

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday August 7th, 2018

The late P3 is my favorite sequence of the day, as there are some live price horses (including my longshot of the day) which could make for a nice price. Good luck to all! -Ashley Mailloux

Race 1: In his most recent race, **#5 Doinmysongndance** showed that age is just a number. He set the pace and ended up opening up on the field by over 8 lengths. His only win at the distance came in his most recent start and he's been racing well all season. He's picked up 2 wins and a third place finish from 3 starts and the barn seems to know how to get this 10 year old gelding ready to roll every time out. In a race with plenty of early foot, **#4 Moon Doggie** looks to have a shot to close in on this field. He enters this race off a win where he stalked and got up in time while facing non-winners of two on the year. His closing style suggests he should appreciate the extra distance and he'll likely offer more value than others in here. Morning line favorite **#2 Power Nap** returned to form last time out in his return to the dirt and finds himself against softer competition today. The runner up in that race was catching him at the five and a half furlong distance so the stretch out today is a bit worrisome.

Race 2: There have been several strong offspring of Milwaukee Brew running here this meet and it looks like **#5 Callielikedherbrew** looks to have the same success while trying the dirt for the first time. She's been training over the dirt this year and her works show she likes going over the surface in the morning, so the connections look to see if that will carry over. She won in her first race of the year but has been flat in her most recent two where she had a wide trip and a bad start. **#3 Pasture Curfew** was impressive racing in this same condition of non-winners of three lifetime last time out. She was eligible for non-winners of two in that start but faced a level higher and ended up stealing it on the front end. She beat one of the best claiming fillies here this meet, Holdonweregoinhomewho has won since that race. **#4 Night Gathers (IRE)** has been strong here this meet, hitting the board in four of her five races at FE. She sometimes runs out of gas, but she does have a win at this distance and fits this level even though she is eligible for non-winners of two lifetime.

Race 3: A mile on the turf wasn't long enough last time out for **#2 Golden Pineapple** as she just missed the win honors. Today, her connections have decided to give her a tad bit more of distance and opted for a dirt race. She hasn't been on the dirt since Tampa this winter, but she seemed to take to it nicely, never finishing worse than third. There is not much pace in here, but if she has a closer trip than she did last time, she should be able to close just in time. Another runner in search of added distance is **#5 Ring for Essa** who has been racing this year at races from 6 to 7 furlongs in distance. She rallies from the back of the pack every time, but never has enough to run over. While the distance should suit her, the question will be whether she takes to the dirt. Her stablemate also looks to have a chance at a share in here. **#4 Sheztenthehardway** has ran well up at Woodbine this season and really fit the \$6k claiming level well for non-winners of two lifetime. She should like this spot if she takes to the dirt well and do note that she wasn't far behind Golden Pineapple on June 22nd.

Race 4: Kevin Buttigieg sends out two new acquisitions in here and both look to be quite live. **#4 Angelica** ran over the grass here on July 10th and ran a respectable third in a full field of nine. She found herself towards the back of the pack but was able to get up for a piece. She'll be in for a lower tag and will pick up a little distance which should make a difference. She breezed nicely over the main on July 28th and looks ready. Her stablemate, **#2 Run for Shantelle** showed up in her 2018 debut but has since backed up. She is dropping to her lowest level and did have a strong turf race last season at Woodbine against much better. The trainer of these two runners is winning at a very solid clip of 21% with new runners. **#7 Gabby's Ballerina** really didn't get rolling last time out but was competitive two starts ago against maiden special weight company at this distance. She's had some time to regroup and looks capable of minor shares. Her only on the board finishes have been over this course and at the distance.

Race 5: While **#6 Ciminio** failed to sustain his bid last time out, he has a few possible explanations as to why he failed as the favorite. He unfortunately had to run his dirt debut over a sloppy track that appeared to be super deep. With that said, the track would've been tiring which is a solid reason for him to have nothing left in the lane. He will be stretching out today, but with a fast track, this logical front runner may be able to set respectable fractions and break the maiden in start number 6. **#5 Majestic Goldminer** has yet to really get going over the tapeta at Woodbine, but he will get a break here as he steps down a few levels. His only on the board finish was over the dirt at Laurel this winter while facing much tougher. It'll be interesting to see how he does returning to the dirt for his new trainer. **#8 See You In Court** ran for his first time since December on July 8th and was never really in contention. He just dropped back and finished fourth, beaten by 9. He could be able to step up second time off the layoff and does get a new pilot, five pound apprentice Isabelle Wenc.

Race 6: Narrowly defeated last time out, **#1 He's Etain** is an exceptionally tough gelding with a strong record. His record at Fort Erie is 8-8-3 from 29 starts and this season, he's picked up a win and a second. The winner of his most recent race, Gold Shark returned to this winner's circle since that race against allowance company and was very impressive. This runner is extremely versatile and can win from just about anywhere he is placed. He was competitive in a starter allowance for slightly more last time out so there's no reason he can't win this event. Making his dirt debut in this starter allowance, **#2 Milwaukee Magic** has been undefeated this year in 4 starts at Woodbine. He was claimed last time out, so it seems the connections had no other option than to bump him up and have chosen this as the spot to do so. He has wins on both the synthetic and turf at Woodbine and he's trained well on the dirt, so it seems likely that he'll be able to run over this surface. While he may be stepping up from claiming company, **#5 Grin n' Bear** has been fierce this year, posting a 2-2-0 record from four starts. He was much the best last time out, drawing away by over eight lengths and can either set the pace or rate. He picks up Kirk Johnson in this spot, who had quite the day on Sunday, who picked up five wins and two on the board finishes from 8 mounts.

Race 7: Michael Mattine sends down **#6 Augusto B** who has five races under his belt this season up at Woodbine. He has hit the board in four of those starts and is still in search of a win in 2018. He'll be taking a moderate drop from the levels he's faced this year and he'll return to the turf for the first time in almost a year. His last grass race was here on September 12th and he finished second, beaten by just a length. He should appreciate the stretch out and will be tough in here, but he will still have to work for the win as the filly **#8 Cassandra's Girl** was very impressive breaking her maiden over this course on July 10th. She stalked early on, but then found herself on the lead and opened on the field. She ran a very nice speed figure that day and if no one takes command early, she could easily find herself on the lead and repeat her trip to the winner's circle. I'll give **#9 McGarrett** another chance today, as he simply stopped on the sloppy track last time out. Prior to that event, he ran a huge second over the turf against a much tougher group than this at a similar distance. He'll retain the services of Juan Crawford and looks to bounce back getting back onto his preferred surface.

Race 8: **#2 Swagitude** proved to be the best last time out and made her first trip to the winner's circle after a strong gate to wire performance. She was able to set the pace in that turf sprint and never looked back. She'll be making her second start for trainer Nick Mileni Jr. who has a fantastic year, winning 10 of 20 races. While she'll be trying the dirt for the first time, she should have no problem as the surface plays to speed. **#7 Silly Simone** didn't seem to care for the turf as much as the dirt in her most recent start, as she never really got rolling. She did pick up second via disqualification over the dirt this year against one level better than this group and should be live in this spot. My longshot play of the day goes to **#5 R Fleet Foot**. She's finished fourth in back to back races this season and wasn't too far behind two runners in this race today. She hasn't gotten the best of trips, so with a better trip, she could run big on the class drop. Her only on the board finish was her maiden win, which was here at Fort Erie at the distance.