

Logan/Gibbs Racing - Owner's exclusive race preview

Saturday 17th June Ruakaka R1 11.47pm 1400m Maiden

FIELD

- 1. Normandy (12)
- 2. Exonerate (6)
- 3. Tuscan Whistler (14)
- 4. Signor Dal (9)
- 5. As Per (8)
- 6. Chasing Great (1) Troy Harris
- 7. Tureaud (15)
- 8. Aleria (17)
- 9. I See Red (7) Danielle Johnson
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- 11. O'Know (3)
- 12. Promise To Pay (18)
- 13. Rubyreddress(4)
- 14. Sincerity (16)
- 15. The Last Samurai (11) EM
- 16. Big Marne (13) EM
- 17. Red Sheeran (10) EM
- 18. The Bumper (5) EM

SPEED

Speed looks good here over the 1400m. Expecting #4 Signor Dal to push forward along with #5 As Per who showed good gate speed in recent trial. #11 O'Know from good barrier will be right there and #9 I See Red has gate speed. This should ensure that the tempo is solid.

#6 Chasing Great probably not ideally drawn in barrier 1. Troy needs to be very quiet on him early in order for him to get into a good galloping and breathing rhythm. There does appear to be enough speed on to give him a chance to switch off, conserving energy to be able to run on late.

TRACK

The track is rated good 4 with the rail in the true position, the forecast is for fine weather. All horses get their chance when the rail is in the true here, not expecting any significant track bias.

OPPOSITION

#1 Normandy made solid ground up at debut when they ran good time relative to the day, drawn wide but maps to race in midfield and be running on again. Looks hardest to beat; #7 Tureaud his career form of 8,8 doesn't read well but hidden merit in him. He made strong late ground from well back first up then didn't cope with very heavy track last start, will be strong late and can be an improver at odds;

#9 I See Red stuck on well first up, will have taken great benefit from that run and getting out to the 1400m suits, well placed;

#14 Sincerity first starter who trialed up ok when not knocked around too much, has some ability.

SUMMARY

#6 Chasing Great, well it's terrific to get the chance to see the big fella make his debut. 2 totally inconclusive trials last year where he seemed to trial on one breath. The tongue tie has gone on and working well in it and hopefully solved that little issue.

Really is an educational run for him, needs to relax and settle wherever he is comfortable getting into a nice breathing rhythm.

The field is about average for a large maiden this time of year with several winning chances. If he races the first half of the race within himself then he can certainly be hitting the line strongly.

Looks a nice race to kick off his career in with exciting times ahead as he steps up in distance.

Very best of luck to all owners

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