

### **Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday, October 4th, 2022**

*The Tuesday program features nine races with some big, competitive fields. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card! - Ashley Mailloux*

**R1: #5 Sassywithattitude** was close to graduating two starts back and unfortunately surrendered late to finish second against maiden special weight competition. Today, she'll cut back in distance to five furlongs which based on her last two efforts should help her chances and furthermore, the drop should as well. **#1 Papa's Silver** is another runner that's been close to graduating, but hasn't been able to put it all together. Last time out, she couldn't reel in the winner, but it is promising to note that the winner won her following start with ease. This filly shows up just about every single start, but will need to dig a bit deeper today. **#3 Vermont Holiday** will reunite with jockey Melanie Pinto after missing the board in her last two starts. The best two performances in her career so far were with Pinto in the irons and one of those races was at today's distance and level. She figures to be close to the pace early on and is worthy of a long look in terms of the exotics.

**R2: #4 Skills Test** will aim to extend his win streak to three races in a row after recording back to back wins on the main track. This son of Passion for Action is simply fast out of the gate and has been able to shake away with ease early on and carry himself on the lead. He will likely have company on the front end from his opponent to his inside, but with his recent form, he's hard to knock. **#3 Shakoo Makoo** is another speedster entered in this spot and he's entering this race off a career best effort. He not only won by seven lengths, but he recorded an 80 Beyer speed figure. In three starts this season, he's hit the board in two and his only poor effort was two back while facing tougher. He obviously deserves respect, but with two speedballs in this race, **#1 Overbearing** might get the perfect pace setup. This six-year-old gelding won earlier this season and since then, he's picked up two third place finishes and a fourth. Last time out, he ran well, but could only manage third. The tempo figures to be hot and he's been able to rally from off of it in the past.

**R3: #4 Petawawa** broke his maiden two starts back on the turf course with ease and then last time out while facing winners for the first time, the race was washed off the turf and his connections opted to run. He surrendered the lead late, but held on for third, beaten by two lengths. He handled the fast main track well and today he'll stretch out around two turns. Even though he tired last time out, he should like the additional distance. **#5 Seven Is a Breeze** finished in front of him last time and rallied from towards the back of the pack, missing by just a length and a half. Looking at his last two performances, this horse should simply love the stretch out in distance as he comes from off of it. Trainer John Simms and Brian Boulanger continue to team up together, winning at 46%. **#2 Ascot Bay** graduated last time out against maiden special weight competition at a comparable distance on the slop. He was favored in that spot and performed as expected.

**R4: #5 Paperback Hero** has done little wrong in one turn races this season and in fact, he's made up ground late in just about every single start and has hit the board in five of his six dirt sprints this year. Last time out, he got up just in time to pick up his second lifetime win. He'll stretch out slightly to six and a half furlongs which fits his running style well. **#2 Patio Party** was a distant second in his most recent effort, but prior to that he picked up a nice win. His recent form is quite good and he figures to be close to the pace early on, just off the pacesetter(s). **#7 Yzerman** ran a huge second last time out at 20-1 in his first dirt start. Prior to that, he found the waters to be too deep at Woodbine. Off that performance alone, he's worth a look for a minor share today.

**R5: #2 Sweet Finale** enters this race fresh off her career best win - she crushed her competition by over six lengths and was awarded a 66 Beyer. With that said, Erratique has beaten her before, but Sweet Finale has the

ability to race from just about wherever. This consistent filly is hard to ignore. Her main arrival is to her inside, **#1 Erratique**, who can be a bit inconsistent. In her last two starts, she didn't break sharp and didn't perform. When she breaks sharp, it's a completely different story and she can be quite brave on the front end. If she breaks sharp from the rail, she could be tough to catch, but that's a big if. **#7 Miss Tea Blonde** is still looking for her first win this year, but she enters this race off her season best effort, a second place finish. She was flying late and ultimately, missed by a head. From what we've seen this season, she'll need a pace meltdown.

**R6: #1 Chasing Vinny** dead-heated for second in his most recent outing and only missed by half a length. He's had a good year, posting a 1-2-1 record from seven starts. Since his win on May 31st against \$5k claimers, he's faced tough competition in every start and he's held his own. Several times this season he raced against Strong Ending, arguably one of the strongest horses on the grounds. He figures to be close to the pace early on and will try to rally late. **#3 Dynamite Karma** is a wildcard, as he rejoins the barn of Nick Mileni Jr. and will look to get back on track after failing to pick up a win on the tapeta. With that said, he did pick up a second and third earlier this season. Last year, he posted a 2-0-5 record from eight starts and faced some of the tougher horses on the grounds such as Strategic Vision and Act of Bob. Four of his five wins have been locally over the dirt. **#5 Awesome Miner** does have a bit of a "good race, bad race" trend, but this gelding absolutely thrives on an off track and he may get that today. He's quite quick and last time out, he ran away from that field.

**R7:** The lone turf event of the day features a hearty field of ten and assuming there is a scratch, **#11 Smart Irene** would potentially draw in. Last time out, she outran her odds of 17-1 and surged late to finish third, beaten by less than a length. The turf turned her around and if she's able to be slightly closer today, she has a big shot. **#4 Princess Solitaire** finished second last time out going long on the main track in her first start for trainer Kevin Buttigieg and the effort was her best so far. While the winner was much the best, this filly was nine lengths in front of the third place finisher. She might get a good position near the front early on and assuming she can handle the turf, she figures to be a major player. **#5 Stormy Suzie** often finds herself setting the pace and she tries to hang around for a share. Her best races this season have been on the turf at today's distance with Vanek in the irons.

**R8: #2 Jack Beanstalk** has an extremely impressive 4-4-0 record on the Fort Erie dirt from ten starts and this year, he picked up a pair of wins. Anything close to his wins here would likely get him into the winners' circle and while his most recent was lackluster, it was at Woodbine on the turf. **#6 Ace Destroyer** has not finished worse than second over the local dirt course and last time out, he picked up his tenth career win in start number 35. His record is quite impressive and hard to knock - he can win on the front and he can also rate just off the pace. Trainer Martin Drexler sends out **#7 Dilettante**, an eight-year-old son of Unbridled's Song. Earlier this year, he picked up a win while in the barn of Elliot Sullivan and in his lone start for the barn, he finished third in the Le Cinquieme Essai Cup. While he's raced well in the last two, he seems as though he might prefer a fast main track and he should get that today.

**R9: #10 Stormin' Humor** will get blinkers today after failing to hit the board in his two local attempts. Last time out, he improved moving to the main track and hopefully the drop in class will help him take a big step forward. Leo Salles will climb aboard and he's had a strong meet, winning at 24%. **#6 Silver Signature** disappointed last time out, but he was jumping up to maiden special weight competition. Today, he drops in for \$4k and in his two starts this season against \$6.25k maiden claimers, he hit the board. **#4 No Easy Road** has been close in several races this season and has yet to finish worse than third this meet. Of the horses with race day experience, he has the best record and his numbers are a tad above most in the field. He's attempted to close from off the pace in most of his races, but he did race well earlier this meet when forwardly placed.