

ROCK CHANT >> SCONE

TRAINER: BJORN BAKER // JOCKEY: RACHEL KING



SCONE // RACE 2 // 1000 METRES YALUMBA MAIDEN HANDICAP MAIDEN // PRIZEMONEY: \$40,000 TRACK RATED: SOFT 5

Race Overview

Rock Chant makes her return to the track on Friday when she steps out in a 1000m race at Scone. The track is currently rated a Soft 5 which would be beneficial to her, but we are aware that track conditions are changing quickly at the moment.

It is a capacity field, expect a few scratchings with a few of these horses double nominated. She does have a wide barrier to contend with, but the Scone straight is quite long before they take the only corner of the race.



A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME KEY COMPETITORS

1. HAMAKI

A three-year-old gelding by Winning Rupert. Has had six starts for three top-three finishes. Has to carry the top weight of 62.5kg but does get Tommy Berry in the saddle from barrier 4. He is a recent trial winner on April 19.

[Watch the most recent trial here](#)

2. FIELDING

A gelding by Deep Field who has had three starts for three top-three finishes. Two of those performances have been at his home track Wyong. He has never been more than \$3.40 in the market showing that he has been highly thought of in all of his races.

[Watch his 2nd place finish at Wyong last start](#)

4. PACHECO

Is a gelding by Hinchinbrook and has Hugh Bowman in the saddle from barrier 5 with 60kg. In his three runs so far he has got back and made up some good ground. From barrier 5 and now in his third racing preparation, I expect that he will be able to settle a little closer. He is a recent trial winner.

[Check out the recent trial here](#)

5. ULTRA

A three-year-old filly by Not A Single Doubt who has had ten starts for five top-three finishes. Trained by James Cummings, she will have to overcome a wide draw with Kerrin McEvoy taking the ride. She has had five runs on a soft track for three-seconds and has to be respected.

[Check out her 3rd place finish at Warwick Farm last start](#)

7. KAYOBI

This gelding by Maurice has only had one start at Muswellbrook and finished second. His sole race and two of his three trials have been on good tracks, so it is hard to know how he will go if it does get wet. He showed speed in his only start, so he should be able to settle nice and close from barrier 7.

[Check out his most recent trial](#)

13. ROCK CHANT

Our three-year-old filly by Fastnet Rock. She's been the favourite for both her two career starts but did have excuses in both. Once again, she has drawn wide, so she is going to need some luck. The in-form Rachel King takes the ride and her trials have once again shown that she has ability. She is a winning chance if luck goes her way and she can find a spot in running.

[Check out her most recent trial](#)



16. THE ROCKWELL SCALE

Currently an emergency, if this three-year-old gelding by All Too Hard gets a start then I think he can be a player in the race. His only race start was good and he has won both of his recent trials, including one on a soft 7.

[Check out his most recent trial](#)

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BETTING PLAY (Rock Chant)

If you want to back Rock Chant, I would suggest more on the place than the win. Eg. if you're a \$50 punter (\$40 on the place, \$10 on the win). I would also suggest to wait until just before the start and bet on the tote. We have seen that she can drift out quite late in bettering, so I would suggest you'll get a nicer price than the \$4.40-\$5 on offer right now.

BETTING PLAY (Overall)

Really tough race! I think about 7 horses can win this race and barriers/conditions may play a big part. Personally I would probably back both #1 Hamaki @ \$4.40 and #16 The Rockwell Scale at \$7.50 if he gets a start.

