



GULFSTREAM PARK

(12:20)



Friday, December 20 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Championship Meet Statistics (through 12/15):

GP Meet: 120-32-18-23 (\$1.80 /\$5.23) **Best Bet:** 12-4-1-2 (\$1.67/\$4.90) **Longshot:** 8-2-1-1 (\$3.63 /\$9.00)

Race 1: A wide-open opener goes to **8 TAKE ME TO PARIS** on the MSW drop, as she's been facing tons better, and the blinkers can sharpen her up early too. Both **9 TIMBER** and **6 ALTAMIRA STAR** figure for ace connections, as the former is off-the-claim for Crichton (20%) and has Irad, while the latter is another MSW dropper who will like routing for D'Angelo and Saez.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-6-11

Race 2: Taking the short price and moving on with **2 SONADORA GIRL**, who looks spotted to score in her local return, especially since she meets an extremely weak field. The main (only?) danger seems **7 PASAJERA**, though she's a real guess as she's never tried dirt, and has been routing too. The gap to the rest—including **1 PHAROAH'S BABY GIRL**—seems a big one.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-1-5

Race 3: The blinkers didn't work with **5 MR TYSON**, but they're off today, which resulted in a close 2nd two-back, he has Irad, and gets to run against Fla bred's now too. Don't sleep on **4 P FOUR**, as he caught a strong open MSW field on the dirt in his debut, which means this is a big drop. Toss the turf route last time and **3 AWESOME EDITION** offers value off the close 3rd

against open maidens on Tapeta two-back, and he's a first-time gelding today too.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-3-7

Race 4: The battle between **2 REASSESS** and **3 ONE OF ONE** goes to the former based on his tactical speed and the class drop, especially since the latter doesn't have much early foot and will be overbet OTC for D'Angelo and Irad, despite a real dud last time. The layoff isn't ideal, but **4 VAYESTA** was sharp when he won on Tapeta in September, and he's worked well for this.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-4-7

Race 5: It's tough to get past the trio of favorites here, with the actual winning call going to **10 BURNIN TURF** on the drop and freshening, as he looks primed in his return, and has the speed to negate this wide draw too. Blinkers should have **8 SAMBURU** a bit closer early, and hopefully more focused late, so he's a must-use off a decent local run against better last time. Not sure what to make of **9 ROTTERDAM** off the March layoff, as he could need this, but he's been gelded since, so he could also fire big.

SELECTIONS: 10-8-9-7

Race 6: The winning return of **2 SECRET CHAT** could have him poised for another

move forward here, even though he does face open runners, and the way he leveled off late at 7Fs says 1m will be perfect. It's some much-needed class relief for **4 POSITIVE REVIEW**, as he's tackled tougher in his last two with middling results, and he'll like getting back to 1m as well. Local lover **1 LURE HIM IN** is 5-for-11 here on the dirt, and will trip out, at a decent price too.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-1-3

Race 7: It's Best Bet time with **7 JOKES UP** OTC for Fawkes, who puts him back on Tapeta, where she's 2-for-2 here, and Ird named says it's go-time as well. Returning to Tapeta helps **3 BODACIOUS BREN**, so she seems the one to fear, while **2 GAYLES EVENING'S** good race/bad race pattern says she may bounce back today.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2-1

Race 8: There are tons of questions on several here, but not **8 PASCHAL MOON**, who is 2-for-2 since moving to Dibona, and drew perfectly for this. If **4 PROVERB** fires his best they can't beat him, but he's been dreadful in his past two and is now in for a tag, so tread lightly. Getting back to the dirt is big for **1 URANIUM**, as is luring Irad, though he also may be off-form for a new barn that has struggled this year.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-1-6

Race 9: Today's Longshot is **7 WINOOSKI**, who has turned into a new horse on Tapeta, just aired 13 days ago, and is now right back in a spot where he can't be claimed, which is a confident move. The duo of **2 DEAR DAD** and **8 JUNCTION ROAD** will be tough after running 3rd and 2nd, respectively on 11/22, but the former can turn the tables,

since that was his first start since May, and he wooed Irad away from the latter as well.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-8-3

Race 10: Sticking with **3 RANDOM HARVEST** in a super finale, as she was the pick before scratching in last week's Tropical Park Oaks against 3yofs, and though she meets older here, her upside and talent can get it done. They all have to beat **9 ROOT CAUSE** off the stakes 3rd for Brown, though her form is inconsistent, and she'll be a short price too. Tab the tote on **8 PRINCESS BETTINA** in her first start for Lynch off what is an eight-month layoff too, as the barn has been hammered at the windows at the meet, and they have been running to the money.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-8-6

Best Bet: R7: #7 Jokes Up (2-1)

- * Fawkes 20% OTC, has Irad riding
- * Well-drawn, 2-for-2 on GP Tapeta
- * Owns post, pace edge on rival #3

Longshot: R9: #7 Winooski (8-1)

- * Night and day better on Tapeta
- * Quick turnaround a great sign
- * Close to the favorites on paper



Cumberland (Maine Harness) (10:55 a.m.)

CUMBERLAND
FREEWOOD
MDWS



By Lucky Lou

1. 3-5-4

2. 1-3-5

3. 1-2-3

4. 7-2-4

5. 6-2-4

6. 1-7-3

Best Bet Race 6 # 1 Rise Above

Big try last week - inside draw and Drew in the bike
should make him tough right back today.

7. 1-6-4

8. 7-4-3

Pick Four Play : Race 5

2,6 / 1 / 1,6 / 4,7

HARRAHS PHILLY (POST 12:25)

PHILLY'S FINEST

A daily aid to handicapping the races at Harrah's Philadelphia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

STRONG "TROT TIN' ... FRIDAY" CARD ALSO HAS FEATURES FOR DISTAFF PACERS

All of the high classes for diamondgaited horses are on the card at Harrah's Philadelphia on this Friday program of racing, with a \$15,000 handicap fast-class feature in race seven featuring the likes of ASTEROID, BENJAMIN HANOVER, and PLATINUM AS. The eleventh race \$14,000 co-feature has been widened to allow for "nw 10 races," with GOLDEN RAIN S and SAPPHIRE RAINSTAR sure to attract attention (just hope it isn't because of "RAIN"). Distaff pacers, most of them hoping to rise on the classladder, contest \$13,500 in race five, while the \$13,000 tenth race is a handicap event for the fast-class types. ... CHECK OUR SCHEDULE AT BOTTOM!

ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

1st race: CAPTAIN MARVEL raced in stakes races at two, and impressed his management enough to wait for him a whole year before coming back to the races. If he is somewhat near his top form, he may be ready to win at first asking for Jeff Dauplaise.

9th race: ST LADS BEAT IT shows the same Ottawa-Toronto-Philly shipping pattern and much of the backing of WARRAWEE XALT, who was ultra-impressive winning in the cold last Sunday here. He looks to be in with lesser opposition than he is used to, and may well be the horse to beat today.

12th race: SHORE OF HIMSELF had three very good races at Freehold, then exhibited two different kinds of bad luck in his last two trips behind the gate. Post eight is usually not a way to improve your luck, but having good early speed when the opposition lacks it often improves one's chances; our call despite post.

13th race: INTERNATIONAL CRAZE moved early to the lead a level below, then went on to win easily. Speedwise he looks quite competitive, and then there's this: if he wins for driver Todd Schadel, it will be career win #2000 for the recent King of the Pennsylvania Fairs. That would be a good way to end a good year, wouldn't it?

WATCH OUT FOR: Jim Pantaleano has come to town with the closing of Pocono, and he has been doing well, with four winners last Sunday. He can get the job done any way needed, but he prefers racing on or near the lead if the horse has the early foot. He is definitely a driver to watch as the season winds down.

2024 LIVE RACING: TODAY, DEC. 20 (12:25), SUN., DEC. 22 (12:40), and THEN CHRISTMAS EVE TUE., DEC. 24 (NOON).

LAST WEEK OF THE 2024 SCHEDULE: FRI., DEC. 27 (12:25), SUN., DEC. 29 (12:40), and NEW YEAR'S EVE TUE., DEC. 31 (4 P.M. FIRST POST).

PHILLY'S FINEST

CALENDAR FOR REST OF 2024 BELOW

Race 1	1-3-6-7
Race 2	1-7-4-6
Race 3	2-3-5-7
Race 4	2-1-3-4
Race 5	7-1-4-2
Race 6	2-8-3-6
Race 7	3-5-6-4
Race 8	1-4-2-7
Race 9	6-3-4-1
Race 10	5-3-6-1
Race 11	4-1-3-2
Race 12	8-5-1-3
Race 13	6-3-4-5
Race 14	6-5-1-7

LAUREL PARK (12:25)

By Dan Illman

BEST BET: Lil Sebastian (8th race)

First Race **6** Last Second Louie **2** Not So Holy **5** Whiskey Row

First post is 12:25 ET with 12% takeout on Pick 5 wagers. LAST SECOND LOUIE (1,121 lbs. on 11/29; +25 from prior start; updated weights posted on the simulcast feed during paddock and warmups) tracked the longshot gate-to-wire winner, was placed on a hard chase on the second turn, then kept trying to hold second. He's on a long losing streak, but think he can work out a similar trip from close to the pace. Usually don't trust horses coming from Mountaineer, especially following bad losses at 1-10.

Second Race **4** Joyful Kitten **2** Lottie Deno **3** Princess Lucia

JOYFUL KITTEN (1,083 lbs. on 12/6; +17 from prior start) bobbed slightly at the start two weeks ago, saved ground near the back, split horses with a three-wide bid, then finished evenly with a decent gallop-out behind a runaway. Scored over this course and distance two back and should get pace to attack. LOTTIE DENO (1,186 lbs. on 11/17; +11 from prior start) set a reasonable pace over a closer-friendly track, dispatched the 10-1 pace pursuer (finished last), then stayed for the place. Might have to deal with a quicker early flow this time. PRINCESS LUCIA settled off a fast pace in a race that went to closers (top three finishers were sixth, eighth, and seventh after the opening quarter), swung wide into the stretch, then showed some late ability in her dirt debut. Expecting a similar setup and kick.

Third Race **2** Golden Philly **8** Ade **5** First Pearl

GOLDEN PHILLY battled inside the 2-1 fifth-place finisher, drew clear from that foe just outside the quarter pole, and drew away to score under a drive at Parx. She'll receive a strong class and pace test this afternoon as she faces winners for the first time. ADE was a decisive maiden winner over this course two back, then was in too steep when wired by favored Caprice in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Stakes. Expect her to get much closer to the pace for barn that sent out 8-5 winner Stately Order at Pn Ntl .

Fourth Race **4** True Faith **5** Bustino Santino **3** Bermuda Run

TRUE FAITH, listed as a Parx vet scratch on 9/23, returns from a 118-day layoff after working out a nice trip to graduate at Monmouth. Set a pressured but leisurely pace inside the fifth-finisher over the speed-friendly track, came off the rail turning for home, then stayed strong despite drifting out under left-handed urging. Expensive yearling didn't pan out, but could revitalize his career in these lower-level races.

Fifth Race **6** Lady Serenity **2** Bad Temper **9** Gold Time Vixen

LADY SERENITY (1,017 lbs. on 11/15; -4 from prior start) drops in class after facing two next-out winners. Broke well, prompted the pace between rivals, then tired in the stretch. The sixth-finisher then scored for the \$12,000 starter option with a 71 Beyer. Expect good early speed at this reduced class level. BAD TEMPER (1,130 lbs. on 12/7) dips into this conditioned claimer after being wired against open sellers. Pressed a three-ply pace from in between, was outrun into the pocket after a half-mile, cut the corner into the lane, and finished evenly. Expect her to sit back in the early going this time around. GOLD TIME VIXEN took a surprising step forward when necked out at 72-1 odds going two turns at Charles Town. The fourth-finisher then placed in a nickel "beaten" there with a 48 Beyer. It's been a while, but she is a proven commodity over this course and distance and should offer a square price once again.

Sixth Race **12** Silverbullettwenty **6** Shape Note **8** Minister for Magic

SILVERBULLETTWENTY broke a beat slow, raced outside in midpack, made a four-wide bid, floated very wide into the stretch, then kept on grinding to prevail in game fashion over a muddy strip. Perhaps last time was the time at 8-1 odds as he had traffic issues two back, but he seems well-entered against this group, and can contend given the right trip and race flow. SHAPE NOTE pushed a quick pace (22.45; 22.91) before tiring a bit. He's a tactical sport that

Seventh Race **2** Bright Charger **6** Midnight Koa **4** World On Fire

BRIGHT CHARGER (1,096 lbs. on 12/1; +13 from prior start) broke well despite being bumped slightly over closer-friendly track, tracked from two wide/three-path, attacked the 7-2 runner-up from the outside on the turn, the was only one-paced while three deep in the stretch. He may attempt to make the early running this time around for barn that went 18 for 51 (35%, \$2.58 ROI) between 12/3 and 12/14.

Eighth Race **7** Lil Sebastian **5** All the Hardways **3** Lightning Boss

LIL SEBASTIAN (1,042 lbs. on 11/28) never received a breather when attempting to stretch his speed around two turns. Set a three-ply pace from in between horses through hot fractions of 23.14 and 23.67, found the inside entering the second turn, then understandably faltered in the stretch. Drop in class and distance should suit, and he might not have to work as hard to find a forward position here. ALL THE HARDWAYS (1,126 lbs. on 11/28; +10 from prior start) appears dirtied-up leading to this assignment. After finishing a good second in the Dover Stakes at Delaware, he found himself in tough in two subsequent stakes races. He might not have been his best on grass two back, then raced wide over sloppy going last time out. LIGHTNING BOSS (1,195 lbs. on 11/30) showed determination and stamina when fending off a prolonged challenge to score at first asking over course and distance. Won't be surprised if he shows good early zip once again.

Ninth Race **7** A Lotta Moxie **6** Lachicafortequila **2** Cundi

Two turns might be just what the doctor ordered for A LOTTA MOXIE (1,152 lbs. on 11/17; +2 from prior start), a sizable daughter of Breeders' Cup Classic winner Mucho Macho Man that galloped out nicely after her sprint races two and three starts back. Finished ahead of three of these last time out when wired by a runaway favorite, and the third-finisher from that heat then graduated for \$15,000 with a 51 Beyer. Think she can get closer to the pace for a barn that went 6 for the last 29 (21%, \$4.98 ROI) moving sprint to dirt route. LACHICAFORTEQUILA (996 lbs. on 12/7; -5 from prior start) raced three wide at the rear when cutting back to a sprint, floated very wide turning into the stretch, then got up for the show spot in the final stride despite hopping back to her left lead. Finished ahead of a couple of these and is by a sire with a good amount of stamina. CUNDI (1,047 lbs. on 11/17; +11 from prior start) is often grumpy behind the starting gate and seems hard to trust after 20 previous tries. She stretches out in her third start of the form cycle and might show improved early zip. LYSTRA (1,051 lbs. on 12/7; +45 from prior start) never got out of first gear earlier in the month, but drops precipitously in class after being wired by runaway Mor Mor Mor.

BEST BETS: #4 GORGEOUS VIEW (8th Race)

SPOT PLAY: #7 GRAFENBERG (6th Race)

Race 1: (1) STAND FOR FREEDOM makes her second start off an almost eight month hiatus. In her qualifier on 12/6, she lost by 12 1/4 lengths but in a time that is probably good enough to win this and then came back in her first PM start with a well bet second place finish last week from the rail. 1-2-3

Race 2: (2) MAKE AMERICA GREAT made an explosive three wide move last week from post eight and cleared the lead around the third turn by going 57 1/5 in the middle half and was still fighting at the wire when he got beaten by a head and finished second. He goes third time for Justin Sodano, moves inside off of three poor draws and seems to be well set to find the winner's circle despite being winless in 29 starts in 2024. 2-7-3

Race 3: 1-3-5

Race 4: 2-5-1

Race 5: 3-1-7-5

Race 6: (7) GRAFENBERG has won four of his last seven starts and won at this level on 10/4 in 1:58 1/5. He has overcome outside draws at Freehold this year on a couple of occasions and has good early speed to try and wire this field, which is void of early speed. He picks up Tyler Miller, who might be the perfect complement to his style. 7-3-4

Race 7: (4) ALMOST KAREN won her last two at this level on 12/6 and 11/29 and beat Western Rosie convincingly two back while drawing outside of her. She drops back down and now has tactical position and has enough early speed to land in the pocket to try and combat the favorite again. 4-5-8

Race 8: (4) GORGEOUS VIEW won two of his last six and has cashed checks in five of those six starts. On 10/26, he crushed a field at this level by 7 3/4 lengths in 1:56 with Austin Siegelman in the bike, who is reunited with him here. He has the highest TrackMaster rating in this field and comes in as a beaten favorite. 4-2-5

Race 9: (3) T H MRS MCMURRY has really stepped up her game recently for John Urbanski. She won at this level on 11/8 and then again with new front end tactics on 12/6 at a lower level. Expect her to fire towards the lead in a field void of early speed. (6) JUST MY MAMA disappointed last week at 1:5 odds at this level after shipping back in from the Meadowlands where she was facing tougher. She has hit the board in seven out of her eleven races at Freehold including an easy win against tougher on 9/26 at 1:5 odds. 3-6-4



TAMPA BAY DOWNS (12:40)

By Scott Shapiro

BEST BET: Political Riot (7th race)

First Race **2**. Caller **4** Stop the Press **3**. Factor Analysis

CALLER makes his third start of the form cycle for trainer Eoin Harty after an off the pace fourth over this course last out. Harty has been on a roll the last 30 days winning with 4 of 12 starters for an ROI of \$3.31. This includes a pair of Kentucky Derby points races this fall. The Calumet Farm homebred did not have the cleanest voyage in his initial try over the Tampa lawn, but should move forward here as Jesus Castanon jumps aboard. STOP THE PRESS has had a plethora of chances since his debut run at Churchill Downs back in November of 2023. The \$1.5M FTS August purchase has been given time by Shug McGaughey after racing at Aqueduct this fall and should grind away a minor share.

Second Race **1**. Rip Riding Away **11**. Style in Time **2** Dorotea Dream

RIP RIDING AWAY drops to the lowest level of her career after stalking a wire-to-wire winner while being caught wide throughout back on November 29. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell adds the blinkers for the first time on this daughter of Palace Malice, who is likely to get an aggressive ride out of her inside draw by jockey Hector Diaz Jr. This should lead to a favorable forward position and her first trip to the winner's circle. STYLE IN TIME makes her second career start after disappointing against slightly better on debut for owner/trainer Juan Arraigada. I am willing to forgive the effort to an extent because she was drawn down on the rail. This forced her hand and led to her tiring badly. The move to an outside draw should allow her to relax more in the early stages.

Third Race **2** Sa Sa Sa **9**. Tiz Lord **5**. Milchin

Fourth Race **2** Run My Card **10**. Metolio **1** Buzzsaw

Fifth Race **9**. Cherbourg **8**. Jenas Mercy **2** Tourist Style

Sixth Race **6** Sassy Charlee **2** Wait a Sec **9**. Marvelous Lady

Seventh Race **2** Political Riot **10**. InitfortheLove **8**. H C Holiday

POLITICAL RIOT stretches out to a route of ground after a pair of one-turn events off the freshening for trainer David Van Winkle. The son of Two Step Salsa finds a field with very little speed signed on. He should have no issue making the lead from his inside draw under jockey Chad Lindsay and taking them all the way on the engine. INITFORTHELOVE has won eight times in his career, but has seemingly lacked the will to win as a seven-year-old evidenced by his 0 for 11-record in 2024. He was caught wide throughout much of the way last out when losing by a neck as the 2-1-public choice, but is likely to take too much money for me to support on the Win end. H C HOLIDAY ships back down to Florida after racing at Woodbine since the middle of May for trainer Michael Wright. He has shown an affinity for this course and Wright has a \$2.87 ROI at Tampa over a 54-race sample size the last two years.

Eighth Race **3**. Golden Juan **6**. Cupid's Dude **5**. Street Glide

GOLDEN JUAN returns to the races for the first time since mid-September when he set the pace against starter allowance foes at Delaware Park and tired badly to finish sixth. The son of Fed Biz failed to win this spring and summer up north, but should love getting back to a racetrack he has won 4 of 7 over in his career. His trainer Juan Avila is off to a strong start again and thrives at this meet. In fact, he has clicked at a 24%-win rate over the last two years for an incredibly strong \$3.38 ROI. This five-year-old gelding takes them all the way under jockey Sonny Leon. CUPID'S DUDE makes his first start since an off the pace second over the Gulfstream Park all-weather. The Jose Gallegos trainee should be finishing well off of a potential contentious first-half mile. STREET GLIDE has never won over this surface, but has hit the board in 4 of 5, including four straight runner-up performances to end last year's meet. There is no reason to believe he won't pick up the pieces again here.

Ninth Race **9**. Linny Kate **3**. E M's Treasuregirl **4** Vingativa

The pace should be honest in this \$16k claimer, which bodes well for LINNY KATE. The seven-year-old mare has been off nearly two-months since her fifth-place effort over the Gulfstream Park grass. She did not get out of the gates well that day and tired badly after a bit of a middle move, but meets a group she is capable of handling here in her first start for trainer John Rigattieri. Hopefully, jockey Pablo Morales can angle over early to save ground. If so, she should be able to run them down late. E M'S TREASUREGIRL is easily the likeliest to hit the board in the finale, but has been camera shy throughout her 18-race career. She won by a head versus lesser two-back, but her nine seconds tell you all you need to know. VINGATIVA has never finished worse than second in two starts over this turf course. If they go at it early, she will be rolling late.

THE MEADOWS (12:45)



The Professor's Picks

Handicapping Selections for The Meadows, brought to you
by the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

RACE 1

- 4 – VICTOR HIC – Drops in class and draws a better post
- 1 – TISADREAM – Fast-closing second last week
- 7 – ANTAEUS – Drops back to 7000 level
- 5 – TF ROCKETMAN – Fast but risky due to breaks

RACE 2

- 1 – BANGIN IN THE HALL – Slow starter, but a fast finisher
- 3 – WHATA TRIXTER – Better post today should help
- 4 – ALLFORSOUTHWIND – Has gate speed and a good post
- 8 – CONTANGO HANOVER – Hope he uses his gate speed this week

RACE 3

- 6 – TARGET ACQUIRED – Easy win last week, same class today
- 2 – BET N SHOUT – Changed tactics last start and raced from the back
- 5 – HUNTERANDMILO – Rare break last time, try him again
- 8 – MATTUCCI – Another contender for the win, despite the post

RACE 4

- 1 – RAGS TO RICHES – Proven winner in this class
- 2 – JUMPSTYLE HANOVER – Hope for turnaround from last week
- 4 – SUMMER DREAMS – A sleeper in here, don't overlook her
- 6 – BET SHE CAN FLY – Upset winner last start
- 8 – ANTE UP – Will need to work out a trip

RACE 5

- 8 – CAPT DARYL DRAGON – Won from middle post, moves outside
- 3 – WHERE'S GREG – Shuffled last time, rallied late
- 1 – LEROY GIBBS – Big post improvement today
- 5 – CHISELED IN FAITH – Has gate speed and closing ability

RACE 6

- 7 – BEACH DREAMZZZ – Has the speed, just needs the trip
- 2 – MIND YOWN BUSINESS – Up in class after another good mile last week
- 6 – FATHER TIME – Gets another class drop today
- 9 – TROYCEN – I would have picked him higher from a better post

RACE 7

- 8 – EXTORTION – Still in top form
- 1 – SWING DANCING – Big win last time, but that was 3 weeks ago
- 7 – WAR MACHINE – Claimed last week, joins new barn
- 9 – GOVERNOR JK – Has speed, but gets the worst post
- 2 – STONECOLD CRUISER – Not a bad mile a week ago

**Please note...selections are made prior to scratch time. Numbers may change due to early scratches. Verify the horse name matches program #

RACE 8

- 2 – FREE ON THE BEACH – Won last week, debuts for Presto Stable
- 4 – LOU'S DELIGHT – Another one that was claimed last week
- 7 – LYONS LOU – Down in class from last claiming appearance
- 9 – OKIE FROM MUSKOGEE – Needs to avoid early speed battle

RACE 9

- 2 – TIMEISONMYSIDE – Needed last start after missing over a month
- 3 – SURREAL IDEAL – Makes second start since trainer change
- 4 – CROOKED SMILE – Solid second last time, just got caught late
- 1 – WICKED CHARACTER – Has had success here in the past

RACE 10

- 2 – THE BIZZNESS – Drops from Open level
- 6 – SANDBETWEENMYTOES – Sharp effort last week, moves up in class
- 1 – WARRAWEE VELOCE – Has gate speed and the rail post
- 3 – MONEYMAN MIKKI – Should improve in second start after layoff

RACE 11

- 5 – ROCKED N LOADED – Finished second in this class 2 starts ago
- 6 – SUMOMENTSOMWHERE A – Up in class after an easy win
- 4 – DRAGON CITY – Hope he uses his gate speed today
- 2 – SEVEN HUNDRED – Bounced back with a good mile last week

RACE 12

- 7 – CHIEF MATE – Huge closing kick in the stretch last week
- 4 – SO MANY ROADS – Finished third in higher level last week
- 3 – NAZARE – Better post draw this week should help
- 1 – PATRIKTHEPIRANHA A – Drops in class and draws the rail

RACE 13

- 4 – THE FUNK – Huge class drop this week
- 6 – KOMMON ON STRONG – She's better than recent lines may appear
- 2 – TIGER KING – Changes class from claimer and draws a good post
- 5 – KOSHER MAHONEY – Not a bad mile from post 8 last time
- 8 – SOUTHWIND CAINE – Will be passing horses late

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Best Bets : race 15 7 FF Peyton

Race 17-3 CET Litties

OAKLAWN (1:30)

by Mary Rampellini

BEST BET: Fearless Lady (5th race)

First Race 6. Great Barrier 8. Time Andbeyond 5. Getoutyourwallet

The Friday card features an allowance sprint that drew a trio of Grade 3 winners, while another Grade 3 winner, Lemon Muffin, goes in an allowance route for fillies and mares. In the opener, GREAT BARRIER gets a chance with Arkansas-breds with the meet now on at Oaklawn and he's been representing himself quite well against open foes. TIME ANDBEYOND makes his first start since last season at Oaklawn and he fired some competitive local races. GETOUTYOURWALLET gets his first test with Arkansas-breds.

Second Race 9. Perfect Dial 5. Gee No Hollander 3. Little Randy

PERFECT DIAL gets his first opportunity against Arkansas-breds with the return of racing at Oaklawn. The race he exits has become a key one, with the third-place finisher coming back to take a maiden allowance at RP with a Beyer of 69 and the 11th-place finisher, Boss Down, a \$10K maiden claimer at RP, with a Beyer of 34. GEE NO HOLLANDER caught a wet track last time when debuting against open foes at Ind. LITTLE RANDY has moved forward from his first start to his second.

Third Race 8. Dual Monarchy 1. Permafrost 5. Arthur

DUAL MONARCHY is a fresh horse with speed and the outside draw might give Castillo options. PERMAFROST ran a big race off the bench last time and owns this field's best last-race Beyer Speed Figure. ARTHUR was favored against steeper last out and the race went in good time.

Fourth Race 4. Zapping Strike 3. World Fair 2. Skelly Road

ZAPPING STRIKE exits a maiden race that went quite quick. He ran a credible third. WORLD FAIR was fourth last out in a key race. The runner-up came back to win a maiden allowance at RP with a Beyer of 84, the third-place finisher, another maiden special weight at RP, with a Beyer of 79, and the fifth-place finisher Yell County, a \$10K maiden claiming sprint by 10 lengths at RP, with a Beyer of 64. SKELLY ROAD faced an eventual Kentucky Derby winner in his debut in Mystik Dan. And for hunch bettors, his name calls to mind a high class sprinter synonymous with Oaklawn in Skelly.

Fifth Race 8. Fearless Lady 4 Wandering Kirby 5 Anonima

FEARLESS LADY is a February foal who has run competitive races in each of her starts at this distance. WANDERING KIRBY debuted during the Belmont meet at Aqueduct.

Sixth Race 1. Belle Cherie 2. Yes to Champagne 10. Up On the Edge

BELLE CHERIE has an age edge on some of her chief rivals as she is 5. YES TO CHAMPAGNE had trip issues last out, according to her trouble line. UP ON THE EDGE removes blinkers and the last time she raced without the equipment she was a good second against maiden rivals at Ellis.

Seventh Race 7. Lemon Muffin 1. Standoutsensation 3. Miss Hebrides

LEMON MUFFIN is the class of the field as a Grade 3 winner and the effort came at this distance at Oaklawn in last season's Honeybee. As for the race she ran second in last time, note it's fourth-place finisher returned to win an allowance Sunday at Oaklawn.

Eighth Race 5. Ain't That a Kick 8. Own the Field 6. Cawkab

A competitive group has come together for mile race that will end at the sixteenth pole. AIN'T THAT A KICK is appealing for his consistent nature. OWN THE FIELD was just edged at this configuration last season at Oaklawn and earned a strong Beyer of 81. He came out of the nine-hole that afternoon in a tough draw. Vazquez was aboard and again has the mount Friday.

Ninth Race 7. Tejano Twist 5. Kavod 4. Ryvit

The allowance feature for Friday figures to produce stakes starters over the coming months. TEJANO TWIST is a Grade 3 winner of \$1.4M who boasts a strong record at Oaklawn. He would be best-served with a quick pace to run down and there appears to be a nice amount of speed in this spot. KAVOD is a stakes winner over the local strip who two back was second to Giant Mischief, return winner of the Fall Highweight at Aqu. RYVIT is 4-for-8 at OP and has had success off the bench in the past.

Tenth Race 11. Rewire 9. Independent Paul 6. Thanks Frank

REWIRE ran a fine second shortening up to this six furlong trip last out at Churchill.



Fair Grounds (1:45)

FIRST RACE 7 Miss Rosie 7-1-3-4

SECOND RACE 3 Pop's Peppysteper 3-2-1

THIRD RACE 2 Wish Me Home 2-5-6-7

FOURTH RACE 5 Slick and Fast 5-1-3-2

FIFTH RACE 8 Tales to Tell 8-2-6-5

SIXTH RACE 6 Sense You Asked 6-1-4-7

SEVENTH RACE 6 Legitimate Target 6-10-9-7

EIGHTH RACE 7 Pretty Prairie 7-4-3-6

TURFWAY PARK (POST 5:55)

EVENING SELECTIONS

TURFWAY -MDWLANDS

HAWTHORNE

FIRST RACE 11 Point of Refuge 11-10-2-3

SECOND RACE 8 Montauk Point 8-2-10-7

THIRD RACE 5 Mezcalifornia 5-9-14-6

FOURTH RACE 14 Sacred Image 14-8-4-6

FIFTH RACE 10 Hilarious Affair 10-8-11-3

SIXTH RACE 6 Kygo 6-1-11-9

SEVENTH RACE 10 Coiled 10-4-7-8

EIGHTH RACE 1 Prince Abu Dhabi 1-6-5-7

NINTH RACE 12 Uptown Tom 12-8-4-7

TRI-STATE GREYHOUNDS (POST 6:00)

1 ST	6 8 1 5
2 ND	4 2 8 1
3 RD	1 5 6 3
4 TH	3 5 2 4
5 TH	6 7 1 2
6 TH	2 3 7 8
7 TH	1 3 6 4
8 TH	6 3 5 8
9 TH	7 5 8 1
10 TH	4 1 5 7
11 TH	2 7 3 8
12 TH	8 3 5 4
13 TH	4 1 3 7
14 TH	4 6 2 3

BEST BET

11-2 SE TED LASSO



(Post 6:20) By Ken Warkentin

Race 1

3-Rock On Line – 1:54 winner with a sharp rally three starts back, got shuffled in stretch traffic last week & draws inside again with a 1:51.2 speed badge this season

8-Lovethewayoulie – Chiodo Racing coming off a solid weekend, this guy closed from a tough spot to hit the board last week & note the 1:52.3 career best on November 24

2-Bloodhound – Has rallied to hit the board back-to-back off Lasix, a solid runner up from post ten last week & finally moves inside for Mark Silva

Race 2

3-Landia – Finished well for minor spoils in her last two @ The Big M, owns a mark of 1:55.1 here & draws an improved post in a wide-open field

5-Knickknack Hanover – Working on a one for 16 season, but a solid runner up in her last two, just missed by a nose last week & stalks from mid pack

9-Grizz Wyllie – Shuffled & blocked with trot in the stretch last Thursday, acclimated now, but only one for 32 this season, plus a tougher draw

Race 3 6-9-5

6-Firstup – Just one for 16 this season, but this veteran 10YO is on a nice form spree, just missed two weeks ago as the beaten favorite after scoring a nose win

Race 4 8-7-6

8-Modigliani S – Flashed late life in his last two, while pace/trip compromised, post eight again, yet this lightly-raced 3YO seems to be moving in the right direction

Race 5 7-1-10

7-Itz Missauckland N – Form wise nothing too exciting to see recently, hasn't raced in a month, but she's strong in the win column & debuts here for our Trainer of the Week

Race 6 1-6-4

1-Woodmere Harriet – Almost everything Team Bongiorno has sent out recently has been live & this mare finished well after being severely pace compromised last Saturday

Race 7 4-2-3

4-Archery Seelster – Makes his Big M debut & first start for Team Cullipher fresh off a noteworthy qualifier & draws well to make an immediate impression

Race 8 4-3-7

4-Rau Ru – 1:50.4 winner @ The Big M this season returns in good form with an inside draw to play his preferred stalking role for Team Cullipher

Race 9 3-1-5

3-Louis Litt N – Gets class & post relief on a long form spree, drops back down to the level of his last win & he's a prime drop n pop candidate

Race 10 1-3-7

1-The Prince – Team Burke trainee lived up to the hype & romped away from a soft bottom level group & now moves inside for the double class hike

Race 11

4-Advance Man – Arrives from Delaware fresh off a an easy wire-to-wire romp, just missed with a gallant try before that, draws well & changes barns

3-B Like Cruiser – Dover Downs shipper has won two of his last three, his latest with a nice rally from post eight & owns some back class

5-Picksixking – Dominant winner in a smashing Big M debut two starts back, then got parked from post nine & remains a live threat

Race 12

7-Havehorswiltrvel N – 9YO with a mark of 1:54.1 @ The Big M this season acclimated with a tough first over try & continues to gather momentum since the early November sick scratch

8-Altus Hanover – Aggressive tactics paid off again with a game repeat last week, draws a bit tougher, yet no doubt brimming with confidence

6-Milliondollarream – Twice beaten favorite forced to make a wide rally chasing Altus Hanover again & she looks to turn the tables on that same rival again

Race 13

1-Nite Time Deal – Displayed plenty of late pace from an impossible spot in a much-needed first off the bench & lands the rail with back class on view

3-Coz Im Special – Rallied stoutly to hit the ticket first time Lasix, remains at this reduced level & draws well for her fourth start off the bench

7-Oakwood Dynasty IR – She hasn't been closed in any of her recent starts @ Yonkers, but this is a hefty class drop for a Team Burke trainee

Race 14

5-Better Than Some – Finished well for minor spoils at long odds last week & this 1:52 winner @ The Big M this season sports a strong number in the win column

1-Stone Cold Savage – Drops back down to the level of his latest win in the slop, was forced to rally from a really tough spot last Saturday & now moves inside a wide-open finale

3-My Wish Came True – Blasted down the road for a shocking upset from post nine two starts back, then no factor off that first win of the season, so who shows up tonight?



Handicapping Analysis Fri December 20th, 2024

HAWTHORNE

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 7:10 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 4 Lous Amazon - 2-1 6 Lous Mandalorian - 3-1 8 Lou's Di Nomite - 15-1

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 7:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 5 Who'zzz This Sky - 1-1 6 April's Big Guy - 9-1 1 Ernie The Mooss - 8-1

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 7:50 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 1 Rmissashlee - 7-2 4 Kizzmelikeumissme - 4-1 5 City By The Bay - 5-2

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 8:10 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 2 Scorecard Lil Red - 7-2 9 Rockefeller Lindy - 4-1 1 Blazin Grace - 3-1

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 8:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 3 Grand Champ - 6-1 6 Marshall Malone - 4-1 5 Sullenberger - 5-1

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 8:50 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 4 Fox Valley Exploit - 7-2 7 Fillister Photo - 4-1 5 Skeeter Machine - 7-1

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 9:10 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 5 Fox Valley Presley - 7-2 2 Chesapeake Sunrise - 8-1 3 Too Infinity - 4-1

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 9:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

- 1 Rollnroz - 7-2 7 Big Bad Brenda - 9-2 2 Lion Virgin - 12-1