

HANDICAPPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Saturday, September 14 (6:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 5-1-2

Purple Poet He's got pretty good gate speed so if Kenny can get him to the front uncontested and steal a fraction it could be all over.

Dusty Lane Cortez Doesn't have a stellar win percentage this year but on the bright side he earned a new speed badge just two back and has the advantage of rail control. He's a force to be reckoned with.

A Grand Terror Caught a few people by surprise with that stakes win during OHW so it shows what he's capable of when he puts his mind to it. He's a solid tri candidate.

Race 2 1-3-4

Im A Miracle He's been a model of consistency all year and he draws the rail in an evenly matched field and that could be the deciding factor.

Back In The Game He's taken it up a notch since OHW winning three of five and finishing second in another one. He'll be close if not a winner.

Glasgow Gracie Might find it tougher tonight facing "A" calibre fillies but any horse in the midst of a three race win streak is certainly worth a long look.

Race 3 3-2-4

Ashes To Ashes Pretty good effort last time after being on the bench for over a year. Should be tighter tonight and with the class relief he's clearly the one to beat.

Rockstar Drums Steps up slightly but he should get a boost of confidence from that win last time out. He's a legitimate contender.

Creepin It might be a stretch putting him on top at 0 for 12 but a smaller piece is surely within reach if he brings his best.

Race 4 2-1-3

Notorious Money earnings is always a good guide when handicapping stakes and this guy is miles ahead of his opposition. There doesn't appear to be anything to stand in his way.

Mrs Browns Boy Had some issues last month but it looks like they could be behind him now. Drawing the rail could make him the best of the rest.

R ES Daz Since he was unraced last year this is his rookie season and he's having a pretty good one. We're just calling for third but a second place finish is certainly possible.

Race 5 4-5-2

Jordies Hope She's got good gate speed and a dangerous late kick and in such a short field that's a big advantage. Quite possibly the one to beat.

Traces Of Purple She's been a model of consistency all year sporting a top three record north of 80% facing the best in the business. She's a major danger.

West River Ambyr Are you prepared to leave one out that's cracked the top three 31 times over the past two years against the best mares on the east coast? We're not.

Race 6 3-1-6

Woodmere Tango Her last two starts leave us a bit wary but slumps are part of any sport. If anybody can get her back on her game it's Clare. Top call.

Elm Grove Nellie She's been on the board in four of her last five and with the rail to work from this time around she could make it five for six.

Emilys Angel She didn't have a great start to the season but she's really picked it up the past couple of months cracking the top three on a regular basis. Look for the trend to continue.

Race 7 5-2-1

Sodwana Bay With 14 starts this year and nothing worse than second how do you go against her? You don't.

Dreas Good Powow That win during OHW seems to have done wonders for her confidence because she hasn't been out of the top three since. She'll give a good account of herself.

Innocent Kiss The first over trip was her downfall last time but you gotta think a much smoother journey is in the cards with rail control in a compact field. Look for her to be right in the thick of it.

Race 8 5-2-3

Red Dirt Boomer He's firing on all cylinders right now with three straight wins and until something steps up and halts the streak we'll have to stay on his bandwagon.

Red Dirt Rocknroll They don't come much more consistent than this guy and that start from Aug 12 still sticks in our memory. If our top choice gets beat this could be the guy to do it.

Howmac Magic Nothing but closing quarters in under 30 seconds and with an inside post in a compact field he should be in position to exploit that burst.

Race 9 3-7-5

Bank Of Dad Had a long tough trip out of the eight hole last time but to his credit he still kicked home in 28 and change. With an improved post tonight and Gilles at the controls he's a potential sleeper.

Silverhill Buddy He was a bang up second the last time he raced at this level and while we're not sure if he can get a trip from out here he's dangerous if he does.

Painted Pony He's been pacing some pretty good miles lately and if he matches any of those tonight he should get a good piece of this one.

Value play Bank Of Dad

Race 10 1-3-6

Woodmere Oleksiak She's on quite a roll right now with five straight wins and as if she needs it, she lands on the pylons. From where we sit it looks like a race for place.

Therealdeal She was a little too far back last time to have had much of an impact but she'll get away closer to the front from this improved post and possibly even a two hole trip. Big shot at the silver.

Arc Light The post could complicate matters but she's got the gate speed to overcome it and get spotted in the front half of the field. It will be hard keeping her out of the top three.

Most probable Woodmere Oleksiak

Race 11 2-3-6

Hemingway With the move inside he might be back on front again and that strategy worked pretty well two starts back. Regardless, he still should be close enough to exploit that good late burst so we'll treat him as the one to beat.

Casimir Obama This guy can also get off the gate pretty well so if he's not on the lead he might be in position to sit and stalk all the way which would put him right in the hunt.

Harbourlite Jerry With yet another outside post he'll have to come from off the pace so if he can get some live flow and a cover trip to bring him into it late his chances go way up.

Race 12 2-6-4

Saulsbrook Lassie His rallying style has served him well this year but he might not need it tonight since he should be much closer to the front. If he brings his "A" game he'll be hard to deny.

Dont Be A Hero The post might curb your enthusiasm but his times are far superior to many of those in here so with any kind of racing luck at all he'll make his presence felt.

Lets Get Pickled He's a high risk proposition but he showed last time what he's capable of. Will he behave or won't he? It's your call.

Race 13 2-1-4

Forever Paradise Finally got that long overdue win and with him remaining at the same level for this one and getting an improved post it's hard to rule out a repeat.

Likely To Win He's been on and off this year but he gets some class relief tonight coupled with a spot on the rail so if he brings his best he'll give them all they can handle.

Mick Dundee That latest start should be encouraging and while this represents a big hike in class, it's not somewhere he hasn't been before. He gets the nod to round out the tri but trip will be key.

Race 14 4-3-6

Hes Marvalous We're not thrilled with his win percentage but all those seconds and thirds could be an indication that he's sitting on one. One of these times everything will go his way.

Mando Fun He was basically a non factor last time after drawing the eight hole so we'll focus on the three previous starts where he hit the board in each of them. He's a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Rusty Riley Not the greatest spot to work from but he got close in his last two from a similar post so if he can work his way into some live flow his chances of a top three finish improve dramatically.

Longshot play Rusty Riley

Race 15 5-7-2

Lisburn Delivered as the co-favourite last time out after a couple of outstanding performances during OHW. Since he draws inside what looks to be his main rival he's got a big shot to double up.

Rose Run Quest He's won half of his starts this year against the best free for allers in the region and just take a look at the times he's been putting up. The outside draw is the only real knock.

Noudidnt Blue Chip He offers a not worse than second record from his last four starts and while we don't expect him to approach that mile from a few weeks back, he's still worth considering for a piece of it.