

Fort Erie Selections: Monday, August 31st, 2026

The Monday card features six races, two of which are scheduled for the turf course. The pick five gets underway in race two, an allowance event for non-winners of three races lifetime and concludes in the sixth, a competitive turf event with ten runners. Good luck to today's connections and those wagering on the races! - Ashley Mailloux

Race 1:

#5 Blue Max
#1 Bingo's Grind
#4 Attestation

Race 4:

#3 Fredericka's Rose
#1 Noble Bodan
#7 La Belva

Race 2:

#2 Grand Warrior (Jpn)
#1 Heard a Ghost
#3 Santiago Salsa

Race 5:

#2 Autobahn Ave
#7 Arami's Speighster
#5 Let's Go Liam

Race 3:

#5 Final Run for Love
#1 Boston Bay
#2 Lonhro's Gamble

Race 6:

#7 Fast and Ready
#6 Buttonwood Tree
#5 Star Scholar

Key Race of the Day – Race 6 – Claiming \$10k – About 7 Furlongs (Turf)

The best betting race on the card is the nightcap, a turf event at about seven-furlongs for colts and geldings that are in for the \$10k tag. **#7 Fast and Ready** ran a very credible third last time out at Woodbine on the tapeta and two starts back over this turf course, he encountered trouble in the stretch, and it certainly looks as though it cost him a better placing. This son of Mitole figures to sit mid-pack and will likely come with one run late. **#6 Buttonwood Tree** is an interesting horse racing off the claim for ICON Racing Stables and Tony Adamo, who has won with 9 of 15 horses off the claim over the past year. This gelding has shown speed in his last four but hasn't been able to hang on to win. He comes into this race with the second lowest Beyer in his career, but it is a positive sign that the barn is wasting no time and is running him back in ten days. The slight cutback in distance figures to help him and Sofia Vives, one of the stables go-to riders, will climb aboard. **#5 Star Scholar** has been a better turf horse this year – his grass numbers are better than all his dirt starts this year and even last year too. He looked very good battling three starts back to get up for the win in a starter optional claiming event at today's distance and next time out, it looked as though a mile might be pushing it, but he still attempted to fight on. He exits a dirt event which was a strung-out field, and he just didn't seem as comfortable chasing. He figures to improve returning to the turf and from a trip perspective, he'll have a jump on the closers which is key.