

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Friday, August 11, 2017 (7:00 PM Post Time)

Race 1 1-5-6

Tobins Optimism Comes into this one off a career best effort which just happens to be the fastest win time on the page. The rail just adds to his appeal.

Souverain Tough first over trip last time but he still hung on for the bronze. A smoother journey this time around puts him right in the thick of it again.

Word Game If his latest effort is any indication, the mid season slump could be a thing of the past. He's also the only multiple winner in the field this year and that's gotta give him some credibility.

Race 2 1-3-8

Fitbid Luck Makes his career debut after a nice qualifier and the best might be yet to come. Could win at first asking.

Flash In The Pang Hasn't been getting much respect at the mutuals but he might get more tonight after back to back third place finishes and nothing but closing quarters in under 30 seconds.

Patrick Q We know nothing about this guy but there have been a few Quebec invaders that have performed well during OHW so he could be worth a shot.

Race 3 1-6-5

Rockstar Drums He appears to like the front and rail control gives him a great chance at setting up shop there. With some rated fractions it could be all over.

Double Decker He shows some pretty quick miles at Rideau and while it's a slightly bigger track, he showed some speed on this sized track in his qualifier. He's a force to be reckoned with.

Twomacsoneshadow He's been charted in 58 in each of his three starts this year and if he goes there again tonight he should get a good piece of this one.

Value play Rockstar Drums

Race 4 1-2-3

Fly With Max Drops and draws the rail and that's often a recipe for success. Anything remotely close to his best will make him hard to deny.

Toad River He's got a pretty good late kick, he drops a notch on the class ladder and gets an ideal post to work from. That's a combination that could put him right in the hunt.

Hemingway We're not brimming with confidence but at least he finished third on the drop last week so we'll give him the nod to complete the tri more by process of elimination than anything else.

Race 5 8-6-5

My Lucky Killean Drops to a level that's unfamiliar territory for him and despite having the outside post he's got the gate speed to overcome it. Good spot for a wake up call.

Jetster Teamed up with Marc last time for his best result in ages. He's had some big efforts over Island tracks in the past so don't be too surprised if you see another one tonight.

Thirdstraight Shot He's not the safest play on the page but as he showed in his qualifiers, there's something there. If he keeps his mind on his business he's possible tri material.

Race 6 1-3-4

Sporty B Skipalong He's been finding the sledding a little tough against those he's been facing so the drop to this level should be most welcome. Landing on the pylons is just a bonus.

Dinger Two The tardy starts have left him with just a little too much work to do lately but from here we would expect a better beginning which in turn will lead to a better result.

Windemere Johnny He doesn't have a stellar win record but it's hard

to ignore 29 top three finishes in the past two years. Good shot at adding to those totals tonight.

Most probable Sporty B Skipalong

Race 7 5-6-2

Painted Pony He's hit for the cycle in his last three including a nice win last week. Steps up a notch but it's not somewhere he hasn't been before so don't rule out a repeat.

Bowyer Hanover There's nothing wrong with the way he's been racing but he just can't seem to win one. That being said, he's still a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Four Corners He was a non factor in his last two but with him getting an ideal post to work from this time around he should get away much better. He's worth considering.

Longshot play Chief Exec Officer

Race 8 1-7-4

Machinthesand He's become a bit camera shy this year but he's been racing well hitting the board in two out of every three starts. One of these times everything will go his way.

Goliath Reigns He was simply overmatched at Summerside so we'll just toss those two starts. Tough post tonight but it could be offset by the drop in class so he should make his presence felt.

Old Buck This guy has turned into a pretty handy horse but the question is, will he be as good here as he is at Summerside? It's still a half mile track so we'll have to say, yes.

Race 9 6-7-5

Narragansett He's right there every week but he just always seems to come up against one that's holding the hot hand. You know he'll be coming from the back again and if Jason can get him to within striking distance and he kicks home like he has been he could get it all.

Denver Dolly We're not thrilled with the post position but at the end of the day what it comes down to is, how can you leave Marc out of any ticket? You can't.

Simon Said Steps back up in class but he shows top three finishes at this level in the past so he looks like a legitimate contender in here.

Race 10 7-8-3

Rash B Havior The seven hole could curb your enthusiasm and he steps back up in class. Now for the good news. He barely broke a sweat in winning last week and is still at a level lower than he's used to. Top call.

Oh To Be Me He's got his work cut out for him from here but look at the last quarters this little guy puts up every week. Give him some live cover when he makes his move and see what happens.

Give Em Heck Hasn't looked totally out of his element against some high calibre opposition so he should find these more to his liking. Could have some say in the outcome.

Race 11 4-5-3

Adkins Hanover His form deserted him for a couple of starts last month but if his recent efforts are any indication, it's back. If he can secure an uncontested lead there could be nothing to stand in his way.

Forever Paradise He's not quite back to where he was the past couple of years and maybe he never will be. Having said that, he's not that far away and should give these all they can handle.

Likely To Win Meets tougher opposition tonight but he's sharp right now with back to back wins so his form just might be good enough to overcome it.