

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Saturday January 13 (12:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 1-4-6

American Captain He's about due for a wake up call and this could be the spot for it.. Anything close to his best will make him hard to deny.

The Gormanizer He's not a frequent winner but then none of his rivals are either. With the drop in class he gets for this one he's a force to be reckoned with.

Casimir Obama Had a tough trip in his local debut after being off for three weeks so with a smoother journey today he's got some credibility.

Race 2 5-7-2

Alberta Sky He's in dire need of a confidence boost so dropping to a level that's unfamiliar territory for him should provide it. Clearly the one to beat.

Artners In Crime He was a bang up second out of the two hole two starts back and we don't see any reason he can't produce a similar result in here.

Cowboy Chrome The three weeks off seems to have done him the world of good as he's sitting on back to back top three finishes. Be prepared for him to add another one to that total today.

Most probable Alberta Sky

Race 3 2-5-7

Dusty Lane Zendaya Burned a lot of money last time when she was basically a non factor. That performance leads to some substantial class relief and a chance to redeem herself.

Jinglewriter She's got a pair of third place finishes in her last three starts and they came against much tougher opposition than she meets here. She'll give a good account of herself.

Didusehat She's had good results in both of her local starts despite not having much luck at the draw. Another tough post today but it should be offset by the sizeable class relief. Looks like a solid tri candidate.

Race 4 7-1-6

Tempo Seelster It won't be any picnic from out here but this is much easier opposition than he's used to facing so with his best effort and a bit of trip luck he could get it all.

Oh To Be Me Finished second last time out when he drew a favourable post and as luck would have it, he gets a better one today. He'll give them all they can handle.

Political Crisis We're not thrilled with his win percentage but at the same time, he was on the board in better than half his starts last year. He's a legitimate contender.

Race 5 3-7-5

Bettim Vicky Looked like the sky was the limit after her career debut but it's been all downhill since then. It appeared like she was going to have an impact last time before the break so if she can avoid a similar fate today she might be sitting on a big one.

Mia Lotta She's been first or second in three of her last four against pretty much the same opposition she faces here and she did it from posts similar to what she has today. She's worth considering.

Bad Silver With her facing easier today than she did in her first two local starts she's got a good shot at cracking the top three.

Race 6 2-3-1

Onhotvett Back class is always worth points and this old girl has tons of it. With her facing a fairly soft field from an ideal post she could go out with a bang.

Whitesand Artist She was a solid second a few lines down the page the last time she raced at this level so she looks like a top contender in here.

Tipsy Mcstagers There doesn't appear to be a lot separating the remaining contenders so when in doubt, go with the advantage of rail control.

Value play Onhotvett

Race 7 4-5-2

Forever Paradise Made an uncharacteristic break last time but those things can happen to the best of them. On the bright side it gets him some class relief today. Top call.

Jetta Flys He's had a few drivers the past couple of months but the partnership with Corey seems to be the formula. Four straight top three finishes and a good shot at making it five.

Jeb Hasn't looked totally out of place against the bearcats so dropping back to the level of his most recent win should be most welcome. We're just calling for third but it he brings his "A" game any of the top three spots could be his.

Race 8 1-2-5

Charlottes Western She's had excellent results when racing at this level despite not having the greatest spots to work from. With the rail today there could be nothing to stand in her way.

Anzula Wasn't able to hit the board in her last three but she was right there despite having some tough first over trips. If she's able to pick up some cover today instead of providing it she could be right in the hunt.

Winrllosedrnkdaboze She's hit for the cycle in her last three and despite moving up a notch her form appears to be good enough to overcome it.

Race 9 5-3-4

Rose Run Quest His winning streak came to an end last time but the flat tire would have been a contributing factor, don't you think. After that bit of bad luck he'll be looking for redemption today.

Woggy Rocks His current form is excellent and he draws inside in a compact field. With all that going for him don't be too quick to dismiss him.

Czar Seelster He missed his latest assignment but at this point of the season it likely did him more good than harm. It was also about a hundred below so he probably appreciated the night off. He'll have some say in the outcome.

Race 10 8-1-2

Good Luck Kathy While this is a nice group of mares they're not quite of the calibre she's used to facing. The post is a big obstacle to overcome but we'll still treat her as the one to beat.

Woodmere Articblue She's got a good late kick and rail control which can be a dangerous combination. The boost of confidence she likely got from that latest win could put her right in the picture.

Julep Hanover She's got the versatility to handle any racing style and a post that should see her on the lead or in a stalking position. When you couple that with class relief you're looking at one that could be right in the thick of it.

Longshot play Collective Wisdom

Race 11 6-4-3

Fern Hill Breeze That was some trip he went last time, uncovered from the half in that brutal wind chill and still won going away. Off that performance we won't rule out a repeat.

Pictionian Storm He's taken it up a notch the past couple of weeks and despite moving up, he's faced and beaten this type in the past. Since his form seems to be returning he could make his presence felt.

Zingers Laugh This guy has mother nature to thank since he had the eight hole last week in the cancelled card. His chances have just gone way up with the move five spots to his left.

Race 12 3-1-5

Eagle Jolt He just beat most of these last time and he did it from the same post he gets today. Can anyone think of a reason why he can't do it again? We can't.

Salmonier Storm This guy can kick home with the best of them and with a post that should have him in prime position to exploit that burst he's a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Tell Me Why She's not facing the girls today but it's still pretty hard to leave one out that hasn't been out of the top three in over two months.

Race 13 1-3-2

The Big Bite While this is a solid group, they're just a little below what he faces on a regular basis. Since this is the lowest he's been on the class ladder in recent memory and getting the rail as a bonus he could be the one to knock off.

Fly With Max Two starts back he was a bang up second a couple of steps up the class ladder from this. That performance coupled with a favourable post makes him a major danger.

All Out He didn't have a stellar win record last year but he did close out 2017 with four top three finishes in his last five tries. It could be five for six after today.