

HANDICAPPER'S SELECTIONS - Les

Saturday, January 25 (12:30 PM Post Time)

Race 1 6-3-5

Alexander Valley She's had to overcome tough trips in her last couple but she still managed to hit the board. If she can pick up some cover today instead of providing it she's quite possibly the one to beat.

Akrotiri Her first inside post in a month should provide a fairly easy path to the front and that would likely put her right in the thick of it.

Daut Not He's been on the board in half of his career starts and appears to have a good shot at adding to those totals in here.

Race 2 6-5-4

Dustylane Zambucca She's undefeated so far in her brief career and hasn't given any indication that the streak is about to end any time soon.

Jays Little Spark Her latest start in this class resulted in a win and coincidentally it came from the same post she gets today. She's a top contender.

Can Art Hasn't raced that badly in recent starts it's just the trips have done her in. A smoother journey today makes her possible tri material.

Race 3 7-4-1

Bettim Jenny The post might curb your enthusiasm but it could be offset by the drop back to the level that produced back to back wins last month. Top call.

Dapple Apple She's been keeping company with some pretty good ones since relocating so the drop in class should be most welcome. She'll give them all they can handle.

Bad Silver Steps back up in class after a pair of top three finishes but she's been here and higher before and has a post that should provide a ground saving trip on or near the lead. She's got some credibility.

Value play Bettim Jenny

Race 4 4-1-3

Rocknrols Image She's been right there in recent starts against some high calibre mares so if Jason can coax the best out of her today on the drop she'll be hard to deny.

Good Luck Kathy She was only 1 for 32 last year but a ton of first over trips greatly contributed to that number. With a great journey in the cards today from the rail she could have some say in the outcome.

Bayside Alexis She's sporting a perfect top three record so far this year and we don't see any reason she can't keep the streak intact.

Race 5 2-1-6

The Time To Win She looks like she could secure an uncontested lead in here from this ideal post and if Drew can steal a fraction it could be all over.

Evening Maelstrom Steps back up in class but she draws the rail which makes it a push. If she can sit and stalk all the way, which looks quite possible, she'll be right in the hunt.

Always Reese She's cracked the top three in half of her last six starts and when she didn't, she was still right there. She's a solid tri candidate.

Race 6 6-5-1

Melanies Magic He's in dire need of a confidence boost so the drop to the bottom of the class ladder could be just what the doctor ordered. Good spot for a wake up call.

Woodmere Soul It's been a while since this guy's had his picture taken but on the bright side he's sitting on back to back deuces and looks like a legitimate contender in here.

Whipple Effect There doesn't appear to be a lot separating the remaining contenders so when in doubt, go with the advantage of rail control.

Most probable Melanies Magic

Race 7 5-6-2

Mystery Phil Burned a ton of money in his local debut but he gets some class relief for this one, is back on a regular rotation after being off for a month and should be over the relocation process. Time to redeem himself.

Sports Royalty This guy is capable of some pretty good performances but he can also throw in a clunker now and then. Which one shows up today? It's your call.

Bobjohnski Toss that start two back when he made the break and you're looking at one that hits the board every week. We'll look for the trend to continue in here.

Race 8 3-5-2

Oh To Be Me The muddy tracks, which we've had lots of lately, are harder on the smaller horses so if we can strike it lucky and get a good surface today this little guy could get it all.

Jetta Flys He's been racing pretty well the past month and drops back today to the level of his most recent win. He's a force to be reckoned with.

Zingers Laugh Couldn't take advantage of the class relief last week but he gets an improved post today and Marc at the controls so his second try at this level could be more productive than the first.

Longshot play Howmacs Dragonator

Race 9 3-6-1

Midnight Matt Hasn't been sharp for a while but as we've seen in the past, he's capable of some outstanding performances. If he brings his best he could be sitting on a big one.

Eagle Jolt He'll most likely be coming from off the pace after drawing out here but he's a rallying threat so if he gets some live flow and a cover trip to bring him into it late his chances go way up.

Smart Official He's a pretty steady performer and with the trip he's likely to get from here he could make his presence felt.

Race 10 2-7-3

I C True Grit Drops back to the level of his latest win and with a post that might allow him to control his own destiny we'll treat him as the one to beat.

Bank Of Dad He can kick home fairly well and while the post is a big obstacle to overcome, give him some live cover when he makes his move and see what happens.

Harbourlite Jerry Just missed hitting the board the last two times he raced at this level so if a couple of things go his way today he could be part of the equation and possibly offer some value at the same time.

Race 11 1-6-2

Winter Blast He's sharp right now with five top three finishes from his last six tries and was able to benefit from a perfect trip in his latest to get the win. With a similar journey quite possible today we won't rule out a repeat.

Creepin Missed his latest assignment but at this point of the season a week off isn't that big of a deal. He won back to back starts prior to that so he's a major threat in here barring anything unexpected.

Hes Marvalous He's hit for the cycle in his last three so his current form is excellent and since he'll probably be setting up shop on the front end, with some rated fractions any of the top three spots could be his.

Race 12 5-8-6

Tell Me Why Longshot players may want to have a look. This mare has a great finishing kick and if Corey can work her into the right position she's a potential sleeper.

Collective Wisdom She was a beaten favourite last week but on a positive note she kept that lengthy top three streak intact. She's probably the best in here but she draws outside which might be the difference maker.

Killean Finale She's cracked the top three in six straight including winning her last three. Form like that makes her hard to leave out.