



Logan/Gibbs Racing – Owner's exclusive race preview

Saturday 18th February Ellerslie R6 15.23pm 2100m 3YO

FIELD

1. Sacred Elixir (12)
2. Wyndspelle (9) – Danielle Johnson
3. Shocking Luck (2)
4. Highlad (6)
5. Mongolian Wolf (1)
6. Camino Rocosco (7)
7. Cha Siu Bao (4)
8. Disturbance (10)
9. Romancer (16) – Jonathan Riddell
10. Beaumarchais (8)
11. Gingernuts (17)
12. Heisenberg (3)
13. Charles Road (14)
14. Leading Role (13)
15. Redeem The Dream (15)
16. Wehadadeal (5)
17. Savasava (11)

SPEED

Speed is interesting here, race of tactics, with many a trainer and jockey having one eye on the Derby in two weeks time. #3 Shocking Luck from good barrier is likely to be very prominent from #4 Highlad who I think may go forward from good gate. Very tricky to work out who is next on the speed map.

#9 Romancer from wide barrier can be given time to settle and look to slot in getting cover in the second half of the field. Just not sure how much energy he would have to use to go forward from wide gate with not long to first turn.

TRACK

Track is currently rated dead 4 with the rail out 7m, the forecast is for rain which will see track downgraded so working in the mid soft range. Last meeting here the rail was out 12m. The

team will be monitoring the track conditions and altering any pre-race plans if a bias or pattern eventuates.

OPPOSITION

#1 Sacred Elixir was good first up coming off the speed making good solid late ground, will certainly be fitter for that and certainly looking to get out in trip, not Grand Final day for him but looks well placed to be right in the finish;

#2 Wyndspelle ran strong time at Te Rapa, runs well here, looks good chance;

#3 Shocking Luck stuck on gamely last start after racing forward, good sectionals relative to day, is going to get a nice run on speed and can be competitive;

#5 Mongolian Wolf hit the line strongly last start and looks like the extra trip will be ideal, will be strong late;

#6 Comino Rocosó has been impressive at his last couple of starts, drawn well and looks to be a major player here;

#7 Cha Siu Bao was terrific last start when one of the few horses to make up strong late ground, ticking over nicely and is a great chance at odds;

#11 Gingernuts is a blowout chance after running slick time last start, getting out in trip suits;

#13 Charles Road found the line strongly last start, will relish getting out in trip another with a good hope in very open race.

SUMMARY

#9 Romancer wasn't suited by the slowly run race here last start, was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length off Sacred Elixir at the 400m and finished the same margin behind him. Strong late sectionals.

Big and very strong field as you can see by the 'Opposition' comments - this is as strong a Avondale Guineas as there has been in recent years.

Think getting out in distance is ideal at this stage of his preparation, ridden quiet being saved for one last crack at them he can certainly be strong late and is a genuine chance to get into the money.

Very best of luck to all owners

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