

# THE TRIAL FILES

The 2YO's are back! Exciting set of trials. This trial set in 2021 saw recent Saturday winner KIBOU win the first trial before COOLANGATTA caught everyone's eye winning her heat in exceptional fashion.

Last year we saw SON CORLEONE win Trial 1, OZZMOSIS win Trial 7, PLATINUM JUBILEE win Trial 6 and LEARNING TO FLY trial well behind SICILIAN in trial 4.

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## Trial 1 – C&G 850m (48.46)

This trial was taken out by STRAIGHT CHARGE, a \$170k purchase and bred to go early and be fast, out of a half-sister to Winning Rupert and Tycoon Evie.

STRAIGHT CHARGE was ridden out of the barriers to set a good tempo and take up the running, holding out ROSELYN'S STAR. SHALAA GOLD showed good natural speed to settle in third under no pressure. It was on at the top of the straight with Regan Bayliss pushing out STRAIGHT CHARGE vigorously, in typical Waterhouse and Bott fashion. STRAIGHT CHARGE was headed by the O'Shea trained ROSELYN'S STAR in the straight but fought on gamely to win. Both were ridden out, as was the third horse SHALAA GOLD. Big margins through the field. EMBASSY the best of the closers. BOSUSTOW was an expensive purchase but was beaten for speed and was ridden for much of the trial, beaten by over 11 lengths.

Professional effort by **STRAIGHT CHARGE** and he looks tough. Decent win in very fast time. Last 600m was quick.

## Trial 2 – Fillies 850m (49.04)

Another Waterhouse and Bott trained winner in LADY OF CAMELOT. This daughter of Written Tycoon and the half to Platinum Jubilee showed typical speed, settling outside lead before proving too strong. She took over at the top of the straight and opened up a big break on her rivals, winning it well. Professional and nice type. HOWLER worked home well along the inside.

## Trial 3 – C&G 850m (49.69)

Incredibly even line away with FRENCH EMPEROR using the rails and inside to his advantage, kicking up to lead. He is out of Champagne Cuddles and he looks like his mum! **FEARLESS**, a \$200,000 purchase for James Harron Bloodstock worked through along the inside to settle down in fourth. He worked into the clear, finishing powerfully to just grab PROST on the line. Lovely performance from FEARLESS, the son of Pierata, showing a nice turn of speed. Like that he worked between runners which is a good sign for 2YO's. PROST accelerated well, putting on a good margin on his rival. Big gap back to FRENCH EMPEROR in third. While the time didn't stack up, the first two across the line looked good.

Loved the turn of speed by the Snowden trained **FEARLESS** and he was strong late.



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## Trial 4 – Fillies 850m (49.59)

Small field and moderate time. Nice performance by CELESTIAL BLING who won this from TOTOKA who charged late. Liked the effort by the daughter of Brutal TOTOKA who looks to have raw ability. She was a \$46,000 purchase and Paul Perry would be happy with what he saw.

## Trial 5 – C&G 845m (49.29)

HIGHNESS, a \$900,000 Magic Millions purchase won this trial. The son of Snitzel jumped very nicely and showed good speed to share the lead, settling outside PEACE BY THE RIVER. HIGHNESS cruised up, dropped the horse to his inside and was very professional in winning this. Loved the way TOO SOON finished off his work, running right through the line. The colt by Charge Forward settled fourth. He was just outsprinted a little but his work in the last 50m and through the line was very good. He wasn't asked for a huge effort either and Matthew Smith would've been very pleased with what he saw from him. GRAVITAS, another for Harron like the winner, just peaked on his run but he moved well.

HIGHNESS and TOO SOON impressed. No knock on the second horse either.

## Trial 6 – Fillies 845m (48.98)

Fast time, breaking 49 seconds for the second time for the morning. Notably the barriers moved forward 5m prior to trial 5. No surprise to see a Waterhouse and Bott trained filly leading, with **LADY TASSORT** proving too quick for her rivals. She did a bit wrong in the run home and will improve from the outing but she responded when challenged by the stablemate and was too good. Nice performance by a filly with a quick action. REPOSE worked home nicely for third, absorbing a fast tempo. The Annabel Neasham trained daughter of Russian Revolution wasn't knocked about and ticked the box.

## Trial 7 – C&G 845m (49.59)

Some expensive horse flesh going around in Trial 7!

ESPIONAGE a son of Zoustar was a \$1M purchase and BODYGUARD a colt by I Am Invincible was bought for a whopping \$1.6M, both at the Magic Millions sale, both for Harron Bloodstock.

It was in fact ESPIONAGE who won this trial with the other expensive colt BODYGUARD running second. DEPUTIZE showed speed to lead and was not asked for much of an effort in the run home. He was good. ESPIONAGE travelled three wide, covering ground and racing keenly. He strode up around the home turn and took over at the top of the straight. The Waterhouse trained colt was ridden right out by Hyeronimus, fighting on to win in decent fashion.

BODYGUARD settled behind the speed before working home and running a nice 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was under strong pressure by Berry and was good.



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## Trial 8 – Fillies 845m (50.38)

A Waterhouse/Bott quinella and a quinella for Zoustar as RUNAWAY VIXEN beat home ZOBELLE. MISS TUNARAMA ran fourth here and was beaten close to 3 lengths but loved her work late in the piece. She was incredibly quiet prior to the race and didn't show a lot of speed but she cruised home and looked very good along the inside, making ground. She may not be winning early but this was a nice trial. Keep an eye on her.

## Trial 9 – C&G 843m (49.36)

First of the 843m trials. It was all **SCAMPI** here who went superbly. This \$750,000 Magic Millions purchase showed great speed and professionalism, moving well and winning by a margin. He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most expensive yearling by Blue Point, a half to Semillon, and they look likely to get a decent return on investment if this trial is anything to go by. Balanced and a lovely action under Jason Collett. A clear highlight of the morning and keen to follow.

## Trial 10 – Fillies 843m (49.46)

John Allen over from Melbourne to ride one horse and that was ERNO'S CUBE for the Maher Eustace stable. Very interesting engagement! ERNO'S CUBE showed speed to settle outside lead and she wasn't asked for an effort late in what was a pleasing piece of work. GERRINGONG worked up along the inside in a share of the lead. She got off the fence in the straight and allowed MANAAL up the inside who closed nicely enough.

## Trial 11 – C&G 843m (49.32)

Just when we thought Scampi would be the pick of the boys and wouldn't be topped, out comes **VOLATILE** who made things interesting. This \$550,000 Magic Millions purchase for China Horse Club, Newgate and others did it in a different way, coming from last and winning in incredible fashion. This son of Snitzel is out of nice mare Artemis Rose and he showed a turn of foot and a finish that isn't commonly seen in these 2YO trials. Dominant win and the Breeders is going to be a fascinating race.

## Trial 12 – Fillies 843m (49.55)

A nice way to finish the morning with the \$1.2m **INVINCIBLE MADISON** winning this trial smartly. She settled in behind the leaders and picked up very nicely to win this. Love the way she lengthened and put a gap on her rivals. The daughter of I Am Invincible is a nice mover and a standout filly on the morning.



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## SUMMARY:

Brilliant trial morning. The colts appeared to have the edge on the fillies. That said, **INVINCIBLE MADISON** did look very impressive to finish things off. Loved the way she lengthened and finished off. The filly out of Super Too was the pick of the fillies. The other filly to impress was **LADY TASSORT**.  
Notable mention to **LADY OF CAMELOT**.

The colts! Well, **SCAMPI** set the turf alight. Maybe not running blistering time but it was about the way he moved. He was incredibly balanced and looked superb, doing it under a tight hold by Collett. Lovely horse. **VOLATILE** did things differently but was also very impressive. He came from last and sets up a fascinating Breeders Plate. Of course, we can't forget about Trial 1 and the horse that ran very fast time in **STRAIGHT CHARGE**. He looks fast, professional and tough – typical for the Waterhouse and Bott stable who dominated the morning 7 winners and 6 placegetters on the morning. **FEARLESS** another to impress.

They spend a huge amount but worth mentioning the impressive effort by Harron Bloodstock to have 3 winners and running top two in heats 5 and 7.

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