

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Thursday May 17 (6:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 5-2-6

Kahula Morning Makes her career debut after a pretty impressive qualifier and it's reasonable to expect improvement tonight. A similar performance could see her win at first asking.

Innocent Kiss Had her first start as a sophomore last week and proceeded to go faster than she's ever gone. If our top choice gets beat this will likely be the filly to do it.

Dusty Lane Artiste She's got a good finishing kick and in a compact field like this she should be close enough to exploit it.

Race 2 6-5-2

Fleurje Not the greatest post in the world but it could be offset by the drop in class. Matching any of her recent efforts might be all it takes to win a race like this.

C L LA Rousse Her two wins last year were as much as any of them and she comes in off a decent qualifier. She's worth considering.

Hopedale Paris The old fella lost all hope last week with the early break but if he can avoid a similar fate tonight he's possible tri material.

Race 3 3-6-2

Oceanview Beemer She was basically a non factor last week after the tardy start from the back tier. In a spot tonight that could provide a fairly easy path to the front so we'll treat her as the one to beat.

Rojans White Jet She's a rallying threat that should benefit greatly from the short field. Some live flow and a cover trip to bring her into it late could put her right in the thick of it.

Anzula She was a solid third last week and is rewarded by dropping a notch on the class ladder. Coupling that with an ideal post to work from gives her some credibility.

Race 4 2-5-4

Sinnersinparadise He's been dropping his times steadily in every start this year and a continuation of that trend will make him hard to deny.

Izzies Angel She was winless as a freshman but it didn't take long for that to change as a sophomore, one start. Off that impressive performance last week she's a force to be reckoned with.

Evening Maelstrom Never really got into it last time in her first start off the bench but don't lose sight of the fact that she still sports a 70% top three record for her career. She's a viable candidate to round out the tri.

Race 5 1-4-5

Threestepstoheaven This veteran flashed a pretty good late kick in the qualifier and when you couple that with rail control it's a dangerous combination. Beware.

Give Em Heck Judging by the way he closed out 2017 the break was most welcome. Starts this campaign at a level that's unfamiliar to him and if he brings his best he's a major danger.

All Turain We're not quite sure what to expect from him this year but you almost have to include him in your tri on back class alone.

Value play Threestepstoheaven

Race 6 1-2-4

Lexis Mandy Drops and draws the rail which is often a recipe for success. It's also her third start back from the layoff which is often best so the road to the winners circle could go through her.

Sir Native If you ignore her last two starts of the year and focus on the previous few, you'll get a better indication of what she can do. A return to that form tonight and she'll give them all they can handle.

Goodmorning Ky We expected more last time on the drop so we'll give her a shot that her second try at this level will be more productive than the first.

Most probable Lexis Mandy

Race 7 3-2-7

Good Luck Kathy She was first up before the half last week and to her credit she was still only a length back at the finish. With that good tightener under her belt and some class relief she's quite possibly the one to beat.

Hurricane Hill Kicked home in 29 seconds last week, not bad for her first start off the bench. Since it's realistic to think she can only be better tonight she's a top contender.

Keepcalmndanceon Tougher class tonight and she draws the seven hole which could hurt her chances significantly. That being said, she's been very good so far and might only be a good trip away from another top three finish.

Race 8 6-1-5

Brodys Leona She draws the six hole for the third straight time but it hasn't proven to much of a disadvantage so far. If she springs the gate like she did in her first two and secures the lead it could be all over.

West River Ambyr She's already had a couple of losses at a short price which is cause for concern but at the same time she's yet to be out of the top three and lands on the pylons. She'll give a good account of herself.

Julep Hanover Was able to benefit from a great trip last week and while it's hard to say whether or not she can get a similar one tonight, she'll be dangerous if she does.

Longshot play Tell Me Why

Race 9 2-4-1

RES Shabla Earned a new speed badge last week in only her second start of the season and there's a possibility a similar trip could be in the cards for tonight. Don't rule out a repeat.

Bad Silver That's the best closing quarter we've seen from here last week and if she can find a spot on the pylons handy the front again and kick home the same way she'll be right in the picture.

Tobins Terror She closed out the 2017 campaign on a high note but her sophomore season hasn't started so well. Having said that, the rail can cure a lot of ills so she could have some say in the outcome.

Race 10 2-1-6

Nogreatmischief He was just charted in 57 and change which is pretty good considering he hasn't raced since January. He tends to lag at the start but if there's some early pace to make his late rally work he could get it all.

Heart And Soul Hasn't been real sharp to start the season but he's always loved this track and has had some outstanding performances here. The rail just adds to his appeal.

Confident Fella The post might curb your enthusiasm but he's coming off back to back thirds against tougher than he meets here so with any kind of trip luck at all he'll make his presence felt.