

Penrith, Thursday 28th December, 2006, trotman FULL COMMENT were as follows:



Race 1 2095m

1	GENERAL JOE	10.00	A decent beginner who should settle close up. Likes to camp behind a leader if possible. Needs a bit of late luck to feature
2	VISCONTESSE	3.70	Quick out, and also has a neat finish from cover. Should be able to pick her spot early, and then only needs even luck to be a serious threat in the finish. A good show
3	CHEEKY SOVEREIGN	14.00	Can begin fast when stoked up, and should be a chance of leading these. Needs to lift a little on his recent efforts to hold them off
4	DAVIDS GLORY	26.00	Has had two trials to tune up for this first up run. Not far off them last time around, but he'll have to be right at his peak to feature
5	MAD MADDIE	17.00	A fast beginner in some of her recent runs, but not finishing with the same speed. Must find some extra at that end
6	THEOS OPERATIVE	12.00	Ran his best ever race to win first up last week. Dug deep to work for a good win, but there's a risk that flattened him. Needs to have thrived on that effort to overcome this draw
7	VITA NIK	11.00	Being driven very one dimensionally this preparation. Sits back and comes with one late surge. Needs pace on to soften up the leaders. A rough hope
8	SHORT LEFT	7.50	His three runs for new stable have all been good. Was one-paced before, but now showing more zip. very much a danger
9	HARDWARE JOE	51.00	Managed to place two runs back, but that race finished 31.0, 30.5, slower than most. Seems to do what he wants, and that isn't always the best thing. A roughie
10	KATE SHANNON	3.50	In very nice form this season, and possesses a high speed finish. If she gets any kind of trail up in the final 800m, she'll be tough to hold off. A top chance



Race 2 1720m

1	BRAVE DEAL	15.00	A noted good beginner, but he made a complete mess of his last run. Trainer will need to have sorted out his hanging, then he might be the one chasing the back of the favourite. Only a place hope
2	TOOTH ALMIGHTY	21.00	Not quick away, but this draw is fine for that as she is already in the running line. Needs to lift a little on her last couple
3	SABLESTAR	26.00	His two runs back from a spell have been just fair at best. Looked better in his younger days, but that's a while back now. Needs a quick lift
4	CHAMPAGNE BLUES	1.20	In sensational form, winning her last three by good margins. A better horse from cover, but racing that well she has been sent forward lately. If she works to the lead, she'll be very hard to catch
5	CHAFFCUTTER	19.00	Not quick early as a rule, but usually prepared to get around them if the tempo slows. They should go a bit quick for him, but he'll keep trying. An outside hope
6	KISS OF LIFE	51.00	Obtained a neat inside split to grab a place last time. Unlikely to get the same good fortune in this. A roughie
7	HIDDEN MESSAGE	41.00	Unfortunately in very ordinary form. Gets a chance to have a soft run along the pegs, but on recent form that isn't enough. A roughie
8	scratched		
9	DEL TORO	31.00	Still has a short-sharp sprint, but his endurance is lacking. Needs a bunch of shortcuts, but if he gets them he could be a rough KO hope
10	FOXSPUR	34.00	Likes this short trip, but nobody would like this gate. Not at the peak of his form either, so he needs plenty of favours to figure. A roughie

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1	OUR ILLUSION	14.00	Not the quickest early, he should get crossed fast. Has run decent races along the pegs and might be a rough place hope from a pretty soft smother
2	GIFTED MYSTERY	1.90	Could have been underdone when he weakened first up, but has since collected twice. Can lead if he wishes, and barring a 'carve up', he should be pretty hard to beat
3	SEASPRAY	9.00	A neat sit-sprinter who will be looking to slot in as soon as possible. Can be a rough hope, particularly if the leader gets softened up
4	THE STORMY OWL	6.50	Got smashed when he was ready to pounce last start, so he'll be hoping for better luck here. At his best when held up for one dash, and looks to be in form now. A danger with just an even trip
5	CALORINA	16.00	Always a bit one-paced, but her last few runs have shown improvement. Won't get it easy from out this wide, but top driver might help that. A rough KO hope
6	LOTSA POWER	41.00	Began well last week, but not nearly fast enough to figure from this wide. Looks very much an outsider
7	NATHAN PATRICK	34.00	Will be at least three back along the pegs, and too one-paced to give others a start and a beating. An outsider
8	JUST A PENNY	11.00	Showed potential last preparation, but hasn't really got hot this time in. Facing a field with far less depth than his last few, so he could be a sharp improver if he clicks
9	GANNI	26.00	Much better served when he can punch out of the gate fast, then drop back to a slow tempo for a breather. From back here he has to race at their tempo, rather than his own. A roughie
10	ROMA JEAN	21.00	A consistent mare, but facing a tricky test from back here. Will need plenty of speed up front before she can run into it fairly late

Race 4 2095m



1	WINSOMERAMA	11.00	The quickest beginner, but doesn't have the strength to hold the lead. Will be looking to sit behind a strong one, and might have a rough hope if everything went to plan
2	MADTIME	12.00	Racing consistently well, and should be able to get a neat run from this alley. Could be underestimated, and might be a KO chance
3	GOLDEN PAUA	10.00	A neat performer who has a short sharp sprint when smothered up for the journey. May be able to get the run he needs from here, and driver knows what's needed. A rough hope
4	MERCURIO	4.50	Has a high cruising speed when set alight. If he could work to the front, he'd be pretty difficult to pass. A bit fierce at times, he needs to settle to do his best. A great danger
5	SAFE LEVEL	14.00	A far better horse when leading, he has disappointed in some better grade races recently. May have to burn hard to go for the top, but such an effort could well cost him later. Could be losing form. An outside hope
6	GLITZY MISS	13.00	Hasn't had much luck in her last two, and now she gets this ordinary draw. Racing well now, but will clearly need some luck to get a nice trip. Just a rough hope
7	ONE LAST HAND	15.00	Scored pretty well last time when he crossed to the lead from out wide. Will have to race the opposite way from here and may never get out. A roughie
8	STAY WITH POPLAR	8.00	Working through his grades neatly, but the form guide doesn't tell the whole story. Driver has done well to get this risky starter away. Like most drawn the back, he would love some speed up front, as he can sustain a good finishing burst. A decent chance
9	MIKAYLA ANNE	5.50	An all round good mare now after compiling a very good record. Has developed the ability to chase well and will be a threat if the tempo is solid
10	HOT NIGHT IN PARIS	7.50	Dropping back from Friday night grade, but this solid lineup and the poor gate will balance that. Like a few on the back, he'll need speed on to roll them. A chance

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1	ALICE STREET	7.00	Last time she drew here, she led throughout. A good trier, she will give plenty of cheek if she can hold the top. A fair chance against a couple that look pretty classy
2	PANORAMA LASS	2.50	Pushed on stylishly to lead and win last week. From this top gate she can choose to go for the top, or take cover just as easily. A major threat after an easy showing first up
3	MISTER EYORE	26.00	Named after his massive donkey ears, he has always been a bit below the mark when he's come to town. Meeting a couple of promise, he must go even better than his last win
4	WELLS FARGO EXPRESS	34.00	Bought into this stable for what they usually look for - gatespeed. Has shown fair amounts of it, but won't settle well enough to be there later. Only a roughie
5	APANAGOLD	41.00	Better served when drawn closer to the pegs in a shorter race. Could get caught wide and that would spell the end of his hopes. An outsider
6	ROYAL ASHLEE	31.00	She raced consistently well for a handful of starts, but that seems to have slipped now. This gate only makes things tougher for her. A roughie
7	scratched		
8	AARRANA DILINGER	9.00	Has a nice turn of foot, so this draw may turn out ok. Of course she will need some luck to get clear, but she should be full of running after a soft trip. A KO hope
9	WUNDER CLOUD	2.80	Suffered last start when most of the field ganged up on him, forcing him extra wide when he wanted to move. Driver will be wary not to get caught again, and should launch a sharp sprint. Will be tough to hold out
10	RIVERCAT	51.00	Snuck along the pegs to score a late win three back. Little hope of a repeat from this draw, plus the opponents are better. An outsider



Race 6 2095m

1	KRISTENS ANGEL	14.00	Produced a few strong finishes late in her last preparation, possibly thanks to some cold drives when she was still learning. Just a run first up, she needs to do better to beat these. An outside hope
2	DANCE ATBRUSHGROVE	7.00	Began well before settling in behind the speed on debut. Held up for some time late, but would not have worried the winner. With a little improvement she could give some cheek in this. Some hope
3	ESSEMBEE	9.00	Chased home the winner pretty well last start, her first for this stable. Had the 1x1 trail there and could get another good trip from this gate. A rough hope
4	MISS ADRIANA	11.00	Raced well in some fillies features last season. Won a trial a couple of weeks back and should have the class to be some danger in this
5	MATILDA SHANNON	10.00	Has been close up behind some nice types in all her starts so far. Only needs an even trip to be thereabouts again. One of the hopes
6	IDRAPOZZA IMPACT	34.00	A decent beginner, but that won't be good enough from way out here. Could be caught wide and struggle from there
7	BETAPIC	31.00	Not doing a lot to recommend her so far. A modest beginner, she should be well back on the inside here. A roughie
8	MERRYWOOD DUCHESS	4.00	Can run, but sometimes finds trouble too. Should get a neat trail from this draw behind a quick one, and looms as a serious threat if there's any speed at all
9	DANCE OF LIFE	3.30	Highly promising. A short-half-head away from being unbeaten. Only did what she had to first up, and will be asked for more here. Hard to hold out
10	COUNTESS ADIANA	51.00	Won a race by leading earlier this preparation in very slow sectionals. No chance of that script here. A roughie

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Race 7 2095m

1	FLIPS MATE	17.00	Far better drawn to suit here than last week from the back. Quick out, but never gave a yelp last time. A place hope if driven conservatively in this tougher race
2	SUNNY CASINO	21.00	A good beginner, like a few drawn close. At his best when he can trail the lead along the pegs. A rough hope if he can grab that trail
3	PANORAMA SWING	9.00	Lightly raced so far, but he loves it in front. Only caught in the shadows of the post last week, he could go for the same role here. A cheeky chance
4	CARD SHARK SHANNON	3.20	A pacer with high cruising speed, but also the occasional gaiting problem. Can sustain his top speed for longer than most, so if he gets a smooth run, he's a major threat
5	MOVEITMOVEIT	15.00	Driven off the speed in most of his races, he should drop back here. He might get a trail into it late with so many decent horses in this. A KO chance if the leading bunch go too fast
6	JOHN HENESSY	26.00	Took full advantage of the 1x1 trail last time to let rip in the straight to score. Wears spreaders, so might have problems making ground on the turns. From this gate, only an outside hope
7	STRONG EAGLE	10.00	Has a sharp sprint so could get a run to suit along the pegs here. Will need a slice of luck to get a clear crack at them, but could be a danger if he does
8	SPIRIT OF ARMBRO	8.00	Not brilliant out, he can be strong in the finish, so this is a good draw. Meeting a tougher bunch than last week, he is still some hope
9	CANDYS PRINCE	3.60	Led and kept the tempo high when scoring last time. Must do it the other way around here from the tail. A quality horse with a strong chance
10	ITS DA TYM	51.00	A grinding type when he fires, he is taking on a stiff task here. Stepping up a fair way, he looks a bit out of his depth. A roughie



Race 8 1720m

1	MERRY LAMB	4.00	Ran 2:00 at the trials before she was named, but hasn't quite gone on with it yet. Should settle handy in behind the lead and can be a late danger
2	KRYSTYVONNE	3.50	A good beginner who is in form, but still over-racing a bit. Only needs to settle just slightly and could give a load of cheek here. A good hope
3	SCARLET SHIRAZ	10.00	Like all in this barn, she likes to race up in the firing line. Faded last week after making mistakes, but could pose problems for the leader with her racing style. An outside hope, but a key player
4	JANS REBEL	81.00	Has only earned prizemoney by turning up at HP in fifteen attempts. Not likely to reverse the trend here
5	THE TRUMP CARD	9.00	A quick beginner, but not fast enough to lead. Will likely burn out to fire up the leader, then wait for cover. Just a rough hope
6	SLIGHTLY SOUTHERN	7.00	Racing consistently, and if she can get an ounce of luck from the wide draw, she could challenge late. One of a few hopes
7	SWEET AVERIL	8.00	Likes this trip, but facing an awkward test from back here on the pegs. Should be three back, and may struggle to get a clear crack at them. A rough KO hope
8	OUR GIRL SOKY	17.00	Unraced for some time, she has trialled modestly a couple of times lately. Drawn to get a neat trip, she could be worth a speculative place ticket
9	ENJOYTHEGOODLIFE	26.00	A one-paced mare who needs the leading division to go crazy, then tire. Only a slight place hope
10	GLENIDOL CECILIA	31.00	Raced some good ones so far, but not that close yet. This gate poses an added hurdle. Just a roughie as yet

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1	MISTER ALBERTINE	41.00	Will be hoping to begin well enough to settle close to the action. Even if he does grab a spot in behind the speed, he will be stretched to keep up late. A roughie
2	RIVER WILD	9.00	Worked to the top from wider than this first up, so he'll expect to get to the pegs here. Should he opt for a trail behind the hotpot, he will be the best placed to get close. A narrow KO chance
3	BOLD AND REGAL	1.20	Has returned to racing in super form. Went great splits winning first up and did a top job after trouble last time. Very difficult to beat
4	APOLLO ROCKET	67.00	Ran 2nd two starts back, but the times in that were slow. He needs to lift a long way to get near a couple here
5	RUTHLESS BILL	151.00	Has very ordinary form in races and trials. Very much an outsider
6	SCRATCH ME HAPPY	15.00	Showed promise as a 2yo, then given plenty of time. Two trial wins had him primed, but got too far back last week. Will be chasing home a good one by the looks of it
7	TROUBELL	51.00	Going ok for new trainer, but not quite making the step up that he needs to break through. These will be too slick
8	SPEEDY SUNRISE	31.00	Racing consistently, but without a lot of luck. Will be giving a good one too much head start, but he has a fair place hope from the running line draw
9	LACHLAN GLOW	81.00	Making steady progress, but this looks way too tough. His good runs have been against much lesser types
10	COBALT BEACH	34.00	Has shown some talent at times, but far more often bad manners. Only a rough place chance if he does everything right