## Fort Erie Selections: Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Our final card of the 2024 season consists of ten races, with the feature being race nine, the two mile and seventy-yard Tour de Fort. Good luck to today's connections and those wagering on the races! - Ashley Mailloux

Rac	e 1:

#4 Half to Reload

#3 Sea to Air

#2 Mister Banjoman

# Race 2:

#5 Little Fire

#8 Winyah Bay

#2 More Savvy

## **Race 3:**

#2 Contagiouslaughter

#4 Zodiac Beach

#5 Speed Loader

#### Race 4:

#2 Absolute Chairman

#6 Getting Ahead

#5 Core

#### Race 5:

#2 Dixie Morning

#3 Cherry Gardens

#4 Shes Hot to Trot

## Race 6:

#5 Forest Flash

#3 Boston Bay

#8 The Swayze Express

#### **Race 7:**

#6 Shes a Darling

#2 Six for a Nine

#7 Motorin' Maggie

## Race 8:

#6 Heat Merchant

#5 Ernie's Martini

#7 Princess Mayfair

#### Race 9:

#1 Phantom Jewel

#3 Santiago Salsa

#5 Kiddie Holiday

#### **Race 10:**

#3 Princess Bu Cherro

#4 Krypto Gains

#6 Dreaming of Hope

### Key Race of the Day - Race 9 - Tour de Fort - 2 Miles and 70 Yards

Our signature race during closing week of the race meet is the Tour de Fort, a two mile and seventy-yard event on the main track. #1 Phantom Jewel has most recently been racing up at Woodbine, primarily on the tapeta, and while he hasn't won since returning to Canada, he's had a handful of competitive races and could potentially get a good trip somewhat close to the pace. His maiden win came on the dirt at Laurel Park back in March and in that race, he closed from last. Overall, his dirt races have been fairly good, and he faced some decent competition in both NY and MD. He'll get a five-pound weight break with Da-Sean Gaskin in the irons. #3 Santiago Salsa was rolling late last time out in a four thousand dollar claiming event and last year, he finished fourth in the Tour de Fort. He is a true closer – he takes a while to get going, but he can pick them up late and, in my opinion, a big reason for his improved performance last time out was reuniting with Fort Erie's leading apprentice, Alexis Sanchez, who has gotten along with this horse quite well historically. **#5 Kiddie Holiday** will likely want to be part of the action early, and considering last year's winner, Glitter Bay, stole things on the front end, it's not impossible to think if this gelding were to get an easy lead, that he might be able to hang around for at least a share. In his lone win this season, it came at this level, but at a one turn distance where he was able to make the lead early and held on and late last year at the mile and an eighth distance, he was able to get to the front pretty easy and somewhat early, and ended up being much the best when it was all said and done, receiving a 77 Beyer for that effort.

To those that picked up the tip sheet this season, thank you for reading. To those that wagered on the races at Fort Erie, thank you for supporting the Fort. To those that chatted with me this season, thank you for talking all things Fort Erie, racing, etc. - I thoroughly enjoyed each and every conversation and look forward to seeing you back at the track next year! In the meantime, be healthy, stay safe, and keep cashing winning tickets!

Sincerely,

Ashley Mailloux