

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday September 10th, 2019

Nine races are on the card, with an allowance optional claimer over the turf as the feature. The P5 looks to be a tricky sequence, with room for upsets. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!

-Ashley Mailloux

R1: #1 Kitten's Dilemma just missed last time out against slightly better competition at a comparable distance. He rated throughout, but just needed a bit more in the end. On Sunday, the track was playing extremely well to speed and off his most recent performance, I'd expect him to be sent towards the front from the gate. Chris Husbands will retain the mount and he's had an exceptional season here at Fort Erie, winning at 31%. **#4 Dot's Last Call** has been forwardly placed in his most recent efforts, but he's fallen flat in all of them, especially his most recent. His breezes over the training track as of recent haven't been fast, but he is dropping in class today. He'll try the dirt for the first time in his career which could certainly turn things around for him and the barn has been extremely strong here this meet, with a 2-5-0 record from 9 starts. **#6 Loquacious** really turned things around last time out going two turns over the main track to get his maiden win. He's always been slow out of the gate and his new connections ran him with blinkers for the first time and it really looks as though it made a drastic difference.

R2: #4 Orphan Queen has won a total of six races from eighteen starts and she enters this race off her best performance of 2019. The race was scheduled for the turf, but after heavy rainfall, the race was moved to the sloppy main track. Orphan Queen simply skipped over it to draw clear by almost two lengths in the end. She's yet to finish worse than second over the main track at Fort Erie and with the way she's run so far this season, another huge performance from her would not be surprising at all. Most recently, **#3 Cuatthefinishline** finished fourth in the Andy Passero Memorial Cup. This year, the shortest distance she has run at has been five and a half furlongs and she's won both of those races. The five furlong distance should be no problem for her. She'll drop in for the lowest tag of her career and figures to be part of the exotics. **#1 Devilish Style** made her first start off a three month layoff in our only two furlong dash (so far) in 2019. She broke slow and really was never in contention. It was the first time she missed the board over this dirt course, but it looks as though she needed a race. This winter she picked up two wins at Charles Town going four and a half furlongs and today going five furlongs, she'll look to add to her 5-4-3 record from 17 starts.

R3: #4 Adios Judith was claimed last time out for \$7k and while he took a decent amount of play in that race, his brief display of speed lacked depth and he was unable to continue. In his prior races, he ran third in both and his career best race was his debut down at Gulfstream Park over the dirt. He briefly found himself on the lead but was caught late. His latest breeze was over the training track at Woodbine and it was respectable. Expecting him to move up on the class drop and surface change. **#3 Harlem's Saint** was set to run on the turf last time out, but after the first turf race of the day, it was decided that the remainder of the grass races would be moved to the dirt. He handled the surface quite nicely and the race just seemed to be a bit too long for him. If he can show speed like he did last time, the cutback in distance could get him into the winner's circle. **#6 Lafleur** was also in that race and he finished second after sitting just a bit further back off the pace. With a solid effort like that in a dirt debut, he deserves a look against this group.

R4: #4 Dot's Vision was second in his most recent race, which was at today's distance against tougher competition. He broke at the back of the field, but was comfortable throughout and when called upon, he was simply the second best horse in the group and was several lengths clear of the third place finisher. He'll be facing non-winners of two on the year and will be in for a lower tag, so this spot may be enough to get the job done. It's also worth noting that in 2019, he's been consistently running well over any surface thrown his way. **#5 Ostentation** raced at this same level last time out going two turns and showed little. He found himself much closer to the front and in the stretch, he came up empty. In his other two efforts going long over the dirt, he recorded a win and a third place finish so he's worthy of one more chance. Ostentation might have fell flat that day, but **#2 Sassy Moe** ran very strong at a nice price of 8-1. He was at the back of the field early on, trailing by almost ten lengths at one point but came charging home to finish second, just a length behind the winner. He's a much better horse over the dirt and he's coming into this race off his best race this year.

R5: #6 Indian Bucks won his first local appearance here on July 30th against \$3k claimers. As usual, he stalked throughout until the lane and then he was sent by Krista Carignan and got up to win by a length and a quarter. The runner up of that

event, Butterfly Strike won his next start and the third place finisher Omar, won here one week ago at a bit of price. Prior to that race, he was facing much tougher competition at Suffolk Downs so the step up in class today should be nothing that he can't handle. **#3 Big Band Benny** has won his most recent two with ease, one of which was the 2 furlong dash and the other was at today's distance, but over the main track. He is 0 for 2 over the turf, but in his only turf start this year, he just faltered late to finish fourth, beaten by two lengths. Not sure he's as strong over the turf, but since Helen Vanek climbed aboard, this gelding has been on top of his game. **#1 Fast Eddie E** has struggled in his last two races over the turf, but it looks like he might have a few excuses. He faced better in competition in both, especially the starter allowance two starts back and he was going seven furlongs. Today, he'll shorten up by a quarter of a mile and will face only non-winners of two on the year. His only on the board finish in 2019 was at five furlongs and it resulted in a win.

R6: #4 Uncle Howard has flashed early speed in his last two starts but has flattened out in the stretch. In both of those events, he faced \$25k maiden claimer over the tapeta and today, he'll tackled maiden special weight company over the dirt. His most recent work on the first of September was a bullet: he breezed three furlongs over the training track in :35.40. With such natural speed, he appears the one to beat. **#6 Triglav** tried the dirt for the first time here on August 27th in his first start for his connections and finished second. He's one of only two horses in the field with on the board finishers over the dirt. The other runner is **#1 My Marc Andre**, who has finished second and third over the main track from two starts. His second place finish was against state-bred maiden special weight company and he was making up ground late on Omi's Boy. The additional sixteenth of a mile will be no problem for him and in his other race, he was .unable to make up any ground and ultimately finished a distant third. After his strong performance here, his connections sent him to Woodbine to race against \$15k maiden claimers and he ran a strong third

R7: #5 Get My Gist won his last start going a mile and a sixteenth over the main track against this same level of competition. He was sent to the front and was able to take the field gate to wire to win by a length. In his only other dirt race, he tried to do the same at six and a half furlongs but faded to third. He's faced several runners in here and most recently, he beat **#2 Divine Ami** who has won three races this year. Divine Ami has won two races here at Fort Erie and one over the tapeta at Woodbine in 2019. His most win was two starts back and he was able to settle nicely a few lengths off the pace setters and closed in late to open up on the field. After that win, his connections sent him to Woodbine and he showed very little. He should be able to pick it up returning to the dirt today against this level. **#3 Magical Breeze** might be stepping it up two levels today, but he was very impressive last time out, winning a \$3k claimer by over eight lengths. His connections tried him on the turf a few times this season, but he certainly prefers the dirt, which is reflected by his local dirt record. He looks to offer value in this spot and is capable of a share.

R8: The Woodbine shippers certainly have a lot going for them, especially **#6 Walkabout Creek** and **#9 Goodoldhockeygame**. Off the long layoff, Walkabout Creek made his first and only appearance of 2019 on August 9th and he was clearly ready to roll. He sat near the front, and after a :44.80 half mile, he was able to drive to the front to win the six furlong turf event. This four year old son of Lonhro has been sharp in almost all his starts and now he'll cutback in distance while making his second start of the year. Goodoldhockeygame hasn't recorded a win in 2019, but he's hit the board in all three of his starts. The shorter distance may help him step up, as he tends to just hang around and he will be taking a slight drop in class. **#3 Bangla Dancer** has been strong this year, winning three turf races here as well as two second place finishes. This mare loves this turf course and even though she'll be facing the boys today, she's beaten the boys once this season. If the pace is hot, she'll certainly be flying late.

R9: In 2019, **#1 Coddwomple** has made four dirt appearances and she's picked up two wins and a second. Her only disappointing race was her most recent, which was in the Andy Passero Memorial Cup. She was simply outclassed that day and dropping to this level, she's a major player. She was second to Tickety Boo in a starter allowance event here on July 23rd and that mare ended up finishing second in the Andy Passero. Krista Carignan will climb back aboard, and she guided this filly to both of her career wins. **#8 Banana Rama** tried the dirt for the first time in her most recent race and was all business, winning by 7 lengths in the end. This three year old filly has really picked it up this year and has shown drastic improvement. This spot is well within her reach. **#7 Show Me the Prize** won by almost nine lengths in her most recent race, which was going two turns over the main track. In her other two dirt starts this year, she was outclassed in one race and in the other, it's worth pointing out that she was third to Coddwomple on July 9th.