

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Sunday, October 8, 2017 (12:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 3-2-1

Someone Like You She's in dire need of a confidence boost and if she didn't get it on Thursday which is pending, this could be the spot for it today.

Auto Cruise His only win for many years came in this class when he was able to control his own destiny, something he could possibly do again today. He's worth considering.

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

Race 2 1-2-3

Van Zant Back class is always worth points and this veteran has tons of it as 45 career wins will attest to. If Ronnie can coax the best out of the old fella he's quite possibly the one to beat.

Sir Native She was struggling a bit prior to the Summerside start which is pending so use that one as a guide. If she bounced back with a solid effort, which we think she's capable of, she's a top contender in here.

Caughtfoolinaround When you look at the post positions he's been getting and how much work he had to do we'll cut him some slack. Finally getting a good spot to work from gives him some credibility.

Race 3 7-2-3

Buckaroo After last weeks performance he's now the holder of the record at both Island tracks. Seven hole or not, he's clearly the one to beat.

Windemerodontoworry Except for that hiccup on Aug 31 it's been nothing but top three finishes all year. Could be the best of the rest.

Ticked It's been an all or nothing year for him but right now he seems to be headed back in the right direction. He's a solid tri candidate but no mistakes allowed.

Race 4 4-6-2

Jetta Flys We don't know the result of Thursdays start but he moves four spots to his left for this one and that gives him a great chance at securing an uncontested lead. Top call.

Jeb Dropped to this level on Thursday where we really liked his chances. Little tougher post today but he still should give a good account of himself against this type of opposition.

Pownal Bay Saul His latest start against aged horses was four starts back in this class and it produced a third place finish. We'll look for a similar result today.

Race 5 6-2-1

Pappy Go Go They say all good things must come to an end and his winning streak probably will at some point in time, just not today.

Majian Tango He might not be getting the headlines that #6 is getting but the season he's had is nothing to sneeze at, six wins from seven tries. Could be the leading candidate for the silver.

Oceanview Deb She still hasn't won one but four straight seconds pay a lot of bills. Her excellent current form coupled with rail control could put her right in the picture.

Most probable Pappy Go Go

Race 6 3-4-1

Painted Pony He was in a little snug last time out so returning to the level of his most recent win should be most welcome. Could be the one to knock off.

I D K Should appreciate the post after being stuck out on the fence for his last two. A better beginning is almost ensured from here and if he gets one, he's a legitimate contender.

In Cahoots This gut can still kick home fairly well and with the trip he's likely to get from here he should be in a spot that will allow him to exploit it. Don't underestimate him.

Race 7 8-2-1

Royaltywestho She's got another big obstacle to overcome but with her offering a not worse than second record for the year, she's been able to overcome them so far. She gets a slight edge but trip will be key.

Elm Grove Misty Money earnings are always a good guide when handicapping stakes and this filly has a bank account that's only surpassed by our top choice. She'll give them all they can handle.

Scarlet Desire She was reunited with Marc last week and the end result was a new speed badge. She won't be 15 to 1 today but regardless of the price she certainly has to be considered for your exotics.

Longshot play Woodmere Ceilidh

Race 8 8-4-2

Freddie Since the mare that was a thorn in his side all year has packed her bags and left the country he's been unbeatable, and that's despite being assigned the outside post every week. The beat goes on.

Kennel Buddy Wasn't able to answer the bell last week but if he's over what was ailing him, he was holding his own against the two best trotters on the east coast since arriving here OHW and looks like second best again.

Holy Molie Maggie She's regressed a bit since that incredible streak she was on earlier in the year so that week off could be just what the doctor ordered.

Race 9 1-8-6

Half Cut He's won three of his last four, including beating #8 who was undefeated at the time and gets a big time post advantage over the other top challengers. He'll need to be at his absolute best but if he is, beware.

Sock It Away Given his record this year he looks like the logical choice but the eight hole is a big obstacle to overcome. Having said that, he's still a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Oceanview Magnum He's never been worse than second and despite us not calling for one of the top two positions today, he could just as easily keep the streak intact as not.

Value play Half Cut

Race 10 2-4-5

Mozartsplace The way this guy has been racing all year it's hard to believe he's only got one win. He's not racing against any in here that have beaten him, at least in the past couple of months so we'll treat him as the one to beat.

Jetster He's been on a steady climb up the class ladder but he's yet to find a spot where he doesn't belong. Bang up second at this level last time out and a top contender again.

Three Truths He's sitting on back to back thirds since moving up to this class and despite the fact that the driver is tba, we'll look for the trend to continue.

Race 11 2-3-5

Filly Forty Seven She's on a four race win streak, gets a favourable post to work from and while we have no way of knowing, Marc has likely already made a few trips to the winners circle today. Other than the short price there's not much to dislike.

Traces Of Purple Our top choice has gotten the better of her in their last two encounters but she turned the tables on her a few starts back. If that one gets beat, this will likely be the filly to do it.

Elektra Express She's the second leading career money earner in the field and the only one with a perfect top three percentage over two years. About as close to a must use as you're going to get.

Race 12 4-3-1

Shadows Mystery Richest purse of the season for the mares last week so that bad luck couldn't have come at a worse time. She'll be looking for redemption big time today.

Prettydangerous Other than that fourth place finish on Sept 2, when was the last time she was out of the top three? You can't remember either? She's a force to be reckoned with.

Ramblinglily She finished off the board in her last two starts and you might want to save those programs because it doesn't happen very often. We can't see it going to three with rail control.

Race 13 1-4-8

Mighty Cowboy He loves the front and with rail control it's a pretty safe bet that's where he's going to be. There could be nothing to stand in his way.

Lucbowski He had an abbreviated freshman campaign but he's certainly making up for it this year and comes into this one coming off a career best performance. Any horse doing that deserves respect.

Island Energetic The eight hole might curb your enthusiasm but he's been first or second in 12 of 13 starts this year and numbers like that make him pretty hard to leave out.

Race 14 1-3-6

Elm Grove Kaboom There's a possibility of some early mayhem up front so if this guy can just sit back and watch it all unfold he could go by them in the stretch.

Carracci Hanover He's only been out of the top three once since the change of address and if Jason doesn't elect to take #6 on he should be in line for a great trip. He's a major danger.

Adkins Hanover Will he make front or won't he? If he gets there without being used too hard his chances go way up but if he gets into a battle it could be a different story. All that being said, he'll still make his presence felt.