

**Sunday June 11, 2023**

**Seoul Race 4: Class 6 (1300M) Special Weight A / KRW 25 Million**

(1) CUPID CHIC is the standout here. Her most recent on May 13<sup>th</sup> was her best so far when she overcame gate ten to get on to the speed and ended up a narrowly beaten 2<sup>nd</sup>. She comes up to this trip for the first time but there's no reason why it can't suit, and from a much better gate, she can get to the front again and this time go one better. (4) CHALLANHAN POKPUNG stepped up to this trip last time out on May 14<sup>th</sup> and recorded his second consecutive 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish racing handily throughout and stopping the clock in a faster time than any of the others have managed for the distance. Moon Se-young gets on today and he should be aiming to match or better. (9) LAST PITCH was 4<sup>th</sup> behind Challanhan Pokpung in that May 14<sup>th</sup> race. A similar run will put him in the finish here. (3) AREUMDAUN SAI and (6) MENI SHARK are the other placing possibles.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Cupid Chic (4) Challanhan Pokpung (9) Last Pitch (3) Areumdaun Sai
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 9, 10, 11

**Busan Race 3: Class 5 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million**

Competitive race with two standouts. (7) BLUE CAPTAIN has just the one win from nineteen starts but is seemingly working towards another and was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> over 1300M last time out on May 19<sup>th</sup> when handy throughout. He only comes up 1kg in the weights and can sit just behind the speed and finish well. The main danger is (8) BLUE SKY. She too has just the one win, but she has finished in the top five on seven of nine occasions, including last time out when 3<sup>rd</sup> in a good time at this class and distance. In this company she can be expected to be on the speed, and she can win. The form drops off significantly after those two. (1) ACE HORANGI may be better for the drop back in trip, with (5) TAEWANG SINGI and (3) E CASH other possible improvers.

<b>Selections</b>	(7) Blue Captain (8) Blue Sky (1) Ace Horangi (5) Taewang Singi
<b>Next Best</b>	3, 2
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 2, 8, 9

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

Fillies and mares only and not a strong race for the level which does make it a race of many chances. (3) LONDON QUEEN has led in both her latest two starts and has seen an uptick in form ultimately finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, both at this distance and most recently in a very quick time on a wet track. She comes up a couple of kilos today, but she draws well to lead again, and this time can go all the way. (8) HONEY PUNCH is two stats into a comeback following ten months out. She

was considered good enough last year to get her chance in a Triple Tiara race, and she improved to 2<sup>nd</sup> on her second start back on May 21<sup>st</sup>, coming from off the pace. She does come up in the weights, but the additional half furlong can suit, and she could strip even fitter here. (5) WIDAEHAN HANMA could only manage 6<sup>th</sup> when well backed behind London Queen last time out. She was going very well at this distance prior to that though and is worth another chance here. The up in class (1) TUHON TEUKGEUP along with (11) TROT QUEEN are others to consider.

<b>Selections</b>	(3) London Queen (8) Honey Punch (5) Widaehan Hanma (1) Tuhon Teukgeup
<b>Next Best</b>	11, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	5, 6, 7, 9

#### **Busan Race 4: Class 4 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million**

(4) GRAPHENE RAP WORLD had a hard time in the Luna Stakes, the first leg of the Triple Tiara series at the end of April and accordingly skipped last week's Oaks to re-enter shallower waters. And while not a bad race, she should find this relatively shallow. Well weighted, back in trip and drawn in a good gate, she should win. (10) RUN AND GUN had a hard time in a mile race of her own last time out. She tends to get a bit far back, but she has some fast times for this distance and even in a race where nothing carries much weight, under 51kg is hard to ignore. (1) LOUD COLOR returned from five months out to register her maiden win at 1200M in April. She promptly followed up with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at this class, again over the six furlongs. She comes up in trip here, but it can suit, and she should be on pace. (3) USEUNG YEOGEOL and (6) QUALITY QUEEN are others in at least the placing frame.

<b>Selections</b>	(4) Graphene Rap World (10) Run And Gun (1) Loud Color (3) Useung Yeogeol
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 8
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 3, 4, 11

#### **Seoul Race 6: Class 4 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million**

(1) COMPLETE LEVEL was a very good winner at start number three on April 29<sup>th</sup>, settling midfield before running on in a very quick time on a wet track over 1200M. That brings him rapidly up in class, as well as slightly in trip, but from the inside gate, he has every chance of measuring up. (6) GEOLJAK DREAM was sent off as favourite at class and distance on April 29<sup>th</sup> and probably will be again. Despite leading, she could only manage 2<sup>nd</sup> that day but he only comes up 1kg in the weights, she has some great times at this distance (although as with the time of Complete Level on April 29<sup>th</sup>, that particular one was artificially fast), and she could win here. (7) SEOUL CROWN beat Geoljak Dream to win that class and distance race and while he comes up 3kg in the weights, warrants more respect this time. (8) THE REAPER and (4) HWASUBOON among others in the hunt.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Complete Level (6) Geoljak Dream (7) Seoul Crown (8) The Reaper
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 6, 7, 9

### **Busan Race 5: Class 4 (1800M) Special Weight B / KRW 60 Million**

(4) WONDERFUL CHANCE was a winner over this distance at class 5 level two starts back before running 5<sup>th</sup> on his first try at this class on May 26<sup>th</sup> when he used up plenty of early energy to get to a handy position from gate eleven. He carries the same weight but comes into a much better gate and should get a kinder route to the front. He is the one to beat. (10) DEMON SPY shapes as the main danger. He won at this class and distance in March and has run fairly for 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in two starts since. He has the fastest time among these for the distance and while he draws a touch wide again, he has overcome it in his latest two. (11) LINE BREAKER also has experience of running well from a wide gate as he did when 3<sup>rd</sup> over this class and distance in March. He carries plenty of weight again but can be competitive. (8) I WILL BE FREE and (9) DOCTOR PHARAOH among others to consider.

<b>Selections</b>	(4) Wonderful Chance (10) Demon Spy (11) Line Breaker (8) I Will Be Free
<b>Next Best</b>	9, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 5, 8

### **Seoul Race 7: Class 4 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million**

This is quite the clash. (7) RAON EMPIRE is half-sister to Raon The Fighter and comes up in class having scored her second win over 1200M on May 7<sup>th</sup> when handy throughout and running on to score well. She comes down significantly in the weights and while she prebably isn't going to emulate big brother, she is turning into a very nice filly. However, she runs into (8) HIGH GRAND. He fought an epic stretch duel last time out with another Raon, Raon American, which ended with the pair dead-heating for the win over 1400M at this class. Raon American got beaten on his reappearance last week and High Grand does come up 4.5kg in the weights, but she still should present a formidable test. Those two should fill out the quinella but there are a few other good ones. (2) MAGLE DAY comes up in class and down in weight following a good win over 1200M on May 14<sup>th</sup>. He can be competitive. (5) DREAM YEOWANG and (4) JANGSAN GUARD should also be aiming for that final place.

<b>Selections</b>	(7) Raon Empire (8) High Grand (2) Magle Day (5) Dream Yeowang
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 1
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 6, 7, 8

### **Busan Race 6: Class 3 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million**

(11) CAPTAIN GOLD will be the favourite here. In eleven starts, he has never been worse than 4<sup>th</sup> and comes in after a good run in a valuable trophy race over 1200M on May 14<sup>th</sup>. He steps up to the mile for the first time, but he has won over 1400M and while he tends to go best when on pace, the wide draw shouldn't be a problem and he can win here. He does have a liking for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> though and if one proves too quick today, it might be (4) YEONGGWANGUI FIGHT. He enters of a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place at class and distance on May 7<sup>th</sup> when coming from right off the pace and under a light weight and from a good gate, he should be close. (2) SONHADOR ran 5<sup>th</sup> behind Captain Gold in that trophy race a month ago and looks nicely in her under a light weight. (8) ALIVE STAR and (9) ECHO SUN the other logical picks to dispute the minors.

<b>Selections</b>	(11) Captain Gold (4) Yeonggwangui Fight (2) Sonhador (8) Alive Star
<b>Next Best</b>	9, 7
<b>Fast Start</b>	4, 6, 9, 11

### Seoul Race 8: Class Open (1800M) Korean Derby (KOR G1) / KRW 1 Billion

The second leg of the Triple Crown and it's as wide open a race as there has ever been what with the dominant winner of the first leg, Betelgeuse, being injured. (9) NAOL SNIPER will probably be favourite. He has had his injury issues too, missing the KRA Cup Mile but he previously ran a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sports Seoul Trophy and is a winner over this distance at class 4 level. It is his first start for twelve weeks so there are concerns, but he has as good a chance as any. (15) WORLD LEGEND ran 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cup Mile having drawn a similarly wide gate. He ran well though and the step up to 1800M should suit him. He will need luck from another awful draw. That's true too for (16) SOMETHING LOST, who would probably be favourite if he had drawn ten gets inside. He won the Sports Seoul Trophy and then gave Betelgeuse a run for his money in the Cup Mile, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. He proved in the Cup Mile that he doesn't need to lead though so he shouldn't be ruled out. (10) NUT PLAY was fast finishing in the Cup Mile and the two-time 1600M winner looks as though the further the distance, the better he can get. Look for him attacking late on. (5) YEOSU FIGHTER and (13) SPEED YOUNG among many others for whom a case can be made.

<b>Selections</b>	(9) Naol Sniper (15) World Legend (16) Something Lost (10) Nut Play
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 13
<b>Fast Start</b>	8, 9, 12, 16

### Busan Race 7: Class 1 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 110 Million

(8) DAEMANGUI GIL is developing a bit of a case of second-itis having been runner up on four of his last five starts with the other being tough time behind Raon The Fighter in Group company. He just got there too late when most of these raced each other at 1200M on May 5<sup>th</sup> and back up

to the mile today, he can reverse that form. (11) PRO CONSUL returned to form with a win over 1800M on May 28<sup>th</sup> when handy throughout. He has run some great times at a mile and can keep his form going here. (3) HIT YEGAM won that race over 1200M on May 5<sup>th</sup>, taking full advantage of the inside gate to get on to the lead and never looked back. This will be harder, but he draws well, and he too has a good record at a mile (including winning the KRA Cup Mile in 2021). (2) SUCCESS MACHO returns to action after a lengthy time away. He looked well in a trial at the end of April and while he will need this, if he can show anything like his former talent, he can be in the mix. (7) HAPPY FEVER, a last start class and distance winner, is another to keep safe.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Daemangui Gil (11) Pro Consul (3) Hit Yegam (2) Success Macho
<b>Next Best</b>	7, 9
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 3, 5, 9

### Seoul Race 9: Class 3 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

(8) FARCIARZ should be returning to winning ways today. He has been beaten into 2<sup>nd</sup> place as favourite in both his latest two starts, both at 1200M and both times by good winners. He comes back up to a mile for the first time since running 2<sup>nd</sup> to the excellent Nut Play (although we may want to reconsider the use of “excellent” depending on how Nut Play ran in the Derby an hour ago) and he can be on or close to the speed here and can win. (1) WINNER BLUE comes in off a runner-up finish at this class over 1700M on May 7<sup>th</sup> when he settled back and ran on. He comes up 2.5kg in the weights but should get an easy run to sit handy on the inside and can be strong late on here. (2) MORNING PRINCE is up in class after a good win over 1700M. He comes down a full 4kg in the weights and can measure up here. (7) STAR BLADE and (3) MAGIC HOUR are others who can enter the calculations.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Farciarz (1) Winner Blue (2) Morning Prince (7) Star Blade
<b>Next Best</b>	3, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 5, 8, 10

### Seoul Race 10: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

(2) JEOLDAE GACHI shapes as a warm favourite for the last. A winner at this distance at class 6 level in March, he followed up with back-to-back runner-up finishes to come up to this class. He likes to race on pace or handy so is ideally draw, he comes down a full 4.5kg in the weights, and he may take some beating. (9) PHOENIX SERVE is the main danger. She won at class and distance on May 13<sup>th</sup>, racing on pace throughout and while up 2.5kg, she is still nicely in and can be competitive again. (11) MOONHAK SONG is yet to finish in the top two but has raced consistently. She is done no favours by the draw as she likes to lead but something a bit different today could

be to her benefit and she carries a very light weight. (8) GOLD POWER and (4) NAMSAN JUMONG are others in the hunt.

<b>Selections</b>	(2) Jeoldae Gachi (9) Phoenix Serve (11) Moonhak Song (8) Gold Power
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	7, 8, 9, 11