

KOREA: Seoul Racecourse - Saturday July 24, 2021

Seoul Race 3: Class 6 (1400M) Allowance / KRW 22 Million

Maidens here with (10) ISTHMUS the one to beat based on his latest two outings. Two starts back he ran a very close 2nd over 1300M before stepping up to today's trip and finishing in 4th place, well beaten by a good winner but running on pleasingly in a good time. His style is to sit midfield and finish strongly so the draw shouldn't be a problem and he can win here. (11) WONDERFUL NIKIYA on the other hand draws poorly as she comes in after a career best finish of 2nd which came at this distance on June 26th when she beat a couple of today's rivals. She led that day and while that is going to be a bit more challenging today, she has claims to go close again. (3) SPEAR GUN steps back up in trip following a much improved 2nd place over 1300M in a race where he finally drew a decent gate. He does that again here and looks ready to come back up to 1400M. (2) NUBIGO too comes back up in trip after a good 2nd place last time, in his case at today's distance. He has run a couple of good times now and should be in the finish.

Selections	(10) Isthmus (11) Wonderful Nikiya (3) Spear Gun (2) Nubigo
Next Best	7, 12
Fast Start	1, 3, 4, 11

Seoul Race 4: Class 5 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 33 Million

A good race for the level with (8) SKY MANGCHI set to be favourite. He has a win and two runner-up finishes from his three starts to date, leading in the most recent two of them, and today steps up to 1400M for the first time. He does come up slightly in the weights but he can win here. (3) ACE PRINCE only managed 8th behind Sky Mangchi last time but suffered a slightly slow start and never really got going. He draws better today and has previously run a fast time at this distance so looks worth another chance here. (7) YUJEONG CHAMP comes up in class after a good win at this distance on June 20th when he was handy all the way before proving too strong in the home straight, winning as easily as he pleased. He looks nicely in here and has solid claims again. (11) DAECHEON EOLJJANG won at this class two starts back over 1300M. His reappearance in June saw him only 7th at this distance but an apprentice brings him down in the weights today and he should be involved.

Selections	(8) Sky Mangchi (3) Ace Prince (7) Yujeong Champ (11) Daecheon Eoljjang
Next Best	6, 10
Fast Start	3, 5, 8, 10

Seoul Race 5: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 33 Million

Fillies only here. (7) JUNGCHUBUSA is two for two so far but dips her toe into deeper waters for the first time here after comfortable class 6 wins at 1000M and 1200M. She has sat handy in both starts so far and while this is more difficult she can do the same here and prove too strong at the business end of the race. (10) HAPPY SOCKS races for the first time since April when 3rd over 1200M. Her sole win came when leading all the way but in her latest two before the layoff, she sat midfield before running into a place and she can find the money again here. (12) NONGBON BADA overcame an even wider draw than today to get her maiden win at start number five on June 27th over 1400M. She comes up in class here but should measure up to most and has placing chances. So too (3) STEAL THE FASHION who was remains a maiden but also comes up in class following three consecutive runner-up finishes, including last time out to Nongbon Bada and who can be competitive at this level as well.

Selections	(7) Jungchubusa (10) Happy Socks (12) Nongbon Bada (3) Steal The Fashion
Next Best	6, 11
Fast Start	2, 7, 8, 9

Seoul Race 6: Class 3 (1400M) Handicap / KRW 60 Million

A really good race but we'll go for the upset. (8) SONGAM CANDY resumes here for the first time since January. He had finished in the top two in all his previous seven races and can really go on his day with some super times. He trialed up very pleasingly and if he can be settled midfield and save a bit of energy, he could pull off a first-up win. (5) ICE PUNCH has won this class and distance and Moon Se Young stays loyal. He is tactically versatile and consistently runs fast times. Given his draw, expect him to be on pace and he will probably start as favourite. Moon has ridden (3) DAEJIUI YEOIN in both her latest two wins although he is unlikely to have made the 51kg she is assigned here anyway. Kim Yong Geun is a more than adequate replacement as the filly seeks to maintain her 100% record. She comes up in class but she has consistently produced fast times at the distance and the draw and the weighty puts her right in the mix again. (11) HEUNGBARAGI was last year's champion juvenile and he races for the first time since March when he suffered his first defeat when 2nd over 1800M. Lee Joon Chel, who rode him in all his five races to date is now his trainer and while the draw is not ideal, for a horse who loves to lead, he has led and won from wider and can't be discounted.

Selections	(8) Songam Candy (5) Ice Punch (3) Daejiui Yeoin (11) Heungbaragi
Next Best	4, 1
Fast Start	3, 5, 9, 11

Seoul Race 7: Class 4 (1200M) Handicap / KRW 45 Million

Another good race. We'll side with (12) BLACK MUSK to overcome the widest gate and return to winning ways. He won his first two in emphatic style and looked set to make it three in a row when leading before being turned over by Heungwa Gippeum in the closing stages. He gave the winner 4kg that day and while Black Musk carries even more today, he should get it right this time against what looks weaker opposition. (4) BYEOLNARA JILJU gets 5.5kg from Black Musk and looks one of the most credible dangers. He races for the first time since running on strong for 2nd place at start number two over 1200M back in May and looks well in here for a place. (3) CHOEGANG BLADE almost made all on debut over 1200M but was beaten narrowly by Munhak Moon. He hasn't raced since but looks nicely in here and has claims to go close. (7) GREEN JILJU mixes is form but he does have the fastest time among any of these at the distance and that alone puts him in at least the placing frame.

Selections	(12) Black Musk (4) Byeolnara Jilju (3) Choegang Blade (7) Green Jilju
Next Best	8, 1
Fast Start	2, 3, 4, 12

Seoul Race 8: Class 4 (1800M) Allowance / KRW 45 Million

(11) COLJOY was an excellent all the way winner over 1700M on June 26th, winning by as many as he pleased. He comes up in class here and while the gate is not helpful, the additional half furlong may mitigate that as he will have more time to find a decent spot before the first turn. He looks to have more progress in him and he can win again. It will be hard to beat the favourite (7) NAUI JEONSEOL though. Already a class and distance winner, he comes back up in trip after a solid 2nd place when dropped back to 1200M last start. He is giving away weight this time but gut will sit handy and may prove too strong late on. (12) TRIPLE KINGDOM was a good winner at this class on a wet track over 1700M on June 6th. He too comes up in weight but his style is to go right back and then run on late so while he may need a bit of luck, the additional half furlong should be in his favour. (9) QUIET ADELE enters off three top four finishes all at class and distance and should be in the placing frame again.

Selections	(11) Coljoy (7) Naui Jeonseol (12) Triple Kingdom (9) Quiet Adele
Next Best	5, 10
Fast Start	3, 4, 7, 11

Seoul Race 9: Class 2 (1800M) Allowance / KRW 75 Million

In both starts so far at Class 2, both at this distance, (3) IRON SOCKS has had to cross early from gate thirteen to get to his preferred leading position and while he could get away with doing that and still winning at class 3, up against the likes of Heunghaeng Jilju, that was always going to be a tough ask. For a change he draws beautifully today and with Heunghaeng Jilju safely up at class 1 level now, Iron Socks will be hot favourite to get to the front and lead all the way under a nice light weight. The clear second pick is (8) GEUMA ACME. He is up in class following back to back wins over this distance in May and June. He will sit handy behind Iron Socks but may have to settle for 2nd place here. (6) MYEONGJIN FLY hinted at a return to form with a solid 5th in a good class and distance race on May 29th and a similar run here would put him in the minor money frame. (10) BLUE CHITON was 4th in the same race and he too will be aiming to match or better that today.

Selections	(3) Iron Socks (8) Geuma Acme (6) Myeongjin Fly (10) Blue Chiton
Next Best	4, 2
Fast Start	3, 4, 6, 9