

Sunday February 9, 2025

Busan Race 2: Class 5 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

(1) BEOLMA KING has a win and two 3rd place finishes from three starts so far, the latest 3rd being his first try at this class on December 13th over 1300M, the same distance at which he got his win. He comes up to 1400M for the first time and from the inside gate, Jung Do-yun can pick his spot behind the speed, and he can win. (3) FLASH RUN got her maiden win at start three over 1300M on December 27th, leading for much of the way around. She comes up in class but is down in weight, draws nicely to be on pace again, and can measure up. (12) BEST PRIME is a fifteen-race maiden but has no fewer than nine top five finishes, most recently a close 2nd at this class and distance on January 17th. He is up 2kg on that, but the wide draw won't matter, and he has the quickest final furlong among these on him. (10) TEAM SURPRISE and (9) EMPIRE DAY among plenty of others with at least place chances.

Selections	(1) Beolma King (3) Flash Run (12) Best Prime (10) Team Surprise
Next Best	9, 11
Fast Start	2, 7, 9, 11

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

Fillies and mares only and it's very tricky as a genuine case can be made for most. We'll take a chance with (9) MISS CONCORD. She got her maiden win at this distance last September and since then has a 2nd, a 4th, and a 3rd in three efforts at this class, most recently on January 5th at 1300M. In this company she can be ridden on or close to the pace and has as good a chance as any. That will mean overturning the form on (7) HERO JILJU, who was 2nd in that January 5th race, continuing a very consistent run of form. An apprentice keeps her weight nice and low, and she can be competitive again. (11) ANDAMIRO enters off a solid 3rd place in a very similar race to this on January 11th, coming from off the pace and a similar effort will see her close again. (1) BISANG DAY and (8) DAESEUNGMA among plenty of other chances.

Selections	(9) Miss Concord (7) Hero Jilju (11) Andamiro (1) Bisang Day
Next Best	8, 5
Fast Start	1, 7, 8, 9

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

Fillies and mares only here and it's hard to go far past (4) PARANG ENERGY. A winner at this distance on debut, she has a 3rd and a 4th in her two subsequent starts at the same distance at this class, with only a spin around 1400M being disappointing. She draws nicely to be on pace and Franco, who won on her is on. (12) B.K MAGIC comes up in having got her maiden win at 1200M on January 12th at this distance from a similarly wide draw. It was at this class so she comes up 3kg in weight but can be competitive again. (11) BROWN ROOKIE had a poor day at the office in that January 12th race, but prior to that was a good winner at this distance in December. She stays under a light weight and can be given another chance. (6) NEW LEADER and (5) THIS WAY, 2nd and 4th respectively when they raced each other on January 5th, are the other main place contenders.

Selections	(4) Parang Energy (12) B.K Magic (11) Brown Rookie (6) New Leader
Next Best	5, 7
Fast Start	4, 7, 11, 12

Seoul Race 6: Class 5 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

(3) ÉCLAIR POWER came from off the pace to run 3rd over 1400M at this class on January 12th. His win came when making all at 1300M last October and he does come up to race at 1800M for the first time. He has prior experience at 1700M (finishing 5th) and from a good draw, he can be in the mix today. The danger is (8) DAZZLE RUSH. He is yet to win in four starts but enters off three consecutive 2nd place finishes, most recently at this class over 1700M on January 5th, when he beat several of today's opponents. He comes up 2.5kg in weights but if anything, the slight step up in trip can suit, and today could be his day. (6) CHOEGANG HYEONMA was 3rd in that January 5th race. He is yet to win in twelve but has finished in the top five on no fewer than ten occasions and should be there or thereabouts again. (10) GOLDEN BALL and (11) COSMO KING, 4th and 5th in that same race, are others in the minor money frame.

Selections	(3) Éclair Power (8) Dazzle Rush (6) Choegang Hyeonma (10) Golden Ball
Next Best	11, 1
Fast Start	1, 3, 5, 7

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

There's no real need to go further than (1) BIG MUSICAL STAR. He's won two of his latest three, most recently at this class and distance on January 12th when scoring comfortably despite racing ungenerously with his head up and pulling wide to the finish to the extent he was sent back to trial. He came through the trial easily a couple of weeks ago and while he has the steadier of an additional 4kg, that's balanced by a better draw, and he should win again. (8) AMAZING WORLD has only raced twice, improving to 3rd at start two over 1400M on January 3rd when he led. He comes up in trip and can continue to make progress. (2) NICE BIG GUY enters off a class and distance 2nd at the start of December. He is in fresh after ten weeks off and can be a factor. (11) BACKTOTHECHAMPION and (7) BEST CHAMP, the latter a class and distance winner just two starts back, are the others in the hunt.

Selections	(1) Big Musical Star (8) Amazing World (2) Nice Big Guy (11) Backtothechampion
Next Best	7, 3
Fast Start	1, 6, 8, 10

Seoul Race 7: Class 4 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

(2) SAINT LUCCA may not win out of turn, but he is very dependable with fifteen top five finishes. His latest victory was only two starts back so he arguably enters in the best form of his career and while he carries 4kg more than he did that day, he draws well, Ruan Maia is on, and he can win. (9) BAEKRYONG was 4th behind Saint Lucca back in December and while he was a well beaten favourite last time out when he pulled hard and raced with his head up before tiring, his previous form earns another chance here. (10) TIZ ENERGY took thirty-one starts to get his maiden win, but it was at this class and distance, and he followed it up with a runner-up finish to New Dolkong on December 21st. He carries his fair share of weight here but should be in the mix. (11) SINUI UNMYEONG and (8) SEONGEUN CROWN are others to consider.

Selections	(2) Saint Lucca (9) Baekryong (10) Tiz Energy (11) Sinui Unmyeong
Next Best	8, 3
Fast Start	1, 5, 9, 1

Busan Race 5: Class 3 (1800M) Handicap / KRW 75 Million

(10) AREUMDAUN INYEON was a class and distance winner on December 22nd when settling right back and running on to pass them all. He comes up a full 4kg in the weights but has every chance of repeating here. (11) GRAY BOSS has an excellent record at 1800M with a win at class 4 level and two 2nd places at this class, most recently on January 3rd when racing on pace and beating plenty of today's rivals in the process. He only comes up 1kg in the weights. and has run well from gate eleven before. (12) DOCTOR CAPTAIN had a poor day at the office in that January 3rd race but prior to that scored back-to-back wins over this distance and can ne given another chance here. (9) GREAT ONE and (8) STAR DAERO others to consider.

Selections	(10) Areumdaun Inyeon (11) Gray Boss (12) Doctor Captain (9) Great One
Next Best	8, 6
Fast Start	2, 3, 5, 6

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

We'll give (6) WHIZ IMPOSSIBLE a pass on his latest when he was well fancied but stumbled at start and then brushed the rail a couple of times before coming back slightly lame. He only missed a week of work and prior to that had shown good promise with a 3rd place at this distance. (11) YEONGWON BIG MAN returned from six months off to run a solid class and distance 3rd on December 29th. He should strip fitter for that run, and while he has to contend with the widest gate, he has a strong late turn of foot and can be a danger. (4) MIGHTY JOY has a win and three 4th place finishes to his name. He draws well to be on or close to the pace and while he has 57kg to contend with, he can be in the mix. Last start class and distance winner (10) SOARA TO TO along with (1) WINNING CHAMPION are others in the hunt.

Selections	(6) Whiz Impossible (11) Yeongwon Big Man (4) Mighty Joy (10) Soara To To
Next Best	1, 9
Fast Start	3, 4, 7, 9

Busan Race 6: Class 1 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 110 Million

(6) DAEAM JANGGUN comes in having run 3rd behind the excellent Black Mamba over 1200M on January 12th with a few of today's rivals behind him. He comes up 3kg in the weights but Franco partnering for the first time is a plus and he can return to winning ways for the first time in a long time. (4) FANTASTIC KINGDOM was among those beaten by Daem Janggun in that January 12th race, having previously been an also-ran in the Listed Kookje Shinmun Trophy. At the start before, he was a very quick class and distance winner and while he has the steadier of 58.5kg on his back, at his best he can be formidable. That pair will top most quinellas. (8) DAEJI CHOICE ran 4th behind Daem Janggun in that January 12th race and is a class 1 winner as recently as November. (9) JEONGMUN COBIT and (1) CATCH THE VICTORY other each-way prospects.

Selections	(6) Daeam Janggun (4) Fantastic Kingdom (8) Daeji Choice (9) Jeongmun Cobit
Next Best	1, 7
Fast Start	1, 3, 4, 11

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

(9) DRAGON BULPAE got his maiden win at start three last March and then didn't race again until this January 4th. He made a very positive return, coming from off the pace to finish a close 2nd at this class over 1200M. He carries 3kg more but should have derived plenty of benefit from the run and the step up to 1400M can suit. (7) SPALTA was sent off as favourite to snap his streak of five consecutive 2nd place finishes on January 12th. He duly did precisely that, unfortunately though it was in finishing 5th, rather than winning. He was, believe it or not, 2nd on his only previous try at 1400M, and normal service can resume today. (2) NAVY CAPTAIN is up in class following a win at this distance on December 14th. He draws well to be on pace and under a light weight, can measure up. (3) GUKDAE FIGHTER won in a double-quick time at this class and distance on January 4th, and despite an additional 5kg shouldn't be dismissed. (1) PALATINO another in the hunt.

Selections	(9) Dragon Bulpae (7) Spalta (2) Navy Captain (3) Gukdae Fighter
Next Best	1, 10
Fast Start	1, 2, 3, 7

Seoul Race 10: Class 2 (2000M) Handicap / KRW 90 Million

(1) WONPYEONG STORM is one of the hottest prospects in Korean racing, having won all four of his starts so far, including one at Listed Juvenile level last November. He kicked off his three-year-old campaign with a comfortable win over a mile at class 2 level on January 5th, and while he is up 4.5kg in the weights and makes a big jump up in trip, he is the one to beat. He faces last year's Korean Derby winner (9) EUNPA SARANG. The latter returned to winning ways at this class and distance on November 30th in a quick time for the 2000M, and while he too is up in weight to the tune of 4kg, that's balanced by CC climbing on and he can be a danger to the favourite. (3) ZIGGURAT was 3rd behind Wonpyeong Storm over the mile a month ago and 2nd to Eunpa Sarang at this distance two starts back and should be in the mix again. (5) GEOLJAK ONE along with (7) HIGH GRAND are others in the placing frame.

Selections	(1) Wonpyeong Storm (9) Eunpa Sarang (3) Ziggurat (5) Geoljak One
Next Best	7, 8
Fast Start	1, 2, 6, 11

Seoul Race 11: Class 1 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 110 Million

Competitive Class 1 with a ratings cap of 100. (9) I'M JJANG won three in a row before a long layoff that kept him out from last March until December. He ran a fair 5th on his return over 1200M on December 8th, looking like he needed the run. He should be better here and with Moon Se-young aboard as part of the 52kg he carries, he has an excellent chance back over the distance those aforementioned wins came at. (6) RAON FOREST enters off a win and two runner-up finishes from her latest two. Her target is probably the Queens' Tour races that start in March she gives weight away here but isn't to be underestimated. (11) VICS GO has plenty of quality and while he seems to bounce up and down the distances, he looks to have landed in this race nicely and Maia aboard is a plus. (3) FOREVER DREAM and (10) BOLT MAN the other main chances.

Selections	(9) I'm Jjang (6) Raon Forest (11) Vics Go (3) Forever Dream
Next Best	10, 8
Fast Start	2, 3, 5, 9