

### **Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Nine races on the Tuesday program, including an intriguing allowance event for fillies and mares on the dirt as well as several challenging turf races. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!*

*-Ashley Mailloux*

**R1: #4 Court Time** will try the dirt for the first time in her thirteenth career start in hopes of breaking the maiden. She's made three appearances this year and both of her starts at the \$7k maiden claiming level resulted in on the board finishes. She comes into this race off a third place finish where she was forced to chase hard. She was only beaten by three quarters of a length and that race was at today's distance so if she can handle the dirt, she will be tough to beat.

**#1 She's Good to Go** will make her first start for trainer Ken Albu, who wins at 18% with newcomers to his barn. She's failed to fire over the tapeta and turf in her two career starts, but she's taking a significant drop in class and throughout her career, she's trained respectably. The major class relief could make all the difference. **#2 Kinzua** is the only runner in the field that has dirt experience and she's only had one start over the surface which was off approximately a 20 month layoff. She ended up second against \$4.5k claimers and while she was beaten by just over ten lengths, she was way in front of the rest of the field.

**R2: #4 Crime Wave** has three starts over the main track, one of which was his maiden win three starts back going six furlongs. He went to the front that day and opened up the field but was nearly caught by Loquacious in the final few jumps to the wire. In his following start, he faced tough competition and it doesn't appear that he took to the turf last time out. With all of that said, he'll return in a to the dirt today and will face non-winners of two lifetime for the first time. Even though he's only hit the board once in five starts at the distance, if he can get to the front by himself, he may be able to take them gate to wire. **#3 Danny's Rush** finished third in his only start here over the dirt last year while trying to break his maiden. He broke his maiden in his first start this year up at Woodbine but has since failed to hit the board. In his most recent start over the turf, he did make up some ground like to finish fifth, beaten by two and a quarter lengths. Looking at his one dirt start and recent races, it looks as though this gelding might be able to pick things up over this surface. **#5 Signature Twirl** has taken a lot of money in all starts at Fort Erie this season, but his last two races were a bit disappointing. He finished fourth in both and just evened out in the stretch. He'll drop down two prices from his most recent start and will return to the dirt, where he 4 for 6 in the money.

**R3: #6 Forest Fairy** broke her maiden in June up at Woodbine against \$10k maiden claimers and she did it with purpose, surging to the lead to open on the field. In her following two starts, she didn't show much but she was facing better in both (one race was a \$25 claimer and the other was for non-winners of three lifetime). Most recently, she tried the dirt for the first time and ended up finishing second. She'll drop in for a lower tag today and returning to the turf, I'm expecting her to improve. **#5 Diamond Brew** won here on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at today's distance over the turf. She stalked throughout and considering the fractions were not very speedy, she was able to rally just in time to win by a length. She'll be facing winners for the first time today, but she's one of few who has shown much going today's distance and the barn returns to the winner's circle at 29% (from 7 starts). **#7 Hidden Appeal** made her first start for trainer Kevin Buttigieg against \$3k claimers here on July 9<sup>th</sup>. She finished mid-pack and since that race, it looks like her connections have regrouped and have given her some time. She's breezed twice since that race and appears to be training well. She deserves a look against this group, as she'll stay on the turf but will face non-winners of 2. (DIRT 6-5-4)

**R4: #3 Loquacious** has hit the board in both of his races over the main track, but he comes into this race off a last place finish over the turf. He was extremely far behind the field in the end and it appears he just didn't take to the surface. Returning to the dirt, he looks to be extremely tough, especially considering he'll get blinkers for the first time. He tends to break slow and loses focus a bit, as seen in his race two starts back. The barn has been red hot as of recent, and overall, is hitting the board at 50% this meet (winning at 21%). Similar to Loquacious, **#7 Dave the Dude** needs his last race tossed. He broke extremely slow and was far back with so much work to do. Prior to that start, he picked up a second over the turf at the distance and a third over the dirt. The fractions have never really gone his way and he'll hope for a speed duel, which looks unlikely on paper, but the field lacks stamina, so he finds himself in a good spot. First time starter **#4 Macho Mateo** has been training up at Woodbine, where he has recorded some strong works. This three year son of Mucho Macho Man should like the dirt and it's an interesting spot to see the connections place him for his first start.

**R5: #7 That's It Imleaving** has yet to win over the turf, but in his first race since coming to Canada, he ended up third, beaten by just a length and a quarter by the speedy Lady of Moray. He faced much better that day and in his following start, he made Mr Changue work very hard for the win. While he's 0 for 16 over the turf, the two horses towards the rail may set this race up nicely for him. **#1 Lil Old Forester** finished off the board for the first time this year in his last race. He chased hard from second throughout and was spent in the stretch. Even though he was in for a \$3k tag, it was a tough group of horses. His main pressure will come from his outside, but he's shown ability over the turf going 5F and if no one goes with him, he's capable of performing well. **#5 Tchaikovsky** finds himself in an interesting spot, as he'll be making his second turf start and first for his new trainer Dylan Clarke. He's been racing primarily at the mid-Atlantic tracks such as Parx and Delaware Park. He hasn't shown much in his most recent three starts and while he has no published works for his new connections, he has run some nice races against better competition and the barn has done quite well here, shipping a few horses in for the races. (DIRT 10-7-5)

**R6: #6 Secretariat's Honor** has only raced twice this year, both of which were against tougher competition than today's field. She didn't show much in those races, but her only race over the dirt this year was against starter allowance company. In her other two races here, she finished second by a nose and won the other by over 6 lengths. She comes into this race off a strong work over the mud so expecting her to improve in this spot. **#5 D'Wonderful** has won both of her starts this season and showed some dimension, as she's won on the front end and has been able to stalk. It's obvious that she's matured some and there is plenty of speed in here for her to get a good pace to run at. **#3 Documented** set the tempo last time out and never looked back, winning by over two lengths. She runs well when forwardly placed, but today she'll have a bit more pressure. She looks capable of sticking around for just a minor share.

**R7: #2 Delly** has had several troubled trips this season and often finds herself with too much work to do late. She comes into this race off a second place finish, which was her best performance to date. She recorded her highest Beyer speed figure in that race of a 55 and that was at today's distance and level. While she was beaten by a very large margin, the winner Court Surprise was no surprise at all, as she ran very well in her maiden and looked to be the class of the field. Against this group and with a good trip, Delly has a chance at the top honors. The race is wide open though, and **#6 Accolades Galore** is a bit interesting. She broke her maiden last time out at this distance and while the time was a tad slow, she blew away the field with ease, winning by over ten lengths. She was claimed out of that race and will make her first start for her new connections. She didn't face much in her maiden score, but when you win by a margin like that without being asked, it makes you wonder if we've seen her best. **#1 Classy Vision** finished fourth in her most recent race up at Woodbine, but she broke slowly and was unable to close in on the soft fractions. She's not sharp out of the gate so she will get blinkers for the first time today which is a huge plus.

**R8: #9 Fine Grit** has romped in his last two, winning with ease over this turf course. He posted a 76 Beyer in his most recent and while both starts have been going 5 furlongs, he's the type of horse who runs his best settling just off the pace. With the way speed has performed over this turf course going two turns, the mile distance is not out of his reach. **#6 Cenar** has been a very strong performer over the turf course this season, as he has never finished worse than fourth. In his most recent start, he rallied from the back of the pack and was able to reel in Atomic Rule to win by a neck. He's one of only two horses with a win at the distance and he's hard to toss off the most recent performance. **#3 Budding** will take a step up in class, but he comes into this race off a nice fourth place finish. He was beaten by just a length and looked as though he needed some extra distance, which he'll get today. (DIRT 7-10-4)

**R9: #1 Wild Honey** is simply one of those mares that tries every single time she's on the track. In her most recent race, she was able to get up just in time to win after finding herself settling in the back of pack. The tempo was much slower than her other races, but she ran a solid race for her new connections. She's yet to miss the board at Fort Erie and with some speed in here, she should be able to get a good position and will certainly be moving late. **#7 Crumlin Express** is another runner who loves this track and has yet to miss the board in her three starts. She won here two starts back by a large margin, as she was able to break on top and was never pressed. She failed as the favorite last time out, but she didn't have the best of breaks. Today, she's a major player against this group but she will likely be pressed early. **#2 Shamruckus** failed as the favorite last time out, but two starts back when she won, she was able to settle nicely off the pace. Will give her another shot as maybe she had some excuses last time out.