outs. She looks to have improved a lot in her break and importantly, has shown a lot more speed early in her work this time around. The booking of Jordan Childs is positive, as is gate 2, and based off her work leading in she looks a big chance here fresh.

Love the trials of #3 HUMBLE TRADER for its debut. Three trials in readiness for this and he has won all of them. He looks a stylish mover with early speed, and he has been strong through the line in each of his trial wins. The barrier looks a little sticky with speed drawn inside and we have been sucked in by a few from this sire at the trials, so cautious with him although we must admit the work has been great.

#7 WETUMPKA had his chance on debut, going down narrowly on the synthetic. Five weeks between runs and goes synthetic to grass, but the trial at Pakenham recently was good. Gets the tongue tie on and has the benefit of the run under his belt.

We liked #10 KIWI HARMONY on debut, and she ran well. Will have improved from the run but the map doesn't look good from barrier 11. #1 COMRADESHIP and #8 WRENLEE both come through the same debut run at Cranbourne and had trialled well leading in.

SELECTIONS:

#9 GETTA GOOD FEELING (win)

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RACE 8 – 5:05PM SPORTSBET RACE REPLAYS BM74 (1400M)

We will know how the track is playing by this stage of the day and hoping it is playing towards those settling on speed, as we want to be with #1 PORTER on the back of two lovely trials.

He went out last preparation in career best form and although his first up record doesn't read well on paper, he has run well without winning fresh, and notably he returns here at his pet trip of 1400m (8:5-0-1). Gets in with 60kg after the claim for Ryan Houston and draws perfectly in barrier 3 to get a soft run on speed. We loved his 18/7 Flemington jump out where he crossed the line with Evaporate and thought his second piece of work down the Flemington straight on 4/8 was good. He looks to have returned this preparation in very good order, and he looks a bet at the current price of \$9. The market late will likely tell us everything we need to know.

Very even race outside of him, with #8 JUSTADEEL having run very well first up off the back of a good trial, with another nice jump out since. The wide draw hurts here, but he likely gets back anyway so monitor the track pattern.

#2 ONE LONG DAY was good at this track first up and was then sharply up to 1600m and outclassed last time at Flemington behind Too Darn Discreet. Held an SP of \$3.50 there in a stronger race than this, so must respect the market there and back to 1400m and weaker grade he must be a leading chance.

SELECTIONS:

#1 PORTER (win)

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