



1st Race

By Marcus Hersh

KEENELAND
(1:00)

Guessing game in the opener, and would rather, in that case, have a price like 7 TWO LUCYS . Not bad in her debut this past December, and after two Tapeta sprints she goes to a dirt route that on pedigree could be a better race for her. Works all the time over KEE dirt and ought to be prominently placed stretching out. 6 SANCTIFY 's lack of positional speed won't serve her well and don't see why she'd be as high as 8-1, but she only needs to run back to her best Tapeta showing to contend with this group. Trainer I Correas rarely wins with first-time starters, but do note the only two firsters he's had the last five years in dirt-route MSWs didn't run well because they were slow horses. 4 LOW COUNTRY MAGIC has gotten in plenty of local work and can't be ruled out in this soft spot.

Race 2 Could be a wet track and 5 KAHALA just showed speed and won easily going 1 1/16 miles over a sloppy Fair Grounds surface in her most recent start, March 8. This is not a negative "drops off a win" move - she's in for a \$16K tag, more than the claim price paid three back, and connections already have gotten more than double in earnings what they claimed her for. Guess she's aggressively ridden to make the front, and on pedigree this 1 1/8-mile trip should be a plus. Also guess she won't be nearly 8-1, especially coming from a barn that often attracts a lot of betting. 1 MOBSTER GUN 'd form is all over the place and he'd not be a horse to trust at a short price, but he's 20-1 on the morning Lionel, has a KEE win, and is 1-1 at this 9f trip. 3 TRENDING UP grinds along like a horse who could be all right first time at 1 1/8 miles. Good wet-track form if it comes to that, and likely fair price coming from Penn Nat'l for lesser-known connections.

Race 3 Blah race where I'd prefer to take a longer price, especially because possible favorite 2 KARA AND COLLEEN never has raced on dirt, but she could wind up controlling speed in a short field, and a lone workout video from February shows her getting over the KEE dirt surface at least adequately. 3 DYNAMISM was just all right chasing an odds-on B Russell trained leader when second debuting in an LRL 78f MSW. She might or might not really want two turns and seems like a horse, at age 4, with limited upside. 5 FORESEEN never has tried two turns on dirt, but is she realistically going to be much better at than than she's been at two turns on Tapeta, one turn on dirt, and one turn on turf? Guess it's possible.

Race 4 4BOSTONTONIAN was scratched from an opening week maiden where he looked very tough, but which trainer W Ward won with a different horse, then was stuck way out on the AEs when entered a second time. Now lands in the body of a field as Ward's lone entrant and is likely to score at a short price. Picked him the other times he was entered off some encouraging workout video. Video of 8DEEPLY HIDDEN 's Keeneland gate breeze looked at least all right, and like that barn brought the horse from Florida for this lucrative early-season MSW. 9STRUMMIN beaten a mile by another Ward winner April 5 but might have a little more early lick than he showed there.

Race 5 The Sims barn often seems to aim horses for the Keeneland meet, and suspect that's the case with 7 CRYSTAL SYMPHONY . Won in December after a four-month layoff for a \$50K maiden-claiming tag that makes her a good fit for this \$30K conditioned-claiming class. Lone dirt start came in an early-season 2yo sprint while she had a different trainer - won't hold that against her. Shaded 12 seconds (informal video clocking) for her final furlong in that March 23 drill. 4 RAPPING WISH doubled in claiming price first after claim from third career start. No idea how she'll handle dirt but could wind up as inside speed, which generally has been a good thing this meet. Not sure what 6 BAYTOWN LOVELY has left in the tank - she was off from Dec. 2022 to Dec. 23, after all. That said, not sure she had a real chance to hit her baseline in the three-race winter form cycle.

Race 6 2MRS. RIP had speed and was a game winner of her career debut and lone start, and while that came back in July, we already know she can fire fresh. Went to the front from an inside draw and can do the same thing again while positively entered under starter allowance conditions following the extended layoff. Was working a bullet half-mile on dirt way back Feb. 14, and have to think she is plenty ready for the comeback. The short comment for 1 DE' ANS EIGHTY didn't run as well last out in their common OP race as 5 POPPERINA , but DAE has the stronger foundation to run back to or slightly exceed that performance. Neither barn has an encouraging Keeneland record but T Amoss has several local claiming wins the last couple years while trainer R Moquett 3-47 at KEE over last two years.

Race 7 BEST BET 2 WHAT SAY THEE in his 13th start was dropped in for the first claiming price of his career - 6yo turf horse with some past form? Of course trainer M Maker snapped him up. Way he won that mile \$50K starter first off claim made him look like a horse better suited to this 1 1/8 mile trip, and pedigree suggests same. No chance in traffic-filled stretch run last time, when the jockey appeared to have plenty of horse. Looks easily most likely winner here if this stays on grass. 1 WEYHILL ROAD wide with no cover in same race as What Say Thee, but that alone doesn't account for flat performance. Taken second here because he might look good if the race rains onto dirt. Same can be said of 3 ROYAL MENDE , who I doubt would win at 9f on turf. Loose on the lead over a sloppy track, he could go a long way.

Race 8 7 PRACTICAL THOUGHT broke from the rail in his debut and ran a solid race, splitting a 10-horse field among the best maiden races of the Fair Grounds meeting. Thought he'd surely win second out but just nipped by a very well meant Brendan Walsh-trained turn-back horse. Solid seeming 5f at Churchill prepping for this, and avoids the real toughies going for this \$100,000 claiming tag. 1 TRUMPTASTIC has hit a higher level than Practical Thought and has a good race over the KEE surface, but in his first form cycle he probably was a little worse second time out than first, and that definitely was the case in his second form cycle. And if he doesn't break all that well from the rail, his trip -- at a short price - is going to turn tricky. 7-1-6

Race 1 5-7-6

When I look at the form lines, one runner is coming out of a significantly tougher race than the other five with experience. Razzle Red (#5) debuted at Gulfstream for Riley Mott and she ran into Royal Wintour, who was a strong second time starter who won going away. Her effort was good enough to make her the morning line favorite in a N1X allowance race here last week. She didn't run in that race as it was rained off the turf. Regardless, I think that field was deeper than the fields that the others have seen. She's sired by Twirling Candy wh rogers 17% winners when routing on the dirt. The dam has foaled winners on all three surfaces and her works on the main track are respectable. Two Lucys (#7) has a pair of sprints on synthetic to start her career. She ran well against a weaker bunch two back, but struggled at Turfway when running at this level in her last start. She had over three months off in between starts, so perhaps she was a little rusty last out. She's sired by Accelerate, who came to Louisville to win the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2018. He gets 17% winners with runners routing on the dirt for the first time. She has the look of a filly who could take a step forward in this race. Sanctify (#6) fits in this race on figures after running similar races in her four starts at Turfway. She doesn't have a ton of early speed, so a slower pace might actually help her stay in contact with the field when they run down the backstretch. Lasix is added for the first time for another runner that figures to be better on dirt than synthetic.

Early Pick 3 : Race 1. 5,6,7 / 1,2 / 6

Race 2. 1-2-4

Mobster Gun (#1) is the most interesting of the group. He was claimed from Dale Romans in his last start at Turfway and he'll make his first start for Jesus Esquivel today. He's the only runner in the field that has a win on this oval and a win at this distance (the nine furlong win came at Turfway). His recent form has either been strong or miserable, with not much in between, and as a result, he's been installed at 20-1 on the morning line. At this level, 20-1 is more than fair and would be tremendous value. If he follows his good race/bad race pattern, he's due for a better effort. All West (#2) is a two-time winners at this distance, most recently winning last sprint at Oaklawn. Since that win, this eight year old gelded son of Flashback has run some solid efforts on the dirt when sprinting, but he ran a poor race at this distance in the slop back in December. When watching that race back, he seemed to be struggling to handle the course that day, so that effort feels like a toss. His sprint tries have been solid and his effort last out back at two turns in New Orleans was respectable. Candy for Carmel (#4) is a backup play for me in this spot. His form was in a steady decline and after back to back dull efforts at Delaware, he was shut down. He resurfaced for new connections at Santa Anita and closed well to be third when making his first start for Baltas. His last was one of his better efforts in a while, so I'd be hopeful that he could do it again.

Race 3. 6-3

Streetwhereulive (#6) makes her second start for Phillip Bauer and her first in almost a year in this race. This filly hopped a bit at the break and was last for the better part of the race. She was no match for Tarifa or Regulatory Risk that day. Those fillies have made that into a definite key race, as Tarifa has become a graded stakes winner and Regulatory Risk is now graded stakes placed. She faced by far the toughest field that anyone has had to deal with so far. Phillip Sims has good numbers with horses off the layoff and when teaming up with jockey Alex Achard, they've won at a 32% clip over the last 15 months. I think she can pull off the upset with this group. Dynamism (#3) is the one I want as a backup in this spot. She debuted at Laurel for Graham Motion and finished second against a softer group when going seven furlongs, Motion opts to stretch out to a route for her second career shot. The dam's two other runners are both winners, but neither of them have won a race at two turns. The pairing with Uncle Mo should help provide a little more stamina to her overall pedigree. Motion seems to have very good numbers getting horses to stretch out from sprints to routes, but I wanted to dive a little deeper. Over the last five years, he has won 19% of his races with runners that are routing for the first time in their second career start. Most of those wins have come on the grass. He's 3-22 (14%) with runners on dirt routing for the first time in

Race. 4. 12-4-2-9

I'll try a bomb and go with Into Inspiration (#12) as the longshot top pick in this race. Horses in the outside lanes have fared well in these 4 ½ furlong races at this meet so far. The works are solid and Into Mischief has sired 17% debut winners with two year olds over the last five years. He's the first foal to run from an Honor Code mare. The first two babies Rafael Ramos has sent out at this meet have been crushed. His work on 4/3 was a little slower than the work from Enduring Spirit. That one showed a little early interest last week, but appeared to be struggling to take hold of the sloppy ground. At long odds, I'd consider using him as the alternative to the inevitably short priced Ward runner. Bostonian (#4) has been entered and scratched twice so far during this meet. Ward had him entered in a race on opening day, but he opted to scratch him in favor of his stablemate, Shoot It True, who was a much the best winner. Clearly he knew he had the goods with that one, but maybe not so much with him. He was stuck on the AE in his last start, so he had to defect from that race as well. He has worked out twice instead of racing and neither of those works are as fast as the ones from March. Perhaps Ward has him where he wants him and those drills are strictly for maintenance.

Race 5. 6-2-8

Baytown Lovely (#6) is the lone two year debut winner for trainer Paul McEntee in the last five years. She has run well in two of three local starts, with a poor effort coming against a loaded field of N1X allowance boys on the Breeders' Cup undercard in 2022. When she's appropriately spotted, she's a threat. Outofnothingatall (#2) is the kind of filly that can run on any surface. She broke her maiden on the dirt at Evangeline in her debut. She struggled on the dirt in stakes and allowance company, but she's come back to run some solid races on synthetic and turf. She ran a credible race on the grass at Gulfstream in her last start and now she comes back to the dirt in her second start off the layoff.

Race 6: 6-5-1

I think Marmalade Skye (#6) is going to sit the perfect trip here, I don't know if she's good enough to beat this group in her return to dirt and facing winners for the first time, but I do see her having a lot of upside. She ran a decent race in her debut when facing \$50K maiden claimers here in October. She tried the maiden special weight company at Churchill, and while she wasn't embarrassed, she also wasn't great. She has done well wintering at Turfway as evidenced by her increased speed figures. If she can continue to improve on the dirt, she'll be a force with this group. Popperina (#5) is going to be on the A line for me, because after three starts, I think she's better than De'Ans Eighty, (#1) despite finishing very close to her last out. Even with the shorter field, I don't like the rail draw for her. I think she could sit in a pocket, but I worry about her getting caught behind some of the frontrunners that might start backpedaling. While she is very consistent, she's more of a deeper tickets play for me.

Late pick 3 : Race 6 5,6 / . 1,2,12 / 7

Race 7: 2-1-12

The lone turf race of the afternoon is the featured, N1X allowance contest, going nine furlongs. I do think the shorter prices have the advantage in this race. What Say Thee (#2) and Weyhill Road (#1) competed in the same race last month at Gulfstream. While they only finished a little less than two lengths apart, it was a tale of two very different trips. What Say Thee was absolutely bottled up throughout the length of the stretch. Weyhill Road was wide on both turns after breaking from post 11. While the latter is getting definite post relief, I think What Say Thee was loaded last time out with nowhere to run. He likes to be covered up, so there's a chance that he could suffer the same misfortune, however, he's looked very sharp since Maker claimed him and he's given be no reason to be concerned that he won't run his race. The dam of Weyhill Road has produced four graded stakes winners with six career starters. While most of his brothers and sisters would prefer the dirt, he may be carving out a new niche while racing on the turf. I didn't love his last race, but he was making his first start off a layoff and doing so while wide most of the trip. Porquerolles (#12) is going to need to overcome the 12 hole to win this race. His debut was excellent at Gulfstream, and Motion is always looking for his next stakes caliber horse. The future is bright for this son of Speightstown,

Race 8 7-5-1

Practical Thought (#7) as the third choice on the morning line is far more appealing to me than the top two choices. He finished 5th at long odds when facing a strong field in the slop at the Fair Grounds on the Risen Star undercard. He came back to pair his initial Beyer and run a strong second in a maiden optional claiming race there. Paul McGee brings him to Lexington and has the Practical Joke colt well spotted for his third career start. I think he's going to be a force in this race. I'll use the Godolphin runner, Contemplation (#5) as my backup in this race. He was an uneventful 7th place finisher in his debut. He stretched out to one mile where he was definitely better, despite getting a little tired late. His half sister is a talented sprinter in the Pacific Northwest. I think she figures to be the improving type here.

Tampa Bay Downs (12:20)

Analysis By: Kenny Peck

1st 6 LUNA SOL came back from the layoff running, turning in a much-improved effort to get the place with a late run in her first start at seven furlongs; that was also her first start with Lasix, and it could well be she's a new horse with medication. 8 STYLISH ANNA was against the race flow in her latest, rushing up after a slow start to race close to the pace in a race that featured a pace scenario that greatly favored closers (note inverted "C" symbol in DRF pp line); 5 COUNTRY ECONOMICS is another who figures to be prominent from the break; dangerous if she can shake loose in the opening stages.

2nd 3 GOLDCREST makes her first start off the claim for trainer Jose D'Angelo, who put her on the shelf for a couple of months, and she's working well toward her return; she makes her local debut and seems to have found a good spot, as she could be the controlling speed as she exits a speed-filled race and lands in a paceless route. 1 WHAT A KNOCKOUT doesn't have a great overall record but she comes off a strong effort for the place in her latest, where she closed in a race where the odds-on winner was tough to catch; pace scenario may work against her again but if the top pick isn't ready perhaps she can make the last run. 6 SHE'S SO BEARRISH was a dominant winner against non-winners of two in her latest; makes a mandatory class rise but fits well off that running line, and given her positional speed.

Race 3 6 TOUGH DAME is worth considering at a price in her turf debut, which also marks her second career start, as trainer Anthony Granitz excels with second-time starters; pedigree doesn't offer a lot of clues as she's the first starter out of an unraced dam but she does figure to be a decent price. 3 PRINCESS ALESKA is easy to like after hitting the board in both of her first two starts on the green, and the resulting Beyers give her strong credibility; main knock is the expected short price. 9 AWARD TOUR is another who figures to be well bet; she makes her first start for trainer Christophe Clement, who of course is always tough with debut runners on the turf here; first starter out of an unraced dam but sire Award Tour wins at a decent rate (18%) with runners trying this surface for the first time.

Race 4

7 BEAUTIFUL ASTRAY pressed the pacesetter early on and gamely held well for the show in that last try, which featured an exacta comprised of two stone closers; cuts back to a shorter sprint today and there's not all that much early zip in this field. 3 FINAL NOTE should be overlooked in the wagering but she's an interesting longshot to consider, as she's a pace upgrade off her latest, when she lost ground in a Closer-friendly race, and she was caught up in a duel two back; not sure if she's good enough but improvement is expected. 8 DON'T TELL AMY and BINGO'S DREAM are the two favorites, and either is capable, but the former takes a big drop off the layoff, which can be viewed as a negative, and the latter blew a clear lead in her latest when at this same distance at Gulfstream.

Race 5

3 NOBODY'S ZAPPER is out of a dam who won her own debut and went on to win a stakes race, all on the turf, and though she was best sprinting her sire is Ghostzapper; training forwardly, and comes into this with a full set of works. 8 MOST DIVINE had pace excuses in two of her last three starts, and she was beaten less than a length in the other start in that span; she's a stone closer who needs pace but she could prove a late threat if she gets it. 1 FAR ABOVE weakened after making a premature move in that last one, against better, but she was 2nd in two prior races, against weaker; has more speed than she's shown in her last few and she may show it today as she moves to the rail.

Race 6 BEST BET 7 OUR FANTASY figures to get an ideal set up in this sprint, which features a good amount of early zip to her inside, which should certainly work to her advantage; just missed with a nice late run in her latest, and while she shortens up some the likely race flow should mean her late kick is amplified. 6WAIT A SEC has speed but can also rate, and that could be a huge edge if the pace scenario develops as expected; addition of blinkers could move her up as well, as long as it doesn't sharpen her speed too much. 2PRETTY'N AWESOME benefited from a very favorable set up and trip in that last one, which explains the big move up in Beyers, but she could well get that same scenario today.

Race 7 7 EHSAAN was rained off the turf when last seen but he won two straight on the grass prior to that effort, which wasn't all that bad anyway; he's already beaten a couple of today's main rivals in 8 DEEP STRIKE and 4 LORD KNOWS and he can win this too given a clean trip behind a quick, contested pace. DEEP STRIKE has slowly improved with each recent start, and while he was on the lead two back he seems to be at his best when allowed to sit off the pace and make one run; dangerous given that type of trip today, and he should get decent fractions to chase. LORD KNOWS has a decent late kick and his Beyers put him in the thick of this. 7-8-4

Race 8 3 AWESOMBROTHERBILL exits a pair of sprints that featured closer-favoring race flows, and he was close up in that last one, which was at this same seven furlong distance; this race doesn't seem to have all that much early zip signed on and he may be the controlling speed given aggressive handling in the early stages. 2GEAUX YOSHKKA is another who figures to be more involved in the opening stages today than he was in that March 9th sprint; first start off the claim, and second off the layoff. 9 AUGER is widest but he's also quick from the gate; he's down considerably in class off the layoff, which can be construed as a negative, but his back Beyers make him a contender in this spot.

Race 9 8 JOHN THE BAPTIST debuts for trainer Chad Brown, which of course makes him a threat by default, but he also has a decent string of breezes showing for this; unraced dam produced only one other starter, Ganado, who hit the board in both of his two starts to date, both on the turf. 7 SEBASTIAN THE FIRST adds Lasix and makes his second career start, and both of those two angles are positive ones for trainer Jose Delgado; he's been away since that August bow but if he's ready off the break he could threaten in his first start around two turns. 10 LAST RUN has hit the board in his last three starts and he's posted decent Beyers in the process; tactical speed should help him work out a trip despite the outside post.



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Best Bets: FACTOR IT IN (9th)-- HE'S INCREDIBLE (10th)

Race 1

- 7** BUCKS SOME – Veteran stretch-running mare re-claimed for twice this amount; contested pace can help.
- 5** OUR UPTOWN GIRL – Difficult to like or ignore plunge after facing classier rivals at various distances.
- 2** AFLEET DIVA – Speedy mare battled to final furlong in longer test; terrific 7-for-20 career.
- 6** GREEN GABLES – Edged next-out winner on drop when claimed at Penn National; usually fires.

Race 2

- 3** MY MAN WOODY – Chased smashing winner for higher tag at Aqueduct; should handle soft opposition.
- 4** RORY'S ORCHARD – Primed for this yardage with good showing in route; suited by distance.
- 6** CARRY GRANT – Gained late behind runaway Maryland shipper after twice facing better.
- 1** MINNY SPEIGHTSTER – Possibility if disregard latest and yet to justify heavy backing.

Race 3

- 1** NUEDORF – Significant drop using Lasix first time and both victories with apprentice Ruiz aboard.
- 5** ROCKIN FREEBEE – Victim of early trouble when closer than odds predicted behind heavy favorite.
- 2** BRONX TALE – Overmatched in last at Penn National following moderate local success.
- 4** ALMOND CIDER – Rapid gelding hampered by stamina issues but shorter distance some relief.

Race 4

- 3** BAILINTIN – Failed to offer true measure when claimed for \$25,000; retains Haddock trying two turns.
- 5** FAYTASTIC – Outran top choice in sprint after chasing solid company in prior route; fits nicely.
- 6** CORONA CAMPIONE – Edged away late after prolonged duel and perfect around two turns.
- 2** BREEZY DANCE – Improved since adding blinkers and battled third pick; weight off for this.

Race 5

7	TWENTYEIGHTTOTHREE – Advanced for higher tag after claim and showed speed in narrow loss previously.
5	FENWICK JACK – Unruly prior to finishing remote fourth in route; slow start only prior outing.
9	WHOOSH – Flashes of interest going short and long; “bug” rider won first race recently.
8	WARRIOR’S SPECIAL – Outran only one rival in debut; gets blinkers and benefits from experience.

Race 6

9	CATTI LA BELLE – Lightly raced but exits solid effort this level when claimed; set to end losing streak.
8	AMBITIOUSLY PLACED – Keeps firing and just over one length behind despite awkward break.
5	JUST STAY HOME – Pressured second pick last month and making steady progress since hiatus.
2	SUMMARY JUDGMENT – Led for half mile then stopped abruptly for higher tag; best when shakes loose.

Race 7

2	PACHELBEL – Crushed two-time winners when rebounding from poor showing at identical distance.
7	SO SWELL – Powerful wide rally when runner-up this level but needs help of pace set-up.
8	CREATIVE COPY – Overmatched last week but threat this level; trounced lesser last month.
4	LARAMORE – Faded again on wet surface after beaten favorite twice this spot since layoff.

Race 8

6	DIVINE GRACE – Sharp third behind repeat winner this spot after crushing rivals in prior two starts.
3	AEGEAN SEA – Speedy mare with ample success in Brown barn just lasted in sprint; one to catch.
4	LAMASCO – Pulled away at Turfway taking drop and switches to Ness barn; tigerish last summer at Ellis.
2	GAMESTONKS – Claimed when humbled by repeat winner and not far behind top pick in prior start.

Race 9

1	FACTOR IT IN – Eight-year-old ran into tiger in return; multiple stakes winner with 13-for-35 record.
7	SPIKEZONE – Rapid gelding with terrific form at Tampa for Ness; excellent local form in past.
8	SMOOTH B – Shelved since rare poor showing in October; formidable on various surfaces.
3	BOURBON MUSIC – Faded behind top selection after just missing previously in strong effort.

Race 10

8	HE’S INCREDIBLE – Amazing veteran battled eventual winner to final yards; nearly always gives his best.
4	SEA TRIDENT – Forced pace this far from tricky post in route and drops below amount of February claim.
2	MUNDO MIX – Used up early when overmatched last pair; impressive romp against cheaper earlier.
7	ANGELUS WARRIOR – Adjusted nicely to sprint with acceleration against easier group; logical next step.



Indiana Grand (Horseshoe Indianapolis) Post 2:10

1. 8-9-6
2. 9-8-6-1
3. 3-5-1
4. 6-8-3-10
5. 6-4-9-8
6. 5-2-10-4
7. 2-3-7-10
8. 6-3-11-7
9. 1-5-9-10

Best Bets :

Race 5 # 4 Alimony Well- bred first time starter by Uncle Mo has been working well in Louisiana, debuts here for Steve Asmussen in a seemingly soft maiden field.

Race 7. # 2 Shieldnmpewithprayer - Scored at first asking here last fall, adds Lasix and shows a sharp half mile work 11 days ago over this surface.



Turf Paradise (4:25)

By: Scott Ehlers

BEST BET: French Onion (8th race)

First Race **5** Jess My Dynasty **8** Just Cold Corona **1** Storm Sign

Second Race **4** Go Seis Jr **6** Tubac Royale **1** Thats Whats Up

Third Race **3** Ez Arizona **1** Arizona Reina **2** Desert Gal

EZ ARIZONA broke sharp in both starts to date and that is only going to help her as she matures. She ran better in her second start as most maidens do. She gets second time Lasix and that is often better for the fillies. This filly doesn't have to have the front end to run well but does draw outside main pace foe if the front end is wanted. Added half furlong might actually help. ARIZONA REINA has improved her Beyer in every start. She owns the best last race Beyer at 43. Race flow isn't the quickest but we like that Cruz stays put. Last chance for a good price?

Fourth Race **7** Cameron Slough **5** Sent by Angels **2** Mark of Victory

CAMERON SLOUGH has tried nothing but two turns on the turf so bonus points for that. She hails from a Hall of Fame barn and now puts three races together for the first time. We have seen a slew of SoCal runners win locally this meet. This filly is simply bred to love a turf route and should easily handle this field today. SENT BY ANGELS has improved her Beyer on the grass in every start. Here is another with very good turf and grass Tomlinsons at 351/358. This filly showed good speed off the layoff but can pass runners and there is other speed in this race. MARK OF VICTORY just ran a Beyer top and did so on this sod. Form cycle hints at better as this filly goes third off the layoff. She draws fine and gets good race flow.

Fifth Race **6** Xtreme Mayhem **3** Howbeit **5** Quality Rags

XTREME MAYHEM is feeling great, draws the attack post for the distance, loves this dirt, and goes third off the layoff. Distance tab looks poor at 2-0-0-0 but this horse lost by a length in one start and got 62 Beyers in both. He is better now than when last seen doing so. This guy has better positional speed than you think as he chased some fast splits in his last two. HOWBEIT has never missed the board going this distance. Recent figs certainly fit and now this guy puts three races together and does so for the leading barn. This 7YO will have to break in a new jock though.

6TH RACE **1** Well Imagine That **4**. Without Equal **7**. Buraq's Reflection

WELL IMAGINE THAT tried the grass for the first time last out and won nicely all for a barn that is 21% on the green. They are 13% with horses that won their last race. Today's pace won't be as soft but this gelding still draws well. Most runners improve the second time they do anything and we like that Cruz stays put. Did you notice that this 3YO has improved his Beyer speed figure in four straight? WITHOUT EQUAL ran a then Beyer top when he last tried the grass. That makes sense as he is bred to love the green. He broke last in his most recent while buried on the rail going 6 1/2 furlongs yet still won. Alas, trainer Valerie Lund is only 4% dirt to turf. BURAQ'S REFLECTION beat over half the field home in his only turf start and it came at Del Mar. He broke his maiden two back when first time going two turns. Fresh face from GG just needs to like the local lawn to run well.

Seventh Race **5** Reckoning Day **4**. Hey Now **7**. El Alto Hombre

RECKONING DAY loves to win and had a long winning streak over the summer. What if he needed his return race three back? What if he wasn't acclimated to here only two back? His most recent was better, right? We love his versatile style. Being stuck between runners in his most recent didn't help matters. We think he gets a better trip today and returns to his wining ways. HEY NOW ran back to back to back Beyer tops at Araphoe not that long ago. He ran evenly in his return race and should move forward second off the layoff. This barn is 17% on the dirt and 16% with their sprinters. EL ALTO HOMBRE has solid figs and just ran better. He won't be that far off the early pace. He draws fine and figures a fair price.

Eighth Race **2** French Onion **5** Dialed in to Win **1** Desperate Man

Everyone other than the rail runner will be a good price in this race. Let's start with FRENCH ONION who has yet to lose. He gutted out the win in his most recent and did so without an early breather. Now he puts race together for the first time. He has worked three times since and draws outside the big chalk. This barn is 22% with their repeating winners. DIALED IN TO WIN is the other Eikleberry runner and the better price. Race flow is fine and this horse did win his debut which bodes well for his return try. Works are perfect. DESPERATE MAN got a 90 Beyer in his debut and that is all many will see. He is stuck on the rail though and has only one work as of this writing.

Ninth Race **8**. Better B Worth It **6**. Texas Wendy **3**. Hot Lava Cake

BETTER B WORTH IT is by a 10% debut sire. Her dam missed the board in her only start. Two of three sibs won and both beat winners (98K and 58K). This 3YO draws well with this outside post and has a slew of well spaced works. TEXAS WENDY has improved her Beyer in every start. She has worked twice since her most recent and that was a race where she went very wide. HOT LAVA CAKE is a runner that cost 200K yet was running for 20K in only her second start which she lost as the favorite. Now she comes here and runs for the leading barn. We find that morning line of 4-1 beyond belief as this 4YO will be bet heavily.

Harrington Raceway – Post 4:30



By Matt Sparacino

Wednesday April 17

1st - Matt's Picks: 6-8-5

6 - Wolfpack Wilma - Makes 13th career start - won a leg of DSBF LC impressively and probably needed acclimating start here.

2nd - Matt's Picks: 4-6-7

4 - Ginger Tree Skyr - Runner up in Dover finale with speed laden mile. Drew inside key rivals. 6 - Exchequer - He's one of more consistent players in the class - aims for 4th year.

3rd - Matt's Picks: 4-2-1

4 - I'm Still Here - Sprung an upset going for \$51k at Dover. One to beat!

4th - Matt's Picks: 4-5-6

4 - Kountry Express - Couldn't have been more impressive in local debut - a blowout win. Back in same class. 5 - Templeton - Rough draws recently have hindered his chances and I suspect we'll see more from him now.

5th - Matt's Picks: 2-3-5

2 - Wine Bar - Taking a shot with this one who raced very well in local debut despite a month off. Should be tighter now!

6th - Matt's Picks: 1-6-7

1 - Swan In Motion - Strong effort upon return and is hard to overlook from the pole here! 6 - Northern Express - Tough draws of late but this is a bit better and I think this veteran will be heard from tonight.

7th - Matt's Picks: 1-8-3

1 - I'll Play It Alone - Solid outing despite the pace circumstances. I look for a change in tactics tonight.

8th - Matt's Picks: 2-7-3

2 - Rose Run Xtra - Big time post break and a class drop. One of better bets on the card! 7 - Slim Jimmy - Liked his first one back here but does face a deeper split tonight and worse draw.

9th Matt's Picks: 1-3-2

1 - Hiro Knockout - Moves inside for team BT - 3rd start off bench and I think he'll be in play from here!

10th - Matt's Picks: 6-1-8

6 - Tug River Patrick - 2nd time lasix here and it seemed to help in first try as he rallied into 4th from a bad post last week.

11th - Matt's Picks: 7-6-8

7 - Backstreet Player - He faced top notch competition all winter long and probably has a class edge on these.

12th - Matt's Picks: 5-2-3

5 - Tart Tongue - Blowout win in qualifier, won her last race at Dover but has been erratic so caution is urged.

13th - Matt's Picks: 1-4-6

1 - Sevacheetah - Won his first one here impressively and faces a bit deeper group tonight. 4 - Patrick Rules - Really impressed with his last start, which featured a strong rally from the back.

14th - Matt's Picks: 6-4-1

6 - Charlie Boy - Qualified very well and this is an intriguing newcomer for team LG.

15TH - Matt's Picks: 7-3-2

7 - Workslikeacharm - He breezed through the late closer at Dover, winning 3 straight. Let's see how he acclimates here.



(JJ Zamaiko Photography)

Northfield (6:00)

1. 1-2-8

2. 1-7-2

4. 4-2-6

5. 9-3-1-4

7. 4-1-7

9. 2-8-9-1

12. 7-3-2

13. 3-2-1

14. 4-3-1

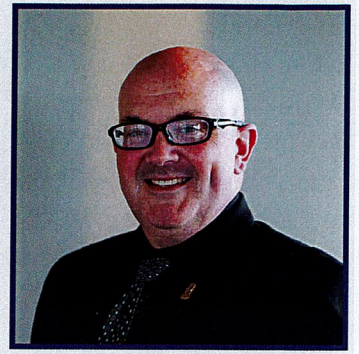
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HOOSIER Park
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MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN'S RACING TIPSHEET

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RACE SELECTIONS:

RACE 1: 2-6-3-7

RACE 2: 7-2-3-4

RACE 3: 9-6-3-7

RACE 4: 3-4-5-2

RACE 5: 6-7-8-1

RACE 6: 9-8-4-3

RACE 7: 6-7-2-1

RACE 8: 8-9-6-5

RACE 9: 2-8-7-1

RACE 10: 7-4-6-3

RACE 11: 8-10-7-4

RACE 12: 3-1-8-2

RACE 13: 3-4-7-8

RACE 14: 1-7-3-2-4

CHAMBERLAIN'S CHOICE:

RACE 10 HORSE #7: ROSA'S REBEL (ML: 9-2)

DRIVER: MARVIN LUNA | TRAINER: CASANDRA UPPAL

PRICE PLAY

RACE 9 HORSE #2: RIPN BLU (ML: 12-1)

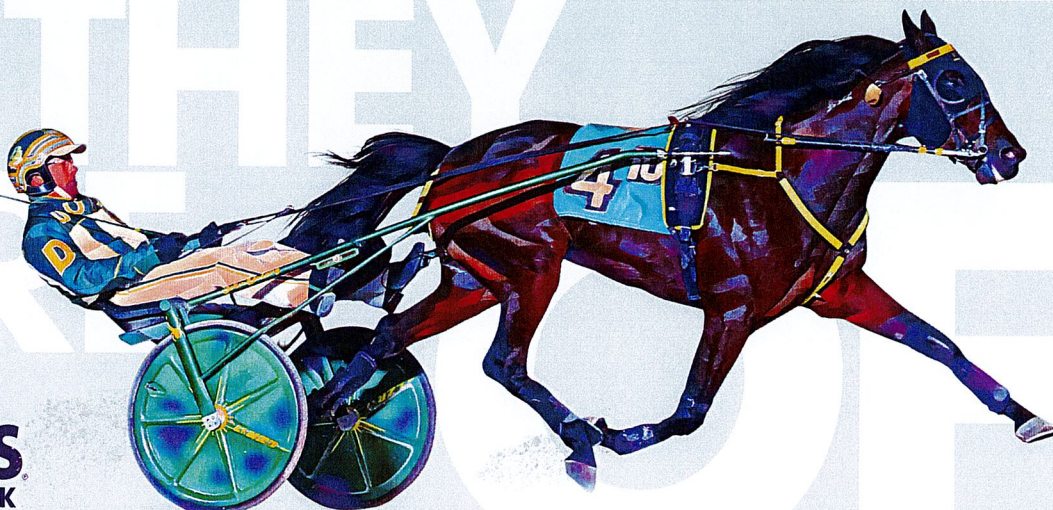
DRIVER: DEVON THARPS | TRAINER: JEFF NOVAK

EARLY PICK 5 (RACES 1-5)

2,6/2,7/3,6,9/3,4/6,7 = \$24

LATE PICK 4 (RACES 11-14)

4,7,8,10/1,3,8/3/1,7 = \$12



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YONKERS (7:00)

The Empire Report – Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Race Analysis

RACE 1 – (6) SWAGASAUROSREX came to life with a sharp win 3 back then followed it up with a crisp rallying 2nd behind a very sharp winner – gets a pass for his last (8 hole off 3 weeks) and looks pretty attractive here at that 8-1 ML price. (4) ATLANTIS appears to have tailed off dramatically but he did have an excuse last week – on his best game he can certainly be a threat with these types, so perhaps consider if the price is right. (5) ART SCENE showed some life 2 and 3 back immediately after joining a barn known for turnarounds – just got lost at the back last week, but may be ready for a more aggressive try with the better draw – possibility. (2) CENTURY IGLESIAS ships in sharp, but has been facing cheaper at Fhd. – we’ll see if he can replicate that form against this tougher bunch. (3) LYONS JOHNNYJNR hasn’t been sharp and his barn has been struggling lately as well – a decent post and Gingras seem to be his best attributes right now. (1) ALI ships in from Monti and feels a bit cheap – another that could be helped by the draw, at least. Both (7) GOLDEN GESTURE and (8) KEYSTONE DASH have been struggling AND are stuck with the two worst posts – sticking with others

RACE 2 – John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 2: (4) SEA CAN was acquired by the leading barn in the nation last Fall and looked terrific in his first start, winning at Nfd. Despite being parked from the start – took some time off after a sick scratch and has come back super, finishing just behind TACHYON in last week’s sizzling 1:541 mile – he’ll be very tough with anything close to that effort tonight. (2) IMMANUEL K S can be pretty inconsistent but he brought a good one last week, finishing just behind one of the top choice’s talented barnmates – may be able to complete the exacta once more. (1) FERRETTI was a good first over 2nd in Leg 1 and definitely one of the main players in here...not sure that HE should be listed as the ML favorite, however. (5) LAVA FIELD was a solid 3rd last week, even if well behind the top choice at the end – in line for another small piece tonight. (6) DIAMANTE TRIO IT had tailed off considerably recently – her last may have been a little better, but still not ready to hop back on her team. (3) INFINITY STONE (hopples off?) seems up against it vs. these types

RACE 3 - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 2 – good race! (2) CITY OF HOPE was stuck in the back early last week but put in a steady rally to pick up 3rd, even if well off the top pair – he moves inside tonight, gets a switch to Kakaley, and is one of several with a legitimate chance in this well matched field. (1) WICKENBURGH was an 8-1 overlay winner returning from Ohio on 3/22, went a BIG mile for 2nd from Post 8 the next start and would have had a good chance to win LAST week had he shook free up the cones just a bit sooner – remains a very viable player. (4) OPTRIX was forced to come first over from 5th last week but still managed to nose out #1 for the win, despite making his first start since October – he’s eligible to be even sharper tonight...and that would make him very dangerous. (3) COVENTRY HALL was handled aggressively in his 2nd start back in the U.S. and just came up a little light at the end (3rd behind #4 and #1) – he’s another eligible to be that much better in Leg #2. (6) BLACK TIE BASH is a talented trotter but he had trouble rallying from the back last week and may find himself facing the same hurdle tonight. (7) RESOLVE TO WIN lived up to his name last week but was helped in a big way by the :59 half he grabbed – much tougher spot for tonight, and that 3-1 ML price seems pretty low. (5) LOS BALLYKEELAMIGO had a better effort last week, but still seems unlikely against this bunch

RACE 4 – (5) BATH BOMB was our clear choice here when the card was canceled on 4/3 and that was off just her first career qualifier – she’s qualified even sharper since then, and looms a very short priced favorite for her career debut. (1) OAKWOOD DYNASTY IR showed improvement in her 3rd U.S. start then converted a pocket trip to victory the next week – not sure she can hang with the top choice, however (despite that absurd “even money” ML price). (4) URSULA BLUE CHIP has raced ok when Smith has left the gate with her – chance for a good piece if he’s aggressive tonight. (2) GROOVY JANE ANN has done well at Monti, draws well for tonight and may be able to tow along for a share. (6) PINE BUSH MAGA is 0 for 22 locally but does grab some pieces – will need some trip luck to grab one from out here, though. (3) GANDY DANCER has shown little in her 3 YR starts this year

RACE 5 – (2) ITALIAN DELIGHT N could have been hurt by both the bad date and tough trip last week when 2nd best to #1 – better draw, gets right back in the box, and may be ready to unleash a bigger effort. (1) LYONS PRIDE delivered his best ever local start when 2nd two back, then built off that with last week’s decisive victory – major threat to take another, especially if the top choice comes up a bit short again. (8) ALOTBETTOR N is an interesting bomb – his form fell off a cliff this winter but he qualified much better last week (after a month off) and plummets tonight from 30s down to 15s – could be looking for a “drop and pop”, or may be just be hoping that somebody claims him! (4) DAAMERICANSKY did a nice job holding 2nd last week after getting blown away by the favorite

and his overall form is solid – very playable underneath. (3) LIBERY N FREEDOM hung a bit trying for 2nd last week but his overall form is solid – another with a chance to land somewhere in the exotics. (6) MINGO JOEL wasn't bad at all last week and has a couple of other “sneaky ok” tries recently – maybe 3rd/4th? (5) MAGRITTE has been struggling for some time. (7) PROVOCATIVEPRINCEN would be a major surprise from a spot like this

RACE 6 - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 2: (1) WARRAWEE YANG came into this series riding a 4 race winning streak out of town, and was able to extend that streak to 5 with last week's sharp 1:55.3 victory – looms a heavy favorite to add another “W” tonight. (3) MOHATU AS was making just his first start of the year last week but finished up with good trot after being shuffled – should go forward off that mile, with a chance at a bigger chunk tonight. (5) DEADLINE HALL landed on a tough trip in Leg 1 and held pretty well for 4th – can have a bigger say tonight with an easier journey. (4) CRISTAL TRIO IT started off her U.S. career with a pair of excellent tries but she was used hard trying for the lead last week and folded badly after the top choice blew by her to 3/4s – guessing she'll be handled more conservatively here, and may bounce right back with a much better effort. (6) CREATIVE VENTURE is very capable against these types but he failed to fire from the back of the pack last week and may find himself in a similarly tough spot tonight. (2) STRONGERWITHLINDY was short last week racing off the layoff and may still find himself well behind the top ones

RACE 7 – (7) SIR PINOCCHIO hit board in 5 of 7 as a 2YO, won the Excelsior A Final and may have ended his season with a Reynolds division win if not for a stretch miscue – shows 2 sharp qualifiers for his 3YO return (including a close 2nd behind the talented OPRIX), and has to get top billing...even from out here. (2) MAGIC MELVIN has some ok lines to start off his young career but he deserves EXTRA consideration because he hails from a barn that has started off the year winning at a rate rarely seen anywhere (which includes last night's \$54.50 winner in Race 8) – feels like they could win with a zebra right now! (4) BARN DREAMER was 7-4-2-1 as a 2YO – moves to a new barn to start off her 3YO campaign, adds Lasix, and should be able to make some noise tonight. (3) LIGHTNING TAMER hails from a top barn, shows a couple of nice preps and may be able to at least have some say in his first start as a 3YO. (6) EL MISSION GODDESS sharpened at PcD and was a nice 2nd in her YR return last week – tough post tonight, however. (8) MR KNOWITALL finished with good trot once clear last week and his overall recent form isn't bad – he'll be a big price tonight, and perhaps can sneak in for 3rd/4th? (1) TO MY CREDIT went one of his better efforts 2 back but regressed quickly last week – prefer others. (5) WISTERIA HANOVER has some good moments, but usually when in vs. softer than these.

RACE 8 – (1) TAKE A GAMBLE has taken 2 of his last 3 starts, the one loss a 2nd to the currently raging BOILING OAR – he meets a quality field here, but the draw gives him the edge. (5) ADAM TWELVE has now hit board in ALL 16 local starts, but he's showing at least SOME wear and tear in his last few – can never count this team out, but he'll need to get back to that absolute top form if he hopes to get back to the winner's circle. (3) NIGHT HAWK had a pretty disappointing 4YO campaign but has come back much sharper at 5, already 8-3-3-1 this year – he seems to do his best on the lead these days, but it's hard to say if he'll be able to cut the mile tonight. (6) DOWNRIGHTDELICIOUS was downright scary in his last, exploding in the lane to score the 30-1 shocker, despite making only his 2nd start of the year AND racing off a month (due to a sick scratch) – we'll see if he can come up with another big mile, this time up in class (a bit) and from another tough post! (4) KINGSVILLE actually raced huge last week, doing all the heavy lifting before #6 (who followed him all the way) just flew on by in the lane – chance for a piece against these with an easier trip. (8) ULTIMAROCA isn't always the most consistent horse on the planet but he's putting together a nice streak of good races right now – not sure there's a way into the hunt for him from out here, however. (2) CADILLAC BAYAMA steps up considerably in class but he's been solid for weeks, his barn is going well, and perhaps he can pick up a minor share with an easy enough trip. (7) GREG THE LEG is tough as nails but faces an uphill battle starting from Post 7 against these

RACE 9 - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 2: (7) TACHYON was in career form to start off the year, hit a brief rough patch but is back to hitting on all cylinders again – have to stick with him, even from the bad post (and even with Bartlett staying loyal to his main client). (5) GLOBAL BELIEVER probably needed that last start when he was an even 3rd – he's done some good work here in the past, gets Bartlett back in the bike and may be the one should the top choice falter. (3) CHEZACTIC went right to the top for his new connections last week but lost all chance after an early miscue – still not sure how well he fits with the better ones in this series, but he'll be a big price here and may be worth using in exotics. (4) MYCROWNMYKINGDOM can throw some big miles at times – a good trip could help him grab a piece of this. (1) CASSIUS HANOVER has hit board in all 9 local starts, including a 3rd last week- he may be a bit on the cheaper side, but the rail draw gives him at least a chance to keep that streak alive. (2)

DYLADMAR has a couple of even 4ths since arriving from NJ – likely looking at some more minor spoils for tonight. (6) YOU GOT IT draws poorly after a miscue last week – sticking with others tonight

RACE 10 - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 2: (6) ROYALTY BEER was hammered at the windows last week (dropping from all those competitive Open tries) and was the easiest of winners – tougher draw tonight, but remains the one to knock off. (4) BY THE BOOK shows a bunch of terrific Stga. lines so it was no surprise to see him race very well upon arrival last week, despite racing from a very tough spot – he gets Randall to trek down for the drive once more, and may be able to make some more noise with a more aggressive steer. (1) BONTONI DEGATO S was no match at all for #6 last week but safely held 2nd – decent chance he could complete the exacta once more. (2) CAL MILES N SHELL seemed to hang a bit at the end last week but he was also chasing a mile much faster than he's used to – goes 2nd time Lasix tonight, and we'll see if he can come up a bit better. (3) CRAZY BROTHER JM hails from low profile connections but he had some good lines shipping in, and didn't embarrass himself last week – maybe a small slice? (5) DRACO S has been a steady player vs. solid competition but still may be looking at only minor scraps from this spot. (7) BLUEBIRD BISHOP has some ability it seems, but is really up against it from all the way out here

RACE 11 – Competitive race: (1) IMABEACHBOY bumps up from 15s to 20s but he's earned that jump on the strength of back to back wins – his barn has been able to win at high rates at multiple tracks, and we'll see if this guy can make it 3 in a row tonight. (3) PRESTIGE SEELSTER brought a 2 race winning streak into his last start but lost all chance when parked from Post 7 – he's another that's definitely scarier in 15s, but capable in 20s as well. (5) CAPTAIN T HANOVER (former barnmate to #1) is another that has been a weekly player lately, and figures to have a big say tonight as well – a good trip puts him right into the mix. (2) SHANWAY N gets a pass for his last (horrible trip) but has been good for late rallies in most of his recent starts – good one to use in exotics...and maybe even on top? (6) OZONE BLUE CHIP is the “x factor” tonight – we liked him taking on 40s last week but now he drops down to 20s off a weak effort – red flags for sure, but still a tough call as to what to do with him here. (4) SHARK PLAY drops from 30s to 20s and that could help his chances – still leaning more towards others for the top spots, however. (7) IM J BEE N had a great run this winter but has come back to earth recently – he's missed 3 weeks, and draws poorly too. (8) JOJOS PLACE seems unlikely to ever get close tonight

Race 1

PHOENIX FLYER won last start at Mackay and Leslie Tilley a bonus, hard to go past. **LUCKY EXCHANGE** placed as a favourite last start at Aquis Park Gold Coast Poly but has three placings from three runs this prep and expected to settle off the speed, the real danger in the race. **ROY'S ROAD** 3 wins from 12 attempts this campaign and faded from front position to finish just off the winner last start at Mackay, looks threatening. **MR DUDWEY** likes the cut in the ground and drawn the rails, don't dismiss.

Selections 3-2-5

Race 2

QUERIDA came on to finish midfield at only start at Rockhampton, has solid claims. **THE HOME TEAM** amongst the placegetters at only start running third at Rockhampton on a soft track, don't dismiss. **ASTRA STAR** narrowly beaten when heavily backed last start at Rockhampton when first up and has placed in both races run, in with a chance. **BEE TWO** finished midfield at only start at Sunshine Coast Poly, sneaky chance. **Selections 12-6-1-3**

Race 3

Hard to see anything beating the favourite. **CHERRY ROSE** resumes from a 22 week spell and looks ready to go on recent trial performances, standout top pick. **RIP UP RUBY** faded to finish ninth at only start at Doomben on a soft track, capable of getting into the money. **STEPUPANDPLAY** prepped well winning last trial at the same track, needs the breaks. **DESERT GRIT** placed last start at Toowoomba and gets the blinkers back on, include in exotics. **Selections 5-7-6-1**

Race 4

BOLD PEDRO winner of last two at Chinchilla and Mackay, major contender. **SHAMEDY** has outstanding form at this track and proven performer on a soft track, could upset. **FIGHTING COMMANDO** a track specialist winning four times at Rockhampton and won once this prep at the track four runs back, could threaten. **DEVIL KICK** winner of last two at Rockhampton and won last start at the track, don't treat lightly.

Selections 2-4-3-5

R5 Form suggests the winner will come from the top three picks. **CUMIN SPINNER** placed last start at Rockhampton on a soft track when fresh and likely to race on the speed, genuine contender. **ROSSO LEVANTO** placed when trialling at Sunshine Coast@Inner Track, right in this. **DIVINE KAMEHALANI** in the money last start running second at Rockhampton on a soft track, should be thereabouts. **DIAMOND SKY** ran sixth at only start at Rockhampton, the real danger in the race. **Selections 8-5-10-2**

Race 6 2024 Mayors Cup

FINE SHOT has very strong form at Rockhampton, perfectly placed. **MASTER JAMIE** rates well on a softer track and has multiple wins at Rockhampton, outside hope. **ISIS CARMELLA** resumes after a spell of 31 weeks and has very strong form at Rockhampton, consider in exotics. **HARD REYVA** proven on softer tracks and has outstanding form at this track, for the exotics. Selections 9-1-2-4

Race 7 **AWOL** led all the way to win last start at Rockhampton on a heavy track and two wins from three attempts this campaign, tough to beat. **DOLLAR DOLLAR** proven performer on a soft track and three wins from 10 attempts this campaign, still in this. **PENMAN** disappointed when placing as favourite last start at Rockhampton when fresh but drawn the rails, chance to place. **STARHATTAN** on a five day back-up. Winner at Townsville and placed twice this campaign, place best. 2-5-8-7

R8 Hard to see anything upsetting the top two choices. **CHIMERA MAGIC** won or placed in two races to start career and has won at Rockhampton before, among the main chances. **VICTORY STATEMENT** won last start to break maiden at Sunshine Coast Poly on a soft track and has won or placed in both races so far, consider. **OOHLALOUVRE** amongst the placegetters at only start running second at Sunshine Coast Poly on a soft track and gets the blinkers back on, looks threatening. **ROCKY RICH** coming off a win at only start at Toowoomba, quinella.

Selections 4-12-6=2

Race 9

TRACK TALE in the money last start running third at Mackay when first up and goes well on a softer track, tough to beat. **JUST SUPER** in the money last start running third at Rockhampton on a soft track when first up and proven on softer tracks, cannot be ruled out. **THE HAIRDRESSER** won last start at Rockhampton when resuming and has run well with the sting out of the ground, place chance. **RINGER'S REWARD** ran sixth last start at Doomben on a soft track and returns to shorter trip, capable of getting into the money. 4-1-10-3

Race 10 5-2-4-8

Race 11 5-13-2-1

Race 12 7-3-6-1