Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Saturday, July 31st 2021

Race 1

#7 Swilling - Best Bet #5 Astrological #2 Super Lunar

#6 Right to Freedom

#7 SWILLING had a wide trip on turf in her season opener on June 12, then was a clear second best behind Ballymore Star, who looked poised for a win returning from the States off of some strong efforts. Routes on the synthetic seem to be her best race type. #5 ASTROLOGICAL saved ground and finished sixth when debuting on turf, nearly a length behind Swilling, then ran a big effort when second behind Lorena in the Fury. She will understandably be the favourite off of that race. #2 SUPER LUNAR was a non-factor in a five-furlong turf dash last month. Her debut on this surface last year was not bad; blinkers are removed. #6 RIGHT TO FREEDOM was a distant third behind the impressive Lady War Machine 28 days ago. She was a good third when setting the pace in a route last year.

Race 2

#1 Above All Names #6 Preferred Guest #4 Broadway Lady #2 Rosebud's Hope

#1 ABOVE ALL NAMES scored two wins over this course last year. She does very well with the inside, covered up trip which she should get here; this field looks easier than the last one she faced. #6 PREFERRED GUEST had a wide trip and failed to threaten in the same race Above All Names exits. If she can work out a trip we should see a better effort from her. #4 BROADWAY LADY looks like the one to beat as she ships in from the States in decent form. #2 ROSEBUD'S HOPE was in decent form through 2020 though I suspect she may have been a bit over-thetop at the end of the season despite her good showings. Her return this year was a solid win albeit against a questionable group for the \$40,000 tag.

Race 3

#4 Honey Pants #1 Lady War Machine #3 Can't Buy Love #6 Dirty Dangle

#4 HONEY PANTS was competitive against Stakes-company around two turns at Gulfstream this winter, then beat some decent older fillies when cutting back to a sprint at Belmont last month. She fits very well from a speed figure perspective. #1 LADY WAR MACHINE handled maiden three-year-olds for fun on July 3. She tries turf for the first time; inside speed is a dangerous thing to have. #3 CAN'T BUY LOVE rallied into a hot pace to win the Star Shoot on the Tapeta on June 19. Her turf form is decent, and if Lady War Machine and Hard Street get into a rapid duel she could have another good setup. #6 DIRTY DANGLE was second-best in the Star

Shoot, a return to form after some disappointing efforts south of the border. She looks competitive.

Race 4
#2 Rose's Vision
#3 Silent Jimmie
#8 Eskiminzin
#12 Timeskip

#2 ROSE'S VISION was a chasing third behind an inform Town Cruise when kicking off his season on July 4. The back-classy gelding looks like he could work out a very good trip. #3 SILENT JIMMIE could be hindered by his lack of early speed, but he raced very well 13 days ago when fifth in a sprint on the outer turf. #8 ESKIMINZIN adds blinkers after weakening with a wide trip against much tougher in the Connaught Cup. He is a very capable horse but he gets tougher to trust the longer the season goes on. #12 TIMESKIP got into extremely good form last year, primarily racing on the Tapeta. He can run on turf but the wide draw will be tough to overcome.

Race 5
#3 Silent Ghost
#6 Fifth Anniversary
#5 Swoop to Finish

#10 Smart Bird

#3 SILENT GHOST showed speed and briefly led in the stretch before giving way to be fourth in her debut where she was rank behind the gate. Blinkers are removed. #6 FIFTH ANNIVERSARY was near the back and made a wide rally to be second, 2 ¼ lengths better than Silent Ghost in her debut. Runhappy has not had much turf success as a sire yet; the dam was a turf winner. #5 SWOOP TO FINISH is a daughter of American Pharoah, who hits at 12% with debuting juveniles and has been very successful as a turf sire. The dam was Stakesplaced twice on turf. #10 SMART BIRD was an okay fourth against OS/\$40,000 males in her debut 20 days ago. The winner of that race had previous experience.

Race 6
#12 Verdejo
#3 Sassywithattitude
#1 Call Me Kitty
#10 Forest B

#10 VERDEJO did not break alertly and was a non-threat when debuting against tougher on July 3. She adds blinkers today; the outside post is a hindrance but she could be worth a look. #3 SASSYWITHATTITUDE has been improving a bit with each start and could continue to earn checks with her experience edge. #1 CALL ME KITTY is by 12% two-year-old debut sire Silent Name, out of a mare who won at two and had plenty of early speed. The mare's first foal to race has been disappointing in two tries to date. #10 FOREST B showed speed and stopped when debuting in the same race as Verdejo, finishing a length better than that foe.

Race 7 #2 Jimmy Is a Breeze #4 Lois Len #3 Royal Engagement #8 Guileful

#2 JIMMY IS A BREEZE showed professionalism when starting from the one-hole, rallying through some traffic and galloping out well in her debut in which she was third behind Lois Len. She could offer a better price than the Casse entrants. #4 LOIS LEN did everything right when winning her debut on July 3 and has since worked quickly in company with stablemate Diabolic, who is also entered here. #3 ROYAL ENGAGEMENT dueled on the lead and was able to prevail in her debut at Presque Isle 18 days ago. Presque Isle shippers are usually worth a look in these juvenile races. #8 GUILEFUL was featured on the Clocker Report coming into her debut on July 3 but completely blew the break, finishing seventh by 4 ½ lengths. She could offer value as some of her prior backers may be hesitant to double-dip.

Race 8
#6 One Timer
#4 Twenty Four Mamba
#3 Mowins
#8 Feelthebeat

#6 ONE TIMER comes into this race off of a dominant win on the Arlington Polytrack. He should be one of the main speed types and figures to be tough as a shortpriced favourite. #4 TWENTY FOUR MAMBA could be the closer to take advantage of a pace meltdown if someone can go with One Timer and wear him down. This colt improved drastically when getting on this surface and adding blinkers on July 4. #3 MOWINS exits an easy win on the dirt at Indiana Grand. He goes off of Lasix today, an interesting move off of a win suggesting this race may be a stepping stone to a Stakes campaign in States where juveniles are no longer allowed to compete on Lasix. #8 FEELTHEBEAT could be the other speed in here. He was very unlucky to lose his debut at Churchill then was able to narrowly hold off Heat Merchant when winning 13 days ago.

Race 9

#9 Mia At Midnight #3 Queen's Speed #7 Scatter the Clouds #1 Souper Munnings

#9 MIA AT MIDNIGHT was scratched from an off turf race last week. She exits a decent fourth place finish behind some solid mares at Gulfstream in May. #3 QUEEN'S SPEED made her typical late rally to finish second on June 26 behind Golden Vision, who came back to win the Ballade. She looks logical in her second start off of the layoff. #7 SCATTER THE CLOUDS rallied from the back to get up and win by a nose when debuting in a five-furlong turf dash last month. She could end up showing more speed this time around. #1 SOUPER MUNNINGS dueled on the lead and gave way to be fourth when trying turf in the Woodbine Cares Stakes as

a two-year-old. She could earn a share in her three-year-old debut.

Race 10
#7 Truffle King
#2 Collective Force
#3 Blast in the Snow
#6 Maritime Mission

#7 TRUFFLE KING was not far beaten for second when finishing third behind a romping Dolder Grand. He has not run a bad effort in four starts to date; blinkers are added. #2 COLLECTIVE FORCE was able to hold off Truffle King for place in the Dolder Grand race on July 4. He should be forwardly placed once again. #3 BLAST IN THE SNOW crossed the wire first when debuting against OS/\$40,000 company on July 9 but was disqualified for interference in the stretch. This does not look like too tough of a maiden allowance group for his second attempt. #6 MARITIME MISSION has absolutely no early speed but could come running for a minor share.

Race 11
#1 Kerics Beauty
#2 Rum Raisin
#12 Rookie Girl
#3 Hekla's Aura
#10 Ostracize

#1 KERICS BEAUTY sheds the blinkers for the first time since her career debut. She was second behind a clear-best Thatsmykindanight last time and raced well on turf in the start before that. #2 RUM RAISIN was completely empty late after showing speed in the Thatsmykindanight race. She appears to be better on the turf. #12 ROOKIE GIRL had a wide journey around two turns on the inner turf three weeks ago. She was beaten a head on this course in her 2021 opener. #3 HEKLA'S AURA has shown nothing in two starts against tougher this season but could be better with the drop in class and her first time trying turf. #10 OSTRACIZE is another who exits a wide trip on the inner turf and could improve if she can work out a better trip.