

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday June 25th, 2019

Seven races on today's program with a very tough turf allowance that headlines the late double. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!

-Ashley Mailloux

R1: (TURF 5-4-3) **# 5 Sweet Silent Soul** tried to take them gate to wire last time out but didn't have enough left to fend off the late closing Want No Attitude. It was only her second start this year and her first on the grass in 2019. With Vanek aboard, I think we will see the filly back on the lead trying to take them all the way. **#4 Winterveld** exits that race where she finished fourth, beaten by two and a quarter. She was trailing early on and had a lot of work to do, but she was able to finish well in her first start since September. This five year old mare has a 0-4-1 record from 7 attempts over this turf course and she should move up off that 2019 debut. **#3 Niyama** failed as the favorite in that race, finishing last. She never looked comfortable and it was a bit surprising, especially since in her career debut, she ran a very big race against maiden special company. I'll give her another shot today, as her debut was so strong over this turf course. **(DIRT 3-5-1)**

R2: The newcomer **#3 Pardon My Style** was claimed two starts ago for \$15,000 at Mahoning Valley. In her first start since joining the Sullivan barn, she ran third in a field of 8 against starter allowance company at Thistledown. This four year old filly has had some very strong performances and this year alone, she has a 3-3-1 record from 9 starts. Very hard to ignore her in this spot. **#4 Secretariats Honor** raced here twice in 2018 and she recorded a win and second place finish where she just missed by a head. She has a really nice stretch run and her workout tab is quite strong. Sunny Singh rode her here in both of her starts last year so it's certainly nice to see them reunite in this spot. **#1 I Have Feelings** has three starts under her belt this year and so far, she has not finished worse than fourth. She comes into this race fresh off a win at today's distance, but that race was over the tapeta and she has yet to try the dirt. She has early speed, so it wouldn't be shocking to see her take to the surface nicely.

R3: **#4 Surfs Edge** made her dirt debut in her first start of the year here on June 4th. She didn't have the best break, but she still ran a respectable race and claimed second place. I chose her as my top selection for three main reasons: she has the strongest dirt race of the field, she's making her second start of the year, and she's getting blinkers today which might make her a bit sharper out of the gate. **#7 Secret Affirmation** has been facing better throughout her career and debuted very nicely at Tampa over the dirt against \$25k maiden claimers. She rallied from mid pack in that event to finish third, beaten by three and a half lengths. Her most notable performance since then was two starts ago over the tapeta at Woodbine, where she again closed strong to grab second place. **#1 Caseyoudidn'tknow** made her debut on the first of June against \$25k maiden claimers at Woodbine. She broke slowly, and while she only beat two that day, she still showed some ability. The barn does well with maidens in their second start, winning at 15% from 26 starts. Her pedigree suggests the dirt will be to her liking.

R4: **#5 Coddwomple** has finished fifth in both of her starts this year while facing slightly better competition at Woodbine. Last year, she made two starts over the dirt against maiden special weight company and picked up a second place finish while going 6F. She's certainly a closer and today with the addition of blinkers, I think she'll be a bit closer to the front end targets which should work well considering the real speed is to her outside. **#6 Princess Moro** comes into this race off a third place finish over the turf against maiden special weight company. She was forwardly placed early on but ran out of gas in the stretch and didn't have enough to battle back. The dirt will be the main question, but if no one presses her early on, she could steal this maiden claimer. **#2 Diamonds Will Do** finished third in her debut against maiden special weight company, where she was far back from the start. The barn wins at 33% with maidens making their second start from 6 starters.

R5: #2 Mondaymorningmemo really buckled down in the stretch last time out to break his maiden in his ninth start. His late kick really shows he's a two turn horse and today, he'll get even more distance to run at which should be to his liking. While his two dirt races both resulted in off the board finishes, they were both sprints and they did not suit his run style. **#5 Signature Twirl** comes into this race off a second place finish against this level. That race was going five and a half furlongs, and today, he'll stretch out considerably. Last year he did try a mile and 70 yards once and did finish second against a group of \$8k maidens. It's worth noting Divine Ami, the winner of his most recent start picked up another win on June 21st at Woodbine. **#4 King Kingo** raced at GP this winter and broke his maiden in April against \$10k claimers. He's raced three times at a flat mile and did pick up a third place finish in one of those starts, but he typically weakens in the stretch. He's dropping in for his lowest tag today and he's one of two horses in the race with wins over the dirt.

R6: (TURF 6-1-2) In my opinion, the toughest race on the program is this turf event. On paper, **#6 Arnie the King** looks to be the class of the field. In his first start back, he ended up making the lead late, but then gave way in the final strides of the race to finish fourth, beaten by just over a length. He's been primarily racing in \$40k optional claimers throughout his career so he certainly should appreciate this spot. He'll have blinkers on today which may keep him focused and if Slade Callaghan comes down to ride him, beware. He's ridden this colt before and he's only made one trip to the Border Oval this year, which resulted in a trip to the winner's circle. **#1 Piccadilly Beau** scratched out of an allowance here a few race days ago due to the fact it was moved to the main track. He has only one turf start under his belt which was his debut and he was doomed from the start. He didn't want to load into the gate and after that, he never showed much. He raced strong in his following start, closing hard in the stretch and he even had some traffic issues that day. With some speed in here, I don't think he needs to make the lead and should be able to rate nicely. **#2 Aerial Attack** was beyond impressive in his debut, winning by almost 9 lengths. He faced much weaker company that day, but he won so impressively and today he'll get the addition of Lasix which could move him up. The barn does quite well with repeat trips to the winner's circle, winning at 42% from 24 starts. He's a longshot, but I think he could take a minor share. (*DIRT 2-7-3*).

R7: #3 Smoltz took a lot of play in his first start in 11 months and was sent out of the gate as the post time favorite, but he had to settle for second place. He had the lead for most of the race, but simply tired which isn't shocking off such a long layoff. Even though he'll have to go a bit longer today, I'm expecting him to be more fit today and it helps that he is dropping a bit in class. **#2 Too Many Egbert's** has three starts on the year and has yet to miss the board. In his most recent race, he faced a very tough sprinter, Grin n' Bear and was unable to catch up. He's 7 for 12 in the money at the distance and while I pick him for second, he's certainly capable of winning, especially if Smoltz still needs a few races under his belt. Rounding out my top three is the morning line favorite **#6 Blu Without You**, who spent his winter at Parx. His best performance in Pennsylvania resulted in a fifth place finish against starter allowance company. He's yet to hit the board in four starts this year and while he was facing much better competition in the US, I'm not convinced he loves the dirt, so I find him to be a bit vulnerable. He is a logical horse to bet and could overpower this field, but I wouldn't single him off his dirt form.