

## Sunday September 8, 2024

### Busan Race 3: Class 5 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

This is a tricky one. We'll take a chance on (10) MY DREAM DAY. He comes up in class having run 2<sup>nd</sup> in both his first two starts at 1000M and 1200M, racing on the pace both times. He draws a touch wider than ideal but is down in the weights and Tom Gillespie's juvenile looks to have a win in him. (3) CAPTAIN EVERYTHING has good experience at this level with two 2<sup>nd</sup> places and a 4<sup>th</sup> from his latest three. Franco knows him well and can settle behind the speed and run on strong here. (4) SEOGWI OREUM has the fastest time of any of these at the distance, recorded when 3<sup>rd</sup> last time out on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He may make for some appeal at a probable each-way price. (5) DOCTOR FIGHTER and (11) GRAND DREAM, both up in class following last start maiden wins, are others to keep safe in your wider numbers.

<b>Selections</b>	(10) My Dream Day (3) Captain Everything (4) Seogwi Oreum (5) Doctor Fighter
<b>Next Best</b>	11, 1
<b>Fast Start</b>	5, 6, 10, 11

### Seoul Race 4: Class 5 (1700M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

(2) CHOEGANG HYEONMA is yet to win in nine starts but has no fewer than eight top five finishes. He comes in off a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place over 1400M on August 4<sup>th</sup> and while a previous try at two turns didn't go well, he looks ready for another crack here in what is not a strong race. (6) SINUI UNMYEONG got his maiden win at the thirteenth time of asking over 1400M on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He comes up in class and up to 1700M for the first time, but in this company, he should be measuring up. (3) SEUNGNI GONGJU does have form at this distance, having finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her latest two – her only attempts at two turns so far. Her times haven't been special, but they are enough to put her in contention against this lot. The up in class maiden (1) CHROMITE, along with (7) GOLD MUNGCHI, a pickup ride for Edwin Maldonado, are others in the frame.

<b>Selections</b>	(2) Choegang Hyeonma (6) Sinui Unmyeong (3) Seungni Gongju (1) Chromite
<b>Next Best</b>	7, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 5, 6, 8

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

(6) THE BEST EVER has so far been the best on one of fifteen outings, but he enters here ready for another after three consecutive runner-up finishes, all at this class and distance and all three times showing on pace. That takes him to the top of the ratings and the weights here, but he should be on the speed again and this time can go one better. (8) QUEEN'S ROAD won at this class and distance as recently as July when leading all the way and comes in off a 2<sup>nd</sup> place on August 25<sup>th</sup>. She carries 5kg more than when she won but she is accomplished at the distance, and she can be a danger. (4) UNJU WINNER ran 2<sup>nd</sup> to Queen's Road in that July race and followed up with another runner-up finish on August 11<sup>th</sup> when on pace and with a couple of today's rivals behind him. He can be in the mix again. (11) WONDERFUL CUTIE and (3) BUDDY BUDDY others in the hunt.

<b>Selections</b>	(6) The Best Ever (8) Queen's Road (4) Unju Winner (11) Wonderful Cutie
<b>Next Best</b>	3, 2
<b>Fast Start</b>	4, 6, 8, 10

### Seoul Race 5: Class 5 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

(7) BEST MAYA was slow and erratic on debut in April to the extent that he was ordered to do two trials before being allowed to race again. He also earned himself a trip to be gelded. The snip did the trick as he proceeded to win both trials in fast times and then scored with dismissive ease by five-lengths on his racing return on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He comes up in class here, but the manner of that victory suggests there is plenty more to come. (3) RAON THE KLAMMER remains winless after nine attempts, but he enters in good form with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and two runner-up finishes from his latest three. That brings him up in class here, but he comes down in the weights, he draws well, and he looks very nicely in. (4) DANAEUN REX got her maiden win two starts back over 1300M and then ran 2<sup>nd</sup> on her first try at this class on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, leading for much of the way over this distance. Expect her on pace and in this a long way again. (10) MY THUNDER and (6) HAENGBOK YEOJEONSA others in the frame.

<b>Selections</b>	(7) Best Maya (3) Raon The Klammer (4) Danaeun Rex (10) My Thunder
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	4, 5, 7, 9

### **Busan Race 5: Class 3 (1600M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million**

(8) HUNTER DRAGON is a winner of three from seven and has a further three runner-up finishes on his record. He is up in class and down in weight following his latest victory over 1400M on June 30<sup>th</sup> and having already won at this distance, he will be the warm favourite to win again. (7) ROUGH TRACER is a two-time winner at this distance and showed he can measure up at this class with a 4<sup>th</sup> place over 1800M on August 10<sup>th</sup> when leading for much of the way. He looks nicely in here under a light weight and can lead again. (3) ROAD TO GLORY was a narrow winner at class 4 over a mile two starts back and then beat a couple of these on his way to 6<sup>th</sup> place against tougher opposition than this on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He can be a threat here. (2) LIGHT STORY will need a line drawn through his latest when never getting involved from the widest gate over 1800M. This should suit more. (4) CHAMP GO another in the minor money frame.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Hunter Dragon (7) Rough Tracer (3) Road To Glory (2) Light Story
<b>Next Best</b>	4, 6
<b>Fast Start</b>	7, 8, 9, 10

### **Seoul Race 6: Class Open (1200M) Weight for Age / Korea Sprint (G3) / KRW 1.4 Billion**

It's hard to go past the defending champion (7) REMAKE has held his form since comfortably winning this race last year in track-record fashion, most notably winning the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint on the Saudi Cup undercard, before running 4<sup>th</sup> in the G1 Golden Shaheen at Meydan in April. He hasn't raced since but first-up shouldn't be a problem and while he may have to come through traffic in this crowded field, Yuga Kawada should be able to find a route from a great draw. (11) ANARCHIST is the wildcard. He has only raced twice this year and has been underwhelming but he peaked third-up last year, winning at G2 level in the US. He has impressed in the mornings here and he has the front-running style to do well. He draws a touch wider than ideal but if he can get to the lead, he can put in a big run. (2) KEIAI DORIE finished behind Remake in Saudi and Dubai but enters having run 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Listed Cluster Cup at Morioka. An eight-time winner in Japan, he draws beautifully here. (9) SPEED YOUNG is dropped back to a sprint distance for the first time in a long time and heads the local hopes. (12) GANGSEO GIANT and the other Japanese runner, (8) JASPER KRONE are others who will be supported on a place line. If he starts well, (10) BEOLMAUI STAR, last year's runner up, can be a factor too.

<b>Selections</b>	(7) Remake (11) Anarchist (2) Keiai Dorie (9) Speed Young
<b>Next Best</b>	12, 8
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 3, 8, 10, 11

## **Busan Race 6: Class Open (1200M) Special Weight A / Gangseo-gu Mayor's Cup (Listed) / KRW 200 Million**

A valuable race for juveniles who have come through an auction and (2) WINNER CLEAR will be the hot favourite. After running 3<sup>rd</sup> on debut in June, he came back out on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and led all the way to score by a full fifteen-lengths in a time that wouldn't be out of place in the Korea Sprint up in Seoul this afternoon. He probably won't need to run to anything near that level to win this. (9) OASIS RED is the danger. Trainer Baik Kwang-yeol, and this owner (the same owner/trainer combination as Winner Clear) frequently send two-year-olds to race older horses over longer distances and they have done this with Oasis Red, who has already won at a mile and 1800M. That experience usually stands them in good stead when cutting back to sprint distances to face speedy but unproven types stamina wise, and he can show that here. (7) NINETY PLUS came from off the pace to win at start number two in a quick time on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Like all these he has scope for plenty more improvement and he has the best chance of breaking the stablemate one-two. (8) YONGBI PAEWANG and (5) HWARYEOHANJOMYEONG are both maidens but have shown ability.

<b>Selections</b>	(2) Winner Clear (9) Oasis Red (7) Ninety Plus (8) Yongbi Paewang
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 1
<b>Fast Start</b>	2, 5, 6, 8

## **Seoul Race 7: Class Open (1800M) Weight for Age / Korea Cup (G3) / KRW 1.6 Billion**

The defending champion will probably be the betting favourite but we'll go for (8) WILSON TESORO to usurp the crown. A genuine Group 1 performer, he ran 4<sup>th</sup> in the Dubai World Cup earlier this year and enters off a runner-up finish under Kwada in the Teio Sho at Oi. (11) CROWN PRIDE was imperious a year ago and while he then suffered some poor results, he came back ominously into form by winning at Listed level at Morioka in July. He can be peaking at the right time, and he loves the Seoul sand, meaning Wilson Tesoro will need to be at his best to beat him. We'll slide (2) GLOBAL HIT in as third pick. Established as Korea's top horse, with three Group wins from four starts in 2024, he hasn't run the kind of times that the Japanese horses have but it is possible he still has upside and it is possible that when the visitors raise the tempo in the back-straight, as they inevitably will, he can raise his level again. (4) LIGHT WARRIOR is a nine-time winner in Japan most recently at Listed level in April and could very well make it a Japan trifecta. Last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetter and 2022 winner (1) WINNER'S MAN looked ok in a trial in August but races for the first time since surgery after last year's Grand Prix and is a wildcard.

<b>Selections</b>	(8) Wilson Tesoro (11) Crown Pride (2) Global Hit (4) Light Warrior
<b>Next Best</b>	1, 7
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 4, 8, 11

### Busan Race 7: Class 1 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 110 Million

(4) CHOEGOU I KKUM is one of the most exciting imports in recent times and the first in a decade to win all of his first five races. His most recent came at class 2 level over 1400M on July 19<sup>th</sup> when leading for most of the way and fighting back when seemingly about to be headed a couple of times in the home straight, He comes up to class 1 for the first time, but he comes down significantly in weight and from a good draw, he can continue his extraordinary run. (6) FANTASTIC KINGDOM is one of three of these who ran over 1200M on August 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Gangseo Giant breaking the track record. He'll be on pace here and looks ready for another crack at 1400M. (7) BEOLGYOU I KKUM beat a few of these on his way to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a very fast race over a mile on August 11<sup>th</sup>. He has won at this distance and should be in the mix here. (2) CHOEGANG SSONSAL and (3) DOCTOR BROWN others in the hunt.

<b>Selections</b>	(4) Choegoui Kkum (6) Fantastic Kingdom (7) Beolgyoui Kkum (2) Choegang Ssonsal
<b>Next Best</b>	3, 5
<b>Fast Start</b>	1, 3, 4, 6

### Seoul Race 8: Class 4 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

(5) SEOCHEON LION won back-to-back races at this distance in April and May to get promoted to this class, before running 2<sup>nd</sup> on his first try at this level on June 16<sup>th</sup>, showing close to the pace throughout. He comes up 2kg in the weights, but he can go one better today. The main danger is (3) NEMO PRINCE. He has loads of experience at this class and comes in with recent form reading very well with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places among his latest three. He carries his fair share of weight, but he likes to come from off the pace, and he can be running on strong. (9) MYEONGJUNBULLPAI and (10) CHALLANHAN BULKKOT both come in off last start 3<sup>rd</sup> places at this level over 1400M, and both can be there or thereabouts again. (6) BITNANEUN JILJU another in the frame.

<b>Selections</b>	(5) Seocheon Lion (3) Nemo Prince (9) Myeongjinbullpai (10) Challanhan Bulkot
<b>Next Best</b>	6, 7
<b>Fast Start</b>	4, 5, 8, 10

## Seoul Race 9: Class 3 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

(10) THUNDER DREAM beat a few of these on his way to a comprehensive victory at this class and distance on July 28<sup>th</sup> when overcoming an even wider gate than today, to sit handy and prove too strong. He has never finished any worse than 4<sup>th</sup> and while he comes up 3.5kg in the weights, he will be strongly fancied to win again. (4) EUNPA CHAMPION was 3<sup>rd</sup> in that race racing handy throughout He gets a weight swing on Thunder Dream, and he can get closer. (8) DRONE KILLER comes up in class following a strong win on a good time over 1300M on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Ultra consistent, he is significantly down in weight and can measure up here. (2) NICE BIG GIRL and (5) KWAEHYANG others to look out for.

<b>Selections</b>	(10) Thunder Dream (4) Eunpa Champion (8) Drone Killer (2) Nice Big Girl
<b>Next Best</b>	5, 11
<b>Fast Start</b>	3, 4, 8, 10