

Friday July 9, 2021

Busan Race 2: Class 6 (1300M) Allowance / KRW 22 Million

Tricky one. (8) SWEET BAND has been running very consistent times over her recent starts, all of them at 1400M. She can be one-paced but dropping back in trip slightly her may be in her favour. (11) CHEONGMA HWANGHU has the fastest time among these at the distance. That was recorded at her latest start when as favourite, she worked hard to get on pace from a wide draw before ultimately finishing 5th. She doesn't draw well again but most of the speed here looks set to come from wide gates anyway and she does get an apprentice taking 2kg off. She should go close. (10) INTO MARINE looks to be on the improve. He came from a handy position to run 3rd over 1200M at his last start and can step back up to 1300M with confidence. His times haven't been world-beating but he has mixed it with some decent horses and looks to have as much chance as any here. There is one solitary debut maker. (1) GOOD STAR has been through two trials and while he was relatively anonymous when qualifying in May, he went through a second one on June 18th and after a slow start ran on strong in a decent time to finish close to some good horses. This looks a good distance for him first-up and he has claims.

Selections	(8) Sweet Band (11) Cheongma Hwanghu (10) Into Marine (1) Good Star
Next Best	5, 12
Fast Start	2, 9, 11, 12

Busan Race 3: Class 6 (1600M) Allowance / KRW 22 Million

(10) CRYSTAL THINKING comes in off the back of consecutive runner-up finishes including at her latest start on June 19th when she beat several of today's rivals. She settled handy that day having drawn the inside but the time before she came from off the pace so the widest gate shouldn't be a problem and the only filly in the race can go one better today. (7) B J'S TERMS came home in 3rd place that day continuing his consistent run of form at this distance. He usually settles back and runs on and should be close again. (2) CHEONGDAM DRIVE has a 2nd place at the distance to his name and enters off a last start 4th over 1400M in a good time and beaten by good horses. He draws nicely here and is set to be a danger. (3) WONDERFUL WORLD looks like he is figuring things out after four starts. He ran on strong for 3rd over 1300M last time out and gives every indication that he is looking for further, which he gets today. (8) CENTUM THOR the best of the rest.

Selections	(10) Crystal Thinking (7) B J's Terms (2) Cheongdam Drive (3) Wonderful World
Next Best	8, 6
Fast Start	2, 3, 4, 8

Busan Race 4: Class 4 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

Two horses here come up in class seeking a hat-trick of wins. We'll side with (3) COOL GUY who after finishing 2nd in both his first two starts, registered back to back wins, both at 1200M and both by convincing margins. He generally sits handy in the early stages before taking command and the step up in trip should suit. (11) DOCTOR GIANTS has also won two in a row to be rapidly promoted in class and just like Cool Guy, they came at 1200M. He has a slightly different running style in that he has tended to sit midfield and then run on. One concern is that when he attempted a mile back in February it didn't go well, but he looks ready for 1400M here. (2) MR. HANSEN hasn't quite managed to recapture the explosive form of the very beginning of his career, when he recorded some very fast times at this distance. He showed signs of a return to form at his latest start when a close 6th over 1200M and with an apprentice taking some weight off today, he can get closer still. (5) SUNLIGHT BOY was a good winner at this distance two starts back at class 5 level and ran a strong 4th in a fast time on his first go at this class on June 20th. He'll be on pace and has every chance again.

Selections	(3) Cool Guy (11) Doctor Giants (2) Mr. Hansen (5) Sunlight Boy
Next Best	6, 8
Fast Start	2, 3, 6, 8

Busan Race 5: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

The banker favourite of the day goes here. (3) KING OF THE MATCH won a trial in a fast time in May before coming from off the pace to win well on debut on June 5th. He does come up in the weights here but he should have come on for the experience and if anything this is a weaker field than the one he defeated first-up. (9) K.B. BOSS had a poor day at the office at his latest start, capitulating having led into the straight. She is better than that though and is worth another chance for a place in this company. The most intriguing entrant is (1) MARK ONE. His recent efforts have been at a mile and 1800M and he ran well for 4th at the latter distance at his latest start a month ago. He has shown ability at sprint distance too and should be competitive here. Not much else arrives in anything much resembling form, so (7) SKITTER could take advantage and improve on recent appearances. He has won at class and distance before.

Selections	(3) King Of The Match (9) K.B. Boss (1) Mark One (7) Skitter
Next Best	10, 11
Fast Start	6, 7, 9, 12

Busan Race 6: Class 5 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 33 Million

Two turns is uncharted territory for the majority of these runners and the ones that have tried it before do not enter in good form. There are a couple who should be able to make the step up though. (11) SEUNGNI GLORY was a fine front-running winner over a mile on May 29th and comes up in class as well as distance today. The widest gate at the 1800M start at Busan

is never ideal but he doesn't need to lead and if Seo Seung-un can find a decent spot for him, he has every chance. The main danger is (8) GOLDEN KAISER. He got his maiden win back in January at 1400M and has since run well in three attempts at this class with a very good 3rd behind Raon The Boss and Mr. Indie at his last start over a mile. He can be close to the pace or further back and run on and the additional trip can suit. (3) YEONGWON POWER was 7th behind Golden Kaiser last start on what was his first try at class 5. He has won at a mile before and he too looks like he can take to two-turns well. (2) KING BROTHER comes up in class and while he remains winless, his recent form has been consistent and he could find the minor money here.

Selections	(11) Seungni Glory (8) Golden Kaiser (3) Yeongwon Power (2) King Brother
Next Best	6, 7
Fast Start	2, 3, 8, 10

Busan Race 7: Class 2 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

(3) JANGSAN DOKKI is up in class following a good win over this distance on May 30th when from a handy position he hit the front in the straight and ran on for an easy victory. He enters here under a light weight of 52kg and that could give him the decisive advantage over (4) THE SABER, who will carry a full 6kg more. He is already a class 2 winner having scored over 1400M in February and he races here for the first time since running 4th over this distance in a really good race on April 25th. He is tactically versatile and regardless of the weight, is sure to be in the finish. Those two are the standouts but (6) THUNDER KING, who has previously posted a fast time at this distance comes back into action for the first time since April. He looked very well when winning a trial in June and can go well under a light weight today. Continuing the theme of light weights. (8) GYEONGJUUI DUREBAK returned to form with a very good class and distance 3rd last time out on June 13th and can aim for the money again here.

Selections	(3) Jangsan Dokki (4) The Saber (6) Thunder King (8) Gyeongjuui Durebak
Next Best	1
Fast Start	1, 4, 6, 8