

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

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Race 1 2-3-1

Zambuca Gass Solid effort last time out in his third start off the bench and is rewarded with a drop to the bottom of the class ladder. Clearly the one to beat.

Windemere Rene Burned a lot of money last week but we'll toss that one since he never saw the pylons. He could redeem himself with a smoother journey.

Private Dancer She could get a similar trip to the one she had last time and it put her in the ticket in that one, so why not again?

Most probable Zambuca Gass

Race 2 7-6-5

Midnight Play He appeared to have some step last week until the break so maybe he's coming around. He's dominated better than these in the not to distant past, so beware.

Bowyer Hanover Not the greatest post in the world but it should be offset by the fact that he's lower than he's been in recent memory. He'll give them all they can handle.

Fitelle There's not much early speed to his inside and this guy has just enough to get well spotted. He's possible tri material.

Value play Midnight Play

Race 3 1-4-2

Blacky Black This fella just beat most of these last week when Norris was able to work out a perfect trip. If he gets a similar journey today, and there's no reason to think he won't, he could double up.

Woodmere Soul Did all the work last time but he just got collared late. He'll likely be looking to control it again and while we're just calling for the deuce, it wouldn't come as a shock if he hung on.

Desired Treasure He's got four top three finishes in his last five tries and with an ideal post to work from he's got a good shot at adding to those totals.

Race 4 3-2-4

Keep Coming Couldn't deliver as the chalk last week, something we'll attribute to the trip. Gets further class relief for this one and is reunited with Gary so we'll treat him as the one to beat.

In Cahoots Found the sledding a little tough in his last few starts so he drops back to the level of his most recent win. That class relief could put him right in the hunt.

Colossal Killean He reeled off three straight wins last month and two of them just happened to be in this class. A return to that form makes him a legitimate contender.

Race 5 2-1-3

Fern Hill Breeze He should be fresh if nothing else since he's only had a couple of starts since the summer. He had a solid return effort last week and with him now back on a regular rotation he's quite possibly the one to beat.

Doublejacksandaces He's seven for eight in top threes and when you couple that with rail control he's a force to be reckoned with, despite being on the bench for a month.

Miramichi David He's got the fastest win time on the page this year which should tell you what he's capable of but it's hard to guess which version will show up. If it's the good one he'll be right in the thick of it.

Race 6 2-3-5

Mach Of Ballykeel He hasn't looked totally out of his element against better than he meets here so dropping a notch could be just what the doctor ordered. Top call.

R ES Nancy After six straight top three finishes she's regressed a bit the past couple of weeks. While it's still the same class today, the opposition is definitely easier so look for her to get back on the ticket.

OK Gladiator He's struggled at this level but his rivals aren't exactly lighting it up. His best effort makes him a tri candidate.

Race 7 3-8-2

Dilans Mustang He was simply too far back in his last couple to have had an impact but with him moving inside today a better beginning could be in his future. Might be the one to knock off..

Threestepstoheaven You know where this guy is going to be coming from after drawing out here but he's a strong finisher so give him some live cover and see what happens.

Useful Hanover He's reunited with Corey today and most of his better results have come when they've teamed up. He's got some credibility.

Race 8 1-6-3

Windemere Johnny He's got a good late kick and rail control which can be a dangerous combination. His good current form coupled with the trip he's likely to get from here could see him get it all.

Old Buck Got stung to a quick opening quarter last week but still got home in 29 and change for the win. Steps up slightly today but since it's still easier than he's used to he's a top contender.

Political Crisis Just look at his results the past couple of months and tell us you'd feel comfortable leaving him out. We wouldn't.

Longshot play Rising Fella

Race 9 7-8-6

Drivingthedragon N She's been off since the summer but she's had a couple of solid qualifiers and she's done enough north and south of the border the past year that it looks like the road to the winners circle could go through her.

Good Luck Kathy She's been a model of consistency all year and while the eight hole is a big obstacle to overcome, any kind of racing luck at all could put her right in the picture. She loses Jason but we'll take Walter as a replacement any day of the week.

Prettyndangerous She's been nothing but solid all season and still owns the fastest win time on the page for the current campaign. Despite the post she's worth considering.

Race 10 3-1-4

Smiley Bayama Didn't get away that well in his last couple which left him with just too much work to do. Should be able to improve on that from here and if he does, he's a potential sleeper.

Likely To Win This guy is about as consistent as they come and even when he's not in the top three, he's never too far off. When you couple that with rail control you're looking at one that will give a good account of himself.

Mr Irresistible He's probably be headed to the front and if he can get there uncontested and steal a fraction he could be around at the finish.

Race 11 2-1-7

Narragansett He'd be risky at a short price since it's been quite a while since he's won one. That being said, he's still racing pretty well and one of these times everything will go his way.

Three Truths Hasn't had a lot of success at this level which makes us wary but he gets the rail for this one and anytime he's on or near the lead, which he could be today, he's a factor. Could be again.

Cyrax He's hit for the cycle in his last three including his latest when he came from last at the half. He'll likely be coming from off the pace again but the strategy has been working so why change it?

Race 12 1-8-3

Rose Run Quest He's been out of the top three once since OHW and that includes an extended winning streak last month. After drawing outside in his last couple the rail could be the deciding factor today.

Adkins Hanover He's won four of his last five and that form has earned him a spot out on the fence. It's tough beating this calibre of horses from out there but having said that, he's still a major danger, especially if he secures an uncontested lead.

Nogreatmischief After three misses he finally delivered as the chalk last week. He won't have that distinction today so the pressure is off. He'll have some say in the outcome.