

Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday, September 27th, 2022

The Tuesday program features eight races, two of which are scheduled for the turf. Race seven on the program looks to be one of the best wagering opportunities of the day, with a big field of nine. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card! -

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R1: #5 Brady O' Brady is winless on the year, but this eight-year-old gelding is a hard knocking type that often shows up. Last time out, he surrendered late to finish fourth, beaten by two lengths. The winner came back to win his following start and today, Brady O' Brady is back in for the \$4k tag. Kirk Johnson climbs aboard and wins at nearly 20% for the barn. **#3 Patio Party** is the lone two-time winner this year in the field. Most recently, he flourished over the slop and won by over two lengths and with the forecast, he will likely get an off track again. **#4 Silence Breakers** lone dirt start was last time out against tougher competition and after breaking slowly, he only managed to get up for fourth. He drops in for the lowest tag of his career and the class relief alone should help his chances.

R2: #4 Formentor went off favored in her dirt debut in her most recent start she ran quite well, beaten by just a length. Her run style should suit her well against this group today, as she figures to be close to the pace early on and she stays at the same level and distance. **#3 Speedy Fire** broke her maiden as a two-year-old and while she's just one for eighteen, she's five for five in the money over the Fort Erie dirt. Most recently, she finished third and the second place finisher, Ceebett's Bow, came back to win with ease in her following start. **#2 Lunatica** faced winners for the first time on September 13th and she ended up a distant third. She exits that same race as Formentor, but this filly figures to improve as she only has two races under her belt. Trainer Kendra Wieczorek and jockey Melanie Pinto teamed up last week for a win and Pinto climbs aboard this filly for the first time on race day..

R3: In 2021, **#5 Be the Change** won three races and this year, he's still searching for his first win, but this race figures to set up for him quite nicely. There is a good amount of early speed in this race and he typically likes to sit just off the pace and tries to make one late run. The extra eighth of a mile also should help his chances. **#2 Big Time Louie** won two races earlier this season and most recently finished second at the level and distance. Fortunately for him, he does not have to face Summer Retreat, the winner of his last two races. His record is quite impressive, as he's won seven of seventeen and he certainly tries every single start. **#1 Four Knights** has been narrowly defeated in his last two starts, finishing second in both. Last time out, he was caught late and missed by just a nose. With that said, he will cut back in distance today, as his last two starts have both been at a mile and seventy yards. His win this season was at a comparable distance, just a sixteenth of a mile shorter.

R4: (TURF 2-4-3, DIRT 4-3-8) With the weather forecast and severe rain yesterday, this race will likely be on main track and **#4 Crumlin Experience** enters this race off a strong second place finish over the mud. He set the pace and was caught by Patio Party, who closed from off the pace. Boulanger and Simms are five for twelve this season and have hit the board 83% of the time. **#3 We Want Action** faced allowance-level non-winners of two lifetime in his last two starts and failed to hit the board, but on debut, he was an eight-length winner against maiden special weight competition. The class relief should help him today, but it's worth noting that his last two starts were over an off track. **#8 Omegna** took them gate-to-wire last time out to pick up his maiden victory. Pierre Mailhot has been aboard for his best performances and is back aboard today. Only a few in the field broke their maidens over the main track.

R5: Trainer Jennifer Davis will send out **#4 Action Point**, who finished second last time out against maiden special weight competition at today's six and a half furlong distance. It was his first start over the dirt and by far his best performance in terms of both result and Breyer speed figure. An effort close to his last would make him a major contender for the win honors. **#1 Broadway Sky** hasn't shown a lot in his starts up at Woodbine over the tapeta and turf, but the change of scenery may get him back on track. While it was months ago, he did breeze a bullet over the Woodbine training track in 59.60 for five furlongs and he's by Not This Time - his offspring win at 19% in dirt sprints. **#6 Seaquelle** will tackle the boys today and while she finished second as the favorite in her last two efforts, last time out, she closed nicely at five and a half furlongs, so today's added distance should help her, assuming she rates again.

R6: In late May, **#4 Bahamian Dude** broke his maiden on the tapeta at Woodbine and two starts later, he picked up his second lifetime win on the dirt. He has a ton of early foot and will be trying for the lead early in here. With that said, he stopped in the stretch last time out against this level over the slop. He's worked since that lackluster effort and the time was a respectable 49.80. **#3 Royal Biz** took a long time to break his maiden, but this year, his 2-2-0 record from six starts suggests he has turned a corner. Since transferring to the Siddo barn, his "worst" finish was a third place finish two starts back at the level. Last time out, he bested a field of \$6.25k claimers and did so in gate-to-wire style. **#2 Voyant** was second to Bahamian Dude three starts back and since then has picked up a third. His most recent start wasn't his best, as he tired late. He's a player in the exotics, but he'll need to show more to pick up a bigger share.

R7: **#4 Volata** has only missed the board twice in eight starts, one of which was last time out. That effort is a bit concerning, considering she was a dominant six and a half length winner in her prior effort. Her win was on the tapeta, and her poor performance last time out was on the turf, but maybe she just bounced off such a big effort. Today, she'll make her first start for trainer Josh Robillard and her first start on the Fort Erie main track, but her two career dirt starts resulted in a win and a second place finish at Gulfstream Park. Her maiden victory was against some solid fillies that went on to perform well in stakes races. A significant drop in class appears to be what **#8 J M R Gemma** needed, as she crushed her competition on September 13th. The barn does well with last out winners, repeating at 18% and she stays in for the \$6.25k tag. **#5 Flawless Pink** won her most recent start in front-end fashion and it was her first start in the barn of Richard Davis, who continues to have a fabulous meet. Runners in the barn are hard to ignore, as last out winners win their next start at a whopping 31%.

R8: (*TURF 2-6-8, DIRT 4-7-10*) Depending on the surface, the complexion of this race is completely different and in the event that it's on the main track, **#4 She Ain't No Joke** appears to be the one to beat. Her last three starts have been a distance of one mile and seventy yards over an off track and she's finished in the top two in all three. Two starts back, she broke her maiden by over four lengths and when facing winners for the first time out on September 12th, on just six days rest, she finished second. Today, if held on the main track, the only question will be the cutback to six and a half furlongs, but she has the best dirt form overall. A similar story is true for **#7 Fleeka**, who has raced well in her last two starts going long on the main track. Most recently, she finished a very distant third, as the winner was much the best and She Ain't No Joke was clear in second. Today, she'll race without blinkers for the first time in her career. **#10 Crumlin Bird**'s lone win was on the turf and analyzing her two dirt starts, she hasn't performed the greatest over the surface, but she did flash early speed which is key. She'll hopefully find another gear, as her best effort was a fourth place finish on the dirt.