

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday October 15th, 2019

Today, we wrap up live racing for the 2019 season with a ten race program. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone at Fort Erie for the support this season. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!

-Ashley Mailloux

R1: #1 Lady Rebel was much the best last time out when she picked up her second win of the year. She surged to the front, found herself almost ten lengths in front at one point, and managed to carry herself to the wire, where she won by three and a half lengths. Looking at the others in this bunch, she appears to be the true speed and the with the cutback in distance today, she looks very capable of taking this group gate to wire. **#7 Sail At Noon** opted for this spot over a turf sprint on Sunday and this season, she's been solid over the dirt, winning two of seven races and hitting the board another three times. Last time out, she lacked a late kick but prior to that effort, she ran a big second to Madcap Duchess. She's had almost a month to regroup so watch out for this filly to make her one, big move turning for home. **#5 Touch of Emma** will make her dirt debut after struggling in her last four races up at Woodbine. Earlier this season, she ran well against \$25k claimers at Woodbine, but has lost her way since then. She'll drop in for the lowest tag of her career and off the drop alone, she's worthy of a look.

R2: #5 Perfect Road got back on track last time out, as she picked up her second lifetime win on the stretch out in distance. Not only did she win, but she did it with style, winning by over nine lengths. In her previous races this year, she faced some tough runners such as Court Surprise and Banana Rama but still managed to pick up a third place finish. Knowing that she handled the two turn distance so nicely, it's nice to see her in this spot today. She made an easy lead last time out and was able to set a sensible half. She may not be able to do the same today, but she appears to be one of the strongest two turn horses in the field. **#1 Overturned** was in deep waters last time out while testing allowance company, but today she'll drop in for a tag and this spot looks to suit her well. Two starts back, she ran from towards the rear of the field to get up in time to edge clear in the end at a comparable distance. **#6 Written** won here on July 7th by seventeen engths and since that win, she's hit the board in all three of her subsequent starts. She lacked a late kick in her most recent, but she managed to finish third and was well ahead of the rest of the field.

R3: #2 Ready and Willing has yet to hit the board in her three starts, but since her most recent race, she's transferred to the barn of Nick Gonzalez who wins at 21% with new additions. She failed as the favorite in her most recent race, but it was arguably her best race and today she'll drop in class in hopes of stepping up even more. If this daughter of Will Take Charge is anything like her father, she should handle the dirt with ease. **#5 Jezebel Jones** started her career as a four year old down at GP and it wasn't until this July that she debuted as a five year old. In her most recent, she took on \$9.5k maiden claimers and made a huge late move to get up for fourth. She has one published breeze since joining the barn of Elliot Sullivan and she clocked a solid :36.20 time for three furlongs. **#3 Subtle Disguise** has tried sprinting over the dirt twice this season and has faced better company in both. Most recently she finished mid-pack against maiden special weight company. She broke nicely but was unable to keep in touch with the winner, who drew off by over six lengths. In her other dirt start, the winner was also well clear, but she just missed the runner-up honors.

R4: In a race with so much speed, look for **#8 Mister Nada** to capitalize on the likely hot pace scenario. He won two starts back after stalking early on in a six and a half furlong event. Last time out, he was simply second best as Love That Lute shook clear. While he hasn't sprinted this short this season, he's had success in the past at the distance and he figures to get a solid position early on, just off the leaders. Looking at the horses that will likely want the lead, **#1 Adios Judith** has been on the top of his game over the dirt. He debuted against \$25k maiden claimers at GP this winter and found the lead briefly in the stretch but was passed late to finish third. In his two most recent starts, he broke his maiden and then found his way back to the winner's circle on September 24th. He's won each race by dominant margins and has run some very strong times. He hasn't been pressured in either races and today it looks as though he'll have some company on the front end. **#9 Phil in the Blank** has yet to miss the board in four starts over the dirt and comes into this race off a solid win where he beat Aerial Attack, a winner of three races this year. His best races have been here this season with Chris Husbands in the saddle, who will pilot him today.

R5: #8 Victorious Bear broke his maiden last time out while making his dirt debut he made it look easy under a handride from Contreras, who will be aboard today. He recorded a very strong 66 Beyer speed figure and could improve in his second dirt appearance. The barn has excelled this meet and as of now, Steve Chircop has won at 27%. **#7 Omi's Boy** has

only missed the board in two of nine career starts and locally, he's yet to miss the board on the turf or dirt. He was well beaten in his most recent, but he faced a tough group and the runner up who was over seven lengths behind the winner won with ease on Sunday. He's beaten several runners in today's field and is a logical contender for the exotics and even the win honors. **#2 Kinlee's Song** is a bit enticing and looks as though he'll be a bit of a price come post time. In his first two starts since January, he ran two respectable races against tough competition up at Woodbine. While he's failed to impress in his most recent appearances, he'll get a ten pound weight break today and he's had success sprinting over the dirt: he broke his maiden against maiden special weight company over the dirt at Delta Downs in January.

R6: #1 Kate's Whistle didn't try the dirt until two starts back as a six year old and she's shown that she can handle the surface quite well, as she's picked up a win and a second. Last time out, she broke a bit slowly and was able to recover. She made up ground in the stretch, but Fleck ended up widening her lead late. She'll pick up the services of Luis Contreras, who is 16 for 25 in the money here at FE. **#7 Rebel Lioness** has yet to finish worse than fourth this season and while she's yet to win over the dirt here, she's hit the board half of the time in her career. Last time out, she was unable to hold on and missed by a head. She's run quite well at two turn distances this year and a share looks well within her reach. **#6 Court Adjourned** has struggled in three of her four starts this season, but she did pick up a win over the dirt two starts back. While it was sprinting, she does have two wins going long, one of which was in last year's Molson Cup.

R7: #4 Tickety Boo has won two of three starts here at FE and in her only loss, she missed by just a head in the Andy Passero Memorial Cup. Since that effort, she's finished third in a very salty starter allowance at Churchill Downs as well as an allowance at Thistledown. This mare can run from just about anywhere she's placed and looks to have just one main competitor today: **#7 Accolades Galore**. This three year old daughter of Drosselmeyer has had quite the year and her only local off the board finish was in starter allowance against the boys. She's won two races here this season and was a handful of lengths behind Tickety Boo in the Andy Passero. Last time out, she was just second best to Surfs Edge. Trainer John Simms saddles two in here, one of which is **#5 Secretariats Honor** who has finished third in her last two, both of which were against optional claimers. She faced very formidable foes in both and even though she's run evenly in both, I'd expect her to hang around for a piece today.

R8: #9 Spanish Blessing has always liked this track, but it wasn't until two starts back that she picked up a win for the first time in over a year. She didn't wear blinkers for the first time since April and she still broke sharply but looked very comfortable on the lead and simply never looked back. Last time out, the extra sixteenth of a mile was a bit too much for her and she faded late to finish third. The slight cutback should help and while she's in for a larger tag, she's a major contender. **#5 Truly Honoured** was unruly last time out at Woodbine, where she came out of the gate rearing and bucking. Prior to that, she picked up her second lifetime win in her first dirt start and she kept to task going longer than today's distance. **#4 Diamond Express** showed little last time out, but in her previous start, she broke on top and proved to be the best in the end. There is a lot of speed in this race which could be detrimental to her, but she could stick around to round out the tri, especially at five and a half furlongs based on her recent performances.

R9: #5 Diddley has won three of his last four races, one of which was here against starter allowance company. Most recently he was second to Speedy Connor going five furlongs, who is currently undefeated. He is one fast horse, but he's often found himself unchallenged out of the gate. **#9 Mr Changue** has won three races this year and he's won on the front end and has showed that he can stalk. Last time out, he charged to the frontend and was just denied by a sliver, as Bangor Ridge would not budge. His versatility will certainly help him in this spot. **#6 Smoky Blues** will likely apply pressure to Diddley from the start. He's won three races here this season and in all of them, he's shown tactical speed. Not sure he's as fast as Diddley, but it'll depend on the track. The two have faced in the past, but that was on the tapeta.

R10: #9 Dot's Last Call picked up his second win of the year last time out at this level at a comparable distance. He was able to take advantage of the quick half from Makemineamhannan and he edged clear in the end. In his two route races here, he's undefeated and there should once again be some pace to run at. **#10 Makemineamhannan** tried to take them on the front end last time but gave way late. He's done that in both of his dirt routes this meet so not sure he'll stick around for anything more than a minor share. **#3 Majestic Heist** came up empty last time out, but two starts back, he finished second to Sleek Idea. His only other on the board finish this year was going long over the slop, where he finished third.