

### **Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*There are seven races on today's program and several races, such as R2 and R6 appear to be extremely wide open. With unpredictable weather, selections for the turf races include main track selections. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!*

**R1:** (TURF: 3-2-6) If the races remain on the turf, **#3 Annie O' Schiller** is the horse to beat. She's 6 for 8 in the money over the FE turf and she has two wins at the 7 furlong distance. She has a tremendous late kick in the stretch and knowing that she's faced better throughout her career, she's hard to ignore. **#2 My Rosebud** raced over the dirt on opening day, where she finished fourth. Her numbers are much better over the turf and last season, she was never worse than third over the grass. Seems capable of stepping up with the surface switch. **#6 Court Deputy** has one win over the turf, but that was going further. She typically needs more distance to get rolling but could sneak up for a minor share. (DIRT: 4-6-1) If moved to main track, **#4 Holdonweregoinhome** might have a shot to win. Early on last season, she won three of her first four starts at FE. She's shown early speed in the past and since there is not much speed on paper, it wouldn't be a shock to see her take them gate to wire. **#6 Court Deputy** has raced nicely over the dirt, never missing the board in three starts. While she seems to be a two turn horse, do note that she has the strongest numbers on the dirt. **#1 Sophia's Dream** hasn't showed much since the fall, where she picked up a win and a few minor placings over the dirt. While she faced easier competition in those starts, it's a plus to see she's respectably handled this track.

**R2:** **#4 Grin n' Bear** won his first start of the year at Mahoning with ease, drawing off by over three lengths. Last season, he moved up into starter allowances and showed he belonged, as he finished second in all three races. His record of 4-3-0 from 9 starts at today's distance is eye-catching and so is his most recent breeze, which was the fastest at the distance. His main rival will be the horse to his inside, **#3 Too Many Egbert's**, who finished second on opening day. He found himself having to chase in that race and just couldn't get the job done. This race will be his third start of 2019 and it's worth pointing out that his connections opted for this spot instead of a race on Sunday. **#5 Martinkelly** has done well since entering the barn on Sharon Ceccato late last year. He's entered the winner's circle twice and has just narrowly missed in several races but his stablemate appears to be a bit stronger.

**R3:** (TURF/DIRT: 4-2-1) **#4 Benevida** took on top competition last time out at Woodbine in a \$40k maiden optional claimer. She set the fractions but couldn't continue in the stretch. The cutback in distance to 7 furlongs seems to be perfect for her and on paper, her versatility makes her the one to beat. **#2 Princess Moro** drops in class as well and she too tried to steal her most recent race on the front end. Unlike Benevida, I think her main shot is if she goes to the front and knowing that, I'm not sure she'll have enough left in the final furlong to get the job done. **#1 Fleck's** career best race was here at Fort Erie over the grass, where she recorded a 49 Beyer and finished third after having a wide trip. She was wild in her most recent and regardless of the surface, I think she'll have a shot. Her works over the main track have been strong and are some of the strongest of the bunch.

**R4:** **#1 Ciminio** broke his maiden here last year and on that day, he went to the front and was able to set steady fractions. Typically, he finds himself rating early on and then tries to kick on in the stretch, but typically he doesn't have enough. He faced a much tougher group here two weeks ago and this field just doesn't have the type of early speed that Smoky Blues showed in that race. While he typically claims a minor share, he looks live today. Julie Mathes has been off to a hot start, winning 3 of 8 starts and she'll look for another with **#3 Loosely Brewed** who broke his maiden late last year. In that race, instead of rating, he went to the lead and never turned back. He has a nice workout tab and could be ready for a huge four-year old debut. **#2 Signature Twirl** raced on both surfaces last year and while he broke his maiden over the turf course, his dirt performances were respectable. A few of the runners in this field have shown they want to break out of the gate on top, which could set a nice pace for him to run at.

**R5:** (TURF: 7-1-2) **#7 Li'l Miss Trouble** broke her maiden in her first start of the year and since then, has hit the board in both of her starts. She's stepping up in class but comes into this race off a strong performance at the distance. **#1 My Silent Present** has been racing against non-winners of two at Woodbine while in for a \$25k tag. Most recently, she fell flat over the grass, finishing last, beaten by almost 13 lengths. While this is viewed as a step down in class, I have a tough time endorsing a filly that's missed the board in all 7 turf starts and furthermore, hasn't hit the board since 2017. **#2 Written** had the winter off and during that time she moved to the barn of Steven Cathcart. Just like the horse to her inside, she has yet to hit the board over the turf, but she did have a very strong race in September over the grass. She bounced off the gate and then found herself settling mid-pack. She ended up finishing fourth in a big field and a performance like that puts her into contention. (DIRT: 5-7-4) In the event the race moves off, **#5 Delly** is one to consider. She's run well in all her dirt starts and most importantly, she broke her maiden at today's distance over a sloppy track. She typically finds herself towards the back of the pack and while speed has been strong here so far this meet, this race might just set up perfectly for her. **#4 Mountain Momma** has a shot for a minor share. In her most recent race, she stalked throughout and finished a strong second on April 20th at Mahoning. While she hasn't won on the dirt, she's run well enough over it and with the addition of blinkers, it's likely she'll be forwardly placed.

**R6:** In my opinion, this is the saltiest group of the day. While my top two picks are inexperienced over the dirt, their run styles should suit them well over the surface. **#2 Conquest Eliminator** has had some time off and while everyone else has at least one start under their belt, no one has a workout tab like him. He's been training exclusively over the training track at Woodbine and has consistently been fast in the morning. His most recent breeze was impressive: 5F in :58.80. The barn wins at 30% off the layoff and with his strong performances last year, he deserves a long look. **#1 Where's Anthony** won last time out at Woodbine after taking the lead early on. With him, he doesn't need the lead and with a serious amount of speed in the race, I'm not sure they'll send him to the front from the rail. **#3 Smoky Blues** is probably the fastest horse in the race. While he's got that going for him, he's taking a considerable step up in class and may get pressured in this race, unlike the trip he got when he won here on the 28th. Capable of hanging around for a piece.

**R7:** (TURF: 4-6-5) **#4 Harlem Saint** has been facing slightly better at Woodbine over the tapeta. He picked up a third two starts ago and most recently, he flattened late to finish sixth. He showed an early turn of foot in his first start of the year which is why he looms large against this group. There is no real presence of pace in here and even if the race moves to the dirt, he'll have the upper hand if he shows speed again. **#6 Griffin's Pride** had a poor start in his debut and never rebounded. Today, he'll take a slight drop in class and will receive lasix and blinkers for the first time. While the barn isn't known to get the job done with maidens in their second start, they're pulling out all the stops to get this gelding to the winner's circle. If the race stays on, **#5 Mondaymorningmemo** looks capable of stepping up. He didn't show much over the dirt but is a contender on the turf. He's by Data Link who was a multiple graded stakes winner and he's out of a Street Cry (IRE) mare. Both of his turf starts should be tossed, as they were against much better. (DIRT: 4-6-3) If the race moves to the main, my price play is **#3 Igoheart**. Two of his best races were over the dirt and one of those resulted in his only on the board finish. In that race, he was a bit closer than usual to the pace and while that was going longer, I think a similar trip today might be good enough to snag third.