

HANDICAPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Thursday, October 12, 2017 (6:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 2-4-1

Mybuddyrose He's a high risk proposition but he's got a great late kick and a post that should allow him to take advantage of it. Quite possibly the one to beat but no mistakes allowed.

Elm Grove Matthews What we said about our top choice holds true for this guy. If that one doesn't win, you're looking at the one that probably will.

Sea Shocker Not a bad effort in his career debut and with him likely to improve time wise in this one he's possible tri material.

Value play Mybuddyrose

Race 2 1-6-5

Tempo Seelster Drops and draws the rail and that's often a recipe for success. Anything remotely close to his best should win this hands down.

Cabo Pan Lucas He's got the gate speed to overcome the outside post so if Kenny can get him spotted on or near the lead his chances go way up.

Threestepstoheaven He's been struggling to make ends meet but in his defense he was involved in some pretty quick miles. He was charted in 1:58 in three straight and if he goes there tonight he should get a good piece of this one.

Most probable Tempo Seelster

Race 3 5-2-1

Dusty Lane Jacob He's got arguably the best finishing kick in the field and having only four rivals to contend with coupled with the possibility of some quick early fractions could be right up his alley.

Wedgewood This guy hasn't looked totally out of place at the open level and since the big boys are taking the week off he's a major danger.

Zip The Lip He'll likely be headed to the front and if he doesn't get into a battle with #3 early he should make his presence felt.

Race 4 4-3-7

Female Finesse She shows a win and a second a couple of levels up the class ladder from this in recent starts so with her dropping down for this one we'll treat her as the one to beat.

Scarlet Safari Since she's tardy off the gate she'll have to circle them but the last time she teamed up with Walter she did just that. She's a legitimate contender.

Yankee No More Delivered as the chalk last week, hence the hike back up in class. It's still easier than she's used to though and with any kind of racing luck at all she's a tri candidate.

Race 5 6-4-1

Holy Molie Maggie She's been racing the open class since May and as her summary indicates, more than holding her own. Dropping to this level should be most welcome and make her the one to knock off.

Tyne Valley She was a winner in her latest despite being out most of the way so off that performance and with her remaining at the same level she's a top contender.

Diamond Mine Looks like he might be able to sit and stalk all the way from here and that scenario could put him right in the thick of it.

Race 6 3-1-4

Caught Me Speeding This is her third start back from the layoff

which is often best and when you couple that with the heaping helping of class relief she's clearly the one to beat.

Ideal Space She's been finding the sledding a little tough in recent starts so dropping to this level could be just what the doctor ordered. Since the rail has also been known to cure a lot of ills she's worth considering.

Pictonian Stardust Dropped for her latest but was parked into submission so we'll just toss that one. A smoother journey tonight and her second try at this level could be more productive than the first.

Race 7 2-7-3

OK Gladiator He's had solid results since teaming up with Gordie except for that hiccup on Oct 5. He almost got there last time and since he should get a much better beginning from this improved post he could get it all.

All Out Back class always counts for something and this guy has lots of it. Not sure he can get a trip from out here but if he does he could be dangerous.

Beckenbauer At 3 for 71 the past two years he'd be hard to put on top but at the same time don't overlook the fact that he's cracked the top three 30 times over that span. He's got some credibility.

Race 8 1-6-5

Julep Hanover She's been one of the steadiest mares in the region the past couple of years and despite being a little camera shy the current campaign, her top three percentage is very impressive. The rail just adds to her appeal.

Jinglewriter The post might curb your enthusiasm but a quick check of her last quarters should tell you that if Adam gets her into some live flow she she could have a say in the outcome.

Swingirl This is basically the same level where she's hit the board in her last three tries so we'll look for the trend to continue in here.

Race 9 5-3-1

Nogreatmischief Didn't quite get there last week but it was close. Gets an even more compact field tonight, great for his rallying style, and if he matches any of his recent efforts the road to the winners circle could go through him.

Oh To Be Me While he didn't win last time it was still a solid effort and quite likely the fastest he's gone all year. In a short field like this he should be close enough to exploit that good late kick so he's a force to be reckoned with.

Jeb Takes a sizeable hike in class for this one but he's been here before, gets rail control to offset the hike and has been hinting at a return to form. He'll give a good account of himself.

Race 10 6-4-5

The Big Bite Hasn't been racing that badly, it's just that he's been in pretty tough. He's still been charted in 1:57 in his last two starts and that would likely win this one. Top call.

Twin B Shadow He's not the most consistent in here but he is capable of good things when he puts his mind to it. There's no question he's got the speed to argue and if he brings his "A" game he'll be right in the hunt.

Dees Boy He's hit the board a dozen times this year, mostly at levels comparable to this. With the right trip he's got a good shot at adding to those totals.

Longshot play Shock The Rock