



AQUEDUCT

POST 12:40

By Mike Beer

First Race 6. Intentionous 5. First Class Cat 2. Short Shift

INTENTIONOUS has something to find on figures, but she is lightly raced and second off the layoff following a solid effort in her first start as a 4yo; she wound up wide early in that first start back, before making an early move after the eventual winner on a solid pace, only to tire in the stretch; should be tighter for this and she appears to match up well with this field. FIRST CLASS CAT has rallied too late in each of her last two starts and had to settle for second both times while pairing up 67 Beyers

Second Race 5. Pistol Liz Ablazen 6. Smokin' Hot Kitty 3. I'm Buzzy

PISTOL LIZ ABLAZEN had to get on the move early to go after the streaking Adeleke on a controlled pace in that last one, and she paid the price late while still trying gamely to the end; has been in excellent form in her own right, and this pace has a chance to get a little ore competitive. SMOKIN' HOT KITTY was in excellent form last year while winning five times (four in a row on dirt between March and July) despite steadily moving up in class; wasn't quite up for tougher competition at the end of the year and was given the winter off; starts back in a better spot.

Third Race 1. Liberte de Bayeux 5. Graywing 8. Tetsu

LIBERTE DE BAYEUX disappointed as the favorite last week going a mile but he might have gotten a bit too aggressive in the early stages of that race while powering clear on a strong pace; was in excellent form prior to that and cutting back is a positive. GRAYWING is going good right now, and he has the kind of tactical speed that tends to have him in the right spot from the start; was smartly wheeled back quickly off the claim last time, and he handled the step up in class to win with a slight new Beuer top; back quickly again but he will not have Franco this time as that order heads to Gulfstream to ride in the Florida Derby.

Fourth Race 8. Vow of Secrecy 1. One Nine Hundred 5. Make Me

VOW OF SECRECY was the lone first-time starter in that field on March 1 when breaking slowly from the rail and then racing greenly; homebred from the female family of champion sprinter Elite Power likely gained valuable experience in that run for a trainer who offer gives her young horses a start to figure things out; blinkers on. ONE NINE HUNDRED took money in the career debut and acquitted himself well in that spot despite coming up short at the end; flahsed improved speed last time

Fifth Race 8. Seeking Unity 4. Strapped 5. Bold Endeavor

SEEKING UNITY has concentrated on shorter races dating back to last summer with some success but his prior two-turn form was also quite good, and he is interesting stretching back out for this off the claim for an underrated trainer; needs his best but he is tactical and has a top effort that puts him in the mix at a fair price, if he can see out the trip. STRAPPED has gotten faster back over fast dirt recently while putting wins back-to-back, including that 90 Beyer-effort last time going long; has improved for Rudy and is dangerous right back with distance less of a concern. BOLD

Sixth Race 5. Only in My Dreams 4. Midnight Glimmer 8. Gracie Girl

ONLY IN MY DREAMS is a new-comer landing in a race where her experienced rivals have struggled to Beyer out of the 30s on dirt after nearly 30 starts combined. NY-bred filly ships up from Florida to make the debut with Lasix on for a trainer who knows what he is doing despite his runners often getting overlooked. MIDNIGHT GLIMMER had little to offer in the debut over the all-weather surface at Gulfstream; shipped up here to start on dirt three weeks later, where she mid-moved before tiring in the stretch; threat adding blinkers and Lasix for the 3yo debut.

Seventh Race 5. La Banquera 10. Willful Desire 1. Ambitiously Placed

LA BANQUERA finished behind a couple of these same rivals when returned from a layoff and dropped in class last December; was claimed out of that race by Linda Rice and just keeps running fast races - and winning - for the new connections; looking for four in a row with recent figures that make her too fast for this field. WILLFUL DESIRE is a stablemate of the top one and she also enters this race on a winning streak, having gone 3 for 3 since the Rice claim while steadily moving up in class

Eighth Race 13. Share the Ludt **** Best Bet **** 1. Motel Patel 9. Tiote

SHARE THE LUDT has more speed than it may appear from just looking at his running lines, as he has either been conservatively ridden or had trouble at the start of his races to this point. Lost his best chance in that last one when bumping hard at the start to wind up last, and he did well to be along for third in that spot, which was his first with Lasix; willing to give him one final chance as he moves outside .

Ninth Race 9. Borracho 1. High Tide 4. Quick Hammer

BORRACHO brought good form into that \$20k claimer last time, despite catching several wet tracks in succession, and he ran another good one in that spot despite coming away second-best to Graywing, who came right back to win again while up in class; should be forward from the outside, and he can handle this slight step up in class. HIGH TIDE never sprints but he has been facing some tough competition since switching to dirt late last year, and he cuts back for this off an easy win going a mile; has plenty of back class to handle the step up off the claim for Abreu - past 5 years, first after claimed by: 17%, \$2.65 ROI.

Tenth Race 10. Unlimitedpotential 9. Giroovin 5. Skylander

UNLIMITEDPOTENTIAL contested a fast pace before getting run down by an in-form GIROOVIN when cutting back out of the Queens County two starts back; looked good rating and running last time, and he also ran well when winning over this distance off the layoff in December; proving to be a good claim for these connections and he is versatile from the outside.

Eleventh Race 13. Inamorata 11. Julita 14. Forever to Go

Homebred INAMORATA is by More Than Ready and is the first foal from her dam, who debuted in a stakes race and won by eight lengths, then won another stakes and hit the board in two others sprinting before stretching out; up from Florida with a series of five-furlong breezes shoeing for excellent first-out trainer Clement.

IRISH RACING



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SHOULDVEBEENARING, NEW FOR 2025 AT THE IRISH NATIONAL STUD IRISH EBF MAIDEN 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 1

(8) STONEZILIAN | (5) MIAMI DESTINATION | (1) JOYFUL TIDINGS

2.15

TOTE NEVER BEATEN BY SP HANDICAP 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 2

(5) KEKE | (8) TWO STARS | (4) REAL FORCE

2.50

VISIT THE IRISH NATIONAL STUD & GARDENS MAIDEN 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 3

(10) SMILING | (7) PICKERSGILL | (4) KILMOOD SUSAN

3.25

FOLLOW @TOTERACING ON X MAIDEN 7f (1410 Metres)

RACE 4

(7) MATHAN | (8) MONKSTOWN | (1) A DREAM TO SHARE

4.00

LESTER PIGGOTT GLADNESS STAKES (Listed) 7f (1410 Metres)

RACE 5

(10) CAMILLE PISSARRO | (4) BIG GOSSEY | (1) POET MASTER

4.35

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF 3YO SPRING SERIES MEDIAN AUCTION FILLIES MAIDEN 1¼m (2010 Metres)

RACE 6

(11) SOUND OF LIGHTNING | (10) RESTFUL | (6) J M'S JOY

5.10

TOTE GUARANTEE AVAILABLE ON COURSE HANDICAP 1m (1610 Metres)

RACE 7

(11) FORT VEGA | (12) NO MORE PORTER | (9) APERCU

5.45

tote.ie HANDICAP 1½m (2410 Metres)

RACE 8

(1) LEINSTER | (9) CALZAGHI | (12) PARTY DRESS

RACE 1

8 2

STONEZILIAN (IRE)

2 9-2 | 58.1kg

★ 100



Adrian Murray, Ireland

Foaled February 16. €48,000 foal, €47,000 yearling, Acclamation filly. Half-sister to 3 winners, including 7f winner Clarita and 2-y-o 6f winner Dense Star. Dam unraced half-sister to 2-y-o 6f winner (stayed 1m) Brevity and winner up to 1¼m Concise (both useful). Plenty to like on paper.

D. B. McMonagle

RACE 3

10 5

SMILING (IRE) (148)

72- 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

★ 100



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Promising No Nay Never filly who came in second of 10 in maiden at Dundalk (5f, 9/2) 148 days ago. Has more to offer back up in trip. Leading player.

Ryan Moore

RACE 8

1 5

LEINSTER (IRE) (270) (BF)

8/13- 4 10-2 | 64.4kg

91



Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland

Scored at Downpatrick last May and backed it up with a good third of 11 in handicap at Roscommon (10.3f, good to firm) in July, conceding first run. Off 9 months but has more to offer. Interesting now stepped up in trip.

D. B. McMonagle



GULFSTREAM PARK

(11:30 AM.)



Saturday, March 29 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Race 1: Curlin Florida Derby Day kicks off with **7 BRING ME A CHECK**, who was a good 3rd when trying this trip three-back and should get first run just off what looks like an energetic pace. It looks like **3 JUNCTION ROAD** is the one to beat off that neck 2nd two-back on the turf, while **8 IRIS'S DREAM** ran OK from a bad post on the rise last time and drew better today.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-8-1

Race 2: An expected hot pace says **2 UNCLECHARLIESGIFT** can surprise getting back to the main, where he was a solid 4th two-back. The clear horse to beat is **8 AVANT GLORY**, as he freaked last time and is now off the Sweezy claim, though you wonder if he may regress off such a huge win. The wildcard is **5 PHILIP MY DEAR**, who has never tried dirt but is bred for it, and is another who will run late.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5-1

Race 3: The Cutler Bay is wide open, and while **2 CLASSIC OF COURSE** has never tried turf, he worked big over it on 3/21, drew well, and can settle and punch into what looks like a quick pace. If **5 WAKAN** clears, he may not come, as he got fried by a freaking Mi Bago last time, but the gut says he won't get loose. The post and stalking style of **1 I'M DUE** gives him a chance to prove he can handle the class rise.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-1-4

Race 4: The G3 Orchid gives **2 LA MEHANA** a chance to turn the tables on **6 BEACH BOMB** after she was a troubled 3rd in the G3 Very One last time, and you know she'll run on late. The rise is a big one, but **1 SILVOLOGY** looked good winning last time and has a world of upside, and

she drew perfectly too. 'Bomb got loose in her win and won't here, but she still has proven form from a stalking position as well.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-6-3

Race 5: A strong MSW goes with the proven **4 X Y PRIME**, as he dueled early and tired late behind a nice one on debut, and should be able to build off that. Firsters **6 MAINSTREAM** and **10 MAKES SENSE** look live for Cox and Petcher, respectively, with the former working big and being a half to a debut winner, and the latter luring Irad and also showing strong AM drills.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-10-5

Race 6: The G3 Pan American is all about multiple G1 winner **4 FAR BRIDGE**, who lays over these on class, and is also 3-for-3 on the local lawn. They never win, but **3 CASH EQUITY** always fires, while the chalk's stablemate **5 TAWNY PORT** was necked out in this last year, so both can get a slice.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-5-7

Race 7: Sit back in the G3 Ghostzapper and watch the best horse in the country do his thing, as **4 WHITE ABARRIO** legs up for G1 races this summer and could win this in 3rd gear. The EX should be completed by either **3 LIGHTNING TONES** or **2 TUSCAN SKY**, with the former having better form of late than the latter, who has run a dud in two straight for Pletcher.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-2-5

Race 8: It's Longshot time with **1 UNION TRAIL**, who might shake loose early with this rail draw,

and was a solid 3rd at the level in his last. Both **4 BEYOND STOKED** and **7 KALIK** are logical off solid local turf form, though their margin for error is slim, and neither will offer any value.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7-10

Race 9: The G2 GP Oaks is all about **4 FIVE G**, who won by 9 here two-back, showed she could handle two turns last time in an OP G3, and will love the first finish line too. Newcomer **6 CASSIAR** was all-out to win her sprint debut at Tampa and is aggressively spotted by Shug, who rarely puts them where they don't belong, and she's bred to love a route of ground. Making **3 THE QUEENS M G** prove it off a dream rail trip in her G2 Davona Dale win here, especially since she's never tried two turns.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-3-7

Race 10: It's Best Bet time in the Sanibel Island, as **3 LOVE CERVERE** hinted at big things when a troubled 2nd in the local Ginger Punch, in what was just her second start, and her upside dwarfs this group. The Casse duo **1 CANDY QUEST** and **10 CLASSIC Q** can have a say underneath, though a win seems a reach.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-10-2

Race 11: The Army Mule may be ripe for an upset, with **9 PLAYMEA TUNE** offering intrigue, as he was a decent 5th in the G3 Mr. Prospector behind Mufasa and White Abarrio, in what was his dirt debut. Expecting much better from **4 KNIGHTSBRIDGE**, who was dueled into defeat behind **8 INVEIGLED** in his return, but didn't seem to show the same brilliance he had before the layoff, which allowed the latter to trip out and run him down late.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-8-5

Race 12: A huge class drop means **12 IN OUT TIME** will be tough in the Sand Springs, as she's been in some salty graded stakes of late. The main danger seems **6 BREATH AWAY**, who will

get plenty of pace and will close, though she usually finds one or two better. Don't sleep on **3 VINA ARANA**, off since an MSW win at Sar in August in her U.S debut, as she has a world of upside and some untapped talent too.

SELECTIONS: 12-6-3-1

Race 13: Taking the short price and moving on with **9 MAJOR DUDE** in the Appleton, as he lays over these on class and figures. Turf has agreed with **7 SEMINOLE CHIEF**, and he's improving, while G3 winner **11 ICE CHOCOLATE** drew poorly for his first start since June.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-11-6

Race 14: Admittedly stabbing in the Curlin Florida Derby with **6 JIMMY'S DAILYS**, as he ran well when 2nd to a potential Pletcher star under less-than-ideal circumstances at this trip last time, while facing winner for the first time, and should trip out off what looks like a hot pace. They are all looking up at the daunting presence of **10 SOVEREIGNTY** after his strong win in the local G2 Fountain of Youth, but he will be a short price, drew poorly, and may not be fully cranked after his big win got him into the Kentucky Derby. Skipping the FOY means you get a fresh **9 TAPPAN STREET**, and that's a big edge, especially since he showed some class and talent when 2nd in the local G3 Holy Bull, and is bred to relish this longer trip as well.

SELECTIONS: 6-10-9-8

Best Bet – R10: #3 Love Cervere (5-2)

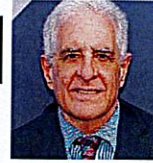
- * Big 2nd in local stakes says look out
- * More upside than the rest combined
- * Should get a hot pace to rally into

Longshot – R8: #1 Union Trail (12-1)

- * Can shake loose over speedy course
- * Reyes is aces with prices on the turf
- * Proved he can run at level last time



GULFSTREAM PARK



Saturday, March 29 Ron Nicoletti

Race 1:

1 Nantasket Beach
3 Junction Road
5 Ciao Chuck

Race 2:

8 Avant Glory
3 Beastly Speed
1 Celtic Pride

Race 3: The Cutler Bay

9 Forged Steel
1 I'm Due
4 Hit That Review (IRE)

Race 4: The Orchid (G3)

2 La Mehana (FR)
6 Beach Bomb (SAF)
1 Silvology

Race 5:

6 Mainstream
4 X Y Prime
10 Makes Sense

Race 6: The Pan American (G3)

4 Far Bridge
3 Cash Equity (FR)
7 Capture the Flag

Race 7: The Ghostzapper (G3)

4 White Abarrio
3 Lightning Tones
5 Power Squeeze

Race 8:

4 Beyond Stoked
3 Tiz Romantic
9 Sherlock's Jewel

Race 9: The Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2)

4 Five G
3 The Queens M G
7 Anna's Promise

Race 10: The Sanibel Island

6 Civetta
3 Love Cervere
2 Mrs Worldwide

Race 11: The Army Mule

4 Knightsbridge (BB)
5 Gordian Knot
8 Inveigled

Race 12: The Sands Springs

11 Five Towns (GB) (LS)
Buttercream Babe
4 Be My Sunshine

Race 13: The Appleton

9 Major Dude
7 Seminole Chief
2 Fly the W

Race 14: The Curlin Florida Derby (G1)

10 Sovereignty
4 Disruptor
8 Madaket Road

Best Bet: R11: 4 Knightsbridge

Cuts back to 7 furlongs after sharp return at a mile. Bill Mott readied him for the turnback with a sizzling ½-mile bullet workout

Longshot: R12: 11 Five Towns

Makes her first start since getting beat a head in the G3 Noble Damsel in Sept. G Motion, 23% with the layoff, has her working well.



GULFSTREAM PARK



Saturday, March 29

By Samantha Perry (Check X @samanthagperry for updates)

Race 1:

2 – Equivoque
3 – Junction Road
8 – Iris's Dream

Race 2:

8 – Avant Glory
10 – Con Compania
9 – El Apagon

Race 3:

9 – Forged Steel
8 – Kinetic Control
4 – Hit That Review

Race 4:

6 – Beach Bomb
2 – La Mehana
3 – Queen Regent

Race 5:

4 – X Y Prime
5 – Thought Control
6 – Mainstream

Race 6:

4 – Far Bridge
7 – Capture the Flag
9 – Lorenz

Race 7:

4 – White Abarrio
3 – Lightning Tones
2 – Tuscan Sky

Race 8:

4 – Beyond Stoked
7 – Kalik
11 – Saratoga Flash

Race 9:

1 – Paradise City
3 – The Queens M G
4 – Five G

Race 10:

6 – Civetta
2 – Mrs Worldwide
10 – Classic Q

Race 11:

5 – Gordian Knot
4 – Knightsbridge
9 – Playmea Tune

Race 12:

7 – Autumn Evening
12 – In Our Time
6 – Breath Away

Race 13:

7 – Seminole Chief
9 – Major Dude
11 – Ice Chocolat

Race 14:

9 – Tappan Street
10 – Sovereignty
4 – Disruptor

Best Bet Race 3 #9 Forged Steel

Long Shot Race 12 #7 Autumn Evening

Noel's Weekend Winners: Florida Derby and Arkansas Derby Selections

by Noel Michaels

The Florida Derby is finally here, and the trademark race of the Gulfstream Park winter meet has drawn a tough field of 10 horses set to run 1 1/8 miles for a purse of \$1 million. Just like the winner of the Arkansas Derby, the Florida Derby winner will advance onward to Churchill Downs as one of the favorites in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve. When it comes to success in the Florida Derby, the guy you want on your team is trainer Todd Pletcher, who has won the race eight times including three of the last four years. This year he sends out lightly-raced maiden winner #4 Disruptor, who not only will step up in class but also navigate two turns for the first time. His win came by 9 1/4 lengths at seven furlongs in a professional manner after not having the benefit of a clear early lead, and his Gun Runner pedigree should allow him to navigate the rigors of this 1 1/8-mile trip if he's good enough. The horse to beat is obviously #10 Sovereignty, a Grade 3 stakes winner as a 2-year-old who exits a win in Gulfstream's Grade 2 Coolmore Fountain of Youth Stakes where he closed to get the win over Pletcher trainee River Thames in successful 3-year-old debut off a four-month layoff. He may progress off of that win or he may also regress in this second race back from the layoff, but either way he'll be a handful and he needs to be on your tickets even at odds of 8-5 on the morning line. Handicappers sometimes make too big a deal out of post positions, but the 1 1/8-mile distance at Gulfstream Park is not one of those times. Outside posts at Gulfstream Park have justly earned their reputation for being terrible in two-turn routes with poor statistics for the 20 years since the track was reconfigured to its current layout. While Disruptor benefits from his post draw, all the other top contenders in this race including Sovereignty as well as #8 Madaket Road and #9 Tappan Street drew those bad outside posts. If you have to choose among those others for a third horse in your trifectas, Madaket Road comes in with speed and good form from Bob Baffert's west coast-based barn and has faced top-rung competition the likes of Citizen Bull, Rodriguez, Coal Battle, and Sandman in his last two starts while accomplishing second- and third-place finishes.

The Play: Bet on #4 Disruptor (4-1) to win and play him in exacta and trifecta boxes with #8 Madaket Road (7-2) and #10 Sovereignty (8-5).

Oaklawn Park, Race 13, \$1,500,000 Arkansas Derby, post time 7:48 p.m. ET

A field of nine contenders has been assembled for the crown jewel of Oaklawn Park's road to the Kentucky Derby, the 1 1/8-mile Grade 1 Arkansas Derby. Trainer Bob Baffert has had loads of success through the years using Oaklawn's Derby preps as steppingstones for some of his top 3-year-olds. Can he repeat that with this year's entrant, #9 Cornucopian, a horse that has raced only once? Cornucopian showed huge talent in his six-furlong career debut maiden win, but will that translate to another win in this Grade 1 spot against more seasoned horses racing 1 1/8 miles around two-turns? Maybe, or maybe not, but because he is trained by Baffert, one thing is sure: his odds will be low in comparison to his actual chances. At this point in his career, he might turn out to be special, or he might turn out to be only Baffert's sixth-string 3-year-old. We just don't know yet. #8 Coal Battle is a proven win machine that comes into this race off four straight stakes wins including two of Oaklawn's prior Derby preps, the \$250,000 Smarty Jones Stakes and last month's Grade 2 Rebel Stakes. There's nothing about the distance, surface, or competition of this race that indicates he can't continue his winning streak for at least one more race. If there is a horse in the field able to beat Coal Battle, it's likely to be #6 Sandman, a late runner that has closed for back-to-back in-the-money finishes in the Rebel Stakes, where he came from way too far back at a shorter distance, and in the Grade 3 Southwest Stakes where he overcame a brutally bad start to rally for second by a length while 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Tiztastic, who has since come back to win the Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby. Sandman has faced a who's who of the best horses in this division all throughout his career so far, and this may finally be the spot where he scores a breakthrough.

The Play: Bet #8 Coal Battle (7-2) to win and box him in the exacta with #6 Sandman (3-1). For the trifecta, play a three-horse box by adding #9 Cornucopian (7-5).

Meet the Contenders: Florida Derby at Gulfstream | Saturday, 3/ 29

by Jeremy Plonk

Saturday's 14 race mega-card at Gulfstream Park culminates with the most historically important Kentucky Derby prep race of them all. The Florida Derby has springboarded 25 horses to wear the roses in Louisville, most of any national lead-in – remarkable total for a race that didn't debut until 1952.

Major multi-race pools throughout the card include estimated pools of \$750,000 in the early pick 5, \$1 million in the all-stakes late pick 4 and \$2 million in the all-stakes late pick 5.

Let's meet the contenders for the Florida Derby (Race 14):

#1-NEOEQUOS: Pacemaker held for third in the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth at 13-1 odds in his first start around 2 turns. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. won the 2022 Florida Derby with White Abarrio. Edgard Zayas rides for the first time as FoY pilot Irad Ortiz Jr. opts for Disruptor.

#2-COOL INTENTIONS: Two-time local winner did not factor when fifth in the Mucho Macho Man Stakes and comes off that Jan. 4 layoff while trying 2 turns for the first time. Jockey Javier Castellano won this race with Constitution (2014) and takes the call for Jorge Delgado.

#3-SMOKEN BOY: Recent \$62,500 claim for trainer Cheryl Winebaugh likely will be the field's longest price. Hasn't replicated anything close to his Puerto Rican success in 2 starts in Florida, including an eighth-place effort in the Sam F. Davis Stakes.

#4-DISRUPTOR: Dominated maidens in his second start Marc 1 on the Fountain of Youth Stakes Day undercard by more than 9 lengths. \$1.15 million colt by Pegasus World Cup winner Gun Runner. Trainer Todd Pletcher looks to pad his Florida Derby all-time record with a ninth win in this race, having won 3 of the last 4 and 2 straight. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. was aboard 2 of those (Known Agenda '21 and Forte '23).

#5-INDECISIVENESS: Ruben Sierra-trained longshot has 1 win from 4 starts and was a no-threat fourth in the state-bred Juvenile Sprint last November in his only prior stakes attempt. Recent third in 1-1/8 miles allowance behind Florida Derby return rival Jimmy's Dailys.

#6-JIMMY'S DAILYS: Trainer Brian Lynch has Tampa Bay Derby winner Owen Almighty also on the Derby trail and gets a chance to see this local maiden winner and allowance runner in stakes company for the first time. Jockey Irad Ortiz hops saddles to Disruptor on Saturday, putting Joel Rosario aboard for the first time on this son of Vekoma.

#7-ENTERDADRAGON: Most experienced member of the field makes his 10th lifetime start, but just his second on dirt. Pulpit Stakes winner and Colonel Liam Stakes runner-up on turf didn't factor when fifth on dirt last September in the Aventura Stakes. Jose D'Angelo trains and Dylan Davis takes the return mount on this \$17,000 purchase who has bagged more than \$103,000.

#8-MADAKET ROAD: Bob Baffert juggles 6 or 7 legitimate Kentucky Derby threats at this juncture, giving the Rebel runner-up and Lewis Memorial third-place finisher a rare roadtrip to Gulfstream. Blinkers come off this 3-time, stakes-placed colt by 2009 Florida Derby winner Quality Road. Tyler Gaffalione piloted 2022 Florida Derby winner White Abarrio.

#9-TAPPAN STREET: Trainer Brad Cox punched a Kentucky Derby ticket last Saturday with longshot Jeff Ruby winner Final Gambit and looks to further his hand. Lightly raced colt won his debut over this track Dec. 28 and was a good second as the favorite in the Grade 3 Holy Bull while tested for class and distance on February 1. \$1 million son of Into Mischief skipped the Fountain of Youth by design to be fresh for the Florida Derby. Luis Saez won the 2019 Florida Derby aboard Maximum Security.

#10-SOVEREIGNTY: Back-to-back stakes wins, the Street Sense at Churchill Downs in September and the Fountain of Youth locally on March 1, have put this Bill Mott trainee on the doorstep of the Kentucky Derby as one of the favorites. Godolphin home-bred by Into Mischief will need a new rider. Junior Alvarado, the only jockey he's known in 4 prior starts, is sidelined by injury.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS (12:15)

By Kenny Peck

First Race 4 MIDNIGHT ONYX has been in search of that elusive second career win for some time but this does look like the best spot he's seen in some time, as his Beyers fit very well and given his early speed he should be just off expected pacesetter 7ETERNAL GLORY ; very dangerous if he gets first run on that rival. The latter was a game 4th in his first start vs. winners; can wire this field if able to shake loose in the opening stages. 5 STARSHIP TANGO has more speed than he showed in that last one, a pace-packed route, and he wasn't helped by a slow start; should be prominent from the outset.

Race 2 7 BALTASAR regressed in terms of Beyers in that last one but that's an easy race to forgive, as that was his first start around two turns since September of 2021; drops in class and figures tough today based on his best recent sprint Beyers. 6 ALL THE RAGE takes a hidden class rise to open claimers after beating non-winners of three in his latest but this is a "super-angle" for trainer Kevin Rice, who has won with four of his last five runners cutting back from routes to sprints off wins; threat by default based on that stat. 8 ARAK sprints in his first start since December, and he shortens up, but he may be quick enough to make the lead regardless, and despite the wide post; trainer Scooter Davis does well with horses off this type of break (33%), and with last-out winners (35%).

Race 3 2 WHIRLWIND faces winners for the first time but she was visually impressive in that maiden score, which also marked her local debut; barn has excelled at this meet with a limited number of starters and this filly can repeat despite the class rise if she can run back to that last one. 11 ARANCIATA was far behind the winner in her last turf try, over this same course, but that was against much better; she had a race flow excuse in her latest and she has license to improve today at this level. 10 MIA VITA has proven speed and should be a factor from the bell in her first spin over this course; has the ability to race on the lead or come from just off the pace, and that versatility gives her some options from her outside starting slot.

Race 4 8 NAKED EYE impressed in defeat in that debut run, and though she was well off the board in her return a slow start cost her dearly, and she was in against a very deep field in that sprint; improvement likely this afternoon, assuming she gets away cleanly. 1 SUNSET EXPRESS gets the rail and will likely look to steal this on the stretch out from an abbreviated sprint; she weakened at this same distance two back but she can go farther today if she can better back down the early fractions. 3 CUE THE DUCKBOATS is out of a dam who won three races, all dirt sprints, and she was stakes placed; kin to two winners, who posted seven victories between them.

Race 5 Thought 7 MR. FUNTASTICO was closing well enough in that first career start, and though he was off the board in his return he had trouble at the start, and he still posted a representative Beyer; can make the last run given an honest pace to chase. 9 TWELVE TREASURES adds blinkers after he failed to keep up early on in his latest, and he also checked on the turn there when he ran into traffic; should be more involved in the opening stages. 5 ZEUS LIGHTNING is out of a dam who won only one race, but it was on the turf, and her best runner Thirty Four Coupe, won three grass races and finished 2nd in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf; sports a couple of breezes that hint at some ability.

Race 6 6 CONSPIRACY FACT was re-claimed in his last by trainer Benny Feliciano, who lost him three back for the same \$16K tag; this gelding has room to improve based on any one of the relevant angles, as the barn does well first time off the claim, with blinkers added, and with horses moving from routes to sprints. 4 KITTY HAWK removes the blinkers for his first start for trainer Greg Sacco, who excels with that angle, as well as with horses off the layoff and with new faces; may want more ground than this but he'd certainly be no surprise. 6-4-3

Race 7 2CATALYZED does like to run 2nd but she has never run a poor race for trainer Chad Brown, who excels with turf runners, especially over this particular course; has speed and draws inside and that should mean a favorable trip regardless of how the race flow were to develop. 4MISS MOTTLEY is from the same barn, and she's the main threat; she was off the board in a stakes race when last seen, nearly a year ago, but the Beyers she posted in two starts to date very much give her the credibility to win this, the layoff notwithstanding. 2-4-3

Race 8 1 CATATUMBO ran a huge race for the place in that last one, when behind 4 THE DOORMAN , as the pace scenario favored the speeds and this gelding was well off the pace, and he was closing well though the lane; also against the race flow two back, when third, but he's eligible to move way up today if he finally gets a set up in his favor, and a clean trip from the rail. THE DOORMAN benefited from ideal positioning in that last score, which came in his first start off the Rory Barron claim, but the fact is he may get a similar scenario today; certainly has to be respected on the strength of his recent Beyers. 6 GOLDEN JUAN has won three of his last four, all by open lengths, and his only loss during that span was when he was caught up in an early duel and ran a game 2nd.

Race 9 10 DEAR SANTA was off the board in his last two but the extreme Closer-friendly race flows in those races (note the inverted "C" symbols in pp lines) give him deceptive but legitimate excuses, as he was close to the pace both times and he lost ground late; he was a neck short at this same level three back when he rated off the pace and made one run and he can pull off the upset here given that type of trip, and set up. 8 BURNIN TURF ships in from Gulfstream with the best Beyers in the field, and that's a recipe for a short price; that said, he's clearly going to be a handful in his local bow, coming off a very good effort for the place in his latest and also three back. 10-8-3

OAKLAWN (12:20)

Analysis By: Mary Rampellini

1ST The Racing Festival of the South is in full swing with the Arkansas Derby Day card Saturday. Oaklawn racing secretary Pat Pope has put together a power-packed card of 14 races, including four stakes and two overnight stakes. In the opener Fair Grounds invader 3 EMBER has run well for Ortiz and he keeps the top class pilot aboard as he is in town for the stakes action. 10 CASHMEUP enters on top of his game - off consecutive wins - and like that one of them came over a mile and three-sixteenths. The one to beat. 9 EXECUTIVE ACTION put four straight wins together last year, at distances ranging from a mile and a sixteenth to a mile and a half.

Race 2 4 FAUST hooked eventual Southwest winner Speed King his his debut last out caught Cornucopian, who runs back later on the card as the probable favorite in the Arkansas Derby. 7FANATICAL hooked a notable runner two back in Colloquial. 5BON TEMPS ran fourth to Coal Battle in the Smarty Jones and that one goes back later on the card in the Arkansas Derby. VITAL MIND is the first foal from the Grade 1-winning millionaire She's a Julie. Another of interest is GATESKEEPER.

Race 3 11 TWO DOLLAR EDDIE has speed and a post that might give Arrieta options. He exits the same key race as 10 DAWSON JAMES . The winner came back to take an N1X allowance at OP with a Beyer of 86 and the ninth-place finisher, A.P. Ruly, a \$45K maiden claimer at OP, with a Beyer of 70. 3 WILLY CUTS ran a big race in his debut.

Race 4 10 DEALING JUSTICE has back class to call upon. She's one of the first mounts for Bacon as a journeyman, as his final day with his apprentice allowance was Friday. 3 BENNYKAYANDSUZYTOO is a multiple stakes-placed runner who last out hooked Haulin Ice, who runs back later on the card in the Matron. 7 ASHBURN ALLEY looks like an up and coming sort.

Race 5 4 MR. BUTCH has put up ascending Beyer Speed Figures with each passing start this season and he could be sitting on a peak effort in his third out since May. 6 GOD'S COUNTRY is from a multiple stakes-winning mare who ran out \$303K. 1 FOUR O NINE has moved forward from his first start to his second.

Race 6 4 ALMOSTGONE ROCKET is unbeaten in three starts and owns the Matron field's best career Beyer Speed Figure, a 99. She shows some strong works for her return for Cox, who wins at an above average rate with runners coming off layoffs of more than 180 days, according to statistics from Daily Racing Form. ALMOSTGONE ROCKET is from a multiple stakes-winning mare who ran out \$419K. The reigning Arkansas-bred of the Year 6 HAULIN ICE leaves the statebred ranks behind, but she's a stakes winner against open company, too, and owns a strong collection of Beyer Figures. She's also a horse-for-course as she's 5 for 7 at Oaklawn. 1 BENEDETTA is a multiple stakes-winner who was just edged last out by a runner who is bound for Grade 1 company in Kentucky.

Race 7 2 DISCO BALL was third last out in a quick overnight stakes that saw winner Booth come back and take the Grade 3 Whitmore at Oaklawn with a meet-best Beyer Speed Figure of 107. 1 BOHEMIAN BO is a stakes winner who, for the fourth straight time this meet, draws the rail. Vance has said the horse, who has exceptional speed, likes the fence. 5 ZAMBEZI returns to action at Oaklawn, site of both of his career wins. He's a consistent sort.

Race 8 8 SAUDI CROWN is the class of the Oaklawn Mile field as a Grade 1 winner of \$3.2 million. He exits the Pegasus World Cup, which has become a key race. The runner-up, Locked, came back in his next start to account for the Grade 1 Santa Anita Handicap with a Beyer Speed Figure of 109 and the third-place finisher, Skippylongstocking, returned to win the Grade 3 Challenger at Tampa with a Beyer of 103. 3 BANISHING is cutting back some in distance and looking for him to be strong through the stretch. He also exits a key race, with seventh-place finisher Red Route One returning to win the Grade 3 Essex at OP with a Beyer of 98 and 10th-place finisher Creative Minister taking a \$50K claiming route at OP with a Beyer of 87. 1 THE WINE STEWARD has ultra-impressive winning the Fifth Season at this mile distance at Oaklawn last out, in his first start since June. The three-time stakes winner would seem to have reason to move forward in his second race back. More than capable. The mile race here ends at the sixteenth pole.

Race 9 4 OY GEVALD and 3 ZERO SUGAR both ran well against Cornucopian, who runs later on the card as the probable favorite in the Arkansas Derby. 9 JUST CLASSIC was third last out to a quality kind of winner who is entered back in the Hot Springs Stakes here Sunday.

Race 10 5 WENDELSSOHN was second last out in an overnight stakes that went in a blazing 1:08 and change. The winner has since captured the Grade 3 Whitmore Stakes with a meet-best Beyer Speed Figure of 107 and the third-place finisher was to have run back earlier on the card Saturday. 7 HAPPY AMERICAN exits a quick sprint at Fair Grounds. 3 DURANTE is proven class as a Grade 3 winner.

Race 11 1 BISHOPS BAY has speed and the rail and was flattered when the runner-up from the race he exits came back in his next start to win an allowance at Oaklawn. This one is a half-brother to Grade 2 winner Catching Freedom. 7 MAYCOCKS BAY moves into an overnight stakes off a good third place finish against Grade 3 rivals in the Mineshaft at FG. This one owns a strong series of Beyer Speed Figures. 3 BENDOOG was just edged last out by a Grade 3 winner who is set to return to graded stakes company after the allowance score at Oaklawn.

Race 12 Fantasy S.

5 QUIETSIDE comes into the Grade 2 Fantasy - a points race for the Kentucky Oaks - off a significant win, as she defeated a large, talented field last out in the Grade 3 Honeybee. It came at this distance at Oaklawn. Last year, this one represented herself quite well against eventual champion Immersive. 7 SIMPLY JOKING is unbeaten in two starts - both stakes races - and could show the way in this spot. 1 TAKE CHARGE MILADY was a memorable winner of the Martha Washington at this distance at Oaklawn. More on each of the entrants in the Closer Look feature in Daily Racing Form.

Race 13 The Arkansas Derby

6 SANDMAN moves to a mile and an eighth for the Arkansas Derby and there are reasons to believe he's made for a race like this, from his pedigree to his long stride to his performances in the preps leading up to the meet's final points race for the Kentucky Derby. 9 CORNUCOPIAN showed himself to be an exceptional talent in his debut, which he won in 1:09 with a Beyer of 101. It's the best career number in the field - and the best Beyer put up by a 3-year-old this season at Oaklawn. There's a chance he controls this from the bell. 8 COAL BATTLE is a battle-tested runner who has never been beaten on dirt in five starts on the surface. The millionaire has won two of the first three local points races at the meet and has shown versatility as he's had success from both on and off the pace.

Race 14 2 LAT LONG is a Grade 3-placed runner who popped a notable Beyer two starts ago at Oaklawn. 11 CAT ON TIME was second last time to a next-out Grade 3 stakes winner in Hall of Fame. 7 GUNOE removes blinkers and his best local start came without the equipment.

Meet the Contenders: Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park | Sat. 3/29

by Jeremy Plonk

While its history dates to 1936, the last 20 years of the Arkansas Derby have given us some epic performers – Smarty Jones (2004), Curlin (2007) and American Pharoah (2015) chiefly among those. Saturday's \$1.5 million Grade 1 test matches local winners of the Smarty Jones, Southwest and Rebel against an upstart from the all-too-familiar Bob Baffert barn.

Let's meet the contenders for the Arkansas Derby (Race 13):

#1-BRERETON'S BAYTOWN: Eighth in the Rebel at 188-1 odds, this well-traveled colt from Kentucky makes a return trip to Arkansas. Owns wins at Charles Town and Laurel with Charles Town-based jockey Marshall Mendez and reunites with that rider Saturday for Paul McEntee.

#2-FIRST DIVISION: Last year's duo with Arkansas Derby third-place finisher and next-out Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan – trainer Kenny McPeck and jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. – look for a return ticket. Son of 2019 Arkansas Derby winner Omaha Beach makes his stakes debut after a win, a second and a third from 3 starts at the current OP meeting.

#3-PUBLISHER: Late-running fourth-place finisher from the Rebel Stakes adds blinkers for the first time on Saturday. Trainer Steve Asmussen won last week's Louisiana Derby with fellow Rebel Stakes alumnus Tiztastic. Asmussen's 4 Arkansas Derby victories all-time trails on Bob Baffert and Todd Pletcher with 5 apiece. Flavien Prat won this race 2 years ago aboard Angel of Empire. Son of 2015 Arkansas Derby winner and Triple Crown hero American Pharoah has yet to win in 6 starts.

#4-BESTFRIEND ROCKET: Back-to-back allowance winner at Laurel and most recently at Oaklawn since moving to D. Wayne Lukas' barn. Lukas won the Virginia Derby 2 weeks ago at Colonial Downs with American Promise (with Nik Juarez also riding) and looks for a second potential Kentucky Derby qualifier. Lukas' 2 Arkansas Derby wins came in 1984-'85 with Althea and Tank's Prospect. Son of 2007 Arkansas Derby winner Curlin.

#5-SPEED KING: Front-running Southwest Stakes winner in January gets a third matchup vs. Arkansas Derby rival Coal Battle. Ran second to that one in Remington Park's Springboard Mile by a half-length, but was no match when 15 lengths back when 10th last out in the Rebel. Ron Moquett teams again with Rafael Bejarano, who piloted Arkansas Derby winners Papa Clem (2009) and Overanalyze (2013).

#6-SANDMAN: The Southwest runner-up added a third-place finish in the Rebel Stakes, beaten a total of 2-3/4 lengths in races won by Arkansas Derby re-matched rivals Speed King and Coal Battle. \$1.2 million Tapit colt was an allowance winner over the Oaklawn track in December and has won 2 of 7 overall. Mark Casse trained 2017 Arkansas Derby winner Classic Empire and changes riders here to Jose Ortiz, coming off a runaway leading jockey title at Fair Grounds.

#7-MONET'S MAGIC: Fifth in the Southwest at 44-1 odds, the Good Magic colt bypassed the Rebel and enters freshened with a light workout tab for trainer Ben Colebrook. Local allowance winner in December over a wet track. Jockey Luan Muchado won last week's Jeff Ruby at Turfway on the Kentucky Derby trail.

#8-COAL BATTLE: Riding a 4-race winning streak – all in stakes – the Smarty Jones and Rebel winner looks to remain perfect at Oaklawn. Trainer Lonnie Briley's horse of a lifetime is comfortably in the Kentucky Derby field on points and has had 3 workouts with an extended, 9-day spacing between heading into the Arkansas Derby. He's won 5 of 7 for more than \$1 million and regular rider Juan Vargas returns from Louisiana.

#9-CORNUCOPIAN: Smashing debut sprint winner at Oaklawn on Feb. 23 during the Rebel Day undercard, where stablemate Madaket Road would later finish second. Madaket Road heads to the Florida Derby this week while this \$1.1 million Into Mischief colt gets his class and distance test. Five-time Arkansas Derby winner Bob Baffert looks to follow Muth's win last year and a sixth victory would surpass Todd Pletcher as the race's all-time leader. Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez aims for his first Arkansas Derby win.

Wheeling Greyhounds (Post 1:00)



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BEST BETS - RACE 11 # 2 JSP HUSH MONEY

RACE 14 # 2 SS FULL METAL



SANTA ANITA - POST 4:00

Analysis & Selections By: Brad Free

BEST BET: Annan (4th race)

First Race **8**. Rank **1** Broski **6** Mythical Reel

One more chance for RANK? The nine-start maiden drops from a turf-mile stakes into a turf mile for maidens. His last-out fifth was okay; he was in contention at the quarter pole of the Pasadena Stakes before he faded. He removes blinkers for his second turf try, and gets Lasix. After facing tough company throughout his career, maybe the tenth time will be the charm. BROSKI is racing into shape; he has improved since he was gelded in December. He finished third both starts as a "G," including a better-than-looked effort last out while compromised by the race shape. BROSKI set the pace to deep stretch before being run over by rivals who rallied from last and next-to-last. The uncertainty this time is the mile and one-eighth distance. The sire of BROSKI was a sprinter whose best progeny are mostly sprinters. Second preference, nonetheless.

Second Race **3**. Tapatia Leah **4** Sexy Blue **9** Jolie Candy

TAPATIA LEAH finished second, far clear of third, both recent starts at this maiden-50 class level. The pace-pressing filly could get a good trip behind the speedster to her outside, and if that one drifts wide like last out, 'LEAH can cut the corner and win by reproducing her last start. The likely pacesetter is SEXY BLUE, who ran well last out. She dueled with the favorite and put her away, drifted wide into the lane, tried to fight back, and finished more than nine lengths clear of third. 'BLUE is speed, but the rival she put away last time is now drawn outside.

Third Race **1** Pilot Commander **2** Fort Bragg **4** For All Mankind

PILOT COMMANDER is solid in this five-runner G3 sprint, based on a decisive N2X win last out and creditable fourth in the G1 Malibu two back. The lightly raced (3-for-6) sprinter worked well since raced including a team work with stablemate FORT BRAGG in which 'COMMANDER raced inside, took pressure, and held sway. The inside post is a challenge, but the sharp colt is the "now" horse in a stakes won by favorites six of the last nine years.

Fourth Race **2.** Annan **5.** Just a Graze **1** Canani

ANNAN, whose last-out runner-up finish was better than it looks on paper, should win this Cal-bred maiden turf mile. After missing his entire 3yo season, he returned as improved horse this year at age 4. His last was his best yet. He was shuffled on the backstretch, and then shuffled completely out of position on the far turn, re-rallied between rivals, finished well, and galloped out alongside the winner. Super effort by ANNAN; the race was validated when winner King of Clubs returned to win an allowance. If he gets clear sailing, ANNAN looks tough. JUST A GRAZE stretches out for the first time, following a solid runner-up sprint. He is a full sibling to Feeling Grazeul, who was two-for-two in routes. CANANI also stretches out; his best finish was his only previous route, third in a similar race in January. FIGHT BACK is a seven-start maiden who did not have a great trip last out. He will rally late.

Fifth Race **1.** Brother o' Brien **4** Happy Does **6** Supermazel

Class dropper BROTHER O' BRIEN can win this \$5k claiming field. It's a route restricted to Northern California horses/horsemen. After misfiring vs. better in January, BROTHER O' BRIEN has been off nearly three months. He returns at the bottom level with speed figures that suit this level.

Sixth Race **3.** Lady Gregory **7.** Unwritten Code **6.** Dr. Ray D.

A solid cast of turf sprinters entered this \$25k starter/optional \$32k claiming. The call is LADY GREGORY, who crushed a Cal-bred allowance last out in the best race of her 10-for-27 career. The durable and consistent mare has improved this season

Seventh Race **2** Big Bet **9.** Bowtie Boys **7.** Swift Stephan

This \$16k claiming N2L route is a good spot to take a shot at a price. BIG BET is listed 10-1, and should be every bit that high. Although he misfired his last two starts, his speed figures last summer and fall would be fast enough, and he has never raced at this low level. He was only prepping last out in a turf sprint; his best races are two turns. First time at this level, he can upset with a pressing trip.

Eighth Race **1** Tirupati **3.** Alpha Bella **5.** Uncorked

Runner-up in a G2 turf mile last out, TIRUPATI is the choice in this G3 turf mile. The consistent filly has tactical speed for a pressing trip; her only misfire was when she was overmatched in the G1 Matriarch. She hit the board 11 other starts. ALPHA BELLA goes dirt to turf, which is fine in theory. Although she raced only on dirt four starts in California, in-the-money in three graded stakes, she won a G3 on turf last year in Florida, so she has a right to run well on turf

Ninth Race **6** Tessuto **5.** Touchdown Brown **9.** Devil Among Us

Lots of contenders in this NIX sprint including TESSUTO, who had a brutal trip last time in a similar spot. He was blocked and shuffled on the turn, blocked on the rail in the stretch, and eliminated. It was a toss race. Runner-up both previous starts at this level, TESSUTO might only need a clean trip to score a minor upset.

Tenth Race **10.** Inner Fury **9.** Velocity **1** Sunglow

Irish import INNER FURY has trained as if she can fire first out in this turf sprint for maiden 3yo fillies. She finished a troubled fourth her only start last year in Ireland; she worked well this month since being listed as a vet scratch Feb. 16. The training-track workout by INNER FURY on March 23 was solid (viewed online). It looks like a "go" first start back. Second-time starter VELOCITY is a must-use. Even though her debut was okay, it was a highly rated dirt race and she probably needed the start. She worked well before and after that race, including a bullet work on the synthetic training track that suggests the switch to turf is acceptable.



Turfway (Post 5:55)

1 ST RACE	9	Lock It Up	9-1-6-8
SECOND RACE	2	Filly Crystal	2-12-3-11
THIRD RACE	12	P K Wood	12-6-13-8
FOURTH RACE	5	Harmonica	5-7-3-4
FIFTH RACE	1	Greystone	1-8-12-9
SIXTH RACE	5	Long Neck Paula	5-10-2-1
SEVENTH RACE	3	Cowboy Justice	3-9-12-14
EIGHTH RACE	7	Inflation Nation	7-10-4-6
SECOND RACE	6	Redheadedstranger	6-8-7-1



MEADOWLANDS HARNESS - 6:20

By Derek Giwner

BEST BET: HERVEY HANOVER (2nd) SPOT PLAY: AMERICAN DEALER N (10th)

Race 1: (6) WHAMMER JAMMER moves to a much better spot in the middle of the gate tonight. This guy has been racing pretty well, can take air with the best of them and actually catches a softer group than we saw in this division last week. (10) APERTIF is without a doubt the horse to beat if he doesn't face too much resistance as he fires off the gate. (2) FRAZIER HANOVER dropped a couple of seconds in his second start back from winter vacation. Silva makes bread in these amateur races and is a master at turning horses around. (7) YER SO BAD always seems to be coming late for a share of the lower exotics.

Race 2: (1) HERVEY HANOVER returned from a six week break in action in his debut for the Engblom barn last time. He went to the front, was shuffled to third and overcame stretch traffic to easily finish second while shut down late. I'd accept 3-5 in this spot and consider it value. (2) EURO STEP was third over through somewhat slow fractions last time and paced home very willingly. 1-2-6-7

Race 3: (7) NATIONAL SPORT pushed away from the gate nicely but had too much company last time and had to settle for a tuck. After that he gained mildly late from third over. In a field with no standouts, he's arguably the sharpest. (10) MASK ON MASK OFF was third when last in this class. He should be firing hard off the wings tonight and if he doesn't have too much company it could work out nicely. 7-10-3-6

Race 4: (2) BOBCAT BAY failed on the engine last time but looks to be in a prime spot here when you look at the potential pace scenario. There are a couple who may show early speed but only #4 has done so in his last two starts. Inside post gives Siegelman the option of floating away and making a quick move to the front or firing out and making others take a seat. 2-8-4-1

Race 5: (10) STATESIDELCKDWN GB took a few starts to get into gear but boy did the switch go on last time when Miller bypassed a tuck to drive on for the front and this guy never looked back. Miller chose a 3-year-old here, which is no surprise, but we get a great substitute in McCarthy. (4) SUMMIT SEELSTER was perhaps a bit green but he certainly had hidden pace left on the end of his Pocono qualifying mile. Sweet Lou-sired colt could have more in the tank tonight than people expect and will be a big price. 10-4-7-9

Race 6: (1) ABSOLUTE POWER absolutely uncorked a serious move to the front and powered away very impressively. If she turns in the same effort she wins again. If she improves in his second start back from winter break, she crushes them! (9) TONY'S MOM returns to The Meadowlands and when she was last seen here the result was a three length win in the same class. 1-9-2-6

Race 7: (10) LUKE'S BAR has proven himself with a win and two top-three finishes in this class already. People will likely shy away from him due to post 10, but with the amount of early speed signed on things could set up very nicely. (3) ROCKET MAN HILL stepped up his game in start two for this barn and you have to like that he can stalk and pounce. The race could certainly play into his hands as well. 10-3-2-7

Race 8: (2) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A moves up in class in theory but really doesn't face the toughest NW7500 group around. The last time he was in this class the race went sub 1:50 and I don't see any of these popping off a mile like that tonight without plenty of help. (1) T DOG is a nice honest horse who can sometimes overcome a bad trip and can race with multiple styles; main contender. 2-1-8-5

Race 9: (7) ODDS ON LAUDERDALE was saved and finished up willingly in his first start since November. He lands in what looks like a softer spot but I do have some concern that he is simply prepping for Plainridge. Last year he was just ok here but won three straight at the New England oval upon departure, so demand some value. (2) JOHNNY CHIP came up just short of a career best mile at age 10 last weekend. New trainer Odza can keep the good times rolling. (4) KNOCKIN OUT seemed to get along with Miller last time and he sticks this week. (3) BLOODHOUND did a 180 to win in the amateur ranks a couple of weeks back. If Silva has him right now there is no reason he can't play in here.

Race 10: (10) AMERICAN DEALER N was stuck behind a gapper and finished up his mile with some pace in his 2025 debut. Classy 8-year-old is very capable of firing off the gate to overcome the post and this seems like the right spot to take that shot. (3) STONEBRIDGE REEF goes for four straight wins tonight as he continues to climb the ladder . Why not again? 10-3-7-2

Race 11: (7) LUKE MCGOOK bumped up a level and still won by open lengths last time in an exact clocking. There is no reason he can't keep the streak going. (10) JILLIBY DYNAMITE A was Miller's choice on the class drop and he'll likely be heavily backed. A warning that his last two tries in this condition produced second-place finishes and not wins. (5) DANCE PARTNER is the other class-dropper in the field. He's more of a trip threat than a killer for NW5000. (2) SWEET JEFF IR has proven that he can be competitive with these if on his game.

Race 12: (7) OUTSIDE THE FIRE is a horse I was firmly against last week and after leaving he ended up making a break. Tonight he lands in a much better spot and really has no excuses for failure. (5) DRIBBLING BI moves up and down the ladder without much trouble. 7-5-3-6.

Race 13: (6) IDIOSYNCRATIC gets a barn and venue change after an unsuccessful run at Pocono versus tougher competition. He should perk up here and potentially find early speed as well. (8) TOTO HANOVER and (9) ITS SHOWTIME are both proven commodities when they drop to this level. Either could win if the top one isn't on his game. (2) FUGLEMAN finished well late from fourth over last time.

Race 14: (2) LOU ON THE BEACH improved in his first start for Hernandez and it is interesting to see he reaches out for a catch-driver tonight. I'm expecting all systems to be on go. (9) COLE ON THE BEACH flashed big early speed and picked up a win in his last try in the TM71 class; 2-9-6

Woodbine Harness (6:30)

Spot Plays : John Rallis

Best Bet: MS QUICK SAND (RACE 5) Spot Play: SORCHA SEELSTER (RACE 9)

Early Pick 5: 2,5,7/1/6/5,6,8/6 = \$1.80

Late Pick 5: 4,5/3/7/2,4/1,3,10 = \$2.40

Race 1: (7) TOBINS CHESTER is coming off a respectable 4th place effort vs. much tougher company in his latest. He faces a group more to his liking and should be primed for a good performance this evening. 7-2-5-8

Race 2: (1) FASHION FRENZIE is looking to sweep this New Holland Series and looks tough to beat given his most recent try. He will likely make front early and be tough to catch. 1-2-3-4

Race 4: (6) FADEAWAY HANOVER has started off his sophomore campaign a perfect 2-2. He has trotted the lane great in both efforts and looks poised to triple up this evening based on those two efforts; top call. 6-8-5-1

Race 5: (6) MS QUICK SAND hasn't hit the board in her first two starts of 2025. This will now be her 3rd straight start at this level and she looks as good as anyone to find the winner's circle here; this is a perfect spot. 6-4-8-2

Race 9: (2) SORCHA SEELSTER just rode the rail in her 2025 debut and finished an even 6th. It was an effort I expected given she had one lone qualifier to prep for that start. She should be much tighter coming into this race and I'll give her the nod to find the winner's circle here. 2-10-1-3

Race 12: (7) COCO PUFF POWER will make her 5th start here in 2025 and is coming off a winning qualifier in preparation for it. She adds Lasix and I think that addition could be of a great benefit. Top call. (4) DG HOLI SHAMOLIE raced very well in a winning effort. She steps up here but is one that can grab a big piece if she's in contention.

Race 14: (3) ALL BETS ON TEX was aggressively handled in his latest and finished 3rd despite a first-over bid. He draws inside this evening and should be able to work out a favorable trip because of it. (10) KOLBY TWO STEP was a dominant winner in his latest but draws outside in an overflow field of 12. He will have to work harder to grab a seat early but has the talent to double up in this spot. 3-10-8-1-7-2

Remington Park Selections

By Jerry Shottenkirk
Saturday, March 29

(7:00)

1st Race

2 DM HEZA DAN D
3 VP ROCKET RYON
6 PFR BERNAL SPIRIT
4 SULLYS COUNTRY WAGON

2nd Race

9 FLYING CHANCE
10 KASH WELL SPENT
1 WORKING CLASS HERO
3 INNOCENT DOWN PERRY

3rd Race

7 WF APOLITICAL BULLET
1 SHEZA A HOT SECRET
8 FAST N LOOSE
6 FRIONAS TURNPIKE

4th Race

1 CHILLEY
3 KISS OF CORONA
8 LETHAL ARTILLARY
6 FAMOUS DREAM FLYER

5th Race

5 FDD JESS SPEED
6 WR PATRON
2 IM YOUR HOCKABERRY
10 JT BOSS MAN

6th Race

2 EL GRAN MARTINO
7 LINDA CARTEL
8 AM DASHING LIVEWIRE
4 PT REX

7th Race

6 THE EVANGELIST
1 KYCKSTART MY HEART
2 TEMPTING MARIAH
5 CARLIES MONEE LYFT

8th Race

1 LOTA TOTHERECUE
8 BP RISKY BUSINESS
2 JESS CORONA ME
3 HES A CAPO DASH

9th Race

1 TWO TO TUESDAY
4 JTC DUTCH N MEXICO
7 TWO SEE SEAS
9 DUANES BETTY

10th Race

2 VOLCANEAX
1 KONSPIRE
8 FIRST CARTEL POWWER
9 JR PAY THE MAN

11th Race

3 O DONOVAN ROSSA
1 WYNNCHESTER
5 ROCK YA LATER
4 MARKUS AURELIUS

12th Race

2 JS ON FIRE
6 NOTHIN LIKE YOU
5 MYSTIC PAINT
8 ONE STOLIN EAGLE

TODAY'S BEST BET

EL GRAN MARTINO (6th)

PICK FIVE

(Races 1-5)
2-3 with 9-10-1-3 with 7-1-8 with 1-3 with 5-6 (\$48)

PREMIER PICK FOUR

(Races 2-5)
9-10-1-3 with 7-1-8 with 1-3 with 5-6-2 (\$36)

PINNACLE PICK FOUR

(Races 6-9)
2 with 6-1-2-5 with 1-8-2-3 with 1-4-7-9 (\$32)

PRIMETIME PICK FOUR

(Races 9-12)
1-4-7-9 with 2-1 with 3-1-5 with 2-6-5 (\$36)

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Los Alamitos (9:30)

By George Duarte

Race 1 5-6-1-2

Pick 4 Play : 5,6 / 1,2,4 / 1,5 / 2

5 Speed of the Nile

Stalked a clear leader last out, was stuck four wide on the turn by rival and kept on gamely to earn second behind the loose leading winner. Was claimed out of that outing and has run very well in both tries at this distance. Should be able to sit right off of Last Call Vron and take command into the lane. Will be hard to deny with a repeat of any of his local outings.

6 Thirsty Gambler

Faced a much better group last out, was knocked hard into rival at the start and failed to threaten. Had a light workout pattern coming into his race two back off the layoff. Appeared to need that one and he kind of just went around the track one paced. Should be fitter off those two tries and now gets a good post position to track the pace. Has run some races that can compete with these in the past

Race 2 1-2-4

1 Smiling Amy

Tracked a contested pace three wide on the backstretch last out, opening quarter was 23.59, took the lead in mid stretch, and was run down by closing rival in the final fifty yards. Winner came back to run fourth in an allowance race in her next start and fourth place finisher came back to win a \$6,250 claimer. Should sit a good ground saving trip right behind the expected pace and get first run on them.

2 Tiny Prancer

Dropped to the bottom level two back and won with absolute ease. Stepped way up in class last out, was shuffled back at the start, immediately lost ground and failed to threaten. Makes local debut in a protected spot. Should be the quickest in this group and will be hard to run down if able to clear. The one to beat.

Race 3 5-1-6-2

5 Natural Fighter (IRE)

Ran to his worktab on debut last out, showed good speed to easily lead and drew off handily in a strong clocking. Draws well outside his main speed threat and has plenty of upside to offer. Came back to work well last week and looks primed and ready to improve off his very promising debut. Strictly the one to beat.

Race 4 2-4-3

2 Conejo Malo

Ridden along to chase a 23.60 opening quarter three wide, was hard asked to keep up on the turn, and kept on to earn second in the lane. Takes a small drop in class tonight and figures to be inside controlling speed. Has also been incrementally improving for new connections since being claimed and top rider stays aboard.

Race 5

5-4-6

5 Winding Mare was a four time winner who qualified to the All American Futurity and ran fourth on debut. Three siblings have raced and one ran second on debut. Hesitated at the start in March 1st work in between workmates and was hand ridden to the wire. Came away better in March 16th work from the outside, asked once early, and responded very well to show plenty of run to the wire. Trainer is more than capable on debut.

Race 6

3-7-1-4

3 Beyond Repair Mare ran third on debut and 2 of 7 foals have won on debut. Most notable foal is three time futurity qualifier Optical Illusion (268k). Sire wins at a 10% clip with debut 2yos. Worked outside of stablemate on March 8th, leaned back a bit while breaking outward, showed good acceleration under mild hand ride.

7 Ab Corona de Rey Mare won on debut and qualified to a Indiana Bred futurity. Lone sibling is a one time winner who ran seventh on debut. Sire wins at a strong 16% with debuting 2yos. Came away cleanly outside of two workmates on March 1st, had a wide path throughout and finished evenly. Compact gelding came away ok in March 16th work and kept to mild urging to the wire. Draws well and has that win early look to him. Barn is known for their two year old prowess.

Race 7

3-5-1-2

3 Una Dulce Flora Mare was seven time winner and ran third on debut. Lone sibling ran seventh on debut and is a one time winner. Sire was an eight time winner who won on debut and is 4 for 12 with debut runners and three have run second. Came away running in March 4th work, mildly corrected early and maintained a straight path while finishing well. Displayed a very short stride while under a light hold in puzzling March 19th work. Must consider off that first gate work.

5 Beuteeful Mare was a three time winner who won on debut. Five siblings have won on debut out of fourteen. Came away well while brushing with stablemate in February 19th work, showed good acceleration and was put into a hammerlock during the final hundred yards. Was kept under a similar hold in March 8th work while showing a ton of run. Looks to be primed and ready for debut.

Race 8

4-2-3

4 Billionaire Behavior Mare was winless and ran tenth on debut. Four foals have raced, with one win and one third on debut. Champion sire wins at a 10% clip with first time starters. Came away a bit green in March 1st gate work in between stablemates, drifted in early and finished with interest. Good sized colt came away much better in March 16th work and was allowed to do it all on his own to the wire. Barn is known for their juveniles.

Race 9

5-2-1

5 Mambacita Overcame breaking thru the gate last out, came away well, was under steady urging and won well in a 9.85 final eighth. Ran a solid clocking against rival who since cleared this condition two back off a layoff. Ran very well at this distance against Maiden Stakes winner Amore For A Reason. Is the one to beat, but needs to mind her gate manners