

KOREA: Busan Racecourse – Friday February 21, 2020

Race 4: Class 6 (1200M) Allowance / KRW 25 Million

There is a good deal of potential throughout this maiden and it's a pair of animals making their respective second outings today who look the most promising. Having won a trial, **(5) NEW PROSPECT** was sent off as favourite on debut on January 31st. He began a bit slowly but did run into 3rd, just a couple of lengths behind the winner. It wasn't a strong race but he looks to have scope for improvement and with a slightly better start today can win. **(3) JANGSAN MANGCHI** ran 2nd on his debut behind longshot winner Max Power. The time wasn't fast but the performance was accomplished enough and he is the main danger here. **(9) GRAND CAPTAIN** has been has shown an uptick in form in recent starts and can aim for a place here. **(2) MILLION MAKER** did nothing on debut last October but has since been through three trials, running well in the latest of them and he should be significantly better today. **(8) YEONGGWANGUI KISS** the best of the rest.

Selections (5) New Prospect (3) Jangsan Mangchi (2) Million Maker (9) Grand Captain

Next Best 8, 10

Fast Start 2, 5, 8

Race 5: Class 6 (1400M) Allowance / KRW 25 Million

It's extremely hard to put together a speed map for the fifth with few of the runners showing early speed in their previous starts. **(10) SPACE POWER** looks to be able to cross in the early stages and should prove hard to run down over the seven furlongs. The Clear Attempt colt finished third behind Magic Partner last start but they did run a pedestrian time of 1.17.1 for the 1200m. Whilst it was slow it is probably enough to take this event out. **(8) FEDERAL STAR** looks the biggest threat coming off a fifth on debut. The Federalist three-year-old sat well back last start and she will need to be closer in the run if she is to be a winning chance, especially given there is minimal speed engaged suggesting the first half of the race will be run slowly. **(11) GIANT'S HEART** was disappointing last time out when the wide draw was hard to overcome. He has drawn wide once again but with the lack of speed engaged the three-year-old can bounce back. **(1) SMILE WINNER** has gone off the boil somewhat but has managed to place on two occasions from eight starts. If she can reproduce one of her better runs she should be considered and each-way chance.

Selections (10) Space Power (8) Federal Star (11) Giant's Heart (1) Smile Winner

Next Best 6, 5

Fast Start 10, 8, 11, 1

Race 6: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

Having run 2nd on debut, **(6) BARBARIAN** was an eight-length winner on his return to action on January 17th. It was over this distance and he made all and while he is up in class today, the manner of that win suggests that he won't need to improve very much in order to strike again today. He'll be on pace from the stat and should win. **(3) MUNHWA SIGNATURE** and **(4) JEONSEOLUI PUNCH** came home 2nd and 3rd with just over a length between them when they raced each other at class and distance on January 17th. That was a strong race and both should be in the mix here with Jeonseolui Punch favoured to overturn that form. **(1) HIDDEN BOY** is inconsistent but is capable of running well in this kind of company. **(10) DAMYANG CHOEGANG** remains a maiden after seventeen attempts but drops back in trip following a good 4th over a mile a month ago and can be in placing contention.

Selections (6) Barbarian (4) Jeonseolui Punch (3) Munhwa Signature (1) Hidden Boy

Next Best 10, 9

Fast Start 4, 6, 10

Race 7: Class 5 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

There appears to be a couple of promising types engaged in the seventh. **(1) GUKMIN STAR** has been a consistent type for trainer Jang Se-Han since beginning his career in late 2018. The Ingrandire colt was impressive last start when running on strong to finish second behind Busan Miso. The 1400m looks ideal for him third up, he will be hitting the line hard and is capable of bringing up his second career victory. **(3) MAJOR POWER** comes out of a stronger race where she finished fourth behind Thunder King. The filly has drawn ideally for her best racing pattern, which is to sit just behind the leading division before they straighten up for the run home. **(4) GLOBAL HERO** cannot be discounted after breaking maiden status in Class 6 company last time out. His winning time suggests he needs to improve once again to be a winning chance. **(10) DONGBANG NARAE** showed plenty of promise during her first preparation but it is hard for punters to take confidence from her trials coming into this preparation. Keep her safe in your exotic bets.

Selections (1) Gukmin Star (3) Major Power (4) Global Hero (10) Dongbang Narae

Next Best 7, 5

Fast Start 2, 4, 8

Race 8: Class 4 (1200M) Allowance / KRW 75 Million

A field of three-year-old imported maidens go around here with four of the eleven making their racecourse debuts. We'll side with experience though and the one with the equal most of that is **(8) BABEL HIT**. He beat three of these on his way to 2nd place over 1300M on January 17th, just doing down by a neck to the longest shot on the board, Rapid Game. You Hyun-myung takes the mount for the first time and he can win. Running 3rd in that same race was **(2) DIAMOND MARINE**. That was a second consecutive placing finish for the Paynter colt and he'll surely be going close again. Back down the track that day was **(6) WORLD TOP**, He was sent off as favourite having won a trial earlier in the month but raced four wide with no cover for much of the way around ultimately finishing 9th. He surely gets better today and can be given another chance. All three of these are likely to sit behind an early speed set by **(4) STORM KING IJI**, who looks the pick of the first-time starter.

Selections (8) Babel Hit (2) Diamond Marine (4) Storm King Iji (6) World Top

Next Best 9, 5

Fast Start 1, 4, 9, 10

Race 9: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

They should clock a quick time over the 1200m with plenty of potential pacemakers engaged in the six-furlong event. **(6) CHOEGANG TOUCH** looks the one to beat after a very promising start to her career. The Hansen filly has had six starts yielding three wins and three minor placings. She is well weighted with just 54.5kg considering she has already won in this class previously. She's an on-speed runner so expect a positive ride from Seo Seung-Un. **(5) TOP ACE** was an impressive last start winner in Class 5 company. The Thunder Moccasin gelding sat on speed before winning by three quarters of a length and clocking a superb time for the five furlongs. **(12) NEOLBEUN GOEUL** finished third behind Success Party which reads well for this race. The lightly raced five-year-old has shown he can run a strong 1200m, if Park Jae-I can overcome the wide gate early on he can be considered an each-way chance. **(11) HAPPY GATE** has been consistent for the most part of his career and is another that can run into the money with an economic run.

Selections (6) Choegang Touch (5) Top Ace (12) Neolbeun Goeul (11) Happy Gate

Next Best 8, 1

Fast Start 4, 5, 6, 8

Race 10: Class 4 (1600M) Allowance / KRW 60 Million

(7) **RAON YEOGEOL** was just a neck away from running in a place in the Breeders' Cup trial in October before managing 3rd behind Doctor Carson in the Gyeongnam Do Min Ilbo Cup in November. She ended her juvenile campaign as a beaten favourite over 1300M but resumes here stepping up to the mile for the first time with solid claims. (3) **BLACK EAGLE WING** is still a maiden after five starts but ran well when tackling this distance for the first time just two weeks ago. From gate 3, Jin Kyum can settle behind the early speed and finish strongly. (10) **ROYAL TICKET** and (8) **CURLIN TIME** came home 2nd and 3rd respectively when they raced each other at class and distance on January 19th. Both were outsiders that day but will be much shorter this time and both have claims on a place. (5) **QUICK MOVE** had a poor day at the office last start but is a class and distance winner and warrants respect.

Selections (7) Raon Yeogeol (8) Curlin Time (3) Black Eagle Wing (5) Quick Move

Next Best 10, 9

Fast Start 1, 5, 10, 11

Race 11: Class 2 (2000M) Allowance / KRW 90 Million

The eleventh on the card is an interesting race where there are many chances suggesting an open market to finish of proceedings. (9) **ROCK CHOICE** put the writing on the wall last start when hitting the line strong behind the very impressive Mr. Afleet. The Rock Hard Ten colt has shown a liking for the 2000m previously when winning the third leg of the Triple Crown – The Minister's Cup. He is a dour type and there won't be many, if any coming home stronger than him. (3) **MR. SCAT** looks close to another win after placing on two occasions from three starts this preparation. He was good last start he sitting on speed and finishing second to a handy type in World Power. He's drawn well for Francois Herholdt to ride him in a similar fashion. (5) **K PLUS WON** saluted in this class two starts back before coming out of the same race as Mr. Scat where he finished third. This is the first time he has been stretched out to the 2000m but his previous performances suggest he is an each-way chance. (10) **BRAVE KINGDOM** is another who has performed admirably at his past couple of starts and can run into the money. He has been winding off some good sectionals so look for him late. Good race.

Selections (9) Rock Choice (3) Mr. Scat (5) K Plus Won (10) Brave Kingdom

Next Best 4, 1

Fast Start 3, 4, 7