

Monday October 9, 2023

Seoul Race 4: Class 4 (1200M) Special Weight A / KRW 75 Million

Imported juveniles with four of the twelve racing for the first time. It's hard to go past (7) EOSEOMAREULHAE, who after two very good trials, was sent off as favourite over 1000M on debut on September 3rd and duly obliged to the tune of five-lengths. The trip is longer but in at the same weight and drawn marginally better, he should make it two from two. Four others return from that September 3rd race. (6) PANORAMA KING came home 2nd that day, duelling with Eoseomareulhae for the lead throughout before the latter proved too strong. He should have come on for the run and while it is questionable if he can overturn those five-lengths, he looks the main danger. Likewise, (8) GEOLJAK CHOEGANG came home 3rd, making up good ground. He was finishing better than Panorama King and only has a length to make up. Among the first timers. (4) MAKING STORY went through a couple of trials and much improved in a voluntary one in late September. He and (2) MIGHTY JJANG are perhaps the best of those who didn't go in the September 3rd race.

Selections	(7) Eoseomareulhae (6) Panorama King (8) Geoljak Choegang (4) Making Story
Next Best	2, 3
Fast Start	2, 3, 7, 8

Seoul Race 5: Class 5 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

(1) DAEBAK SOCKS won one of three starts as a juvenile last year but then didn't return to action for eight months. Having won a trial, he finished a strong 3rd on his racing comeback on August 20th when he led for much of the way around. He should strip fitter for that run, and he can win here. After some middling efforts following her maiden win, (2) GALSAEK HYANGGI found some form last time out, coming from well off the pace to run 2nd over 1300M and beat a couple of today's rivals in the process. Antonio remains aboard and she can build on that momentum today. (6) MISTER STAR is up in class having made all to win over 1200M on September 2nd. He can challenge for the lead and shouldn't be far away. (5) SPECIAL FORCE is still a maiden but is up in class having finished 2nd in both her first two outings over 1000M and 1200M. She carries a light weight and should measure up. (8) HONEY PUNCH another in the hunt in a small but competitive field.

Selections	(1) Daebak Socks (2) Galsaek Hyanggi (6) Mister Star (5) Special Force
Next Best	8, 7
Fast Start	1, 5, 6, 7

Seoul Race 6: Class 5 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

Another race with a warm favourite. (5) ORAEDAHAMKKE made steady progress across his first starts, ultimately getting his maiden win at the third time of asking over 1200M on September 3rd when settling midfield and running on. He comes up in class here but there is little to fear, and he can probably sit handy or better and should be too strong late on. (7) EINSPANNER won way back on debut but has mixed her form at this level since. This small field should suit though, and she can be on pace early and a danger. (6) TAEPYEONG FIGHTER comes up in class following a maiden win over this distance on August 12th when settling midfield and running on. That was just her third start, and she has potential for more progress here. (8) LEGAL HIGH and (2) NAMSAN MUJEOK the other placing chances.

Selections	(5) Oraedahamkke (7) Einspanner (6) Taepyeong Fighter (8) Legal High
Next Best	2, 4
Fast Start	3, 5, 6, 7

Seoul Race 7: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

(1) BENCAL PRINCESS has won at this class and enters off a solid 4th of ten over this distance in August. She comes down in the weights here and from the inside gate, Jo In-kwon can pick his spot behind the speed, and she could prove too strong. (5) DOKKAEBE ran out a class and distance winner on September 9th, settling handy and running on well to finally break his maiden at start twenty-one in emphatic style. He comes up a full 5kg in the weights, but he comes into a much better gate and lightning could strike twice. (4) LONDON ACTIVE returns to action for the first time in just over a year. She is a class and distance winner and while she will obviously need this, she trialled up well in September and in this company can be competitive right away. (9) UNICORN KINGDOM and (10) STAR CRAZY others in the placing frame.

Selections	(1) Bencal Princess (5) Dokkaebe (4) London Active (9) Unicorn Kingdom
Next Best	10, 11
Fast Start	4, 5, 6, 10

Seoul Race 8: Class 3 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

(7) YONGBI SEOUL comes rapidly up in class having got two wins and a runner-up finish from his latest three outings, having led in all three. With no need for an apprentice claim to keep his weight down, Moon Se-young takes over in the saddle and if he can get to the lead again, he can win again. (8) SPURT BIT won his first two races over 1000M before finished 5th of ten on his first try at this class and distance on August 19th. He should have derived benefit from that experience and can get closer today. Four of these raced each other over class and distance on August 27th, the form from which has taken a boost with 3rd placed Wolf Play having won on Saturday. (3)

YUKWAEHAN NALDEUL came out on top that day, settling off the pace and finishing well. He comes up 3.5kg in the weights but can be competitive again. (2) ULTRA KING was 2nd and will be expected to be on pace here and in this a long way. (10) RAON AMERICAN another in the hunt in a competitive race.

Selections	(7) Yongbi Seoul (8) Spurt Bit (3) Yukwaehan Naldeul (2) Ultra King
Next Best	10, 9
Fast Start	2, 4, 8, 11

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

Since winning at class 5 level in May, (9) G MOTION has a 3rd and two runner-up finishes in three outings at this class, all of them around two turns, most recently over this distance on September 24th when he was in 2nd the entire way around. He only comes up slightly in the weights and while he draws a touch wide, he should be able to make it to the front and will take some beating. (2) SIDAUI MYEONGJAK comes up in class and significantly in trip after a win over 1200M on September 3rd. He comes down in the weights and can measure up here. (10) SINUI BANJEON got his maiden win at start twelve in August making all over 1400M. He has placed at this distance at lower levels and under a very light weight can be a threat. (6) SEONGSIL INDONG is up in class having won at this distance last time out and along with (1) ROCK IMPACT is another who can enter the calculations.

Selections	(9) G Motion (2) Sidaui Myeongjak (10) Sinui Banjeon (6) Seongsil Indong
Next Best	1, 8
Fast Start	2, 6, 9, 10

Seoul Race 10: Class 2 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 90 Million

Six of these raced each other at class and distance on September 3rd and (9) GIANT INDY, despite racing ungenerously to the point of being ordered to trial, did enough to get the win. He was racing out of class that day and accordingly his weight remains light here and having flown through that trial, he can win again. (3) ASPEN TAEYANG was 2nd in that race, just a neck in arrears having raced on pace. He draws well here and third-up this preparation, he can be peaking fitness-wise. (1) BYEOLNARA SINSA was 3rd in that race, just a further length back. That marked an uptick on recent form, but a follow-up shouldn't be dismissed. Among those who didn't go in that event, (5) MONSTER K and (2) LUCKY WORLD look the best chances.

Selections	(9) Giant Indy (3) Aspen Taeyang (1) Byeolnara Sinsa (5) Monster K
Next Best	2, 11
Fast Start	3, 5, 6, 10