



## Racing from NEW ZEALAND

*John Jenkins highlights his number one selection in each of the races coming up from New Zealand.*

Friday, 11 December  
TRENTHAM

### Race 1

**1 The Fugitive:** A talented two-year-old who followed up a trial win over 600m at Foxton in September with an impressive all the way debut win over 1100m at Awapuni on December 22. Meets slightly stronger opposition here but should be hard to beat again from an inside draw.

**Selections:** 1-2-5-3

### Race 2

**2 Windsor:** A consistent four-year-old who has recorded three wins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 starts and rarely finished further back than 4<sup>th</sup>. Charged home late for an impressive last start win over 1000m at Tauherenikau and should appreciate the extra 200m here. Drawn well.

**Selections:** 2-1-4-5

### Race 3

**3 Maduro:** A well bred four-year-old by top Australian sire Bel Esprit who built to a last start maiden win over 1400m at Otaki with four 2nds and two 3rds from his first 13 starts. Steps up a grade here but looks well capable of measuring up and top jockey Samantha Collett retains the mount.

**Selections:** 3-2-4-6

### Race 4

**4 O'He Can:** A lightly raced five-year-old from the strong Stephen Marsh stable who has won three races from nine starts. Scored two impressive wins over 1400m at Tauranga and Ellerslie and then was unsuited by a heavy track when unplaced at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. Should strike better footing here.

**Selections:** 4-6-1-2

### Race 5

**2 Franklin:** A promising stayer by Shocking from the powerful Baker/Forsman stable who has recorded a win and three minor placings from only eight starts. Finished strongly for 2<sup>nd</sup> over 2100m at Te Rapa last start and will carry the same weight here. Should be suited by the roomy Trentham track.

**Selections:** 2-5-3-6

### Race 6

**8 Consensus:** A well performed mare who won the Group 1 Zabeel Classic (2000m) at Ellerslie two years ago and also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Group 1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) on this track. Latest form has been below her best but a last start 6<sup>th</sup> points to a return to form and she looks well placed in this race.

**Selections:** 8-2-1-3

### Race 7

**1 Madison County:** A top class three-year-old who has recorded three wins and three minor placings from six starts. Freshened since winning the Group 1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November and sure to be primed for another top performance here. Has the advantage of the number one barrier.

**Selections:** 1-3-7-10

### Race 8

**1 Dolcetto:** A class performer who has won eight races from 20 starts, including the Group 3 Metric Mile at Awapuni in September. Carried 59kg under weight-for-age conditions when a game last start 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group 2 Manawatu Challenge Stakes (1400m) at Awapuni and drops 3kg in this race. Drawn to get a good run.

**Selections:** 1-8-4-2

### Race 9

**1 Portland Jimmy:** An exciting five-year-old who has recorded three wins and a 3<sup>rd</sup> from only four starts. Scored a game win over 1400m on this track two starts back and followed up with an even more impressive win over 1550 at Awapuni. Still stays in the same grade here.

**Selections:** 1-8-5-7

Best: **Dolcetto (Race 8)**

Next: **Madison County (Race 7)**

Roughie: **Jessiegee (Race 9)**