



Bendigo
04 July, 2014

Race 7 - TAB BENDIGO CUP FINAL (GOBIS)

Watchdog Selections: 1 4 7 3

PIPPA SHIRAZ

\$3.50

Trainer: R Britton (Lara) -

Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 62 Starts. 18-15-9

Prizemoney: \$77235

Fast Times: BEN – 24.07, GEL – 22.40, WBL – 21.90

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The Watchdog says: Surprisingly this sprinter is entering just her first Group Race Final, in the twilight of her career. Her greatest skill is her flying box speed which, more often than not, puts her in the lead of her races. She took a fall at Horsham three runs ago but has bounced back well winning in 22.40 at Geelong and taking victory by a nose in her heat. She's come up with a great draw and will be in this for a long way.

FLYING BOLT

\$16.00

Trainer: A Mooney (Amherst) -

Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 57 Starts. 14-9-4

Prizemoney: \$26065

Fast Times: BEN – 23.58, HVL – 19.20, HOR – 23.25

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The Watchdog says: As the extreme outsider in his heat, he pulled off an amazing victory. He put pressure on the highly fancied Harry Keeping straight out of the boxes and surpassed him by a length on the finish line. He ran a spectacular 23.58 over this journey back in November, but his recent form has been somewhat mixed. He's a wildcard in the final here but, with his experience over this track, he could pull off a big coup here.

ZIPPING SNOOPY

\$5.50

Trainer: P Dapiran (Northwood) -

Group Race Honours:
G1 National Derby - Finalist

Stats: 22 Starts. 6-5-3

Prizemoney: \$16380

Fast Times: BEN – 23.68, SHP 25.25, HOR – 23.35

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The Watchdog says: This runner caused one of the bigger upsets in the heats, and he certainly did it in fashion, scoring in the fastest heat time of 23.68. He defeated some very talented types in his heat, including Walk Hard, so he should be right up to this class. However, to win here it will all come down to the way he starts. He can't afford to give away an early head-start to these opponents if he wants to take the win here.

LUCA NEVEELK

\$4.20

Trainer: G Kleeven (Denison) -

Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 13 Starts. 12-0-1

Prizemoney: \$33025

Fast Times: BEN – 23.87, TRA – 16.61, HVL – 18.93

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The Watchdog says: This fantastic youngster has a near perfect record after 13 starts to date, with one third place finish coming in just his 3rd race start. He produced a near impeccable performance in his heat. There was plenty of pressure, mainly from the favourite Universal Size, but Luca produced a fantastic finish to run away at the end to win comfortably. This looks the first of many Group Race finals for this sprinter.

WHITE SPYRO

\$10.00

Trainer: C Davis (Altona Green) -

Group Race Honours:
First Group Final

Stats: 27 Starts. 10-4-6

Prizemoney: \$33185

Fast Times: BEN – 23.80, SHP – 21.99, WBL – 22.14

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The Watchdog says: She's always shown great early speed in her races but she has been showing more and more stamina to run out her races strong. Her heat victory was a great example of this, getting away to a good early lead and a final 3 length margin over her opponents. She recently won the Wagga Gold Cup and has a good chance to make another addition to her trophy cabinet here. She must lead early.



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ELITE DEVIL

\$21.00

Trainer: M Mallia-magri (Avalon) -

Group Race Honours:

First Group Final



Stats: 37 Starts. 10-9-6

Prizemoney: \$26865

Fast Times: BEN – 23.88, SLE – 24.86, BAL – 25.33

The Watchdog says: A sprinter who has been on the scene for about a year now and he now has a chance to taste Group Racing for the first time. He's been racing in mixed form since January but has really excelled over the last month. He used his early speed and inside draw to perfection in his heat, holding the rails throughout and scoring nicely in 23.88. It'll be a tough task to win from this draw but he could surprise.

WARRIOR KING

\$4.50

Trainer: B Ennis (Lara) -

Group Race Honours:

G1 Golden Easter Egg - 3rd, G2 Horsham Cup - 3rd



Stats: 31 Starts. 11-6-7

Prizemoney: \$82780

Fast Times: BEN – 23.48, HOR – 26.76, SAN – 29.25

The Watchdog says: He was clearly last at boxrise against a very speedy bunch of sprinters but motored his way around the field to sit only 2 lengths off Matt's Entity through the 1st turn. It looked like Top Secret would take the win but Warrior King stole the win by 3/4 of a length with a brilliant finish. He exits here from the same draw. It's likely he'll get back early but if he can get to the first turn cleanly, look for a big finish.

SENIOR SOCKS

\$5.00

Trainer: R Britton (Lara) -

Group Race Honours:

First Group Final



Stats: 20 Starts. 12-1-1

Prizemoney: \$19115

Fast Times: BEN – 24.06, GEL – 22.30, WBL – 22.07

The Watchdog says: An elite talent who has accumulated a nice record so far in his short 20 race career. He's racing to date has been mainly over the shorter 400m distances where he uses his great early dash to his advantage. He was made to work overtime in order to lead through the first turn in his heat. Things won't be any easier in this field. He will need to come out of the boxes running to head this field early.

TOP SECRET

\$31.00

Trainer: K Bravo (Lovely Banks)

Stats: 21 Starts. 4-8-3

Prizemoney: \$27230



The Watchdog says: Went very close in his heat and looked the likely winner with 50m to go. But he couldn't match Warrior King's finishing burst. He's only had 2 runs since resuming and is definitely one to follow in his next few starts.

MY KINDA MUSIC

\$6.00

Trainer: A Pringle (Yetholme)

Stats: 18 Starts. 11-3-1

Prizemoney: \$33670



The Watchdog says: She's shown exceptional talent in his short career to date but gave Zipping Snoopy too much of an early break. She still broke 24 seconds in her heat and can play a major role if she gains a run here.

PIPPA SHIRAZ (1) has shown she can match it with the best in the early speed department throughout her career and she will need to use every bit of it here to hold this talented field out. LUCA NEVEELK (4) has won an outstanding 10 in a row

Suggested Bet: Win 1

