BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT (1:10)



By Kevin Cox

Race 1

#5 SERGEANT CAPPS has completed the exacta in three of his last four starts on the main track, while falling short by less than two lengths the other time. While we're spotting this on top, it's with a good deal of trepidation because of the ice cold connections. #2 FREE SPIN drops in class for the second straight time, and switches back to a surface that she showed improvement on in his second start going over the stuff. Could perk beneath Prat today. #3 PARTY WITH SMARTY is another one finding himself at depths yet seen, and switches from one Maragh to another. Could spice things up beneath the hungry pilot.

Race 2

#4 BRAVE BUCK hasn't been seen since having a claim voided in a winning effort back in July, and is an obvious threat if fully cranked up. Note that's the two who finished directly behind him that day returned victorious when next in action, improving by an average of six points per.. #6 RIDE UP has hit the board in 8 of 11 beneath the seagulls, and has speed to be dangerous. #9 FIRST TRUMPET as bad as any for the show dough in a race that leaves a lot to be desired.

Race 3#4 POCA MUCHA hasn't done much to get the heart thumping in her last pair, but had a bit of trouble in each, and on the whole, has posted a decent collection of figaro's. Should be no worse than third for all of you show grinders out there. #2 SOL D'ORO makes her third start off the bench this afternoon, and slides in six slots while dropping a couple of pounds. Could be sitting on a good one. #3 POOKIE took a fair amount of money last time out, and fell short by only a head in a game effort right here. Recognize that the lone tally came on the Inner beneath today's pilot.

Race 4 #1 OUT ON BAIL is the clear class of this grouping, and lost by just a length in a Grade 1 event the only time he was in his second off the bench spot. Will likely take some pounding at the windows, but it's hard to look past the four exacta finishes from as many starts on firm ground. #5 NO EVIDENCE makes his third start off the bench this afternoon, and the only other time he did that, a well clear runnerup finish was the end result. Sensible, given the fact that he has never missed the board. #8 CAIRO CAPER rounds out the top three.

Race 5 #5 FITZPATRICK has put forth a couple of decent showings at high yards in two of his last three, and this 7YO horse switches from an apprentice to a high percentage journeyman this afternoon. Slight edge. #3 AMUNDSON is an old war horse making his 50th afternoon trek to the front side today, and after uncharacteristically fading last time out, is halved in price to his lowest level yet. If you happen to be at the Big A today, give this fella a polite round of applause during the post parade, because he won't be able to ply his trade here anymore at the end of the year. #6 WINTER'S GHOST lost by a schnoz in his only dirt deal with a bugboy aboard, and uncoupled barnmate without our top selection has a penchant for picking up minor checks.

Race 6 #8 CAIRO CAPER hasn't done much to get the heart thumping in his last pair, but this gray gelding found the line first in his only start at today's distance, and may be a bit of an overlay in a very tight affair. #5 NO EVIDENCE (cross entered on thursday, so check the changes) fell short by less than a length directly behind a next out victor the only time he was in a third off the bench scenario, and gets our main man in the irons, who's done quite well for this outfit. #1 OUT ON BAIL has two placings and a win in as many starts when breaking from the innermost two post positions, and owns a touch of back class while sliding in a whopping 10 slots this afternoon.

Race 7 #6 FEATHER BOA hasn't been seen recently, but classy sort is capable off of a break in the action, and one of those came right here last year. Meekest choice is in a race that's difficult to decipher. #7 TAX IMPLICATIONS overcame some trouble to lose by only a pair the only time she was in a true third of the bench spot, and by far, her best work has come beneath today's pilot. #4 CONI FIZZ has done some excellent work in the southern hemisphere, and that includes an open length win in her only start off a sabbatical. Can threaten if fully cranked up.

Race 8 #1 SHARE THE LUDT immolated some cash \$\$\$ when finishing second in a soft spot up at Finger Lakes, but in all fairness, he was a third place finisher in his only other start off a respite, and then got the job done next time out. Expecting a nice performance today beneath the pilot of his last tally. #2 EMPIRE SKY shoots for the hat trick this afternoon, and given the ascension of Beyers over his last three starts, we'd say it's quite doable. #6 MAN IN FINANCE returned off a lengthy hibernation to pick up 20% of the pot up in Togatown on 8/24, and despite being another money burner, we can see an avenue for a move forward with that under his girthstrap.

Race 9 #9 TOUPIE has the perfect sort of declining mark that we've grown to love through the years, as her 15:6-2-1 overall boxscore tells us she knows EXACTLY where the finish line is. Gal doesn't need to bring her track with her, either, has she started on 10 different ovals in her 15 starts to date, while having done some nice work beneath this helmsman. We like her ability to send or come from off the pace, a&it looks to be her race to lose. #1 JOHANNY goes two turns to one for the first time today and picked up the lion's share the only time she was in a third off the bench spot. Could be rolling late with any sort of pace to cut into. #7 LIVELOVENLAUGHTER is another one who has a nose for the win dough, and should be right in the thick of things late in the game.

Keeneland (1:00)

1st Race

BY Scott Hazelton

10-8-5

#10 Critical Threat fits this level to a T and has won here in the past at Keeneland. If he can clear from the outside post position and get some position going into the first turn, I think he's got a strong hand at this level here in the opener.

2nd Race

5-6-11

#5 Country Club looks like a horse that will benefit from the cut back in distance after going longer at Churchill Downs a month ago. Looks well placed vs. this level of competition here today

3rd Race

7-9-5

#7 Scot's Law was able to win from post position number one on debut. Not an easy task for any first time starter. Moves into the right spot here this afternoon after winning a maiden auction restricted race, which makes her eligible for today's third race.

4th Race

1 - 7 - 11

#1 Prince of Light took a nice step forward in his most recent start getting to go two turns for the first time. Now gets back onto turf and gets to go to two turns on turf for the first time after that race just under a month ago was washed off the grass course at Churchill Downs. These connections, Dixiana Farms, focus their attention on turf racing, and that's exactly where we find this two-year-old today.

5th Race

8-9-12

#8 Hey Boss is it dead closer and he comes with a big run in all of his races regardless of the distance, but he's at his best when going this distance as he is today at a mile and an eighth. He gets the benefit of having more speed to set things up in this race with the presence of #12 Money Run bringing even more gas to the contest.

6th Race

4-12-6

#4 Don't Say It hasn't run in eight months but Trainer Brad Cox always has his horses ready regardless of the scenario. And I think it was intentional that she didn't run at Kentucky Downs, considering she didn't run all that well there last year and that's why they waited to bring her here to Keeneland. Her running style fits the trend of how we've seen these turf sprints won, with horses rallying from off the pace.

7th Race

8-4-9

#8 Energize comes in by way of races at Delaware Park for Trainer Michael Stidham. He stretches out to in distance today, but based on the way that he was able to win his maiden race back in June I think that this 1 1/8 mile distance hould really suit him today.

8th Race

9-2-6

#9 Bless My Stars is a horse that has run twice here in the United States since arriving from South Africa and they ran her in two shorter distance races where she just wasn't nearly as effective.I think that today going a mile and a half on the turf course will bring out the best in her when you consider the races that were some of her better races down in South Africa against group company coming at longer distances on the turf course there in some of the biggest races that South African racing offers.

9th Race

5-9-1

#5 Trouble Calling comes out of a hot race at Churchill Downs on debut and ran well, finishing 3rd. Leaning on that race effort and hoping it works out in the night cap.



Sunday, October 19 Ron Nicoletti

Race 1:

2 Employeeofthemonth

3 One Moment

9 Spun to Purfection

Race 2:

9 Hotter Than Dem

8 Law of One

1 Road Mischief

Race 3:

8 Leprechauna

3 Spicy Guacamole

2 Supers Lucky Lady

Race 4:

3 Sir Cross Traffic

8 Hard Storm

6 Negril

Race 5:

5 Grand Joker

8 Mighty Murphy

11 Tricky Tiger

Race 6:

7 Swashbuckle (LS)

1 Awesome Train

5 The Thor (CHI)

Race 7:

2 Maximus Cat

8 Hot Lead (GB)

5 Itza Law

Race 8:

6 Misprint

4 Tinki Abarrio

11 Chole's Toy

Race 9:

6 Tall Story (BB)

10 Reminder

5 Westhampton

Race 10:

6 St. Olaf Rose

9 Cap Ferrat

2 Both Sides

Race 11:

2 Our Souper Hero

8 Replevin

3 Eleven Bravo

Best Bet: R9 – 6 Tall Story

An impressive maiden winner on turf during June.

Drops and adds blinkers.

Has the speed to dictate the pace.

Longshot: R6 – 7 Swashbuckle

Stretches out to 8 ½ furlongs Impressive winner going a mile last

out.

4 for 4 in the money locally

Gets in light with apprentice Luis

Fuenmayor.





Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Danville - 7/2

5 Regimental - 5/1

3 Polterer - 9/5

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:19 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

Dark Vintage (IRE) - 3/1

3 One Timer - 5/2

Congrats On Fifty - 8/1

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 | Heavenly Beliefs - 7/2

Fight the Power - 2/1

5 Gogh - 9/5

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:25 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

General Issue (FR) - 5/2

7 Lemon Drop Shot - 9/2

4 American Cause - 6/1

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:56 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Zee - 5/2

Then Now 'n Always - 7/2

Biagoddess - 9/2

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:26 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Enticing Option - 5/1

4 Escovedo - 8/5

9 Ww Best of Times - 7/2

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:57 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Kind Kismet - 3/1

2 The Last Thrill - 4/1

8 Fasttimesatmidnite - 6/1

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 6:26 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 | Keen Gal - 6/1

9 Nelly K - 4/1

🛐 I'm Hungover - 7/2

Hawthorne Race 9

Post Time 6:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

A Hawks Creek - 6/1

Commissioner Oscar - 4/1

4 Temper Tantrum - 12/1

WOODBINE (1:05)

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Sunday, October 19th, 2025

Race 1
#3 Wild Card
#4 Gone Hunting
#5 Liberty Bay
#7 Big Screen Boss

#3 WILD CARD was drawing off from the rest of the field while finishing second to Humber River when returning from two and a half months off on September 28. He rallied well when trying turf in June. #4 GONE HUNTING did not seem to care for the Tapeta on September 28 but raced very well in his first two tries on turf and looks very logical here. #5 LIBERTY BAY passed a couple of tired foes when making his local debut over this course against maiden special weight company on September 21. He makes just his third lifetime start here and should fare better at this level. #7 BIG SCREEN BOSS has been privately purchased after his first poor effort on September 18 when routing for the first time. He shortens up a furlong and tries turf for the first time; hopefully he works out a trip from the outside draw.

Race 2 #1 Tabloid Material #5 Verdejo #7 Silent Sky #6 Spirit Bear

#1 TABLOID MATERIAL threw in a clunker last week when falling to last and passing a couple of tired foes, ending her win streak. She comes back quickly and gets in a bit easier; should have speed to close into. #5 VERDEJO showed surprising speed when returning to the races on September 18 and kept on well to be second behind Home for a Rest, who came back to be second in an N1X/\$32,000 last week. Hard knocking mare has lots of back class and is always tough to fully ignore. #7 SILENT SKY was in contention on the turn but came up empty in an N1X/\$32,000 on September 27. She takes the drop in for \$25,000 and should be capable of better. #6 SPIRIT BEAR finished gamely when nosed out for place by Verdejo on September 18. She is frequently there for the minor shares.

Race 3
#6 Souper Success
#2 Priceless Will
#1 Indian Peak
#3 Bachelor Pad

#6 SOUPER SUCCESS made the lead and shot clear in the stretch to win against \$25,000 company on September 27 after being claimed back by these connections for \$10,000. A winner of five out of nine starts this year, he looks like he could be the main speed again here. #2 PRICELESS WILL swung wide and rallied to be third, four lengths behind Souper Success when dropping in for \$25,000 last time. If somebody decides to go with Souper Success on the front end, this gelding seems most logical to take advantage of the setup. #1 INDIAN PEAK was a game third for this price on September 7 before running and even fourth for \$32,000 three weeks later. He is capable of winning on the right day but is a difficult horse to get a read on. #6

BACHELOR PAD chased quick fractions and emptied out when facing N1X/\$32,000 foes over nine furlongs on September 13. Although he is more than capable in routes he will probably appreciate cutting back here.

Race 4
#2 Wembley Avenue
#6 Reb Five
#5 Crosby

#3 Flyonbye

#2 WENBLEY AVENUE had to check at the start and rallied to be second behind Streetshavenoname when debuting on October 5. He rises from the OS/\$40,000 level but definitely deserves a look off of that debut. #6 RED FIVE broke a bit slowly and finished fifth of six when debuting in the Algonquin on the inner turf. He should appreciate the class relief for his second attempt. #5 CROSBY is by 15% juvenile debut sire Street Boss, and the first foal to race out of the lightly raced but solid mare Hidden Wonder. He worked evenly with a stablemate from the gate on September 28. #3 FLYONBYE cuts back to a synthetic sprint after coming up empty in a turf mile on September 14. Both of his synthetic efforts have been solid; blinkers are going on.

Race 5
#7 Fully Completely
#3 Fire and Wine
#2 Sanhedrin
#9 Trevally

#7 FULLY COMPLETELY is by 2-for-12 juvenile debut sire Perfect Timber, out of a route mare who has had one winner in four foals to race. She was outworked from the gate by a pair of stablemates on September 28. #3 FIRE AND WINE led the way down the backside but had to to check going into the far turn and kept on well to be third by just a length when trying a turf mile on September 28. I don't think that was a great field but he showed some grit and definitely deserves a look here. #2 SANHEDRIN was getting in but ran well to be beaten a length and a half when debuting in the same turf race that Fire and Wine exits. He could step forward in his second attempt. #9 TREVALLY showed little in two early dirt sprints at Churchill. Son of Blame should like the stretch out to a route and will add blinkers and lasix in his Woodbine debut.

Race 6 #7 Pierre #6 Mason's Gamble #2 Journeyman #1 Kekoa

#7 PIERRE was bothered at the start but recovered and was second to Kekoa in an effort where I believe he was the best horse on October 2. He has hit the board in all three of his inner turf tries and should fare well here. #6 MASON'S GAMBLE rallied to be fourth beaten 1 ¼ lengths for second in an N2X/\$50,000 on September 13. He was a winner when last racing at this level on July 27. #2 JOURNEYMAN had a troubled trip in the Turf Distance series, was outclassed in the Durham Cup, but got back to form when dropping back in for this tag on October 4. Hard-knocking nine-year-old is a treat to watch, having hit the board in 41 of 66 lifetime starts. #1

KEKOA had a nice inside-out trip when winning an OS/\$40,000 non-three over this course 17 days ago. Multiple Stakes-placed gelding should be able to work out a similar trip from the rail draw.

Race 7 #1 Runnin' Rocket

#5 War Bomber (IRE)

#6 Summer Commander

#2 Crumlin Lad

#1 RUNNIN' ROCKET flew home to be second behind stablemate Old Chestnut who was the controlling speed when making his return to the races as a first time gelding on September 28. Stakes-placed on the Gulfstream Tapeta last year, he has the potential to develop into an excellent sprinter. #5 WAR BOMBER (IRE) makes his first start in 11 months here. Multiple Graded Stakeswinner was winless last year in a campaign chasing the likes of Patches O'Houlihan and Filo Di Arianna; if he is ready to go off of the bench he is the class of this field. #6 SUMMER COMMANDER exits a gate to wire score against N1X/\$32,000 company on September 28. He does not need the lead to win and never really runs a bad race; we'll see how he handles this acid test. #2 CRUMLIN LAD proved best in a stretch battle and attracted a claim when dropping in for \$25,000 on September 7. He was able to win at this level by DQ earlier in the season.

Race 8
#1 Sipping History - Best Bet
#4 Souper Diva
#7 Splash of Bourbon
#3 Morerita

#1 SIPPING HISTORY tried to take a run at Souper Diva in the Victorian Queen but was repelled and had to settle for second. If someone challenges Souper Diva on the lead this time, she could turn the tables. #4 SOUPER DIVA has earned back-to-back front end Stakes wins in the Muskoka and the Victorian Queen. If she is left alone on the lead she should be primed for a third. #7 SPLASH OF BOURBON showed speed and proved best to win her debut on September 20. Her winning Beyer puts in her line with the favourites here. #3 MORERITA is by 4-for-81 juvenile debut sire Shaman Ghost, and the first foal to race out of a maiden Into Mischief mare. She was narrowly outworked by a stablemate from the gate on October 4.

Race 9
#1 Reload Raleigh

#8 Streetshavenoname #4 Silver Is Best

#7 B the King

#1 RELOAD RALEIGH broke slowly and was a non-factor when debuting in July but came back two months later with a game front end win against OS/\$40,000 foes over next-out winner Time Zapper, earning the highest last race Beyer in this field. #8 STREETSHAVENONAME rallied up a golden rail, tipped out and powered clear in the stretch to win his debut two weeks ago in a visually impressive score; we'll see if he can recreate it. #4 SILVER IS

BEST was able to rally to an easy score in the Bull Page on September 14. The 76 Beyer he earned for his maiden win is by far the highest in this field. #7 B THE KING debuted in the Bull Page where he took the lead in early stretch but looked a bit green and was outfinished by Silver Is Best. He could definitely improve with experience.

Race 10

#1 Dresden Row

#6 Rapid Test

#2 Paramount Prince

#7 Loose Wire

#1 DRESDEN ROW has raced well in all three of his starts this season, most recently coming up a neck short to Cool Kiss in the Durham Cup. Although winless on turf he has hit the board in all three of his turf tries; due for a win. #6 RAPID TEST made his seasonal debut at this level on September 28, finishing second behind the solid Awesome Bourbon. Stakes-winning gelding should fare well in his second start off of the bench. #2 PARAMOUNT PRINCE set the pace but gave way to be third, 4 1/2 lengths behind Dresden Row in the Durham Cup. He ran a very good third at this level over this course in his first start of the 2025 campaign. #7 LOOSE WIRE kicked off his season with an allowance score at Presque Isle before coming up empty in the Durham Cup. I think he is a very nice horse and might offer some value in his turf debut.

Race 11

#6 Shadow Realm

#4 Dewolf

#5 Humber River

#2 Daddy Has Diamonds

#9 Ciunas

#6 SHADOW REALM has strung together four consecutive Beyers in the 80s, most recently running a game third in the Elgin. This is not an easy spot but he seems as good as anyone. #4 DEWOLF has earned both of his wins sprinting and gets to cutback now that the Triple Crown season is over. He raced wide on a railfavouring track in the Prince of Wales; I fully expect a strong effort here. #5 HUMBER RIVER chased fast fractions, dueled on the turn and emptied out at this level on October 5. He cuts back in distance; his August 3 win was so impressive and he may offer a decent price here. #2 DADDY HAS DIAMONDS made a powerful rally from last to win his non-two on September 28. The 80 Beyer he earned may be a bit inflated. #9 CIUNAS was too rank early in the Breeders' Stakes and understandably came up empty. He should definitely be more settled towards the back taking the big cutback from 12 furlongs.



Santa Anita

(Post 4:00)

By Brad Free

First Race 1. Guiltyofhavingfun 3. Baela 1. Lady Rider

GUILTYOFHAVINGFUN returns to her preferred turf course (Santa Anita) and faces easier in this \$25k claiming N2L turf sprint than she met recently in Cal-bred allowance races. She has speed for a pressing trip outside her main rival; she benefits by the cutback from a mile to six and one-half furlongs. To win, she must put away BAELA, who is the fastest in the field based on speed figures. Lightly raced BAELA is dropping into a claiming race in just the fourth start of her career. She won a MSW first out, finished second in a N1X, then was outclassed and finished last in a Grade 3. Now she shows up for a tag. Quick enough to make the lead, she could be long gone on the drop.

Second Race 4. Himika ** Best Bet ** 2. Revera 2. Umbralle

HIMIKA shortens to her preferred sprint trip and drops in class after setting the pace and fading in a G2 route. The 2yo filly ran the fastest race of her career over the SA track in her debut in spring, she won a G3 at Del Mar, then was compromised by strategy and distance her next two starts. One-turn speed is her deal; she is drawn outside her main rival and can win at a short price. Favorites won six of the last 10 editions of this stakes. Last-out maiden winner REVERA is the main threat. Runner-up to subsequent graded winner Explora first out, REVERA crushed maidens next out by more than five lengths.

FEEL THE MAGIC wheels back seven days after he crushed a \$10k claiming N3L dirt mile by more than six lengths. He was claimed off the runaway win, runs back for \$12.5k, and will be tough to beat if he runs two alike. LOW EXPECTATIONS drops in class after he finished sixth with a wide trip against tougher than these. His runner-up finish two starts back at Los Alamitos puts him in the hunt; he won a pair of SA dirt routes in winter 2023.

Fourth Race 4. Otto's Magic 2. Rich Reward 5. Keithing Thunder

A solid runner-up debut stamps OTTO'S MAGIC the horse to beat stretching from a sprint to mile in this statebred maiden race. 'MAGIC ran very well first out. He pressed outside the eventual winner, kept digging late, and finished clear of third. One mile is within range, and trainer Phil D'Amato is reliable in these situations

A deep field of \$25k claiming veterans race a mile on turf; DON'T SWEAR DAVE gets the call off his win and second in recent DMR starts at this level. 'DAVE also likes SA turf, in the exacta 7 of 15. 'DAVE was claimed off his last start and can pay quick dividends from off the pace. VANTASTIC is a 9yo gelding who has won 7 races on SA turf. This is his first start since late July, when he was compromised by a slow break and finished nowhere. He runs well fresh, he has defeated better fields than this, and he will be rolling from behind. NEON LIGHTS is speed, first start in three months for a high-percent stable; He will be pressured by JIMMY BLUE JEANS.

2. Tamarando Star 5. Sydney Street Sixth Race 8. Be Punctual

The lowest claiming level at SA is \$5k claiming. A big field entered this dirt mile at the low level, led by dropper BE PUNCTUAL. He wired an \$8k claiming mile three months ago at DMR, and was claimed. The claim was voided after postrace veterinary examination, which gives his trainer Bob Hess Jr. license to drop off the win. 'PUNCTUAL figures for a front-running/pace-pressing trip; any of his six starts this year against better company would be fast enough for this. TAMARANDO STAR won a N2L claiming race last out at Los Alamitos. The final time and corresponding figure were low, but he has run faster in the past. Now that he has returned to form, he might handle the class raise

Seventh Race 6 Thebestisyettobe 2. Eternal Reign 4 Hey Jessie

D'Amato-trained stablemates THEBESTISYETTOBE and ETERNAL REIGN are tough to separate in this N1X at a mile and one-quarter on turf; they finished two-three this summer at DMR. The call is THEBESTISYETTOBE, who subsequently had no shot in a turf mile dominated by speed. THEBESTISYETTOBE had too much ground to make up and split the field. Now she stretches back to a long distance at which she is proven; both wins in the U.S. were over the SA course. ETERNAL REIGN has not started since the mid-August race in which she was only a length behind the top choice. Off two months, working regularly, she might like this slightly shorter distance.

Eighth Race 5 Seattle Surf 9. Beneficial Kiddo Light

Maidens run for a \$12.5k claim tag; class dropper SEATTLE SURF can win if he puts away fellow dropper BENEFICIAL. It's a close call between the pair, but 'SURF might be slightly quicker. He set the pace to deep stretch both recent starts at DMR, and now drops to the lowest level of career. Come and catch him. BENEFICIAL adds blinkers and drops from maiden-50.

7. What a Gift Ninth Race 3. Unrivaled Time 2. Booked Clubhouse

The fifth-place debut by UNRIVALED TIME was much better than the finish position, and sets up the Cal-bred 2yo for a maiden victory second time out. He was well-bet in his debut at this mile distance, and ran well despite trouble.