

Daffodil (NZ) (10-1)

4yo b Mare

No Excuse Needed (GB) – Spring (NZ) (O'reilly (NZ))

Owner: G & M Chittick

Trainer: Kevin Gray

Jockey: Chris Munce

Analysis:

Kiwi mare has two recent eventful runs, getting knocked around in the New Zealand Oaks (GI) and the Caulfield Cup (GI)- managing fourth place finishes in both. Has been described as unlucky despite winning 7 out of 21 lifetime starts. Most prominently won last April's AJC Oaks (GI) over 1 ½ miles. No shortage of luck in that contest, as she split the field mid-pack and roared home to win by 2 lengths. Has the closing kick to win this, and with today's light weight assignment she's a definite contender.