

Hiawatha Horse Park

Thursday July 14, 2011

MOST PROBABLE WINNER

Race 9 #4 Blueridge Magdalen

LONGSHOT SPECIAL

Race 8 #6 Paris Freeluck

Race 6 Selections 2-4-8-1

2 DUKE OF GLORY tried to wire a tough group of OSS colt's last week right here at Hiawatha. He finished a determined 4th in that race in a time that should be enough. **4 FOREST HEIGHTS** hasn't really been the same since going a big mile at Hazel Park on May 30. He will really need to turn things around if he's to beat this group. **8 HIGH STAKES BANKER** also finished 4th against OSS types but unlike my top selection he was forced to try a different approach from the 9 hole. Tonight it's the 8 hole!

Race 1 Selections 7-2-6-4

BLUERIDGE ASTAIRE won last time she was here in this exact same class, she's the only one with 2 wins, plus she's batting 50% in terms of top 2 finishes, what's not to like? **2 MARQUIS HALL** hasn't been racing to badly as of late with 3 top three finishes in his last 4 races. He should be able to get a decent trip from this advantageous draw. **6 STONEBRIDGE IDOL** regally bred gelding has had his share of adventure in his first 3 races. His best start however was a very nice 2nd to my top selection on June 23

Race 7 Selections 5-4-3-1

5 ARTHURS DIAMOND found the grassroots starter races at Mohawk way too tough. She was competitive at a level below this back in June and did show some nice 56 speed. **4 MIGHTY NICE** makes her 3rd start back off a layoff with her last start being her best effort to date. She may have to do some overland work tonight with some speed inside her. **3 ROCA REI** came through as my live long shot way back on June 2. Since then she's done some good things at Hazel Park, and last week at a Michigan fair. Contender!

Race 2 Selections 2-7-1-3

MODERN WIND Ontario bred filly makes her way here after a couple of recent good efforts in Ohio. She looks like she could race any style, and from this draw is a contender. **7 PINK KNEES** has had only 1 start since May 10, over 2 months now, so fitness could be an issue. I'm hoping her connections have her ready but I may be too optimistic. **1 H M POWER** continues to draw very well in the post position department. She doesn't show as much speed as some others in here but her miles have been over slow 1/2s

Race 8 Selections 6-2-4-9

6 PARIS FREELUCK was claimed on the dropdown 2 back before being gutted at Mohawk last time out. He could be better 2nd time out for a stable that's had a strong meet. **2 TWIN B SHASTA** raced well in a \$10,000 claimer at Mohawk last time out when finishing a hard closing 3rd. She likely won't win 12 X this year but she is tough at this level. **4 B BAR MARILYN** raced against my selection directly above last time out and was soundly beaten by her in that race. She showed some nice form previously to that race.

Race 3 Selections 3-2-6-7

3 EASTER BONNET classy mare looks to have put her erratic ways behind her with 3 very good performances in a row now, including 2 big wins. She gets a top call again. **2 ZORGWIJK HOLLANDER** looked like his old self last week when getting narrowly beaten in a very fast time of 1:58.3. A repeat of that effort should see another top 3. **6 DONKER MARIE** has been facing similar over at Hazel Park, and with some success I might add. Her 2 minute speed should be competitive against this lower level group.

Race 9 Selections 4-3-7-9

4 BLUERIDGE MAGDALEN completely crushed this field last week when drawing away by over 8 lengths under wraps. Anything close to that should see similar results. **3 TWIN B MADAM** was hopelessly trapped in last week when the mare on the front stopped just past the 1/2 mile marker. Beating my top selection may be too much to ask? **7 DREAMFAIR ALEXIS** failed to fire in the lucrative final at Hanover last time out and came away empty handed. She may need to duplicate her speed from her late May miles.

Race 4 Selections 6-3-7-1

6 COSMIC JOLT found herself in a little too tough last time out when trying WEG types. She did pace a decent mile in that contest and qualified well here so I've decided on her. **3 SWEET SHE ROLLS** hasn't been worse than 3rd in her last 4 races including a very good 2nd here last week and a nice 3rd in the Clinton final. Carlson's choice may be the key **7 D JS SISTER** was driven very aggressively in her local debut last week by a top catch driver from WEG. She did respond with a 3rd but lost significant ground in the stretch.

Race 10 Selections 2-3-9-1

2 CRIMES OF PASSION could give this stable back-to-back winners if my top pick from the previous race wins as well. This stable seems to be heating up at this point. **3 COW CREEK CINDY** rarely seems to put in a real clunker, especially at this reduced level. She's run 2nd in her last couple races so that's where I've decided to use her. **9 IM GOOD TO GO** may have been my top pick had she drawn inside of some of the other top contenders. She was unbeatable here back in mid May and takes a drop tonight.

Race 5 Selections 7-2-5-4

7 MAGIC MICKEY looks like he's been worth the wait with back to back top 3 finishes in his only 2 lifetime starts. He may still be a work in progress and not quite ready to win. **2 UP FRONT STRIKING** has been all over Southern Ontario in search of her first win but has mostly found the competition to tough. This should be a better fit for her. **5 FRIENDLY VALENTINE** looked like he was going to be a very nice colt when winning at first asking, then finishing 3rd in back-to-back starts. Since then it hasn't been pretty.

Race 11 Selections 3-8-1-9

3 DAILY BLOG is given only a minor call by this capper, partially because most of the other top contenders have drawn the far outside. He may just be the best from in here. **8 DUKECREST** has looked a lot better the last 2 races, and both of those were from less than ideal starting posts. He'll probably need some luck and pace to run at late in the mile **1 BLAZIN BENNY** looks like he has a ton speed but no manners to go with it. He'll need to be on his best behavior tonight, and even then he may not be able to go with these.