

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

The Tuesday card features six races with two scheduled for the turf course. The late double gets underway in R5, an allowance event on the dirt at six and a half furlongs and concludes with the co-feature, an allowance race for non-winners of two races lifetime on the grass. Good luck to today's connections and those wagering on the races! - Ashley Mailloux

Race 1:

#5 Blue Max
#2 Where Is Essa
#4 Heat Merchant

Race 4:

#7 Souper Iconic
#6 Heavylkeacheavy
#3 Conacher

Race 2:

#3 Holiday Rose
#5 Super Serenade
#1 Easter Sunday Girl

Race 5:

#1 Stirling Castle
#2 If You Insist
#6 Pat's Gamble

Race 3:

#4 La Ronde
#2 Canadian Forces
#3 My Emmy

Race 6:

#1 Orient Beach
#8 Justify Perfection
#6 Ya No

Key Race of the Day – Race 5 – Allowance – 6 ½ Furlongs

The late double gets underway in race five, a six-and-a-half allowance event for colts and geldings. On paper, it appears that there is a fair bit speed on paper and that includes **#1 Stirling Castle**, who loved the mud last time out and cruised to victory, winning by over eight lengths. He has been very consistent throughout his career, winning four of eleven and his speed is his best asset. Two starts back, he was second behind Always a Way, who got the perfect setup. While there is other speed, it seems at least so far this year, he's better than his stablemate, 4 Takemybourbonneat, who will tackle the boys and maybe the inside helps him. It'll be interesting to see how **#2 If You Insist** is ridden in this race – he's typically on the lead, but he's shown that he can rate and with other speed in here, maybe Juan Crawford sits just off it and waits for a meltdown. This son of Frac Daddy ran a big second last time out after being hounded by Baxley throughout and managed to finish second, beaten by just three-quarters of a length. He cuts back from one mile and seventy yards to today's distance, but don't let that fool you... he's just fine around one turn. If the three referenced above all go, it looks like the John Simms trainee **#6 Pat's Gamble** could get the perfect trip – this is a gelding that needs pace help, but figures to come with a late run. He hasn't been able to find the winners' circle since 2024, but he ran well last time out at the distance over an off track. Also, it may be a bit discouraging that he had the lead late and surrendered, but it's worth noting the winner, Lasting Silence, came back and romped in an allowance event going a mile and a sixteenth on the dirt and posted an 81 Beyer for the win... lots to like about Pat's Gamble in this spot.