

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Thursday August 9 (7:00 PM Post Time)

Race 1 2-1-5

Sailor Blue She's a high risk proposition but as she's shown in her qualifiers, the speed is there. She could either win it or break, take your pick.

Osprey Delta What we said about our top choice, ditto for this one. Whichever of the two stays trotting will likely win it.

Majian Cash Draws outside but it's a compact field so it's not that big of a deal. Since he's already been a winner this year he looks like a legitimate contender in here.

Race 2 5-6-8

Sports Highlights She was parked into submission in her local debut but to her credit she was still only a couple of lengths back at the finish. A smoother journey tonight could see her dispose of her maiden status.

Lyndale Coco She's hit the board in three of her last four and gets a slightly better post to work from this time around. Good shot at adding to those totals.

Way Over Nothing but thirds so far in her career, the last one from a spot somewhat similar to what she has tonight. We'll look for that trend to continue.

Race 3 3-4-2

Holy Molie Maggie Those last two results are nothing remotely close to what we're used to seeing from Maggie. Will she be better tonight? We're betting she will.

Professor Gordon He's been a model of consistency all year and after three straight on the board finishes in the open class he drops a notch tonight. He's a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Wedgewood He's not the safest play on the page but if he can negotiate the start mistake free, where his problems seem to occur, and get spotted on or near the lead he looks like tri material.

Race 4 6-4-2

Diduseethat Delivered as the chalk last week from the rail and while it's likely going to be tougher from out here, she remains at the same level so don't rule out a repeat.

Dusty Lane Zendaya She shows three thirds and a win in the past month and they were all at levels higher than this. We would expect her to be right in the thick of this one.

Female Finesse Looked like she was headed in the right direction until that clunker last time. She's still a threat though, so ignore her at your own peril.

Longshot play Cougar Gal

Race 5 2-6-4

Suicide Shift Lost all hope with the early break last week and burned a ton of money in the process. The heaping helping of class relief he gets for this one gives him a good chance to redeem himself.

Meadowbranch Patsy The breaks make her risky but she's shown lots so far in her brief career, both here and south of the border. If she remains on her best behaviour she'll give them all they can handle.

Diamond Mine He cracked the top three the last two times he raced at this level and hasn't looked totally out of place in the higher classes so he's worth considering.

Race 6 1-2-3

Caught Me Speeding We're not thrilled with her win percentage but on the bright side she's already doubled last years total. This one looks wide open so the rail might be the deciding factor.

Anzula She was first up before the half last week and that resulted in her top three streak coming to an end. Picking up some live cover tonight instead of providing it could put her back on the ticket.

What A Babe She seems to have bounced back from that mid season swoon with a couple of solid performances in her last two starts. She's got some credibility.

Race 7 4-2-1

Freddie He came back from a month long hiatus last week and looked like he was never gone putting a half dozen rivals away with ease. The road to the winners circle goes through him.

Stan The Man Makes his local debut so he's an unknown but he was racing okay on the tough Ontario circuit and there's tons of back class here. Looks like a top contender.

Hop Up We couldn't have imagined her being out of the top three last time with rail control but it happened. Will lightning strike twice? Can't see it.

Most probable Freddie

Race 8 4-2-3

Prince Adam He's been involved in some quick miles the past month and except for his latest, when he drew the seven hole, he was right there every time. With slightly easier opposition in here we'll treat him as the one to beat.

Macnamarra The old fella has already matched last years win total and certainly isn't racing like a teenager. We've seen him for a few years now and know what he's capable of. Beware.

Miss Sangria We don't know much about this one but what we do know is that she's got four wins and a second from her last six tries. She'll give a good account of herself.

Race 9 4-2-1

Brodys Leona Hasn't been quite as sharp as we've seen her in the past but she still packs that dangerous late kick and if she can get spotted close enough to the front in this short field to exploit it, she's quite possibly the one to beat.

Best Risque She likes the front but so does the one to her immediate left so she might have to sit and stalk, but there's nothing wrong with that. She's a force to be reckoned with.

Drivingthedragon N Steps up slightly but remaining on the rail could offset the hike, besides she's been here and much higher in the past. She'll make her presence felt.

Race 10 1-2-4

Rockstar Drums We would expect him to cut this one or sit and stalk and be prepared for a substantial drop time wise to this glib surface. He's a potential sleeper.

Beau Seelster He's been on the board in four of his last five and it's not like we don't know what to expect because he was good here before the change of address. The ideal post doesn't hurt either.

Shanghai B G Gets Marc for the first time after compiling a pretty nice summary at Inverness. He'll have some say in the outcome.

Value play Rockstar Drums