



Logan/Gibbs Racing – Owner's exclusive race preview

Sunday 1st January Ellerslie R5 15.12pm 1600m Great Northern Guineas 3YO

FIELD

1. Cha Siu Bao (3)
2. Romancer (1) – Vinnie Colgan
3. Savasava (8)
4. Swissta (10)
5. Creative Genius (6)
6. Jon Snow (5)
7. Wehadeal (4)
8. Tiptronic (7)
9. Under Wraps (9)
10. Head Rush (2)

SPEED

No speed. Struggling to find a leader, but expecting #3 Savasava and #4 Swissta from wide barriers to push forward and look to take up the running from #7 Wehadeal.

#2 Romancer from barrier 1 will need to be positive from the barrier to ensure he doesn't end up 2 or 3 pairs back the rail in slowly run race pulling. Be positive as the tempo won't be strong.

TRACK

Track is currently rated Good 3 with the rail out 4m, the forecast is for fine weather. Track has been playing well and not expecting any significant bias. The team will monitor any patterns that may develop.

OPPOSITION

#1 Chau Siu Bao freshened up since 4th in Guineas, back marker who is strong late. Pace won't suit here but has stack of ability and will be charging late;

#4 Swissta should push forward, won last two well, 1600m hold know fears with likely tempo being slow;

#5 Creative Genius when clear attacked the line strongly, will relish the 1600m;

#6 Jon Snow settled back boxing day in slow paced race, made late ground. Will improve here but wants even further.

SUMMARY

#2 Romancer has improved with every outing and looks to be very well placed here.

His only defeat came in a very slowly run 1200m where he over raced, he has improved lengths since then but tucked away in a slowly run race is something Vinnie needs to avoid. More aggressive from the gates to be pushing up on the rail looking to hold leaders back.

Yes there are races ahead where he will be ridden quieter but for this Group 2 I think the best option to win the race will be to push forward. Main dangers #1, #5 and #6 will all be back in the field (unless total change of tactic). Vinnie can establish a break on them coming for home and should be very hard to catch.

He is well placed, on the up, whatever beats him wins.

Very best of luck to all owners

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