



Racing from NEW ZEALAND

John Jenkins highlights his number one selection in each of the races coming up from New Zealand. Friday, December 7, 2018

TRENTHAM

Race 1

1 Lincoln Falls: A promising three-year-old by Dundeel who was impressive when winning on debut over 1100m on a slow track at Woodville in September and followed that up with a close 2nd over 1400m at Hastings. Indicated he is ready for another top run here by finishing 2nd in an Open 1000m trial at Awapuni last week.

Selections: 1-7-6-2

Race 2

2 Contessa Vanessa: A class mare from the strong Rogerson stable who is the winner of five races and finished 2nd in the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) on this track back in March. Freshened since two disappointing runs at the Hawke's Bay spring carnival and finished 2nd to Melody Belle in a recent 1000m Matamata trial.

Selections: 2-4-6-1

Race 3

4 Red Cloud: A promising stayer who has won three races from only seven starts, the most recent over 2100m at Awapuni. Carried 57kg and was strong at the finish in that race and drops 2.5kg in the weights here. Has shown ability on rain affected tracks.

Selections: 4-1-5-2

Race 4

1 Aotea Lad: A first starter by Savabeel from the strong Jamie Richards stable who has had two barrier trials to prepare for this and was impressive when winning the most recent one, over 800m on a slow track at Matamata. Should be primed for a big debut effort and Opie Bosson has been booked to ride him.

Selections: 1-4-6-5

Race 5

3 Johnny Lincoln: A big six-year-old gelding by Savabeel who has returned a dividend 11 times from 26 starts and has been placed three times from four starts on the Trentham track. Run down late when 2nd over 2100m at Awapuni last start and should be very competitive in this field.

Selections: 3-10-6-1

Race 6

2 Portland Jimmy: A lightly raced five-year-old who led all the way to win by 4-1/4 lengths on debut over 1400m at Waipukurau in March and was then turned out for a spell. Resumed with a good 3rd over 1400m at Waverley on November 18 and should be improved by that run.

Selections: 2-4-1-7

Race 7

2 Prince Turbo: A promising four-year-old by Alamosa who won well over 1600m at Otaki two starts back and then covered plenty of extra ground from a wide draw when unplaced over 2100m at Awapuni. Should be suited by the drop back to 1600m here and will have the benefit of a 2kg apprentice allowance.

Selections: 2-1-10-11

Race 8

2 Ocean Emperor: A well performed son of Zabeel who has won nine races from 27 starts and is shooting for a hat-trick here after impressive victories over 1400m at Awapuni and 1600m at Tauranga. Copes well with rain affected tracks and has a great record at 1600m. Experienced jockey Rosie Myers has the mount.

Selections: 2-14-11-1

Race 9

4 Lincoln Raider: A promising four-year-old by O'Reilly who was impressive when winning over 1400m on this track two starts back and followed that up with a fast finishing 4th over 1400m at Awapuni. Drawn to get an economical run and top jockey Opie Bosson has been booked to ride him.

Selections: 4-5-10-9

Best: Lincoln Falls (Race 1)

Next: Red Cloud (Race 3)

Roughie: Jessiegée (Race 9)