

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson
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Race 1

#5 Suvri (FR)

#4 Ballet Beauty

#2 Mrs. G

#1 Holy Anita

#5 SUVARI (FR) drops in for \$25,000 after a one-paced fourth-place effort for \$40,000 on the outer turf on August 14. She had a wide journey in her debut over this course. #4 BALLET BEAUTY was a bit rank early, had some traffic turning for home and kept on well to be fourth when last racing on September 5. She is another who drops in for \$25,000 but seems to be gradually improving. #2 MRS. G lacked finishing kick when giving way to be sixth, a half-length behind Ballet Beauty last time; drops in value and draws will in this bid to rebound. #1 HOLY ANITA adds blinkers and gets back out to a more suitable distance after failing to threaten when cutting back to five furlongs 19 days ago.

Race 2

#5 High Beam

#6 Full Star

#2 Apeldoorn

#8 Silent Knight

#5 HIGH BEAM battled on the lead before giving way to be fifth in a decent effort two-back before coming up empty off of a wide trip last time. He could be well positioned and may offer and good price in a questionable field. #6 FULL STAR has raced well in his two most recent efforts when getting in for this price, most recently finishing third, and figures to pick up another check. #2 APELDOORN tried turf when plunging in for \$25,000 on August 28 and came up empty, and now takes another big plunge while returning to the Tapeta. He seems like by far the most talented horse in this field but is tough to trust at a short price after his last two clunkers. #8 SILENT KNIGHT has done his better running in Tapeta sprints but came up empty on July 6. He returns after 81 days and could earn a small share at a price.

Race 3

#6 Silver Raleigh

#3 Lawyer Mason

#2 Willy Styles

#1 Turbo Charged

#6 SILVER RALEIGH has raced well to hit the board in all four of his starts so far this year, most recently second behind the runaway Connor on September 6. He could end up on the lead in a paceless-looking affair. #3 LAWYER MASON made his local debut in an N2L allowance on the Tapeta on August 30, making a bit of a rally over a speed-favouring track to be fourth. He drops in for \$25,000 and gets onto the turf; his two turf routes don't look great on paper but they came against tougher in New York. #2 WILLY STYLES took back early and made a powerful rally to break his maiden for this tag over the inner course on August 28 and seems like a logical contender in his first try against winners. #1 TURBO CHARGED was well back early but had some late energy when fifth at this level 13 days ago. He makes his second start with the blinkers back on and may appreciate the bigger turf course.

Race 4

#1 Cotton

#9 Dontgobackonurword

#6 Alfred Bellows

#7 Coherence

#1 COTTON looked like a winner turning for home but could not fend off Grand Soiree when finishing second for this price on August 9; back-classy veteran figures to be tough this time. #9 DONTGOBACKONURWORD was claimed for \$15,000 on July 24 and returned at that price in a turf route on August 28 where he raced close to the lead and came up empty turning for home. He takes the drop in for \$7,000 and should get back to his preferred closing style with the return to a Tapeta sprint. #6 ALFRED BELLOWS scored an overdue win against non-twos on August 7 but came up empty with a wide trip three weeks later. He returns after being vet scratched two weeks ago. #7 COHERENCE was second-best behind the rapid Tiernan in a well-spread out group at Fort Erie 11 days ago. He has run well in three of his last four starts and could pick up a share here.

Race 5

#2 Aussie Hyper

#4 Loveumissumeanit

#3 More Money Hunny

#5 Go Giffen

#2 AUSSIE HYPER advanced to duel for the lead on the far turn but flattened out to be fourth in a \$7,500 starter on August 29. Beaten a head in a soft \$25,000 race over this course three starts ago, she should be at home at this level. #4 LOVEUMISSUMEANIT was an even seventh in the July 23 race in which Aussie Hyper was second, then rebounded with a win at that level over the solid Zisisit on September 4. She drops in off of that win in search of her third win in four starts this year and figures to be a short price. #3 MORE MONEY HUNNY was finishing up nicely when finishing third and narrowly missing place for \$10,000 last week, attracting a claim. She wheels back quickly for the new connections and could be the pacesetter with the stretch out from 5 ½ furlongs. #5 GO GIFFEN was third in an OS/\$40,000 non-three over this course two-back before coming up empty in an N1X/\$32,000 on September 7. Bar-shoe wearing filly drops in for a tag for the first time in her career.

Race 6

#2 Hemlo Gold - Best Bet

#4 Real Savvy

#5 Wagner

#3 Givememythememusic

#2 HEMLO GOLD tracked the pace and proved best in the stretch to win an \$25,000 inner turf route on September 5 in his first start off of the claim. He shortens up to a sprint in this bid to win three in a row and should have an honest pace to run at here. #4 REAL SAVVY battled on the lead and emptied out to be seventh of seven in an N1X/\$32,000 on August 29. He has really proven to have true sprint speed since coming to Woodbine but has been lacking finish; the blinkers come off and we'll see if maybe he tries to settle behind the other speed types today. #5 WAGNER stayed covered a long ways into the stretch before angling out and mowing everyone down to win the second leg of this series three weeks ago. His form all season has been very solid and with all the pace signed on in this race, a repeat of his last effort is certainly within the realm of possibility. #3 GIVEMEMYTHEMEMUSIC rallied from last to be second for \$25,000 on August 21 and now takes on tougher for his second start off of the claim.

Race 7

#4 Earendel

#5 Verdejo

#8 You Be the Judge

#3 Hard to Capture

#4 EARENDEL drops back in for \$25,000 after running a decent fourth in an N1X/\$32,000 on the turf on August 29. She could be the speed in a race loaded with closers. #5 VERDEJO passed a couple of tiring foes to be sixth in a 5 ½ furlong N1X/\$32,000 on August 22, 16 days after being claimed. She gets back in for the tag she was taken for and would not be a big surprise here. #8 YOU BE THE JUDGE wheels back in six days after a midpack effort in a solid N1X/\$32,000 group. A winner of two consecutive conditioned races for this tag prior to that, she seems worth consideration on the quick turnaround. #3 HARD TO CAPTURE lacked a rally when finishing eighth in the same race that You Be the Judge exits from last week. She is much better on the Tapeta and could come with a better performance today.

Race 8

#8 C My Meister

#6 This Dude a Breeze

#1 Quiet Intent

#10 Ninja Star

#2 British Artillery

#8 C MY MEISTER ran a credible fourth for \$25,000 20 days ago. Although a long time between wins, his form this season has been very solid and he figures to be a major player with the drop in for \$15,000. #6 THIS DUDE A BREEZE plunged in for \$10,000 and was an easy winner on August 23 while attracting a claim-back by previous connections. He is a winner on turf and \$15,000 has been a sweet-spot level for him in the past. #1 QUIET INTENT has been racing at Fort Erie this summer, winning the Puss N Boots Cup on Prince of Wales day after a troubled run for \$10,000 two-back. I would not be surprised to see him prove competitive in his return to Woodbine. #10 NINJA STAR was a flat fifth in the same \$25,000 race that C My Meister exits but did run a good third at this level three-back and should be good enough to win a race here at some point this season. #2 BRITISH ARTILLERY won his non-three for \$25,000 on August 7 then was entered in the August 5 race that C My Meister and Ninja Star exit but was vet scratched. He returns with a drop; we'll see what happens.