

Friday November 25, 2022

Busan Race 2: Class 6 (1000M) Allowance / KRW 60 Million

The second division of the juvenile filly maiden, this one with six of the twelve making their racecourse debuts. Experience gets the nod again in the shape of (2) SKY SHOT. Having trialled well, she ran a good 4th on debut over this distance on October 21st, starting slowly and then settling back before running on strongly and beating two of today's rivals. If she gets an even slightly better start here, she won't need to improve much, if at all, to win. (11) WIND TALKER was an on-pace 2nd in a fair time in her trial. She has the challenge of a wide gate for her debut here, but the Pegasus Farm homebred looks nicely in. (1) WORLD FIVE is a half-sister to World Day, a winner of nine from nineteen. She led in her trial, ultimately crossing the line 5th and from a very good draw, can be on pace and go close first-up here. (6) SEOGWI FLASH finished last on debut behind Sky Shot but the time was such – and with the standard of today's opposition in mind – that she can go much better this time. (12) WORLD CLASS CAT another who can improve on an indifferent debut.

Selections	(2) Sky Shot (11) Wind Talker (1) World Five (6) Seogwi Flash
Next Best	12, 8
Fast Start	1, 5, 10, 11

Busan Race 3: Class 6 (1200M) Allowance / KRW 40 Million

Juvenile maiden, this time open to colts and geldings as well as fillies. Four of the nine race for the first time. There is some decent experience though. (1) YEOSU FIGHTER was sent off as favourite over 1000M on October 23rd and was on pace before ultimately finishing in 2nd. That was his second appearance and with similar improvement today, he can come home on top. (9) FAST FURY also demonstrated significant improvement at start number two on October 28th when almost leading from gate to wire but having to settle for runner-up. The wide draw shouldn't be a problem in this small field, and she has every chance of going one better. (4) YEONGGWANGUI TANK comes in having run in two juvenile Listed races, nothing a good 4th in the first of them. Returning to shallower waters, the Hansen colt can go close here. Among the first-time starters, (8) TIANBONG QUEEN looks the best having put in a fair time in her trial. Returning to experience, (7) HEY MORNING improved when 6th behind Fast Fury at the end of last month and can continue to make progress here.

Selections	(1) Yeosu Fighter (9) Fast Fury (4) Yeonggwangui Tank (8) Tianbong Queen
Next Best	7, 3
Fast Start	1, 3, 4, 9

Busan Race 4: Class 6 (1200M) Allowance / KRW 40 Million

More maidens. (9) PHANTOM ACE shapes to be a warm favourite based on his last start 2nd place over this distance on October 28th when he was slow away before being ridden hard to sit behind the leaders and then ran on well. He won't need to improve much on that to win this. (7) VICTOR BASIUM keeps getting sent off at short odds and keeps on finding a couple too quick, finishing between 3rd and 5th in each of his six career starts. He likes to be on pace, an apprentice jockey takes 2kg off his back, and he can be aiming for a career best finish to date here. (3) HWANGU FIGHTER has been consistent across four starts so far. She likes to sit midfield and run on and while she may not win here, she can keep her 100% record of finding at least the minor money. (2) BOOMY STAR and (4) MACH WONDER others with potential placing claims.

Selections	(9) Phantom Ace (7) Victor Basium (3) Hwangu Fighter (2) Boomy Star
Next Best	4, 5
Fast Start	7, 8, 9, 10

Busan Race 5: Class 6 (1300M) Allowance / KRW 25 Million

Another maiden and another with a warm favourite. (2) MYEONGSEONG CHARGE ran 2nd over this distance in a good time two starts back before beating a couple of today's rivals on her way to 5th place over 1200M on November 4th when she was slowly away and settled right back before running on well. Franco Da Silva, who rode her to that runner-up finish, climbs back aboard and she is very much the one to beat here. The logical main danger is (11) SPECIAL JOHN. He ran 3rd behind Myeongseong Charge two starts back before finishing 3rd ahead of a couple of these at 1200M on October 28th. The same apprentice jockey keeps his weight down and given his running style, the wide draw shouldn't be problematic. (9) STAR DRAGON improved to 4th at start number two over 1400M on October 30th. His times have not been quick, but he looks to have potential for improvement and can challenge for a place here. (3) BURUI YEOSIN and (4) ADELE ALLIE'S others in the hunt.

Selections	(2) Myeongseong Charge (11) Special John (9) Star Dragon (3) Burui Yeosin
Next Best	4, 1
Fast Start	2, 3, 7, 10

Busan Race 6: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

We move to the first of a couple of class 5 handicaps but continue our theme for the day of warm favourites. (12) PATRIOT was a good winner over this distance at class 6 level two starts back before being a beaten favourite on his first try at this class over 1200M on November 4th when he was on pace and beat three of today's rivals. Drawing the car park is not ideal but shouldn't ruin his chance here and with a bit of luck at the start, he should prove too good. The winner from the draw is (2) TWO OF US. She has six top-four finishes from seven starts to date and enters off a good class and distance 4th on October 30th. Her times have been consistently good, and she can be a danger here. (1) SPECIAL HERO had a poor day at the office when drawn wide for her first try at this class two weeks ago but with a much better gate is worth another chance here. (9) HALLA BAEKDU, up in class, and (5) RELEASE EDITION among others in the placing frame.

Selections	(12) Patriot (2) Two Of Us (1) Special Hero (9) Halla Baekdu
Next Best	5, 6
Fast Start	4, 5, 8, 12

Busan Race 7: Class 5 (1300M) Handicap / KRW 40 Million

(2) PURE MAGIC got his maiden breakthrough at start number five on November 4th when on pace throughout and running on to win by as many as he pleased. He comes up in class here but has the benefit of a 4kg claim and that, combined with the excellent draw, is enough for us to give him the nod again. The big danger is (7) LOUD COLOR. He got his maiden win three starts back at 1200M and has proven his competitiveness in this level with a 3rd and a 5th in two subsequent starts. He is nicely weighted and can sit handy and run on strong here. (8) JEONGMUN COBIT comes up in class following his maiden win on November 6th when he made all over 1200M. The two-year-old is nicely in here and can be on pace again and be in this a long way. (10) J.S. DAY, out of a Korean Derby winner, has shown good consistency across four starts so far and surely has more wins in here, while (6) SKY JEJUHANG is another in the placing hunt.

Selections	(2) Pure Magic (7) Loud Color (8) Jeongmun Cobit (10) J.S. Day
Next Best	6, 3
Fast Start	2, 3, 8, 10

Busan Race 8: Class 4 (1800M) Allowance / KRW 60 Million

Two standouts here. We'll go with (5) BETELGEUSE. It's a touch disappointing that he goes here instead of the Breeders' Cup race to decide the nation's champion juvenile next weekend, but that decision may in itself be a clue. He is a winner of three from four so far, including his last start at class and distance. He comes up 3kg in the weights to carry plenty for a juvenile, but he can be equal to it and win again. (6) FLYING THE CHAMP returns to action for the first time since running 2nd to Captain Yankee in the Minister's Cup, the final leg of the Triple Crown over 2000M at Seoul in June. He has a class and distance runner-up finish to his name and while he too carries his fair share of weight here, he looks to have a bright future. (12) KING GRACE ran 4th behind Betelgeuse on his latest start, coming out of the same wide gate he draws today and can be considered for better this time. (8) FINAL FRONT and (3) UNJU STAR among others in the hunt for the places.

Selections	(5) Betelgeuse (6) Flying The Champ (12) King Grace (8) Final Front
Next Best	3, 4
Fast Start	1, 5, 10, 11

Busan Race 9: Class 3 (1600M) Allowance / KRW 75 Million

(8) UNJU OCEAN comes up in class following an emphatic on pace win over 1400M on October 23rd. A winner of three from six so far, he comes up to a mile for the first time but shouldn't have many problems with it and he can win again. (2) CHEONGDAM DRIVE doesn't exactly win out on turn but he is very consistent and is rarely too far away. He comes up 3kg from his 4th place ahead of a couple of today's rivals over 1400M on October 30th, but he has run well under bigger weights bigger and he should be working home strongly once more. (3) STAR EYE took a shy at the class 2 stumps last time out on November 11th and ran well enough. He is third up this preparation so could be peaking fitness wise and gets a nice draw here. He has by some margin the fastest time among those who have tackled this distance before. (11) ECHO SUN and (5) DONGNAM BULPAE among others in the placing frame.

Selections	(8) Unju Ocean (2) Cheongdam Drive (3) Star Eye (11) Echo Sun
Next Best	5, 4
Fast Start	7, 8, 11, 12