

Fort Erie Selections: Monday June 23rd, 2025

We're back to racing two days a week and our first card of the week consists of six races, two of which are scheduled for the turf. Good luck to today's connections and those wagering on the races! - Ashley Mailloux

Race 1:

#2 Ruby's Ghost
#1 Linda's Opal
#3 Silent Patsy

Race 2:

#3 Bamboo's Babe
#6 Sigiriya
#1 Tachyon Speed

Race 3:

#4 Knotty and Nice
#6 Now You See Me
#7 Taproom

Race 4:

#1 Mymathes Correct
#6 Sweeping Red
#2 Bourbon North

Race 5:

#2 Hiatus
#4 Society Joe
#6 Valley Victory

Race 6:

#1 Rye's My Guy
#5 Defogger
#4 Attestation

Key Race of the Day – Race 5 – Starter Optional Claiming – About 7 Furlongs (Turf)

The late double starts in race five, a starter optional claiming event, which is scheduled on the grass at a distance of about seven furlongs. **#2 Hiatus** will kick off his seven-year-old campaign against a level of competition that he was extremely competitive at last year. In 2024, this gelding won four races from seven starts, with two of them being turf events at today's distance. His early foot figures to serve him well against this group and while the runner to his inside has a fair bit of speed, this gelding can go two-turns whereas it's yet to be seen from Half to Reload. **#4 Society Joe**, last year's Puss N Boots Cup winner, won two races over this course last season. He is most effective when sitting mid pack early on and his rider, Amanda Vandermeersch, has been able to get him comfortable early from that position. While his last two races of 2024 are not the greatest, one can make excuses for both - one turn last time out and two starts back, he didn't handle the dirt. If there's a bit of pace for him to run at, which there should be, given the speed towards the inside, he could be rolling late. **#6 Valley Victory** didn't fire last time out in his dirt debut, but maybe he didn't handle the surface and it was a tough group. Some of his 2024 suggests he can run a bit and he can adjust based on where he's placed early plus, the turf should be more to his liking based on previous turf and synthetic efforts. At what figures to be a price, he might be worth a long look underneath in exotic wagers.