

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday October 16th, 2018

We end the 2018 racing season with 10 races! Good luck to all the horses, their connections, and those joining us at the track. Thank you to the fans, owners, trainers, staff, and everyone at Fort Erie for making 2018 such an incredible year. See you in 2019! -Ashley Mailloux

R1: #4 Kentucky Charm made his FE debut last time out, where he finished second by less than a length. He was on the front end throughout and was just caught very late in the stretch. The track was very sloppy that day and on the cutback in distance, he appears the one to beat. Two horses that figure to take a lot of play are **#1 Dreamin of Jenny** and **#3 Major Gordon**. In their most recent two starts, Dreamin of Jenny has gotten the best of Major Gordon. He'll get class relief today and on a speed favoring track, I'll pick him for underneath in the exotics. **#2 Queenston Park** has had some stamina issues, but he has managed to hang on for third in his most recent two starts. He's beat the two outside in the past, so figures to be the second strongest out of the locals.

R2: In the mile and a half race here on October 2nd, **#2 Mr. Harlan** ran away with it, winning by 9 lengths. He has a huge late stride and typically needs more distance to run at, so today he'll certainly get that. He crushed them last time out, so I wouldn't be surprised if he does the same today. It appears that his main threat is his stablemate, **#4 World of Prospects**. He has a very similar running style and usually arrives on the scene late. He beat Mr. Harlan at Presque Isle in September going a mile and eighth and still could've used more distance. While he may have lacked a late response in his most recent, he reunites with jockey Krista Carignan who has piloted him to his best performances this year. **#5 Magical Breeze** has shown the ability to close in the past, but he is facing better today. He ran decently over the slop on October 7th which was his first dirt start so he could benefit from a drier track.

R3: #3 Icrywheni'mdrunk has faced better throughout the season and the drop in class combined with a fast track could get her into the winner's circle for the first time in 2018. Last time out, she found herself over an extremely sloppy track and faded back to fourth in the stretch. That was the worst sloppy track I've seen all meet so I expect her to step up today. Two back, she lost by a neck after The Visions Real was able to get by her in the final two jumps. **#4 Miss Polly Cat** dominated in her maiden win over that extremely sloppy track on October 9th. While she was impressive, she didn't face the toughest group so I'm not 100% sold on her repeating. Worth considering for the top spot and/or the exotics. **#2 Princess Macy** has hit the board in 2 of her 5 starts here at FE and her best race came over a fast track. Kirk Johnson piloted her in both of her on the board finishes and he climbs back aboard today.

R4: #5 Summer Falls (IRE) closed from the back of the pack in her first dirt race to win by several lengths. She'll be in a bit deeper today against non-winners of three, but she had a good chance of running even bigger over a fast surface with added distance. **#7 Princess Bullet** has run her two best races this year over the main track. She's found herself capable of stalking the pace setter or closing from the back of the back. Figures to like the added eighth of a mile and has at least shown she can run over the surface. **#4 Sophias Dream** is another runner who likes this surface as she's broken her maiden here and has won since then. She enters this race off a second place finish, where she closed from last at this distance, but appeared to need more ground to run at. Slightly concerned that six and a half will be too short, but she broke her maiden going 6F.

R5: #2 Niyama flashed some speed in her dirt debut and attempted to stalk the leader, but she flatted in the stretch and ended up last. Her only other race here at FE was her debut, where she finished second over the grass but was disqualified and placed fifth. The barn has had a strong year and places their runners well, so this filly could be dangerous on the drop in class. **#5 Miss March** has had plenty of time to break her maiden but finds herself failing to prevail. The winners of her most recent two starts have come back to claim minor shares and against this group, she looks capable of doing the same. **#6 Just the Forest** will have her blinkers removed and her only on the board finish this year was when she wasn't wearing blinkers (same distance too). I'd expect her to be towards the front early on and while her stamina is a concern, she's shown more than most of the field.

R6: Elliot Sullivan sends out **#5 He's Etain** may be the oldest runner in the field, but he's proven that he's not stopping, as he's won 4 of 9. He hasn't missed the board at FE this season and won 3 of his 5 starts. He's faced tough runners such as the 2018 Horse of the Year Gold Shark, as well as Grin n' Bear who he has beat in every meeting. He's handy enough to either go towards the front or to sit back and relax before launching late. **#3 Colby Ol' Fashion** enters this race off an extremely impressive win. He set swift fractions early on and carried on winning by over ten lengths. He certainly didn't face this caliber on September 18th, but he has performed well against better this season, finishing second to Gold Shark. He'll be making his first start for his new connections who have Gold Shark, if that says anything. **#2 Marilyn's Last Love** has been strong both here and WO this year, posting a 2-3-2 record from 8 starts. She comes into this race off back to back wins against the girls, but she's deserving of a look in here. She should offer value come post time, as I'd suspect the horse to her inside to take a lot of play as he's been competitive against quality groups at WO, but he's 0-0-0 from 6 on the dirt. This mare is 2-2-0 from 4 starts.

R7: **#5 Callielikedherbrew** found the starter allowance to be too tough last time, but prior to that she ran two strong races against the same or similar caliber to today's race. She won both of those events after stalking throughout. Her trainer, Francine Villeneuve has had an amazing year, winning at 38% from 29 starts. There figures to be enough pace in here for her to make her move turning for home. **#7 Lucky Emerald** has started to turn the corner and comes into this race off a win. She's picked up some minor shares behind my top choice as well as Old Centre, who won on Sunday's program. Even though she only has 1 win this year, she tries every start and has a nice kick that could even be enough to get the best of Callielikeherbrew. **#6 Holdonweregoinghome** has won 4 races here this season and after cooling off a bit in late August through mid-September, she most recently found herself back in the winner's circle. She couldn't keep up with my top two selections two starts back, but she seemed to get along with Brian Cheyne last time out and they pair up again.

R8: Since joining the barn on Ken Albu, **#4 Mr Changue** has turned the corner. He's found himself in spots where he can be competitive and because of that, he hasn't finished worse than second since joining his new barn. His stablemate Ave Caesar had a ton of horse turning for home last time and Mr Changue was simply second best. Two starts back, **#6 Tobruk** nabbed him in the final few jumps, but he was able to beat him in September. Norman Tomlinson has done a fabulous job with Tobruk, as he's won 2 of his 3 starts. He's had two weeks to prepare for this which is a bit more than Mr. Changue and that could make all the difference. These two look as though they will put on quite the show. **#5 Been Waiting** enters this race off a fourth place finish in the mile and a half event, where he tired and had no late turn of foot. His only win this year was at this distance. Capable of a part of the exotics.

R9: **#7 Happy's Causeway** has had no problems going two turns here at FE, winning both of his starts. He broke his maiden over a fast track by 12 lengths and then skimmed over the slop to win again. His numbers are by far the best in the field going two turns and I wouldn't be surprised if he gets the three-peat done. **#1 Sheztenthehardway** won here in her first dirt race three starts back, proving to be much the best. While the tag was higher than today's race, I'm not sure the competition was any better than today's. She was entered here on September 30th and scratched, but I wish they still would have run her over the main that day. **#2 Little Deuce Coupe** broke his maiden this winter at Tampa by double digits and picked up some minors shares over the dirt here as well as a win over the turf. He's faced much better this season, but the question will be the distance. He's bred to handle it well, but we will see if that carries over.

R10: **#3 Trapper's Delight** just missed here two starts back, losing by a nose. He gets some extra distance today which is what he needed that day as well as an equipment change (blinkers off). Sheena Ryan piloted him to that runner-up finish and climbs back aboard today. A repeat of that race and he'll be saying goodbye to this group. **#4 Red September** has settled for second in his most recent three starts, one of which was at this distance over the main track. He's ran well against slightly better than this competition and comes into this race off his closest race yet. **#5 Leo's Turn** scratched on Sunday and finds himself in for a higher tag than that spot. He broke his maiden on September 23rd over the grass against the softest competition he had ever faced, but he did run respectably against maiden special weight company over the dirt. Last year, he picked up a pair of second place finishes as well.