# HANDICAPPER'S SELECTIONS - Les Saturday, August 8 (6:00 PM Post Time)

# Race 1 5-6-8

**The Fox** He's been dropping his times steadily and those closing quarters are hard to overlook. Could be time to dispose of his maiden status.

Watts Of Attitude He can kick home fairly well and since he'll likely be coming from off the pace again give him some live cover and see what happens.

Whims Drop Off The eight hole could complicate matters but he's reunited with Adam so a top three finish isn't impossible if the trip works out.

#### Race 2 2-3-1

Complete Player Gets a heaping helping of class relief and a post that could allow him to secure an uncontested lead. If Mark can get him there, there could be nothing but open road ahead.

**Sports Royalty** He's been keeping company with some pretty good ones and while he doesn't have a lot to show for it, he hasn't looked totally out of his element. Matching any of his recent efforts puts him right in the thick of it.

**The Ironman** Hasn't been all that sharp this year but he's still a threat, especially from the rail, so ignore him at your own peril.

## Race 3 1-2-6

Oceanview Lucky He acquitted himself pretty well in his last two against the best sophomore colts in the region. Drops back to a conditioned event for this one and when you couple that with rail control, he's quite possibly the one to beat.

**Rymar Jimbo** He was a non factor last week after drawing the eight hole so the move six spots to his left should be most welcome. He'll have some say in the outcome.

**World Wonder** Not the greatest spot to work from but it could be offset by his excellent current form. He's a solid tri candidate.

#### Race 4 4-3-7

**Silverhill Buddy** He was severely compromised by the draw in his last two so moving in to the four hole could make all the difference in the world. Since he also gets some class relief, we'll treat him as the one to beat.

Howmacs Dragonator This guy was in the same race as our top choice last week and actually got the better of him. He's coming off back to back charted miles in 56 and you gotta think if he goes there again tonight, he gets a good piece of this one.

Windemere Frank He's got a tough post and he's facing older horses but his summary should tell you he's more than capable of mounting a serious challenge with any kind of racing luck at all.

Most probable Silverhill Buddy

# Race 5 2-3-8

**Starcastic** This guy will likely be on the front or in position to sit and stalk all the way so we'll make him a lukewarm choice but don't bet the grocery money.

**Jetta Flys** Gets an improved post over last week and lands in a race with no clear standout. If Jason can coax the best out of him, he's a legitimate contender.

**Krispy Krunch** He's consistently under 2:00 and while the eight hole is a big obstacle to overcome if Corey can get him into some live flow, he could be part of the equation.

# Race 6 3-5-8

Mayhem Man Drops a notch on the class ladder and is reunited with Marc who guided him to his only win this year. Top call.

Oh To Be Me The little guy can still kick home pretty well so if he can work out a ground saving trip reasonably handy the front it boosts his chances big time

**Dangle Ona Dime** Takes a sizeable hike in class and gets the worst possible post. Now for the good news. He's been at levels much higher than this in the past and with a confidence building win under his belt he's worth considering.

Longshot play Bold N Bad

## Race 7 5-4-3

**Silver Beast** Pretty good effort last week after being off for three weeks, especially the way he kicked home. Now that he's back on the seven day rotation he's a suitable option if you're trying to get the favourite beat.

Cowboy Logic Won for the third time in four tries last week{ it could be four for four} and beat a couple of horses that were good enough for the Governors Plate trials. He's a major danger.

**Shadow Of A Daut** Couldn't deliver as the chalk last week but he was beaten by the hottest horse on the grounds so there's no shame in that. He's a top contender.

## Race 8 2-5-3

**Jeb** Hasn't had a ton of luck at the draw in recent starts but he gets an ideal spot to work from tonight which should provide a much better beginning than he's been getting. Beware.

**Nogreatmischief** He's sitting on back to back seconds and that's despite being uncovered for the back half in both of them. If he can pick up some cover tonight instead of providing it, he'll be close if not a winner.

**Ashes To Ashes** He's starting to bring back memories of that great stakes career and is now sitting on five straight top three finishes. Good shat at adding to those totals in here.

### Race 9 8-2-1

**Winter Blast** The eight hole might curb your enthusiasm but he's been facing better horses and as his record indicates, more than holding his own. We'll give him top billing but at the end of the day, trip will be key.

**ER Quinn** He's been first or second in his last three starts and gets a post that should allow him to set up shop on the front end or at the very least, get a two hole trip. He's a force to be reckoned with.

**Ten Mile Beach** He's quite capable of going with this calibre of horses and with him moving from the fence to the pylons he's got a chance to prove it.

#### Race 10 2-3-5

**Persist Blue Chip** Got shuffled to the back of the bus last week which pretty much sealed his fate. Kicked home well though, and since he'll likely be a little closer to the front from this improved post, he's a potential sleeper.

**Power Of A Cruiser** He's firing on all cylinders right now with six straight top three finishes, including three wins. Pretty hard to leave one out displaying form like that.

**Mick Dundee** His chances increase dramatically when he gets away on or near the lead which makes the start crucial. Will he head for the front or not? It's your call.

Value play Persist Blue Chip

#### Race 11 4-6-1

I C True Grit He's had a pretty nice year but that goose egg in the win column is hard to ignore. He'll dispose of it one of these nights and this could be it

**Zero Rate** Steps up in class after last week's win but it's not somewhere he hasn't been before. Not sure he can get a trip from out here but he's dangerous if he does.

**Whosurwinner** This is his toughest opposition of the year but he's racing better now than he has in quite some time and he gets the rail as a bonus. He's got some credibility.

# Race 12 4-5-2

Rose Run Quest He has an uncharacteristically low winning percentage but at the same time, a perfect top three record. Since the week off could be just what the doctor ordered he might be sitting on a big one.

**Avatar J** Parlayed a perfect pocket trip into a nice win last week but will he have the same kind of racing luck tonight? Regardless, he's still a major threat barring anything unexpected.

**Time To Dance** He's been forced to come from off the pace in recent starts but landing in the two hole for this one will have him close to, if not on the lead. We'll look for him to be right in the hunt.

# Race 13 3-7-2

**Rockin Indy** He was parked into submission last week but to his credit he still got home in 28 and change to earn a small share. The drop in class coupled with an improved post tonight makes him the one to knock off.

**Burn Out Hanover** Didn't get any favours at the draw but this is his third start back from the layoff which is often best and he's facing slightly easier opposition. He'll give a good account of himself.

**Harbourlite Jerry** Other than his latest, when he had a tough trip, he's displayed a great finishing kick. Gets a post that might allow him to get spotted well enough to exploit that burst so don't sell him short.