

14 MARCH 2022 // RACE 1 // BARRIER 2

MAC 'N' CHEESE >> MORPHETTVILLE

TRAINER: TONY & CALVIN MCEVOY // JOCKEY: BAREND VORSTER

MORPHETTVILLE - Race 1, 12.30PM Adelaide Galvanising Industries Handicap (1200m)

Prize money: $54,750

Track: Good 4

RACE OVERVIEW

Mac 'N' Cheese returns for her highly anticipated Autumn Carnival campaign over 1200m. She will jump from barrier 2 with Barend Vorster on board and carry the top weight of 58kg (due to her having the highest handicap rating). The rail is out 3m and the surface is currently a Good 4.

Barend Vorster has a flawless record on your girl, riding her once for a win in the Listed Oaklands Plate. He's a strong rider and is getting some great results at metro Adelaide level. On Saturday (12 March), he had six rides for a 1st and four 2nd placings.

Mac 'N' Cheese tends to lack gate speed, and with the likely race leader (Somewatt Fabulous) jumping from Barrier 1, there is a high probability that Mac will land in a tricky position toward the back of the field on the rail. Being her first up run, over a shorter than ideal distance, it will be important that she works herself into a nice rhythm and can find some gaps throughout the run.

Other likely speed contenders include Jaazeb (Barrier 5) and Hopon Harry (Barrier 9). With the speed drawn across the field (inside, middle and outside), this can result in a genuine tempo as these horses will fight for the leading rail. This would be a positive outcome for Mac 'N' Cheese, based on her previous efforts – she does come into her own when she can work into a race unobstructed off a quick tempo.

All updates received from the stable this campaign has shown Mac 'N' Cheese is in good order and ready for her first up assignment. With bigger plans in play, there will be a lot of improvement to come over the next two months. She is the class horse of the field, however, has some genuine obstacles with regards to weight and gate to overcome. We want to see Mac 'N' Cheese work into her rhythm over the concluding stages of the race, irrespective of her placing, a strong finish is what the stable are looking for in this race.

A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME KEY COMPETITORS ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES

2. IMPOSING BROOK $5.50/$1.95

Trained by Patrick Payne, Imposing Brook has drawn well and if he runs, the gelding will be attempting a quick back-up from Saturday where he finished 4 behind Rich Gina and Last Girl Love. In this race he carried 59.5kg, Jacob Oppeman will be claiming 2kg which will bring his weight for this event to 55.5kg. He has some form in weaker grade in Victoria finishing 4th at Flemington in January and then more recently winning a BM58 in Sale. This is a step up in class but should get a nice run in transit.

Check out his most recent run at Morphettville

7. JUSTAKIDD $8.50/$2.60

Trained by Shayne Cahill, Justakidd is a locally trained 3YO gelding who's had 6 starts for 1-2-1. He's yet to win over 1200m, in his only start finishing last. He's familiar with the Morphettville circuit with 4 starts for a 2nd and a 3rd. He impressed in his most recent run (26/2), being 14th with 400m to run and running home for second behind Heyington Station. It is likely that Justakidd from gate 3 will drop toward the back of the field (potentially next to Mac 'N' Cheese) and they will both be looking for the right gaps to take during the race. With Todd Pannell booked for the ride, Justakidd will receive every chance.

Check out Justakidd fly home from the back of the field

8. SOMEWATT FABULOUS $5.50/$1.95

Trained by Richard and Chantelle Jolly, Somewatt Fabulous will look to control the speed of the race from Barrier 1. If she gets it all her way and does not receive pressure from outside runners, it will leave the key chances at the back of the field vulnerable, and this filly will give them something to chase at the top of the straight. She's a winner from her 5 starts, with her victory coming over a similar distance (1250m). Somewatt Fabulous was spelled after finishing 9th on Oaks Day behind Espiona in November 2021. She has had a trial finishing first by just over a length.

Somewatt Fabulous wins her most recent trial

9. SURICATE $5.50/$1.95

From the recent Blue Diamond winning team – Trainers Anthony & Sam Freedman, along with Godolphin. Suricate is a key danger to Mac 'N' Cheese. She won impressively on debut (Benalla) in August last year and was then spelled to have more time in the paddock. First up this campaign at Caulfield, she jumped at $5, she spent most of the race in last place before finishing off well to finish 5th suggesting she would appreciate more ground. She steps up from 1100m to 1200m on Monday. After her first up run, she had a jumpout at Mornington finishing 3rd and asked for an effort. Behind her in that same gallop was recent Listed Stakes runner up, BROOKLYN HUSTLE. Suricate, has a 4kg weight advantage over Mac 'N' Cheese (at set weights without penalties) and has Jamie Kah booked for the ride. From Barrier 7 she should be able to hold herself in a comfortable position midfield. It is likely that Suricate will be the horse that Mac 'N' Cheese will need to run down at some point during the run.

Suricate holds off Brooklyn Hustle in a jumpout

MAIN DANGER: #9 SURICATE.

With Jamie Kah in the saddle and from an elite stable, with a lightweight of 54kg. She's holding firm in the market opening at $5.50 and still at that quote at the time of this preview being written. She's very nicely bred, being by Exceed and Excel and her Dam, Antelucan – a winner of the Adelaide Guineas and over $300,000 in prize money

BETTING PLAY (Mac 'N' Cheese):

There is no doubt on paper, Mac 'N' Cheese, is the class horse of this race. However, as a filly, carrying top weight (58kg) against 3YO males and females, being first up with bigger plans in mind, as well as drawing an inside gate the odds are stacked against her. If she can run up to what we've seen from her previously, Mac 'N' Cheese is a good each way play. Approach with caution as the key is to simply see her return in good order.