

Busan Racecourse – Friday January 22, 2021

Race 6: Class 5 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 32 Million

(9) PINEUI KKUM has won his latest two, both of them at this class with the latter being at this distance on December 6th. That day he beat four of these on his way to an impressive seven-length win and the manner of it suggests there could be more to come today. (1) TOP LUCKY was 2nd in that race and she can be a danger again – she actually has the fastest time of any of these at this distance and should be on pace early from the inside gate. The one they'll both need to beat is (10) CRONUS. He had a very useful debut campaign of four runs last summer which culminated in an all the way victory over this distance in August. His most recent trial was in October but the jockey/trainer combination mean he is sure to have plenty of backers. (6) FLYING KINGS and (4) B.K. HONEY look competitive at this level and should be in the placing frame.

Selections	(9) Pineui Kkum (1) Top Lucky (10) Cronus (6) Flying Kings
Next Best	4, 8
Fast Start	1, 10

Race 7: Class 4 (1600M) Allowance / KRW 42 Million

(5) YEONGUNG LOUIS was a strong winner on debut over 1400M on December 6th. There's not much in the way of a penalty for that and the way the Violence colt ran on suggests that there is more to come. The additional furlong shouldn't be a problem and he is favoured to strike again today. In a race with little in the way of early speed, he may take it on from the start. There was a full ten months between (7) NEWS MAKER's first and second starts. He did well in both though and look to have solid potential. He finished nicely for 3rd over 1400M on his return having run 2nd at today's distance in that debut almost a year ago and he should be in the hunt here. (1) SEONGSAN POWER was disappointingly well back behind Yeongung Louis in December but is usually a model of consistency, especially over the mile. He doesn't win out of turn and probably won't here either but he is worth a place line. (4) HONEY DRAGON showed enough on debut to suggest improvement is possible here, while (12) FINAL FRONT is perhaps a little better than his latest two outings suggest.

Selections	(5) Yeongung Louis (7) News Maker (1) Seongsan Power (4) Honey Dragon
Next Best	12, 11
Fast Start	1, 2, 5

Race 8: Class 4 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 42 Million

Cracking little race this involving no fewer than four last start winners. (11) COPY THAT has won three from six so far and led from gate to wire to score at class and distance on December

12th. He carries 2kg less today and while the draw isn't ideal, he could well repeat here. To do so, he'll have to again defeat (8) AFLEET YOUNG, who ran a close 2nd to him that day before coming out on January 8th to win himself at class and distance. He's struck three times from his latest five and has plenty of quality although he is giving Copy That a full 5kg in weight today. (9) FINE TRUMPET warrants respect having beaten three of these on his way to victory at this class over 1200M on December 5th. That was his first win in quite some time but he should be in the mix again here. (4) VEGA THUNDER was 3rd in that race and is usually good for being in the placing mix. The other last start winner is (5) VERRA DAY. The Verrazano colt is a bit of a wild card though as that win was all the way back in August and it was at class 5. He didn't offer too many clues when trialing up in November. (10) BURNING STAR was dismal first-up on December 19th but should have come on for the run and improve today.

Selections	(11) Copy That (8) Afleet Young (9) Fine Trumpet (4) Vega Thunder
Next Best	5, 10, 2, 3
Fast Start	11

Race 9: Class 1 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 70 Million

(3) TODAY races in Korea for the first time since the Grand Prix Stakes in December 2019. His most recent start anywhere was 2nd place to Parsimony in the Curlin Handicap over 2000M at the Dubai Carnival last February. He looked well when winning a December trial and he is obviously the class horse of the race. Having said that, there will surely be bigger targets than this and he is giving away at least 8kg to everything else. Even if he wasn't, (4) SSONSAL would still be a threat. He beat four of these with a front running performance over 1200M on December 6th but also holds the fastest time of any of these over this distance. (10) SPEED FURY is a lightly raced six-year-old who tackles class 1 for the first time today. He's a winner of seven of his ten starts and should be in the mix here. Today's stablemate (12) RAPIDO MAN struggled on his first attempt at this level behind Ssonsal last month but that was his first start since August and the 1400M today should suit better. Another up in class for the first time is (5) WONDERFUL LION. He was a front-running winner over this distance on his last start in November and should be able to mix it with most of the class 1 veterans here.

Selections	(4) Ssonsal (3) Today (10) Speed Fury (5) Wonderful Lion
Next Best	12, 9, 2
Fast Start	3, 4, 5, 10, 11

Race 10: Class 3 (1800M) Allowance / KRW 50 Million

No fewer than five of these raced each other at class and distance on December 20th and it was (2) CURLIN FANTASY, breaking his maiden at start twenty-five, who came out on top. He came from well off the pace and there is no real reason why he can't repeat although we might favour a couple to overturn that form. (8) RETURN OF SUBSIDY was 2nd in that race. Similar to Curlin Fantasy, he's not exactly a prolific winner but has an excellent placing record

and should go close again. (1) WORLD TOP was 4th in that race. He looks to be still on the improve and should have come on for his first try around two turns. (9) GEUMA KAIROS was the main disappointment in that race, fading to finish in 11th place on what was his first try at this class. He has won at this distance in a competitive time, however, and can be a different prospect today. Of those who didn't run in the December 20th race, (12) TRUE VALOR has plenty of consistency. While a couple of others may have a bit more speed about them, he can still be competing for a money finish.

Selections	(1) World Top (9) Geuma Kairos (8) Return of Subsidy (2) Curlin Fantasy
Next Best	12, 11
Fast Start	1, 9