

Tip Sheet- August 11th:

Below are my picks for today, along with a more in-depth analysis for some of my favourite races on today's card. Best of luck to all the horses, their connections, and everyone wagering on today's card!

-Ashley Mailloux

R1: 2-5-3

R2: 4-3-6

R3: 5-1-2

R4: 3-6-7

R5: 2-1-3

R6: 5-9-3

R7: 8-4-3

R8: 8-4-2

Race 2: #4 Vinpearl Valentine was outdistanced last time out, but I'm willing to forgive that effort. Her first performance here over the turf was on June 29th at seven furlongs and she was able to close from off the pace to finish third, beaten by three lengths. Based on that performance, I think if she can rebound from that most recent effort, the additional distance today will be to her liking and that she's capable of winning this race. **#3 Fine Lady** raced over the turf some last year and her best finish was a fourth place finish against \$15k maidens. This year, her best race came at six furlongs on the tapeta while in for a \$7k tag. She's dropping in class today, but her performances this year aren't extremely impressive, and I have a feeling she'll be a short price. She certainly can win at this level, but she's by no means a standout here. **#6 Sugar Me Sweet** has picked up two second place finishes so far this season, both sprinting, with one on each surface. She's had one start at this distance on the turf and it resulted in a third place finish, beaten by just a length and a quarter. Capable of a minor share today.

Race 4: #3 Leonard's Bay has been second and most recently fourth in his two starts this year, both of which were over the tapeta at Woodbine. This gelding is certainly a horse that likes to close from off the pace, and last time out he didn't have his typical late kick. Looking at his races last year, even though he only hit the board in three of ten starts, he did have a handful of fourth place finishes and typically gives it his best, but sometimes the trip doesn't work out for him. This spot could be a nice confidence boost for him. **#6 Cenar** was second in his only start this year, which was here over the grass against \$8k claimers. He's raced well over the turf course and last year at the mile distance, he scored a win. These connections have teamed up this year with a horse named Bakersfield, who won and paid nearly \$30 to win. Sneaky horse in this spot. **#7 Divine Ami** was second last time out on the turf while in for a \$3k tag. He's had four attempts over this turf course and that was his only top three finish. While the win honors may be out of his reach, off his most recent he can potentially claim a minor share and should offer some value.

Race 6: **#5 Jack's Memory** will make her first start for trainer Elliot Sullivan, who claimed him last time out for \$6k. She's won two races this year and was able to close from off the pace in both of those to win by ease. Looking at the connections, trainer Elliot Sullivan wins at 20% off the claim. Last time out, she didn't show much at all which is puzzling, but she's had several weeks to get acquainted with her new barn so I'm expecting an improved performance today. **#9 Diamond N Simon** has yet to hit the board on the turf in her career, but this filly is taking a sharp drop in class today. She's primarily faced NY-bred fillies and mares this season and her best effort came at a mile on the dirt at Aqueduct. Her best races are when she can make the lead and looking at the others today in this race, she might be able to make the lead. Last time out, she made her first start in over three months and was tenth, beaten by seven and a half lengths at Belmont. **#3 It'snicetobenice** was third last time out over the turf at today's distance. She faced non-winners of two on the year and was able to stick around for a share. So far this year, she's yet to finish worse than fourth on the grass and that was at this same level. At 12-1 morning line, she caught my eye as I think others in here will be a very short price and this mare has been consistent over this turf course.

Race 8: We wrap up the card on the turf in this allowance event for non-winners of two lifetime. **#8 Cape Desiderato** is taking a considerable jump up in class, but last time out he ran a respectable third in his first start in over a year. In the past, he's had some nice performances over the turf in Florida while facing respectable maiden fields. Based on his debut and now the fact that he's making his second start of the year – watch out. **#4 Awesome Miner** was second last time out at this level, but over the dirt. In his first start in over a year, he broke his maiden here against maiden special weight company on the turf and was able to take the field gate-to-wire. Some others have shown early foot, but he appears to be the fastest on paper. **#2 Twirling Wind** scratched out of a race not too long ago that was scheduled for the turf but due to weather, it was moved to the main track. His most recent races this year have been extremely disappointing, but he seems to be working well for his new connections, who win at 32% with new acquisitions. His maiden win came at Laurel sprinting over the turf and he won in front-end fashion against \$40k maiden claimers.