

## KOREA: Seoul Racecourse – Saturday December 14, 2019

### Race 5: Class 6 (1700M) Allowance / KRW 24 Million

(2) BLUE BAND has started improve in his recent starts, culminating in a runner-up finish in what was his first try at this distance on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He came from off the pace that day, running on well and he is the slight pick to prevail here. (12) HOSUA was 4<sup>th</sup> in that race, just over two-lengths in arrears and he can be a threat today but the main danger is (6) FIRST THUNDER. He beat a couple of these on his way to a good 2<sup>nd</sup> over 1300M last month, running on strongly late on. He's acquitted himself adequately at this trip before and he can go close on what will be his eighteenth career start. (8) JACKS KHAN steps up to this distance for the first time after some solid if unspectacular performances over 1300M. He's a touch one-paced but should have enough about him to get himself around in contention. (5) PENUMBRA actually beat Blue Band over 1300M a couple of starts back. He'll be on pace from the start but the distance is a question mark.

<b>Selections</b>	(2) Blue Band (6) First Thunder (8) Jacks Khan (12) Hosua
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 11
<b>Fast Start</b>	5

### Race 6: Class 5 (1000M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

Having broken his maiden in fine style in October, (10) RAON LIGHT MAN was a touch disappointing when 4<sup>th</sup> after being sent off as the odds-on favourite on his re-appearance on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. That was a tougher race than this and while he has drawn quite wide here, he looks well worth another chance. He should certainly be overturning the form on (11) DAEJI YEOGEOL, who ran an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> in that same race and seems to thrive at this distance. (5) CUPID GANGJA got sent back to trial after a desperate showing last time out. He accordingly won his heat and dropping back to the minimum distance today, should be better. (1) MIRACLE HOPE remains a maiden after ten attempts but has no fewer than four runner-up finishes to his name, including last start at class and distance. The other main contender is (2) BAEKSANG. He was 4<sup>th</sup> last start on November 9<sup>th</sup> and while it was a long way behind a very good winner, he has plenty of speed about him and is likely to be on pace from the start here.

<b>Selections</b>	(10) Raon Light Man (2) Baeksang (11) Daeji Yeogeol (1) Miracle Hope
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 9
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 2, 10

### Race 7: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

(1) FEDERAL CAT was a winner at this class over 1000M on November 16<sup>th</sup>. That was his maiden win on what was his tenth start and while he does step up in trip today, a repeat is

not impossible. (2) TIZ ROSE and (3) IL MARE both come in off the back of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes at class and distance on their respective latest outings and both should be aiming to match or better those here with Tiz Rose perhaps the more likely. From gate 2, she should be looking to lead from the start and she can pose a big threat to the top pick. (9) CHEONSE MANSE remains a maiden after sixteen attempts but comes in here off consecutive runner-up finishes He'll run on well and can aim for another place finish today. (12) J M FIGHTER is up in class after a solid win at this distance on November 10<sup>th</sup> and while he will need to improve here, there is no reason why he can't be competitive at this level.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Federal Cat (2) Tiz Rose (9) Cheonse Manse (3) Il Mare
<b>Next Best</b>	12, 8
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 5, 12

### **Race 8: Class 4 (1000M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million**

Nice looking race this. (6) TAKTUEIN won three in a row between July and September to make himself reasonably well-fancied for the Nonghyup Chairman's Trophy at the end of October. He bumped at the start that day and never recovered, finishing well back behind champion juvenile Roller Blade. He's had a few weeks off since then and drops back to more amenable company and to the 1000M with scope to return to the winner's circle. Plenty of tough company here though. (12) DOKBO CHEONHA as two runner-up finishes and a win which has caused her to be rapidly up in class. The times she has posted, however, are more than capable of winning at this level and while the outside gate isn't ideal, she looks a hot prospect. (1) UTGE HAEJULGE is more of a known quantity and he too is up in class having made all to win at this distance in a fast time in October. He can make the most of the inside draw to lead and has serious claims of his own. (4) SIMON RICH and (11) LUCKY BONGSEONG others who can go close.

<b>Selections</b>	(6) Taktuein (12) Dokbo Cheonha (1) Utge Haejulge (11) Lucky Bongseong
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 2, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 2, 6, 11

### **Race 9: Class 4 (1000M) Allowance / KRW 75 Million**

A maiden for imported juveniles with only four of the twelve having raced before. The most impressive of those four was (8) CLEAN UP BELLA, who ran 2<sup>nd</sup> on debut – beating two of the others – on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a useful time and he's a contender although he will have to raise his game to beat some of the newcomers. Certain to be favourite is (1) EOMA EOMA. The Algorithms colt turned in a very strong trial, running close 2<sup>nd</sup> to the experienced Might Ssing in a fast time back at the start of November and his racecourse debut has been eagerly anticipated. (3) SUN BOOM was also impressive in his trial. The Shanghai Bobby colts ran on strongly for 2<sup>nd</sup> in a fast time and while like most of these, he'll probably be better at a longer distance than today, he should be competitive. (6) DOROAN BULPAE was an easy trial winner

back at the start of November and is another who should co close first-up. (7) LOOKING FIRST the best of the rest.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Eoma Eoma (6) Doraon Bulpae (3) Sun Boom (8) Clean Up Bella
<b>Next Best</b>	7, 9
<b>Fast Start</b>	5, 9, 10

### **Race 10: Class 4 (1300M) Allowance / KRW 60 Million**

(9) FULL BOOSTER ran 2<sup>nd</sup> on debut on November 9<sup>th</sup>, well beaten by Mark Story, who has since gone on to win again. He steps up in trip here, should be on pace, and can lead all the way. (1) BACK SPIN won back to back races in August and September to get promoted to this level. He only managed 4<sup>th</sup> on his first try at it on November 2<sup>nd</sup> but the margins were small and he was within a length of the winner. From the inside gate, he should be on speed and can go very close today. (4) GREAT LEE was a slightly unexpected winner at class and distance on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and while he does carry an additional 3kg today, can go close once more. (6) SHARK JJANG and (10) HIDDEN SOCKS are others in at least the placing claim.

<b>Selections</b>	(9) Full Booster (1) Back Spin (4) Great Lee (10) Hidden Socks
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 2
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 2, 9

### **Race 11: Class 4 (1700M) Allowance / KRW 60 Million**

(8) BI PYEONG has only finished outside the top three on one occasion in his eight starts so far and comes in having run 3<sup>rd</sup> at class and distance on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He was favourite that day on what was his second start back following seven months off. He should have improved for it and can be given another chance to come out on top today. (10) TAURUS came from off the pace to score a class and distance win a month ago in what was a considerable uptick in form. He carries a bit more weight today but remains a credible contender. It took (1) CUTIE BARBIE seven goes to get her maiden win but she evidently enjoyed it as she has gone on to win twice more in three subsequent starts. She is up in class here and will likely need to post a faster time than she has managed so far but don't rule out more improvement. (11) SPEED BELLE steps up in trip and should be in contention while (12) JEONGSANG MANSE was only beaten a head last time out and long odds and warrants more respect today.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Bi Pyeong (1) Cutie Barbie (10) Taurus (12) Jeongsang Manse
<b>Next Best</b>	11, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 9

### **Race 12: Class 3 (1800M) Allowance / KRW 75 Million**

(8) INCHEON CHIEF was beaten into 2<sup>nd</sup> in a good race at this class over 1800M on November

3<sup>rd</sup>. That was a big upturn in form for him but the way he ran suggests that he has every chance of going close once again here. The main danger is (6) WONDERFUL EVIL. He may not quite have lived up to his early promise but his recent form reads very well and he can come from off the pace with a strong late run here. (7) DONGBANG JIJON is up in class having scored over 1700M last start. He looks nicely in here and is another who can come from off the pace. Plenty of others have placing chances with (1) KINGS STEP, who struggled in a big race at a sprint distance last start and (2) KING MESSENGER looking the best of the rest.

<b>Selections</b>	(6) Wonderful Evil (8) Incheon Chief (7) Dongbang Jijon (1) Kings Step
<b>Next Best</b>	2, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	5, 9

### **Race 13: Class 2 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 90 Million**

(5) OKAY QUEEN took a tilt at the Jeju Governor's Cup over 1400M last month and while she only managed to finish 6<sup>th</sup> that day, it was a decent run in solid company. She is a class and distance winner already and could end up having too much for her rivals here. (3) THUNDER MARK hasn't raced since finishing behind OKAY QUEEN in the STC Trophy on international weekend in September. Before that she ran a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> in the KNN Cup. She seems a hard filly to get right but at her best, she has every chance of going close in company like this. (2) MUNHAK TIGER and (10) MUNHAK TSUNAMI both come back in trip after having a hard time at a mile when they raced each other last month. Both should be happier with the 1200M today. (7) EAGLES GRIFTER is up I class after a commanding six-length win over this distance a month ago and should be competitive here.

<b>Selections</b>	(5) Okay Queen (3) Thunder Mark (7) Eagles Grifter (10) Munhak Tsunami
<b>Next Best</b>	2, 4
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 8, 10