

HANDICAPPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Saturday, December 7 (12:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 3-1-5

Can Art We're not thrilled with her win percentage but she appears to have a pretty good chance of improving on it facing a field like this.

Dueling Banjos Hasn't done much since arriving here but her last start was a little better and if she can build off that effort she's a legitimate contender.

Akrotiri Should be able to get spotted much closer to the front today from this improved post in a compact field and that might be all that's required to crack the top three.

Race 2 4-1-2

Whata Foolbelieves Burned a ton of money last time but the track conditions weren't kind to front enders. The start prior to that tells us he's more than capable of redeeming himself.

Daut Not We're not sure what to expect from this guy in his first for a purse but that was a good qualifier through the mud so he looks like a top contender in here.

Fusspot Doesn't get the rail today for the first time but there's nothing wrong with this spot. He's a solid tri candidate.

Race 3 3-6-1

Fern Hill Dynamic With his gate speed he should have a fairly easy path to the front and if Dave can steal a fraction it could be all over.

Libertys Dream That was some effort he turned in last time so you gotta think any kind of smoother journey today puts him right in the hunt again.

Oceanview Helios He's earned the bronze in two of his last three and with a trip similar to the one he got last time in the cards he's possible tri material again.

Race 4 4-1-2

Hurricane Hill It's hard to overlook all those sub 30 second closing quarters so if she's within striking distance when they turn for home she's quite possibly the one to beat.

Clare Hall Hanover She's taken it up a notch in the past month with four straight top three finishes and with rail control for this one she could add to those totals.

Howmac Blaze She's been on a steady climb up the class ladder but she's racing better now than she did all year so her form has been good enough to overcome it. Could be a factor again.

Race 5 2-8-7

Charlottes Western We loved her last week when she had the seven hole but they threw that card out and look at the spot she gets today. If she brings her best she'll be hard to deny.

Im A Miracle Toyed with seven rivals last week which warrants a hike in class but there's nothing too scary in here so she could be just a good trip away from being right in the thick of it.

Selfie Continues to pile up those third place finishes, something we've come to expect every week. Why not again?

Most probable Charlottes Western

Race 6 1-2-8

Always Reese Was a winner at this level last time and it was from out of the six hole so with her moving to the pylons today it's hard to rule out a repeat.

What A Babe She rarely draws inside but when she does she's usually able to take advantage of her gate speed and get spotted on or near the lead. She's a major danger.

Bettim Vicky She delivered as the overwhelming favourite last time she raced at this level but she had the rail in that one and is stuck out on the fence today. Having said that, she's dangerous with any kind of racing luck at all.

Value play Always Reese

Race 7 4-5-2

Freddie Draws inside the guy that got the best of him last time and when you have a couple like that so evenly matched it could make all the difference in the world. Top call.

Star Photo Dominated from start to finish last time and his record this year speaks for itself. If our top choice gets beat this will likely be the guy to do it.

Suicide Shift Not one of his better efforts last time out but as his summary over the past two years indicates, he's certainly eligible to rebound.

Race 8 2-3-6

The Time To Win She beat the open mares a few starts back and hasn't had an inside post since. Since she finally gets another one today she's the one to knock off.

Outrageous Spirit She beat a class similar to this two starts back and that was from the eight hole. If she can secure the lead again like she did in that one she'll be close if not a winner.

Indywheelbarrow Predictable result in her local debut since it was her first start in over a month. Her record leads us to believe it's reasonable to expect improvement and the drop in class is also most welcome.

Race 9 4-1-8

Goodmorning Ky She's been keeping company with some pretty good ones in recent starts but look at her results a few lines down when she raced in this class. Beware.

Sendmeasign She was parked into submission in her latest so we'll just toss that one. The rail should pretty much eliminate any chance of that happening again and coupling that with her good late kick has to boost her chances.

Scoot Out Of Here The outside post is a big obstacle to overcome but she's got the pilot that can work out the trip she needs. She's worth considering.

Race 10 4-7-5

I C True Grit Had a long tough trip through the mud last time so we'll cut him some slack for that one. With a much better post to work from today his second try at this level should be more productive than the first.

Thegreatmaelstrom Delivered as the chalk last time on the drop and since he gets to remain at the same level for this one he's a major threat barring anything unexpected.

Smart Official He was a solid third last time out after acquiring Jason's services and since the partnership remains intact for this one he could be part of the equation again.

Race 11 5-4-1

Sophist This is much tougher opposition than she faced in her latest but she has the fastest win time on the page this year, albeit on a bigger track, so we'll treat her as the one to beat.

West River Ambyr Thirty six top three finishes the past two years, many against better than she meets here, tells us she'll give these all they can handle.

HP Rubis Joyce With her consistency and rail control to ensure a ground saving trip fairly handy the front she's pretty hard to leave out.

Race 12 5-4-1

Arc Light It's hard to believe a three year old filly can be so dominant against aged mares but this one is. She hit another gear up the backstretch in her last two and never looked back so you gotta think a threepeat is a distinct possibility.

Collective Wisdom Most of her starts over the past two years have come against the open mares and take a look at the record she's compiled in the process. She'll give a good account of herself.

Tell Me Why Steps up in class but with that string of top three finishes her form appears to be good enough to overcome it. The rail just adds to her appeal.

Race 13 2-1-3

Rockin Indy Gets his first inside post in a month and when you couple that with a bit of a break in the class department he's clearly the one to beat.

Ten Mile Beach He can kick home with the best of them but he can also leave enough to get spotted on or near the lead. He's a force to be reckoned with.

Casimir Obama He's hit for the cycle in his last three and almost won his latest despite the substantial hike in class. He'll make his presence felt.

Longshot play Adkins Hanover