

BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT (11:35)



By Kevin Cox

Race 1 #5 CENTRAL AVENUE has missed the money but one time in her nine race career, and that includes a well clear runnerup finish the only time she was last to load. Gal has done some decent work beneath Javy, and is sitting in a third of the layoff situation today. #1 RUTH has gotten waffled in three consecutive stakes starts, but there are no world beaters in this one, and she was a snappy second place finisher the only time loading first. #4 INDY LABEL doesn't need to take her track with her, as this is her 9th different venue from 16 starts to date. Obvious that off the second best figure of her career.

Race 2 #5 REBEL INSTINCT down the lane. #6 DOUBLE ACT overcame a bit of trouble to pick up 12% of the pot when getting his working papers about a month back, and draws ideally for today's follow-up. #4 BUNTUS FOCLORA improved by leaps and bounds when having blinkers affixed last out, and while a bounce is always possible off of something like that, we'd be remiss in excluding.

Race 3 #1 BOURBON MILK PUNCH has missed the superfecta one time in eight races to date, and as she's beginning to give the impression of becoming a bit of a nibbler, has blinkers a fixed for the first time while sliding in six slots. Logical. #2 CELTIC MOTIF hasn't been seen since Hector was a pup, but lost by only a neck in her only start off a sabbatical, and gets an upgrade in the training department for today's return. #3 SHIRL'S DELIGHT has always preferred the fringes, but has done well in second off the bench engagements and can't fault those including.

Race 4 What can you say about the \$7,500 West Virginia bred #1 COASTAL MISSION ? This gutsy gray gelding dances every dance, and has been an absolute check earning machine throughout his working life, having scored in nearly half of his career outings. That includes decent marks when first to load, and then second off the bench spots. Won this race last year off of this type of setup as well. #3 NELSON AVENUE has the quintessentially perfect career declining mark that we've grown to love over the years, as it tells us that he has a nose for the finish line. Obvious threat cutting back from two turns to one. 1-3-6

Race 5 #9 ROUTE bested more than half the field when starting things out up in Togatown at the end of July, but the connections have seen enough, as they've this 280k purchase available for less than 1/9th of that today. Obvious factor if sound and fully cranked up. 9-1-2

Race 6 #4 COME ON GET HAPPY was as soft as a partridge when finishing up the track in the July 26th lidlifter, but that has proven to be a key event, as seven returnees have amassed a cumulative 7:3-1-2 mark in their next six sui generis events. #7 CONCURRENTLY was a gamely runnerup finisher when transitioning to the dirt for the first time, and makes all kinds of sense right back. #8 IRRESISTABLE (we can relate) picked up 12% of the pot and the debut, and accomplished such despite smacking into the starting apparatus at the onset.

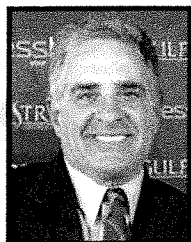
Race 7 Small field , but a competitive rendition of the Red Smith (a famous New York sportswriter) this year, and we are going to lean towards the #2 FLEETFOOT. This former steeplechase runner has made a new career on the flat, (which is kind of cool as usually it's the other way around), & he comes in today off an open length win at Far Hills a couple of weeks back, and when you factor that in with a solid 33-1 runnerup finisher in a G3 event at Leopardstown just before that, you have the makings of a sensible selection. #3 DANCIN IN DA'NILE is a steady if unspectacular sort who owns a decent amount of back class, as well having done okay at today's trip. #1 COMMON DEFENSE has hit the board all four times since transitioning to the verde, and owns the ability to send or rate just a bit.

Race 8 #1 ICE CHOCOLAT is made available for purchase for the first time today, and does such off an honest showing directly behind a next out victor Nordes de lignes. Switches from an apprentice to a journeyman, & is the meekest of selections. #7 BOLTAGE recently showed in an identical spot, & must be included off of that. #8 LIVE HIGH LIVE LOW bested what we would consider to be a tougher grouping on 10/19 and factors here.

Race 9 Final stakes of the day is named after the legendary Hall of Famer Bold Ruler, & we are going to side w/ #5 FULL MOON MADNESS. This boy has done his finest work at today's distance of ground, as the 4 of 8 mark stands out quite favorably against the 1-7 record otherwise. #7 HURRICANE NELSON went to coast to coast like butter & toast the last time he was in a second off the bench spot, & owns a snappy record at today's dist.; seems to have a good rapport with Franco, & should be in the thick of things. #4 SUBROGATE is 3:2-1-0 off a respite, & is sensible because of that.

Race 10 #2 STAMP OF APPROVAL made every call a winning one when beating what we felt to be a slightly tougher field a bit over a month back, and as she's only had one clunker in four sod starts to date, we are digging her chances once again. #1 TOES has done nothing but improve with each passing start, and because of such, we feel she should be able to fare quite well in her first try against winners. #5 THIENE has hit the super in all three second off the bench jammies, and that's enough for us to include.

Race 11 #12 FAIRY GODMOTHER possesses a couple of crisp morning moves in preparation for today's curtain raising, & although she is a late foal, this grey gal doesn't appear to be facing much. #9 GREYJOY showed marked improvement second time out, & did such vs. somewhat tougher competition. #4 WHAT A WEEKEND is showing a best of 122 gate move for her initial afternoon trek to the front side, & although Katie has been Nordic on the meet, she has done exceptionally well for Double D, as DRF Formulator is showing them on a 6 for 15 streak together, with payouts of \$7, \$5 x 2, \$54, \$15, and \$64.



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by Ron Nicoletti

Sunday, November 2, 2025

RACE 1:

6 LILYS BACK is cutting back to a mile after vying for the lead and finishing third vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Ron Spatz has Leonel Reyes up. **1 GIDDY UP BABY**, the beaten favorite four consecutive races, gets the blinkers back hoping to cure the current also ran status. **8 HIT SONG** is dropping to the \$17,500 level after finishing a so-so sixth vs \$45,000 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs on the Laurel turf. Trainer Monica McGoey has Rajiv Maragh overseeing the local return.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-8

RACE 2:

2 CAMM'S PRINCESS stretches out slightly after responding to the drop in competition with a game second going a mile and seventy yards last out. Antonio Sano has Edwin Gonzalez at the controls. **3 SEVILLA** is making the first start since finishing second to repeat winner I Love Venezuela at this level during August. Apprentice Yolber Torres gets the riding assignment. **7 LOSECONTROL** is stepping up to the next logical level after rallying four wide to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile on the dirt. Saffie Joseph Jr is 24% winning consecutive races.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-7

RACE 3:

7 SCOTTIE TOO HOTTIE will be outfitted with blinkers after breaking from an outside post, setting the pace, and finishing third in his promising turf debut at this level and distance. Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo rationing his speed. **5 CALIFORNIA SWAG** is a son of Tapwrit debuting for trainer Carlos David with a solid October work tab showing at Palm Meadows. Edwin Gonzalez rides.

4 ONE LAST BULLET is dropping and turning back to five furlongs after showing speed and calling it a day when facing \$75,000 maiden optional claimers going six furlongs on the Aqueduct turf. Joe Orseno has Gaddiel Martinez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 4:

5 TIZASWEETLADY, an impressive maiden winner sprinting on the Tapeta, returns to the all-weather surface after stumbling at the start, rushing up, and fading from contention on the dirt in the seven-furlong Susan's Girl Stakes. Trainer Leon McKanas has Marcos Meneses in the irons. **3 ZEALOT** moves to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim after drawing clear in her \$35,000 debut to score by a geared down 4 ½ lengths. Edgard Zayas rides this shrewd claim. **6 OSCAR BOUND** is debuting locally on the Tapeta after drawing clear to defeat \$35,000 maidens on the Aqueduct main track by 11 lengths. Melanie Giddings has Shaun Bridgmohan named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-6

RACE 5:

8 VALUE INTHE CLOUDS drops into the maiden claiming ranks and turns back to 5 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and fading in his ambitious state-bred special weight debut going a mile and seventy yards. **2 ROUX BUCHERRO** is gelded son of Buccherro debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. Trainer O'Connell, 20% with debut maiden claimers, has apprentice Luis Fuenmayor in the saddle. **6 CHIMUELO** drops to the \$17,500 level after facing tougher on both dirt and Tapeta with limited success. A shaky call at best.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-6

RACE 6:

11 PIQUANT is dropping to the \$25,000 level after returning from the two-month freshening to finish a screw tightening fifth vs allowance runners on Tapeta. His late-striding victory on the turf during June points him out as the one to fear in a race stocked with speed. **3 RASHID**, who used his speed to win consecutive turf races during his summer campaign, returns to the grass after finishing second vs a notch tougher going around two turns on the Tapeta. He's a major player with the rail set at 66 feet.

7 CORTA FUEGO is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after having to steady late when finishing second going a mile last out. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas returning on the gelded son of Divisidero (Kitten's Joy).

SELECTIONS: 11-3-7
RACE 7:

8 CLEAN WINNER is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after chasing the pace and finishing a useful fifth in his six-furlong debut at Aqueduct. Trainer Kelly Breen is 6 for 15 (40%) with maidens making the second start and 21% overall with his freshman runners.

7 CURLEY SUE is cutting back after opening and surrendering a two-length lead when finishing second in her seven-furlong debut. Jose D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes stop the \$350,000 daughter of Curlin, who is the one to fear. **1 WANDER WOMAN** is debuting locally after the pair of chase and weaken outings sprinting vs restricted maiden special weight runners at Saratoga. Tareq Moubarak has Jonathan Ocasio handling the daughter of Blame.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-1
RACE 8:

10 DRUM ROLL moves to the Bobby Dibona barn after holding on to defeat \$20,000 claimers going a mile last out. Mr Dibona, 26% with new claims, has leading jockey Miguel Vazquez atop the three-time turf winner (9-3-2-1). **1 WORLD TRAVELER** is hoping to travel farther after vying for the lead and settling for third place finish behind Drum Roll when they hooked up at a mile last out. Edgard Zayas gets the riding assignment. **5 MORE THAN GLORY** is a consistent sort and the type you want to add to your trifecta and superfecta ticket. Laura Cazares has Jose Morelos trying to grab a share.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-5
RACE 9:

3 ICELANDER, 2 for 2 in the money on the main track, returns to the dirt after coming off the bench and running into Tapeta star Rezarolex in a \$35,000 starter optional claimer going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather surface. **6 LOU THE BODY** is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after getting tagged late when going seven furlongs in the slop. Trainer Dan Hurtak has Rajiv Maragh atop the consistent son of Violence (8-4-3-0). **5 TSHIEBEWE** is dropping into a competitive spot for the hot Jose Castro barn that is 7 for 26 at the meeting thus far. The gelding has speed and aggressive rider Emisael Jaramillo added to the mix.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-5
RACE 10: THE EMPIRE BUILDER

2 PREVENT is cutting back to a mile after setting the pace and finishing fifth behind this familiar competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the grass. The shorter distance and the rail set at 66 feet, earns the son of Neolithic the call. **12 PRIVATE THOUGHTS**, a winner of three consecutive races, breaks from the ultra-demanding outside post when going a mile on the GP turf, which moves him to the second spot. Put this son of Neolithic on the top of the list if there's some scratches to his inside. **5 RELAMPAGO VERDE**, a previous winner at the distance, turns back after coming within a head of catching likely favorite Private Thoughts last out. Bobby Dibona has Miguel Vazquez up.

SELECTIONS: 2-12-5
RACE 11:

5 ABUELO is freefalling to the \$12,500 level and returning to the Tapeta after facing maiden special weight competition on the Kentucky Downs turf. Saffie has Micha Husbands overseeing the biggest drop in racing. **4 SHACE SLOANE** is dropping to the bottom after posting speed figures good enough to defeat this group before going to the sidelines in August. The zero for 11 record is an obvious concern. **3 LEROY BROWN** comes off back-to-back third place finishes at this level, and it can be déjà vu all over again.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-3
BEST BET: RACE 6 – 11 PIQUANT
LONGSHOT: RACE 10 -2 PREVENT

RAINBOW P-6 : RACE 6
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HAWTHORNE

Handicapping Analysis Sun November 2nd, 2025

Jim's Picks

(Post 2:40)

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 1:40 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Pakula - 6 Anthony the Great - 12 Johnny Bolt -

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 2:06 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Sneaky Feet - 1 Averyz Day - 4 Kiss My Charms -

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 2:32 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Union Dolly - 7 Frosted Eclair - 8 Factor That -

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 3:08 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Laly - 1 Dancing Raquel - 10 Sassy Walker -

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 3:34 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Money Agent - 1 Bears' D - 9 Palagio -

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:00 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 He Gone - 4 Union Cait - 9 Boca Beach Club -

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 4:26 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Dessert First - 6 Lucy's Lookin Left - 9 Pasta Salad Rhonda -

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 4:52 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Caught Off Guard - **10** Woodcock Flight (IRE) - **6** It's Bobs Business -

Hawthorne Race 9

Post Time 5:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Another Mystery - **2** Protonic Power - **3** Homie -

Hawthorne Race 10

Post Time 5:44 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Tre Italiani - **4** Oy Gevald - **12** Takeitaway -

Hawthorne Race 11

Post Time 6:10 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

10 Miss River Rat - **1** Atmidnight - **5** Roar of Silence -

Hawthorne Race 12

Post Time 6:36 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Rumbling - **5** Minimo - **7** Zee Fire -

Hawthorne Race 13

Post Time 7:02 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Dixie Penny - **6** Mamba Out - **4** Long Tall Woman -

Hawthorne Race 14

Post Time 7:28 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

9 All About Tonite - **10** Steve - **3** Boldish -

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson
Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

Race 1

#1 Tequilasupernova

#2 Wozniacki

#3 Brittany's Way

#5 Rarified

#1 TEQUILASUPERNOVA was unchallenged on the lead and scored an easy maiden win on October 12 after knocking on the door several times. She looks like a serious threat to wire them again. #2 WOZNIACKI was second best behind Why Em Sea Ay when racing at this level on October 12. Consistent filly had an excuse in her flat-looking Fort Erie race where she was wide on a very rail-favouring track. #3 BRITTANY'S WAY gets back to the Tapeta for the first time since her maiden win in July. She exits a game runner-up finish behind Forester's Exec on the inner turf on September 28. #5 RARIFIED was pressed on the lead and gave way to be third, 1 ¼ lengths behind Wozniacki on October 12. She will shed the blinkers here; her races without them in France were very solid.

Race 2

#1 Breezero

#7 Party On

#2 Empty Gesture

#6 Clay Soldier

#1 BREEZERO had traffic when finishing fourth for \$25,000 while being claimed back by these connections on August 29, and came back to run a big second in an N2X/\$50,000 behind the very solid Miss Vyvyanne. She should be very tough here with a clean trip. #7 PARTY ON was able to win an OS/\$40,000 non-three over this course and distance while still being eligible for non-two on August 31, then took an edge when dropping in for \$25,000 for another non-three score. If she doesn't get hung too wide I think she is a serious player. #2 EMPTY GESTURE chased the rapid Maximum Fifty and gave way late to be fourth when last racing on October 11. She ran a solid third over this course and distance three back. #6 CLAY SOLDIER was able to win for \$25,000 over this course and distance on August 29 before a flat effort on the main track in the same October 11 race that Empty Gesture exits. We'll see if she gets back to form getting back to the turf.

Race 3

#2 Proctor Phantom

#8 Mo' Spresso

#5 Maldini

#7 Here I Go

#2 PROCTOR PHANTOM has not been seen in a year, last finishing a good closing sixth at this level before being sidelined. He has been gelded during the time off and I find it interesting that they continue to protect and five year old making just his fourth lifetime start; the worktab looks solid. #8 MO' SPRESSO finished best to break his maiden on October 13. The only last-out winner in the field also has the best last-out Beyer, posting a 76 for that win. #5 MALDINI ran an okay fifth in a route while being claimed for \$40,000 on September 14. He was able to win in a seven furlong sprint back in May and might not mind the cutback to six furlongs. #7 HERE I GO was beaten just 1 ½ lengths for place when giving way to be fourth in an inner turf route on September 14. He makes his first start in a new barn and they opt to give him a shot in a main track sprint, something he's never tried before.

Race 4

#6 Tiernan

#2 Another Charlie

#4 Knowing

#3 Bucyk

#6 TIERNAN was chasing Sunday's Well and lacked much finish when dropping in for \$25,000 on October 13. He continues to drop and will add blinkers here. #2 ANOTHER CHARLIE was an easy maiden winner on debut for this price on September 19 but flattened out to be forth after dueling on the lead on October 11. If he is quick enough to secure the early lead he could be a threat to wire them. #4 KNOWING had a very nice trip en route to his maiden win for this tag on October 11. He has not missed a check this year and could definitely be in the hunt in his first try against winners. #3 BUCYK raced wide and failed to rally when finishing sixth in the same race that Tiernan exits. He should be able to save some ground this time from a better post.

Race 5

#1 Dancin in Da'nile

#3 Tosen Wish (IRE)

#7 Navy Seal (IRE)

#5 Twowaycrossing

#1 DANCIN IN DA'NILE swung wide and finished gamely to be fourth in the Canadian International last month. He is drawn well here and has a bit shot to earn his first win of the season. #3 TOSEN WISH (IRE) was 3 ¼ lengths behind Dancin in Da'nile when finishing sixth in the Canadian International, but was able to hold him off for

the place spot in the Singspiel in their previous start. If the price is right I would definitely give him a serious look. #7 NAVY SEAL (IRE) has thrived since getting out to these extended distances, winning his N1X at Saratoga in July then his N2X at Kentucky Downs on September 4. He will have to work out a trip from the outside draw. #5 TWOWAYCROSSING looks for his third consecutive win here, dominating a short field of N1X/\$32,000 types while attracting a claim on September 27 but gets an acid test here.

Race 6

#5 Bold Time - Best Bet

#4 Dixie Law

#3 Katie's Grace

#6 Dyna

#5 BOLD TIME was a bit green in her debut but thrived second time out when getting out to two turns, easily winning on October 4. She looks very logical in her Stakes debut. #4 DIXIE LAW had a wide trip in the Natalma but rebounded to beat the boys in the Cup and Saucer on October 5. We'll see if she can replicate that effort racing over the Tapeta for the first time. #3 KATIE'S GRACE was an impressive debut winner, overcoming a wide trip and proving best in deep stretch over seven furlongs. She should have no problem with the route distance and is probably better than the 58 Beyer she earned for her win. #6 DYNA had a tough post and failed to fire when shipping to New York for the Ms Grillo. She ran a solid third in the Catch a Glimpse two back; like Dixie Law she will try the Tapeta for the first time.

Race 7

#1 The Big Con (GB)

#6 Silent Tactic

#7 Big Time Boss

#5 Buium

#1 THE BIG CON (GB) sat last early before rallying and drawing off to a dominant win on debut at Presque Isle on September 17. It's not always easy to figure out how Presque Isle form fits here but he was impressive enough to think that he could be the real deal. #6 SILENT TACTIC surged clear in deep stretch to win his debut over this distance on October 10. Casse's lone entrant in the field earned a 74 Beyer for that win and is arguably the one to beat. #7 BIG TIME BOSS will likely be the pacesetter here. He went to the lead after a slow start and proved best to win at first asking over six furlongs; we'll see how he handles the stretch out. #5 BUIUM missed place by a head when finishing third in the Cup and Saucer on October 5. He will now try the Tapeta for the first time.

Race 8

#7 Artemus Citylimits

#4 Forester's Fortune

#5 Silent Reserve

#1 Dark Screen

#7 ARTEMUS CITYLIMITS had a wide journey but finished very gamely to be third by a neck in an N2X/\$50,000 on October 17. The Vice Regent winner draws outside again but should be very tough dropping in for \$32,000. #4 FORESTER'S FORTUNE has not run a bad race this season but is still in search of his first win of the campaign. He ran a very nice second over this course two back; if the pace melts down he could fly late to pick up the pieces. #5 SILENT RESERVE dueled on the lead and gave way to be last beaten four lengths in the same race that Artemus Citylimits exits. If he can outsprint everyone to the lead he could be a threat. #1 DARK SCREEN was empty at this level when travelling seven furlongs on the main track on September 28. Possibly at his best on turf, he ran very good second over this course behind Go Kart Mozart in the Lake Huron.

Race 9

#3 Light the Lamp

#5 Its Time to Shine

#1 I'm a Gambler (IRE)

#4 Old Chestnut

#6 Go Kart Mozart

#3 LIGHT THE LAMP ran a credible fifth behind some very nice company in the Nearctic on October 4. Hard-knocking six year old has won half of his six starts this season and is a contender in this wide open affair. #5 ITS TIME TO SHINE proved best in the Pink Lloyd three starts ago, a race in which Light the Lamp was third. He was only a half length behind that foe when finishing sixth in the Nearctic; he may offer a decent price and is not without a shot. #1 I'M A GAMBLER (IRE) rallied and briefly led but gave way to be fourth in an N3X/\$80,000 on October 18. Multiple Graded Stakes-placed gelding could be tough on the drop in for \$50,000. #4 OLD CHESTNUT dueled on the turn while racing wide and came up empty in the same race that I'm a Gambler exits. A winner at this level two back, he has been able to rebound from poor races before. #6 GO KART MOZART has won five of six starts this year, finding success in the Ontario Sired Heritage Series before holding on to win an N1X/\$32,000 on October 12. He faces a bit of an acid test here but clearly loves to win.

DEL MAR (POST 3:30)**(BRAD FREE)****BEST BET: Legal Heir (1st race)**

First Race **6** Legal Heir **4** Kokosan **5** Final Edition

A creditable third by LEGAL HEIR in his first route stamps the 3yo the one to beat in this maiden turf mile. 'HEIR opened up early, tired late, and missed by less than two lengths. Good effort by a colt who now removes blinkers. If he can ration his speed second-time long, he could get a great trip positioned second behind likely pacesetter KOKOSAN. The latter stretches out from a pair of fourth-place sprints; he is quick enough make the lead if he wants. KOKOSAN proved in winter he can run long on turf when he missed by a neck in a maiden turf mile at Santa Anita. FINAL EDITION returns from a nine-month layoff. In the money four of five starts, he will pick them up late. Not sure if he is cranked for this comeback, however. ROSTOVSKY, in the money four of six, also returns from a long layoff. The truth is, top choice LEGAL HEIR looks solid.

Second Race **4** Doo Wop Don **1** Devil Among Us **3** Zombo Bombo

Thirteen-time winner DOO WOP DON is the choice in this \$16k claiming sprint, his first start since he was claimed for \$12.5k from a win at one mile. 'DON has won sprinting; he has speed to keep the likely pacesetter in his sights. The new trainer of 'DON, Librado Barocio, has an excellent long-term record first off the claim: 25 percent (11 for 44) the past five years. The likely pacesetter is DEVIL AMONG US. Although six and one-half furlongs might be a reach, the front-runner should clear the field. He could get brave. ZOMBO BOMBO moves up in class from a \$10k claiming N3L to open \$16k. A significant class hike, but 'BOMBO is sharp.

Third Race **1** Track Tiger **2** Diaghilev **3** Cactus Charlie

TRACK TIGER can lead this maiden turf sprint gate to wire if he reproduces his last-out runner-up finish on dirt. 'TIGER dueled early, disposed of his pace rival, opened up, but got worn down. That race was six and one-half furlongs, the cutback to five furlongs benefits the speedster. Come and catch him. DIAGHILEV ran better than his fourth-place finish looks in his career debut at six furlongs. He was hard-held inside and behind horses while anchored, never looked comfortable, but finished okay. He actually ran like a 2yo that wants longer, which makes sense considering the female side of his pedigree. He is a sibling to three route stakes winners including Goliad. Not sure if five furlongs might be too short for DIAGHILEV, but he is likely to improve second time out.

Fourth Race **7** Ballyhooligan **5** Uncle Evco **4** Brother Brother

BALLYHOOLIGAN figures to win this maiden-20 route if he merely reproduces his last-out runner-up finish at the same class level. Though he was no match for the runaway winner, BALLYHOOLIGAN ran fast enough (69 Beyer) to win most races at this level. First off the claim by George Papaprodromou, he should deliver at a short price. UNCLE EVCO is an 11-start maiden racing at the maiden-20 level for the first time. He disappointed last out, but that was his first start in three months. He can improve, and could be positioned closer to the pace while stretching out from sprints. BROTHER BROTHER drops from maiden-62.5k.

Front-runner BACIO and late-runner ROGUE LEGEND give trainer Wesley Ward a one-two punch in this N1X turf sprint for 2yos. The speedball BACIO is the call based on his debut win and excellent runner-up finish last out in a \$100k stakes. BACIO sped to the lead, set a fast pace, and only got worn down late. Super try by a fast colt. He must hold off ROGUE LEGEND, who finished third in both U.S. turf sprint stakes this season. 'LEGEND will be rolling from behind. ARKADELPHIA dueled and cracked in the same Santa Anita race BACIO exits, but ARKADELPHIA might prefer DMR. His two maiden turf sprints here in summer produced a win and a second. He is the main pace rival for the top choice. WON FOR LOU goes route to sprint and will rally late.

Sixth Race **7** Thirsty Trickster **1** Saint Mihiel **5** Rythem Girl

The consistent THIRSTY TRICKSTER is a legitimate favorite in this claiming sprint for 3yo fillies. 'TRICKSTER ran well all three DMR starts this summer including a runner-up finish against older Cal-breds last out. She won a similar 3yof claiming race two starts back and enters as simply the fastest in the field. SAINT MIHIEL wired a \$25k claiming N2L route last out with a decent figure, but now is drawn inside and cutting back to five and one-half furlongs. Second preference, nonetheless. FWIW, she did win her career debut three starts back in a sprint at Energy Downs in Wyoming. RYTHEM GIRL won a N3L claiming race against older last out.

Seventh Race **5** Balnikhov **1** Spycatcher **2** Twirling Point

Class dropper BALNIKHOV is the choice in this N2X/optional \$100k claiming race at a mile and three-eighths on turf. BALNIKHOV has raced exclusively in stakes since his U.S. debut in April 2022, winning four including a trio of Grade 3s. This is the easiest race in a long time for 6yo BALNIKHOV, who is first-time Lasix. He can mow them down. But he will have to catch potential loose-on-the-lead pacesetter SPYCATCHER. The latter finished third in a G2 last out, he could be the controlling speed in this marathon. Not sure if he really wants to run this far, but circumstances are ideal for the potential lone speed. TWIRLING POINT returns to the class level of his respectable third-place finish on this turf course in summer. He fits, if he can stay the trip.

Eighth Race **2** Mimi's Memory **5** Debby's Gal **6** Definitely Prbable

MIMI'S MEMORY gets the call in this restricted maiden race for 2yo fillies, based on her runner-up finish with a compromising trip last out in a similar race. She dueled early, then was rated behind the pace, got blocked behind runners, waited for room, snuck through inside, and got nailed by a late-running longshot. Good try by 'MEMORY, who might be the speed of this field. DEBBY'S GAL disappointed last out, finishing third at odds-on while a nose behind the top choice. Blinkers are on DEBBY'S GAL. DEFINITELY PRBABLE was no match for stablemate Meaning last out when she split the field. 'PRBABLE drops in class to race for the optional \$62.5k claim tag. These are easier.

Ninth Race **8** Tigerhon **6** Flyover **5** Irish Corn

An abundance of speed in this N1X turf sprint sets it up for late-running veteran TIGERHON. Runner-up last out at SA in a similar race, TIGERHON returns to the DMR course on which he has won three. The pace scenario is ideal for a come-from-behind runner. FLYOVER set a sizzling pace and tired last out in a Cal-bred stakes that unfolded at a blistering pace. That race was six and a half, he benefits by the cutback to five. But he does face a handful of other speed types.

WOODBINE HARNESS (6:35)

by Garnet Barnsdale

1ST #2 CAPTAIN FEAR NOT comes out of a race one class higher than this where he drew into the second tier of an 11- horse field, and he got a bit of a slow start after the #1 horse broke before the start and he was then required to follow the #2 out of there. He then got shuffled back to last of the horses that stayed pacing and coming off the final turn he swung widest. He closed full of pace on the far outside, but he ran out of racetrack. Two starts back, he raced first up against a winner that came right back and won in 1:48-flat last Saturday. He now gets to drop to the class level where he last won six starts back where he was driven aggressively. He gets top billing in the opening leg of tonight's \$75,000 guaranteed Pick 5. 2-5-1-8

Race 2 #2 QUEBEC HANOVER dropped to this class level on October 20th, and he got Louis-Phillipe Roy in the bike, and he tried to go right down the road. He laid down some big fractions and he just failed to hold off the pocket sitter. It's hard to believe that a 1:51-flat mile wasn't enough to take a win at this non-winners of \$12,000 last four class level. He also tried to bottom out the field in this class three starts back and he got picked off late by the good mare Emoji Hanover, who just finished fourth, beaten less than two lengths, in the Breeders Crown Final last Saturday night. This gelding has a good chance to lead all the way tonight despite losing Roy. #8 USAIN HANOVER is interesting here because he ships north and races off a stale date, but driver Louis-Phillipe Roy abandons the top choice to take the drive on him. He also moves into the barn of the leading trainer who continues to run hot. This Bar Hopping four-year-old showed that he is fast enough for these when he won in 1:52- flat three starts back at Harrah's Philly. The tote board will likely provide some clues on this one who can contend if he is sharp enough after missing three weeks. 2-8-9-6

Race 3 Selections #5 BOLD SPIRIT was claimed by Tony Montini five starts back and he was raised one class level for his next two starts where he raced just okay. He was then dropped to the level from which he was claimed from, and it was no surprise to see him blast straight to the front leaving the gate on October 6th. He set some solid fractions and held sway, pacing his way to a sub-1:50 win. He came back a week later to double up and he wasn't headed in either starts after he cleared. Last week, with a claim entered, he laid it all out there and he probably went a bit too fast early, cutting a 54 1/5 opening half which led to him getting picked off late. He fires right back at the same level racing off the Duane Marfisi claim, and he figures to be able to set a slower pace racing in a six-horse field. 5-3-2-1

Race 4 #10 TACTICAL STRIKE was forced to requalify before her last start after breaking in two starts in a row. She qualified well against Open trotter and double millionaire Amigo Volo before her pari-mutuel start on October 24th. In that race for a purse, she raced first up against 34-time winner Perfetto who was at his stubborn best racing on the engine. Neither she, nor anyone else was getting past that veteran that night. She draws worst now, which is okay for me because she races better off cover, and the wide post will only add to her price. I'll take a stab with her in this opening leg of tonight's 20-cent Pick 6. 10-1-8-2

Race 5 **#2 ODDS ON CAPITALISM ** Best Bet **** will be familiar with Mohawk Park bettors that have good memories as he was winning at the Preferred level here in March after shipping north from New York. After shipping to the Maritimes for a couple of starts, he took a three-month rest, and he then raced well in two straight at Flamboro Downs. If he is anywhere close to his best, this is a field that he should smoke, and he gets top billing in this anchor leg of the early Pick 5. #8 THE MAGIC MOMENT was on a big roll before he raced over his head here on October 9th where he faced some good Grassroots colts that were simply too fast for him. Prior to that start, he won five straight and nine of 10 coming into that race, including a 1:51 4/5 lifetime best score here in early September. This is a much better spot for him, and he should have a big shot in here if he is sharp enough having last raced on October 9th. He is the other one that I would consider using on early multi-race tickets. #6 CAPTAIN BUTLER ventured to Flamboro Downs for a start, and he was sent off as the 3 to 5 favorite. He tried making a middle move to the front and he got issued the parking ticket, but he hung in there well to stay for second. That was an improved effort, now he draws the best post. He will likely blast off for position here and I can see him sticking around for a slice. #5 GRAVITATIONAL drew the rail at Flamboro Downs and he used that advantage to take no prisoners after making a second quarter move to the front. He dug in to take his fourth win of the season in his 23rd start, and he is another that can get positioned near the front tonight. I don't see him beating the top two picks in this race, but he can sit a trip and round out the Tri or Super. 2-8-6-5

Race 6 Selections #8 SUNSET LOO raced three times in October, and he dropped more than five seconds in 19 days. In his most recent start, he left from the best post, and he followed as a well-meant 1 to 5 shot led all the way to win while setting strong fractions. This homebred half brother to 1:51 Mohawk Park pacer Better Sunset came on for second in that mile and he was driver Trevor Henry's choice here over morning line favorite I Love This Bar. He gets the slight nod. 8-7-9-3