

**Sunday January 5, 2024**

**Busan Race 2: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million**

Fillies and mares only here. (6) MOTHER CHUKJE got her maiden win at start three over this distance on November 29<sup>th</sup> when leading all the way and scoring comfortably. She comes up in class here but carries a fair weight, draws well, and with Franco staying on, she can win again. (2) ONES HEYDAY is yet to win in thirteen attempts but has eight top four finishes, including her latest three at this class over 1400M. She draws well to get on pace and Munro returns to the mount for the first time in a while. She should be in this a long way. (7) SEVEN QUEEN finished ahead of Ones Heyday as the pair ran 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> over 1400M on November 29<sup>th</sup>. That continued a consistent run of form, and she should be there or thereabouts again. (8) ACHIMUI HUIMANG and (9) FLY TO THE MOON are the other place chances.

<b>Selections</b>	(6) Mother Chukje (2) Ones Heyday (7) Seven Queen (8) Achimui Huimang
<b>Next Best</b>	9, 11
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 4, 6, 9

**Seoul Race 5: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million**

Fillies and mares only. (9) CHOWON DOLPUNG got her maiden win at start four over this distance on December 1<sup>st</sup> leading all the way for a facile score. She comes up in class, but the manner of that victory suggests that there is more to come, and she can go back-to-back. (2) MISS CONCORD got her maiden win three starts back at 1200M and enters having run 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in two tries at this class. She can run well on pace or from behind and drawing well here, she can be a threat for a stable that finished 2024 in good form. (3) GREEN CONCORD rounds out the top line of favourites. She is yet to finish in the top two in ten tries, but she has seven finishes between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and well-drawn and under a light weight should be in the finish again. (5) TOUCH CHARM and (6) SHINE BOLT others in the hunt.

<b>Selections</b>	(9) Chowon Dolpung (2) Miss Concord (3) Green Concord (5) Touch Charm
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 1
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 7, 9

**Busan Race 3: Class 5 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million**

After a 3<sup>rd</sup> and two 2<sup>nd</sup> places at class 6 level, (9) SHASHA stepped up to this class on December 6<sup>th</sup> and promptly secured her maiden win over 1300M racing close to the pace

throughout and taking a narrow victory on the line. She comes up 2.5kg in the weights, but Munro stays on and she can win again. (4) YULIM SESANG got his maiden win two starts back at this distance before running 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Shasha in that December 6<sup>th</sup> race when he led until the closing stages. He too comes up in weight, but drawn well and back at 1200M, will have plenty of supporters to overturn that form. It's hard to go past those quinella-wise so we are assessing the rest as place chances. (12) DAEHOMA enters off a very close runner-up finish at class and distance on December 13<sup>th</sup> and making his fiftieth start (he has won precisely once) looks the best chance to sneak into the top three. (10) TRIPLE AXEL and (6) SINHAE MANGCHI other possibles.

<b>Selections</b>	(9) Shasha (4) Yulim Sesang (12) Daehoma (10) Triple Axel
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 2
<b>Fast Start</b>	4, 5, 9, 11

### Seoul Race 6: Class 5 (1700M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

Tricky race. He's still a maiden and he is up in class after ten winless efforts, but we'll take a chance on (10) BLACK SIDAE. His latest three have all been over this trip and have yielded two 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, by far his best results so far. He comes down in the weights and while he needs to navigate his way to the front in that short run to the first corner, if he can do that, he can win. (6) CHOEGANG HYEONMA needs his latest forgiven when he was very slow away and never caught up. Instead, we can go on his previous one when 2<sup>nd</sup> at this class and distance and he can be right in this. (8) CHEONGRYANGSAN beat a couple of today's rivals when 4<sup>th</sup> at class and distance on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He is yet to win in thirteen attempts, but this is the kind of race he can pick up some prize money in. (1) PROCEED and the up in class (5) DAZZLE RUSH are others to consider.

<b>Selections</b>	(10) Black Sidae (6) Choegang Hyeonma (8) Cheongryangsan (1) Proceed
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 7, 8, 10

### Busan Race 4: Class 4 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

After being disqualified from the Listed Gimhae Mayor's Trophy for juveniles in October, (2) OASIS BLUE returned to action and ran 3<sup>rd</sup> at this class and distance on December 12<sup>th</sup>, beating a few of today's rivals in the process. He holds a win at 1800M and drawn well and under a light weight, he can kick off a potential Triple Crown campaign with a win here. (4) SKY SHOT beat three of thee on her way to a close 2<sup>nd</sup> place at this class and distance on

December 8<sup>th</sup>. He stays under the same light weight and can be running on strong at the business end again. (5) BLACK FALCON was sent off as favourite for that December 8<sup>th</sup> race, ultimately coming home 3<sup>rd</sup>. His sole win did come at this distance and Franco getting back on makes him worth another chance. The up in class (1) UNJU CHALLENGE, along with (10) BLAZING MAN are others to consider.

<b>Selections</b>	(2) Oasis Blue (4) Sky Shot (5) Black Falcon (1) Unju Challenge
<b>Next Best</b>	10, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	6, 7, 10, 12

### **Seoul Race 7: Class 4 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million**

Fillies and mares only here. (7) BLUSHING ROSE got her maiden win at start number two in an all-filly maiden at 1200M in September before running 2<sup>nd</sup> on her first try at this class on October 20<sup>th</sup>. She hasn't raced since then so she comes in fresh following eleven weeks out and she looks the one to beat. (10) SMART BYEOL beat three of these on her way to winning a similar race to this at class and distance on December 8<sup>th</sup>. She has the steadier of an additional 3.5kg to carry today but can be dangerous again. (1) GWANAKSAN O TWO has raced just three times, most recently in the Listed Gwacheon Mayor's Trophy for juveniles in November. She hinted at ability in her first couple, positing good times over the 1200M and from the inside gate, the step up in trip can suit. (9) ARGO GONGJU and (4) AWESOME BRAIN other place chances.

<b>Selections</b>	(7) Blushing Rose (10) Smart Byeol (1) Gwanaksan O Two (9) Argo Gongju
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 3
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 5, 7

### **Busan Race 5: Class 4 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million**

(3) BLACK VOLT overcame gate ten to sit midfield and go on to win at this class and distance on December 8<sup>th</sup>. He has the challenge of an additional 2.5kg today but that's balanced somewhat by a much better draw, and he can go back-to-back. (11) YEONGGWANGUITOUCH has plenty of experience at this level and comes in following 4<sup>th</sup> place at class and distance on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He was a winner at this level over 1400M as recently as October and while he too has his fair share of weight, he can be a danger. (8) MAX THE DRAGON enters off a 2<sup>nd</sup> place at big odds over this class and distance on December 6<sup>th</sup> when settling right back before making up a lot of ground to touch the front in the home

straight before being headed again. He warrants more respect here. (9) JILJU YEOLJEONG and (7) HEUIMANG GARAM other contenders in a competitive race.

<b>Selections</b>	(3) Black Volt (11) Yeonggwanguitouch (8) Max The Dragon (9) Jilju Yeoljeong
<b>Next Best</b>	7, 4
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 5, 12

### Seoul Race 8: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

Since getting his maiden win at start number two, (4) WONDERFUL LORD has registered two 2<sup>nd</sup> places and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places, the latter pair at this class and distance, most recently on November 17<sup>th</sup>. In this company and having drawn well, he can be expected to be on the pace, and he will be a warm favourite to win. (11) EXCELLENT QUEEN enters having run 2<sup>nd</sup> in both her latest two efforts, both at this class and distance. Her running style means the widest gate shouldn't cause too many complications, and she shapes as the main danger. The rest need an uptick in form (7) SEONGSIL DAERO returned from seven months out on December 21<sup>st</sup> and led before finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at class and distance. She should strip fitter for that outing and can be closer here. (1) ULTRA HIT and (5) RAON CITY GIRL are other chances.

<b>Selections</b>	(4) Wonderful Lord (11) Excellent Queen (7) Seongsil Daero (1) Ultra Hit
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 9
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 7, 9

### Busan Race 6: Class 2 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 90 Million

Having twice placed in Triple Tiara races, (1) GLOBAL TAEYANG ended her three-year-old campaign with a string of runs in Queens' Tour races at Group and Listed levels, yielding a 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 6<sup>th</sup> at distances between 1400M and 2000M. She returns to more amenable company here and while this is perhaps a keep busy race before the Queens' Tour starts up again for this year, she carries a light weight, draws well and at a distance she has won at, she should win again. (5) GEUMA HUGE HIT returned from a couple of months out on December 8<sup>th</sup> to run 3<sup>rd</sup> at this class over 2000N with a few of today's rivals behind her. She carries the same light weight again and can go close. (4) MR.KEYMAN won three races in a row between August and October and followed it up with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place which brings him up to class 2. He us down a full 5kg in the weights, and he already has the fastest time among these for the mile. Those are the form horses with the rest all needing to raise their game from recent efforts. (3) EUNSEONG WINNER and (2) GRAPHENE RAP WORLD are the most likely.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Global Taeyang (5) Geuma Huge Hit (4) Mr.Keyman (3) Eunseong Winner
<b>Next Best</b>	2, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 7, 8, 10

### Seoul Race 9: Class 4 (1700M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

(8) DAESEONG STAR is a winner of two from five, most recently at class 5 level over 1400M two starts back. He ran a fair 4<sup>th</sup> on his first try at this class on November 30<sup>th</sup> when dealing with a wide draw at the tricky 1600M start. This can suit better, and he can win. Plenty enter in good form. (1) SAINT LUCCA and (9) POWER ETCHED came home 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively when they raced one another at this class and distance on December 8<sup>th</sup>. That continued a positive run of form for both and while the pair of them are up in weight, there is a 2,5kg swing in favour Power Etched, although Sant Lucca gets the better draw. Both can be dangers. (5) MATTERHORN K and (4) ACRO MARINE the other main chances.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Daeseong Star (1) Sant Lucca (9) Power Etched (5) Matterhorn K
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 3, 8, 11

### Seoul Race 10: Class 3 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

It's about time that (1) GEOLJAK ONE returned to winning ways. A Listed winner as a juvenile she didn't win at all in her three-year-old season but came back into form at the end of the year, closing it out with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place at this class and distance on December 8<sup>th</sup> when she almost led the entire way around. She remains under a light weight and from a good draw she can get a soft lead again and this time go all the way. (9) BEST THOR has won his latest two at 1700M to rapidly come up two classes. He made all both times and can certainly measure up in this company. Kim Yong-geun rode both Geoljak One and Best Thor last time and stays on Best Thor. (8) TAEPLYEONG FIGHTER was a front running 4<sup>th</sup> over a mile on his first try at this class on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Another front runner, he tackles 1800M for the first time and can be in this a long way. (11) KING HONOR was a class and distance winner two starts back and along with (2) RAON THE QUALITY is another chance.

<b>Selections</b>	(1) Geoljak One (9) Best Thor (8) Taepyeong Fighter (11) King Honor
<b>Next Best</b>	2, 7
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 2, 7, 8

## Seoul Race 11: Class 2 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 90 Million

(6) WONPYEONG STORM was a perfect three for three in his juvenile campaign, which culminating in the Listed Gwacheon Mayor's Trophy in November. He looked very well in a trial just before Christmas and while as an import, he doesn't qualify for this year's Classics, he can begin a potentially big year with a win here. (10) NICE TAEYANG comes up in class following a win and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his latest two, both at 1400M. He comes down a full 6kg in the weights and while the widest gate from the mile start isn't easy, he has Moon Se-young to pilot. (2) ZIGGURAT comes back in trip following a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> place at this class over 2000M at the end of November and should be firmly in the mix. (7) BENCAL PRINCESS and (8) OHRA KHAN others to consider.

<b>Selections</b>	(6) Wonpyeong Storm (10) Nice Taeyang (2) Ziggurat (7) Bencal Princess
<b>Next Best</b>	8, 9
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 4, 6, 10