

1

IT'S MIKI'S WORLD
 21May 1 OakGr left btwn, ease, shuf 5th 5/8, in clr, adv ins 3/16, urg, 2-1/2L frm 2d

2

SUNMASTER
 21May 9 OakGr prk w/cvr, sett ¾, 1° 5/8, long gain to prss 3/8, tired ¼, urg, save 3d
 14May 4 OakGr batt ins, pkt, box 5-1/2 off duel, shuf badly, spl 150, urg mild
 08May 1 OakGr batt btwn, prss pkt, yld ¾, in clr, 2w 3/16, str duel, hung 70y
 01May 10 OakGr bhnd #2, loose, inh 5th, 1° 9/16, mild, 2° 7/16, gap 3/8, weaken
 23Apr 9 OakGr rm save grd 9/16, fail close gap, no factor

3

ONE BAD DRAGON
 21May 9 OakGr 4° 7/16, gain 3L to dull cvr, aim 4w off trn, too far rally, evn 2d flight
 09May 7 OakGr 1° 3/8, adv immed to 4th, 4L gap, urg mild chase str
 30Apr 11 OakGr last, 2w 9/16, struggled to pass gappd foe, 2w trn, pass another
 23Apr 9 OakGr duel ins, pkt, 3d ¾, lock ½, gap badly 7/16, weakened
 16Apr 8 OakGr off 2, accel thru to protct pkt, gap 5L 3/8, chase, toil ins str

4

BRAKE AHEAD
 21May 7 OakGr bat ins, yld ¾, 4th 5-1/2, 1° 9/16, adv prs, level off 1/8, outkick 3w
 14May 1 OakGr easy pkt, 2w 5/16, adv prss trn, turned aside 1/8, isolatd 2d
 08May 12 OakGr float, 1° 9/16, grad gain to press ¼, level off 150y, one-paced

5

I GOT SIX SHOTS
 21May 1 OakGr ins ld, yld 6-1/2, 3d 5/8, slid 2° 9/16, off duel, brk 5/16, plummet

6

JOHN THE BAPTIST

7

ROCKIN ROG

8

INCREDIBLE KATIE

Race 1 Outlook by Ray Cotolo

Speed here most likely comes from Crisler with (4) BRAKE AHEAD, as he’s taking a drop in class off a massive effort to finish fourth in that mini series final. That could then place (2) SUNMASTER, (1) IT’S MIKI’S WORLD and (6) JOHN THE BAPTIST into stalking spots, where they will have the best chance to topple a horse on a mission.

Race 1 Contenders by Ray Cotolo

(4) BRAKE AHEAD made a bold first-over move to get to sharp favorite Era Of Love in that mini-series final and held well to finish fourth in spite of the challenge. This is a much easier group of horses for Crisler to do what he does best: fire for the front and never look back. (6) JOHN THE BAPTIST is an interesting horse on debut for trainer Tony Alagna as he’s qualified against some nice horses like Charleston and Caviart Callum at The Meadowlands, but now ships west to Kentucky. His qualifiers otherwise are fairly average, though they could be enough to contend here. (2) SUNMASTER when a long mile from post 8 last week and showed more than he did when finishing second at this class three starts ago. He’s getting better and just needs a smoother trip. (1) IT’S MIKI’S WORLD sat at the pylons and finished best of the rest in fourth last week and can probably find a way into a check again.

4-6-2-1

Early Pick-5: 4 / 2,4 / 3,5 / 3,6 / 1,2,6 = \$12

Driver Selections

Marvin Luna: #1 over #6

1

DELICATE THOUGHTS

2

BEAUTY OF THE SEA

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 15May | 8 OakGr | duel 2w, clr 6-1/2, open 5/16, stopped 1/16, engulf 70y |
| 09May | 11 OakGr | 2w 9/16, slow to gain, 2° 3/8, force 3w 3/16, fail adv |
| 24Apr | 11 OakGr | left btwn, yld pkt, gap a bit 3/8, ang 1/8, drivn chase |
| 17Apr | 1 OakGr | left 3w, bid 2d, ease, 1° 9/16, grad, prss ¼, duel, rebuffed 70y |

3

I CAN HAVE MERCY

4

PD'S SHOWTIME

| | | |
|-------|---------|---|
| 21May | 1 OakGr | strng 1° 5/8, adv duel, ld 3/8, outkick 4w 3/16, cont duel for 2d, just |
| 14May | 2 OakGr | clos 6-hole, yld 7th 5-1/2, 1° 7/16, grad, carr 3w 150, urg, jst 4th |
| 09May | 7 OakGr | last, 2w 3/16, passed one, never a factor |

5

HOPEFUL DANCER

| | | |
|-------|---------|---|
| 21May | 9 OakGr | overtakn 3/8, fail close gap, empty off trn, took no part |
|-------|---------|---|

6

SMILEFORTHECAMERA

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 14May | 4 OakGr | scratched |
| 08May | 3 OakGr | scratched |
| 01May | 10 OakGr | bhnd #1, loose, chk 7/8, inh 4th, lock 3/8, empty off trn |
| 24Apr | 11 OakGr | steps st, retrt 7th ¾, 1° 9/16, adv joint 4th 3/8, stall ¼, weakened |

7

TRICKS AFTER DARK

8

SWEET LINDY

| | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 21May | 1 OakGr | back main grp, shove 4p 3/16, around trouble, urg mild gain |
| 14May | 4 OakGr | bhnd #2, gap 3L, retrt, circ 4w off trn, drivn strg belated rall |
| 08May | 1 OakGr | back, circ 4w off trn, good belated rally, up 4th 1/16 |

9

LASTSPORTMASTER

Sunday, May 28, 2023
 1 Mile Pace • F&M Maiden
 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-3

Race 2 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

I know (2) BEAUTY OF THE SEA faltered in her race of attrition last out, but given the scope of this field, she has to try similar tactics, right? She draws better, the fastest time on the page otherwise is two seconds slower than her. It's again her race to lose, but as she's shown – she can still lose those. Not a lot of speed sits on the gate, either. (6) SMILEFORTHECAMERA can and likely will try to fire, but the field may be left chasing.

Race 2 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(2) BEAUTY OF THE SEA has burned plenty of money in her last few starts, but she somehow found a position off her now-or-never effort last week to have another chance. She won't be a good price here, but even if she crawls home again like she did last week, she may be much faster than the rest. Unless (4) PD'S SHOWTIME builds off that grinding mile where she still managed to finish second. Tough to gauge off her few starts how much speed is in the reservoir but the stamina and guts are there so the speed could easily follow. (6) SMILEFORTHECAMERA figures to push off the gate here and could sit in the right spot to do well. (8) SWEET LINDY has been progressing in each of her starts but this wide draw is tough for an inexperienced filly to overcome. She can get a check, though. She has in every start.

2-4-6-8

Driver Selections

Kevin Wallis: #4 over #9

1

ADDICTIVEBEHAVIOUR

2

PD THE BIG EASY

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 14May | 10 OakGr | mild covr 5/8, tow bkst to 3°, dull ¼, force 3w, no kick |
| 09May | 10 OakGr | circ 3w, vault clr ¾, fast pace, prss 3/16, btn 3w 150, btn ins for 2d |
| 30Apr | 8 OakGr | pkt off ext duel, rm 3/16, ang 1/8, drivn chase, one-paced |
| 23Apr | 10 OakGr | duel ins, yld, retk ¾, pkt foe 3/16, duel, btn 1/16, gamely |
| 17Apr | 5 OakGr | 6th, ang 1° ¾, adv immed, prss ½, found more 1/8, up 1/16 |

3

ROGERS IMAGE

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 15May | 10 OakGr | outsprnt, 3d, brush 5/8, prss ¼, drivn out, held off 1° foe |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | bat btwn, wrk clr 5-1/2, yld 5/8, gap ¼, all-out, no match |
| 24Apr | 8 OakGr | left 3w, wrk clr ¾, prss ¼, duel trn, drivn, dug in, hld pkt foe |

4

ART SCENE

| | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | batt ins, lock 5/8, wedge btwn 1/16, urg mild, just miss 3d |
| 09May | 4 OakGr | scratched |
| 30Apr | 4 OakGr | duel ins, yld pkt 7/8, gap 7/16, weakened ins 1/4 |
| 24Apr | 7 OakGr | prss pkt, ¼ mv, yld 5/8, around tired foe 5/16, chase, 2w 1/16, up |
| 16Apr | 4 OakGr | 2° ½, 4° 3/8, aim 3w 5/16, gap ¼, urg, no resp str |

5

RACEMUP

| | | |
|-------|----------|---|
| 22May | 13 OakGr | left 4w, prk, retrt 7-hole ¾, 1° 5-1/2, adv, chase duel 3/8, urg sust |
| 14May | 5 OakGr | 2w 5-1/2, 3° 9/16, duck ¼, adv ins, fan 3w 150, urg rall, 2d 40y |
| 08May | 9 OakGr | ins ld, 3-way batt, yld 3d 5/8, 1° 7/16, duel, btn off cvr, save 2d |
| 17Apr | 2 OakGr | 3d, check 6-1/2, 1° 7/16, duel bkst, flat 3/16, mild fade str |

6

PALMOR

7

HEAVY PRESSURE

| | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 21May | 6 OakGr | 3° 9/16, uncv ¼, push fwd, urg ld 1/8, drew clr, drivn out |
| 14May | 5 OakGr | back, dull 5° 3/8, carr 5w off trn, closed best, too far rally |
| 08May | 9 OakGr | 2° 7/16, off duel, vault 3w ¼, drew off 1/8, explosive |

8

OHOKA CHOPPER N

Sunday, May 28, 2023

1 Mile Pace • NW \$7,000 Last 4 or 7 Races

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-4

Race 3 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

(2) PD THE BIG EASY and (3) ROGERS IMAGE draw the perfect posts to assert early. This race doesn't likely get hot, though, as both are one-move type of horses. Once they sit where they lay, no one will move, so a torrid tempo may not necessarily materialize in a way that could bring a horse like (7) HEAVY PRESSURE into the race, at least based off previous form. Most of this bunch have speed and can carry it, but are one mis-timed or miscalculated move away from costing themselves a win.

Race 3 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(5) RACEMUP has been getting better and better every week. He's gone from a one-move pony to a gutsy grinder who also has speed to complement. As long as he gets away better than fifth, he's a factor potentially at a price. (3) ROGERS IMAGE is an obvious factor for his speed and overall consistency so far here at Oak Grove. He's entering off a sharp mile, but is nonetheless taking a hike in class. (2) PD THE BIG EASY should better utilize his speed now that he switches from an outside draw to an inside post. He's likely only a strong factor in this field if he lands on the lead, though. So maybe Wallis is a bit more aggressive. (7) HEAVY PRESSURE has appeared one-dimensional in his powerhouse closing kick off fast fractions, but a horse that can go 1:49 may be able to find other ways into the race. Downside – we won't get that 6-1 again.

5-3-2-7

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #8 over #5

Joey Putnam: #3 over #6

4

OAK GROVE

RACING • GAMING • HOTEL

1

ALFREDO DREAM

2

JUSTA NOTHER BAG

| | | | |
|-------|----|-------|---|
| 14May | 3 | OakGr | clr, yld 5-1/2, box 7/16, blkd 2p 3/16, lane 3p 150, accl at asking |
| 09May | 9 | OakGr | scratched |
| 30Apr | 10 | OakGr | batt ins, yld 3d 7/8, gap top pair, duel 3d trn, no match |
| 23Apr | 8 | OakGr | ins ld, yld ¾, 3d 5-1/2, lock 9/16, shuf, rm 3/16, carr 4w, pass tird |
| 16Apr | 10 | OakGr | prss ins, yld 3d, gap ¼, duel 3d trn, worn dn, fade ins |

3

JUST FOR US

| | | | |
|-------|---|-------|---|
| 14May | 3 | OakGr | left btwn, ease 4th, 2° ½, 3w push 3/8, urg ld, engulf off cvr 150y |
| 16Apr | 5 | OakGr | float 3w, ease 3d ¾, aim 2° ½, gap duel, weaken str |

4

COLLETES

5

SOUTHERN SWAN MAN

| | | | |
|-------|----|-------|--|
| 14May | 3 | OakGr | protect pkt, shuf 4th 5/8, lock ½, shuff, empty ins off trn |
| 08May | 4 | OakGr | gap top quartet, a bit closer ½, gap again 3/8, weakened |
| 01May | 7 | OakGr | left 3w, adv pkt 7/8, shuf 3/8 bhnd gappd foe, rm ins 3/16, empty |
| 23Apr | 8 | OakGr | 2° 9/16, lost cvr ½, loop 3w 3/8, 2°, bld sw 3/16, evn, outkick 3d |
| 16Apr | 10 | OakGr | rm ins 9/16, slowly closed gap, blkd 150, spl 3p 70y, mild |

6

LA LOLITA

| | | | |
|-------|----|-------|--|
| 14May | 3 | OakGr | bhnd #2, 5th, strg 1° 5-1/2, 3w foe 3/8, bat btwn, tired off trn |
| 30Apr | 10 | OakGr | scratched |

7

PARTY BOY HANOVER

| | | | |
|-------|----|-------|---|
| 14May | 3 | OakGr | lag st, no rm ins, ang 3/16, carr 3p off trn, pass tired rivals |
| 09May | 9 | OakGr | bhnd #1, gap 4L, mild shuf, 4° ½, gap covr, weaken off trn |
| 30Apr | 10 | OakGr | lag st, fail close gap ins 3/8, fade steadily trn |
| 23Apr | 8 | OakGr | brk, off gate 10L, last, inh 7th from brkr ½, ins, pass tired foe |
| 16Apr | 10 | OakGr | 1° 9/16, min gain, duel 3d ¼, looped 1/16, toil str |

8

SWAN OF DREAMS

| | | | |
|-------|---|-------|--|
| 22May | 4 | OakGr | off 2L, ovrtn ½, fail close gap ins, never a factor |
| 15May | 5 | OakGr | bhnd #1, lag, rm save grd ½, fail close gap, brk 3/8, lost touch |
| 08May | 4 | OakGr | off 2L, gap ½, 2w 1/8, passed empty foe, no factor |
| 01May | 7 | OakGr | gallop start, lost touch w/field |
| 23Apr | 8 | OakGr | 3° ½, circ 3w 3/8, surge to ld ¼, opn at will, kept task 1/16 |

Sunday, May 28, 2023

1 Mile Trot • NW \$2,000 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$7k

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

Race 4 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Speed here appears to come from (2) JUSTA NOTHER BAG and possibly (3) JUST FOR US, (4) COLLETES, (5) SOUTHERN SWAN MAN and (6) LA LOLITA. It's not strong speed, but enough horses here have early go to cause a scramble for position around the first turn. Maybe, then, patience off the car will ultimately be rewarded.

Race 4 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(3) JUST FOR US drops in class off a sharp mile where she lost to an Open-level trotter in Heath Bar, a Sires Stakes mare in Saint Antoine and a burgeoning Verlin Yoder sophomore in Yo Cheyenne. On top of that, Carson Conrad made a vicious backstretch move that, if better timed, could easily win her this race. (6) LA LOLITA went a big mile in that same race as JUST FOR US last out but now has the ability to push into the race since she moves from the second tier onto the gate. (2) JUSTA NOTHER BAG's fate relies on a good start. If he can land near the lead, he's golden. If he gets away third or fourth, he's likely stuck in a death shuffle. (5) SOUTHERN SWAN MAN has just enough gate speed to land a spot in midfield if he's feeling it. He's been abysmal in his last few starts, but he's dropping to the bottom level and can at least do well chasing for a check.

3-6-2-5

Driver Selections

Tyler Shehan: #6 over #8

| 1 | BORDER CONTROL A | | |
|-------|------------------|---|--|
| 21May | 11 OakGr | save grd, close gap ins 7/16, rm ang 3/16, urg up 3d 1/16, gain grd | |
| 14May | 7 OakGr | retrt, failed close gap ½, no menace | |
| 09May | 12 OakGr | ang 5/8, close 3L to 2°, uncv ½, duel 2d bkst, urg chase, no match | |

| 2 | GAME OF CHANGE | | |
|-------|----------------|--|--|
| 21May | 6 OakGr | failed close gap 9/16, outmatched | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | rate off duel, lock 5-1/2, shuf w/rm, aim 3w ¼, urg even str | |
| 16Apr | 4 OakGr | float, urg close 6L gap to ½, rm ins 3/8, no adv, empty trn | |

| 3 | PACIFIC STRIDE | | |
|-------|----------------|---|--|
| 22May | 12 OakGr | drop last, 2° 7/16, slow covr, carr 3w off trn, mild, miss 3d by 1L | |
| 15May | 4 OakGr | left 3w, loop, rein 4th, flush 1° 9/16, adv, mild prss 3/8, flat str, sv 3d | |
| 08May | 5 OakGr | 4° 9/16, bld sw 3/8, chase 3w covr ¼, urg follow runner-up | |
| 01May | 5 OakGr | 4° 7/16, bld sw ¼, fan 4w off trn, urg even at best | |
| 24Apr | 8 OakGr | gap top 4, closer, lock 3/8, shuff, swung 3w 1/16, adv belated | |

| 4 | HOWMAC DIAMOND | | |
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| 5 | TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME | | |
|-------|-------------------|--|--|
| 21May | 11 OakGr | outsprnt, 2° 9/16, 3w bid for 3d 3/8, hung ¼, weakened trn | |
| 14May | 8 OakGr | check ¾, inh 4th, close gap, 1° 3/8, grad, urg accel str, up 50y | |
| 09May | 12 OakGr | pkt, yld 3d ¾, lock, shuf last 7/16, hook 3w 3/16, pass tired | |
| 01May | 5 OakGr | prk 3w 7/8, tow 2° 9/16, gap duel off trn, labored str | |
| 24Apr | 2 OakGr | 2w 7/16, 3° 3/8, carr 3w off turn, passed tired rivals | |

| 6 | AYR PIONEER GB | | |
|-------|----------------|---|--|
| 21May | 11 OakGr | left 3w, dove 3-hole, mid mv 9/16, pkt foe 3/16, duel, btn 1/16, game | |
| 14May | 8 OakGr | float to pkt, box 5/16, lock wheels w/ins foe 150y | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | 1° 7/16, fail adv, better trn, carr 4w 1/8, lacked str | |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr | 3° 3/8, fan 4w off trn, urg accel off trn, up 2d 70y, chase pkt winnr | |
| 23Apr | 2 OakGr | adv 3d, 2° 5/16, bld sw trn, aim 3w 1/8, no resp to urging | |

| 7 | LUVNMYSHARKAWAY | | |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|
| 14May | 11 OakGr | duel 2w, rein pkt ¾, shuf, slid 2° ½, bld sw 5/16, duck in, toil str | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | float, bid 4th, sett, 2° 7/16, dull bkst, gap ¼, duck 1/8, lack ins | |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr | left 2w, clr 7/8, rate 2d qtr, prss ½, drivn out, btn pkt foe, btn 2d 70y | |
| 23Apr | 2 OakGr | protct ld ins, pkt foe 5/16, drivn, engulf 3w foe 1/16, all-out hold 2d | |
| 17Apr | 2 OakGr | easy ld, yld 5-1/2, retk 9/16, duel bkst, assert trn, urg, held 4w foe | |

| 8 | SMILING TERROR | | |
|-------|----------------|---|--|
| 21May | 2 OakGr | batt ins, yld 7/8, box 7/16 off ext battle, gap 3/16, plummet ins str | |
| 14May | 8 OakGr | easy ld ins, rate mid half, all-out str, reel in by 1° foe 50y | |
| 08May | 2 OakGr | bhnd #2, lock 9/16, shuff badly, back ¼, 3w off trn, pass one | |

| 9 | DANZA | | |
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Race 5 Outlook
 by Ray Cotolo

Amateur races can go many ways. Like despite (1) BORDER CONTROL A usually floating off the gate, Tony Dinges could as easily try and fire with this 14-year-old from the inside. (2) GAME OF CHANGE, (3) PACIFIC STRIDE and (6) AYR PIONEER GB can also all be aggressive early. Last week also showed these races can be wild trip wise, so for the most part class prevails.

Race 5 Contenders
 by Ray Cotolo

(2) GAME OF CHANGE has not been able to race into the positions where he best competes while he’s been facing tougher. Now dropping towards the bottom level, Frazier can push him off the car and place him into a spot where he has a good chance. (1) BORDER CONTROL A has been consistent against this group, but usually is grinding into minor positions on the board. This inside draw could change the dynamic for him, plus Dinges has been on a roll in this series. (6) AYR PIONEER GB went his biggest mile to date at Oak Grove in his most recent outing to finish second and showed that he’s getting into tight form after six starts. Price will be short, though. (3) PACIFIC STRIDE has guts and is usually landing a check at this class. (8) SMILING TERROR could have sneaky speed that gets him onto the Super Hi-5.

2-1-6-3-8
HI-5 CARRYOVER: \$1,106

Driver Selections

None

| 1 | ROLL WITH JR | | |
|-------|--------------|---|--|
| 22May | 13 OakGr | left 2w, bat btw, yld ¾, 2w 3/8, duel ld, drivn clr, evade 3w foe | |
| 17Apr | 2 OakGr | back, adv uncv 5-1/2, 3° 3/8, circ 3w 5/16, bid 2d, hung str | |

| 2 | NO LOU ZING | | |
|-------|-------------|--|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | back, no room ins 9/16, urg evn ins str, no menace | |
| 09May | 4 OakGr | drop last, rm save grd 9/16, 3° ¼, fan 4w, urg, too far rally | |
| 30Apr | 4 OakGr | 2w 9/16, loose 2° ½, uncv 5/16, accl trn, drivn ld 1/16, evade cvr foe | |
| 23Apr | 6 OakGr | left, bid 2d, rein 3d, 2w 5/16, no adv, fan 3w 150y, better, up 2d 70y | |

| 3 | TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | 3° 5/8, dull cvr 3/8, bld sw 3/16, urg off trn, no response | |
| 30Apr | 4 OakGr | mild 3° 9/16, 2° 5/16, live trn, urg chase winnr's covr, up 2d 40y | |
| 23Apr | 6 OakGr | ins ld, rate, opn 3/16, pkt foe lacked 1/8, drivn out, evade 3w foe | |

| 4 | ROCK IT OUT | | |
|-------|-------------|---|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | left 4w, 3w 7/8, wrk cl, yld 5-1/2, box ½, rm 1/8, one-paced | |
| 14May | 10 OakGr | pkt off ext duel, box 3/8, rm 3/16, ang 1/8, all-out, just reach | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | bhnd #1, off 3-way batt, 1° 3/8, grad, urg sustain, reach 40y | |
| 30Apr | 8 OakGr | float 4w, sett 5th, loose 3° 3/8, 3w push ¼, bid 3d, fade off trn | |
| 23Apr | 10 OakGr | yld 4th, lock ½, some rm ins 3/8, inh pkt 3/16, urg evn, traff | |

| 5 | ISITLIKEITLOOKS | | |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | live 2° 5/8, gap duel ¼, toil off trn, found more 1/16, miss 3d | |
| 09May | 4 OakGr | left 3w, duel 2w clr ¾, rate, prss 5/16, ext duel trn, urg, prvail | |
| 30Apr | 8 OakGr | ext duel ins, refuse yld, assert ¼, drivn out, evade pkt foe | |
| 23Apr | 10 OakGr | 1° 9/16, mild, 2° 3/8, force 3w 3/16, drivn chase, surge, miss | |
| 17Apr | 9 OakGr | 3d, brush 5-1/2, prss ½, 3w foe 5/16, duel, rvl brk, accel clr, handily | |

| 6 | IM SIR BLAKE A | | |
|-------|----------------|--|--|
| 21May | 4 OakGr | left 3w, loop, sett 3d, 1° 5/8, adv prss, duel ld 1/8, opn, drivn out | |
| 09May | 10 OakGr | bhnd #1, 2° 7/16, live bkst, 3w push off trn, ld 150, drew off at will | |

Race 6 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Tough to tell what (6) IM SIR BLAKE A, the horse to beat, will do drawing the outermost post despite the short field. He has speed to push, and is the best horse in the race, but can as easily try to pull a swoop of the field – which may not prove successful. (2) NO LOU ZING lands his best draw of the meet, (3) TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER has speed and (4) ROCK IT OUT can blast off the car. The favorite may be placed into a tough spot, which he'll have to prove is worth overcoming at a short price.

Race 6 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

2) NO LOU ZING is much better than his lines show. Wallis hasn't been able to muster the same speed this guy had in the days of yore but this inside draw forces his hand. Now's the time to push him forward and let him show that back class which banked him over \$750k. (6) IM SIR BLAKE A is still the horse to beat though. I won't explain why, just watch the replays of his last two races. Or read the tote board. (4) ROCK IT OUT has been racing sharp but couldn't keep pace with the top two off a pocket trip. She nonetheless should again fire and be in the right spot to produce something nice. (3) TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER also lands a good draw to go an improved mile. He's also much better for the trip around the track last week, since it was his first in nearly a month.

2-6-4-3

Late Pick-5: 2,3,4 / 5 / 2,4,7 / 4,6 / 1,2,6,7 = \$36
CARRYOVER: \$3,789 (\$10,000 GUAR. POOL)

Driver Selections

None

| 1 | ACOUSTIC | | |
|-------|----------|---|--|
| 22May | 6 OakGr | outmatched | |
| 14May | 7 OakGr | bhnd #1, gap 4L at start, 1° 5-1/2, bid 2d 5/16, level off 1/8 | |
| 01May | 8 OakGr | 2w 5/8, around gapd foe, adv, brk 7/16, lost 6L, reset, bd, brk str | |
| 23Apr | 3 OakGr | batt ins, pkt, 3d ¾, 1° 3/8, bid 3d, hung ¼, weakened | |
| 16Apr | 7 OakGr | last, ang 9/16, slow gain, loose 2° 3/8, uncv ¼+, pass tired, even | |

| 2 | BAY CITY | | |
|-------|----------|---|--|
| 21May | 6 OakGr | bhnd #1, 1° 9/16, strg prs, ld 5/16, btn by fresh foe 1/8, all-out, sv 2d | |
| 15May | 10 OakGr | left btwn, loop, sett 4th ¾, 1° ½, adv prs ¼, urg 1/8, sust chase | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | left 4w, retrt 3w 7/8, sett 9th 5-1/2, circ 3w 3/16, sust mild belated | |
| 30Apr | 2 OakGr | left 3w, loop, adv pkt 6-1/2, brsh 5/8, pkt foe 5/16, kick clr 1/8, dirvn | |

| 3 | ROCK JAGGER | | |
|-------|-------------|---|--|
| 21May | 6 OakGr | 4° 7/16, circ 3w ¼, mild around tiring foes, all-out, even at best | |
| 15May | 10 OakGr | left 3w, use cl 6-1/2, yld, 3d 5/8, lock 7/16, spl 1/16, lunge, up 3d | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | bhnd sluggish #2, check, drop 8th, traffic ins, ang 3/16, lacked | |
| 30Apr | 5 OakGr | spl to ld, chk 5/8 when 2w foe crossd ld, box, wedg 2w 1/8, up 70y | |
| 24Apr | 7 OakGr | dove 4th, save grd, no rm 3/8, wedge 2w 3/16, fail sustain bid | |

| 4 | ROCK THIS TOWN | | |
|-------|----------------|---|--|
| 15May | 12 OakGr | bhnd #1, lock ½, rm 1/8, hook 3w 150y, surge clr at will | |
| 08May | 9 OakGr | pkt off 3-way batt, 4th 5-1/2, lock 7/16, gap ins ¼, toil | |
| 01May | 9 OakGr | ins ld, yld ¾, gap top pair 3/16, LH urg top str, no resp | |
| 24Apr | 4 OakGr | 3° 5/8, bld sw 5/16, fan 5w off trn, urg sust mild gain | |

| 5 | DC BATGIRL | | |
|-------|------------|--|--|
| 22May | 11 OakGr | prss ins, pkt 6-1/2, box off duel, rm 2w 3/8, duel trn, kick clr 1/8 | |
| 14May | 5 OakGr | bhnd #3, 2° 5-1/2, 4° 9/16, carr 4w 3/16, urg belated rally | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | close 4-hole, stalk, ang 3/16, fail adv, labor off trn | |

| 6 | MSDINOSIS BLUGRASS | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--|
| 22May | 3 OakGr | 4° 9/16, dull 3/8, carr 4w off trn, pass tired rivals | |
| 14May | 7 OakGr | left 4w, adv cl ¾, prs-yld 9/16, box bkst, rm 2w 1/8, up 70, kpt task | |
| 09May | 6 OakGr | lag, retrt, 5° 5/8, carr 4w off turn, urg mild belated | |
| 01May | 6 OakGr | left 4w, rein 4th, lock 5/8, mild shuf, rm 1/8, urg even ins str | |
| 23Apr | 4 OakGr | bat btwn, clr, yld 6-1/2, box ½, drivn 1/16, no kick ins | |

| 7 | ROCK STEADY RON | | |
|-------|-----------------|--|--|
| 21May | 6 OakGr | float 4w, live 2° 9/16, uncv to pkt ¼, 2w 1/8, ovrtnk off cvr, all-out | |
| 15May | 10 OakGr | bhnd #1, 2° ½, gap duel 1/8, drift 3p off trn, all-out even | |
| 09May | 10 OakGr | pkt, 3d ¾, lock 3/8, mild shuff, hook 3w 150y, urg, just miss 3d | |
| 30Apr | 8 OakGr | stalk ins, 2° 3/8, bld sw ¼, duck ins trn, labor off trn | |
| 23Apr | 10 OakGr | adv 3d, flush 1° 3/8, narrow 3d, flat 3/16, labor off trn, | |

| 8 | ROCKIN BAMBI | | |
|-------|--------------|---|--|
| 21May | 2 OakGr | bhnd #1, lag, 2w 5/8, carr 3w ½, strg push fwd, prss trn, level off | |
| 14May | 7 OakGr | prss pkt, 3d ¾, use brsh 9/16, contrl, pkt foe 1/8, drivn, btn 70, gm | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | prk btwn midpack, lost cvr 5-1/2, min gain 3/8, chase, empty 3/16 | |
| 24Apr | 7 OakGr | back, 3° 5/16, 4w covr 3/16, urg mild belated gain | |
| 17Apr | 2 OakGr | save grd, hook to 3w cvr ¼, carr 4w str, urg belatd 1/16, up 2d | |

| 9 | DOWAHS BOY | | |
|-------|------------|---|--|
| 15May | 10 OakGr | retreat, 5° ½, empty at back str, never a factor | |
| 08May | 9 OakGr | left 4w, circ 3w to clr 5/8, prss 7/16, duel, btn 3w, btn 1/2L for 2d | |
| 30Apr | 2 OakGr | back, save grd, fail fully close gap, urg pass tired foes ins | |
| 24Apr | 9 OakGr | easy ins ld, set fast pace, drew clear steadily, in hand | |
| 16Apr | 9 OakGr | lag, duck last, ang 3w 3/8, urg mild bid, aim 3w str, urg, lack | |

Race 7 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Man, another race full of fast horses. (2) BAY CITY vaulted past tired ones to get second in a 1:49.4 mile, (5) DC BATGIRL pounced from the pocket and won while pulling up in 1:51.2. (1) ACOUSTIC is fast but has just had tough luck, (3) ROCK JAGER is fast and can pick up pieces. Sharp group of horses here where trip could dictate all.

Race 7 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

If put into the right prominent spot, (5) DC BATGIRL can vault over this field. She may only have a mark of 1:51, but as just a 5-year-old and off how she looked in that mile last week she could be sitting on a burner. (2) BAY CITY can catapult off a trip to land a good check but is admittedly a little win shy for his strength, and he's likely to take play given the connections and the draw. (1) ACOUSTIC lands a spot on the gate and has an opportunity to race super aggressively for Bobbitt, which could be all this guy needs to go a good mile. (3) ROCK JAGGER can be placed pretty much anywhere and will find his way into the race, which makes him more of a factor in the verticals than it does to win. He can win under the right circumstances, though.

5-2-1-3

Driver Selections

Joey Putnam: #5 over #3

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OAK GROVE
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1

STARDUST GRAM

2

COLD ROAD SODA

| | | |
|-------|----------|---|
| 21May | 8 OakGr | close pkt, 3d 5-1/2, 1° ½, duel ld 3/8, fail clr, all-out, outkick 4w 30y |
| 14May | 1 OakGr | save grd 3/8, no rm to trn, fan 3w 1/8, pass one, mild |
| 08May | 6 OakGr | midpack, no room bkst, hook 3w 1/8 bhnd wall, mild, 2L frm 2d |
| 01May | 11 OakGr | pl.1: bhnd #1, sv grd, rm 1/8, hook 3w off trn, made 3L, up 2d |
| 24Apr | 3 OakGr | save grd back, no rm, wedge ins 1/16, pass tired rivals |

3

SANDCASTLE

| | | |
|-------|----------|---|
| 21May | 12 OakGr | clr 7/8, prss 5/8, refuse yld, new foe ¼, rival brk, drvn, hld pkt foe |
| 14May | 9 OakGr | ins, lock 6-1/2, shf 7th w/rm 5/8, stay in, shuf last, 3w 1/8, urg accl |
| 30Apr | 7 OakGr | protct pkt, 3d 5-1/2, lock, gap a bit ins, shuf, ang 1/8, pass tired |
| 16Apr | 2 OakGr | last, pass brkr ¾, 2° 5/8, circ 3w 3/8, batt 2d, sust chase |

4

SWEET JEWEL

| | | |
|-------|----------|---|
| 21May | 8 OakGr | clr 5th, brk ¾, caught field 3/8, no menace ins, in touch |
| 14May | 4 OakGr | left 4w, prk 3w, ease 2° ¾, uncv 5/16, prss to ld, drivn, evade |
| 09May | 7 OakGr | adv 3d off duel, 2w ¼, adv prss 1/8, 1L away, level off |
| 24Apr | 11 OakGr | lock ½, rm 3/16, ang 1/8, carr 3p, evenly btn ins 4th |

5

RK'S PEACHES

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 21May | 7 OakGr | 3° 9/16, dull 5/16, force 3w ¼, no adv, shove 5p off trn, lack |
| 14May | 9 OakGr | outsprnt, ins, lock ¾, shuf, rm ¼, chase 3w cvr 1/8, 4w str, stay on |
| 08May | 1 OakGr | batt 3w, use clr ¾, rate, pkt foe 3/16, str duel, assert 1/16 |
| 01May | 11 OakGr | float 4w, prk midpack, mild, 2° 9/16, gap badly, weakened |
| 24Apr | 6 OakGr | duel ins, pkt, gap 3/8, duel 2d, ovrtn 1/8, wrn dn, btn for 2nd 2L |

6

SPRINGHOUSE MS MAC

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|-------|----------|--|
| 21May | 12 OakGr | bhnd #1, save grd, fail close gap 3/8, empty ins, took no part |
| 15May | 9 OakGr | retreat, gap main group 3/8, failed to take part |

7

KB'SSWEETCAROLINE

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|-------|---------|--|
| 15May | 9 OakGr | float fwd, sett 4th, 1° 9/16, adv prss 3/8, duel, drvn ld 150, bore 4p |
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STEVIES GOT SKILLS**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

1 Mile Pace • Claiming \$20,000, NW 2 Races

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

Race 8 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

This race lacks real speed. If no one pushes off the gate, that can put (3) SANDCASTLE and (5) RK'S PEACHES forward, and those two are not strong pacesetters whatsoever. (2) COLD ROAD SODA and (7) KB'SSWEETCAROLINE look the fastest horses in the race and also can be the most fleet-footed off the car along with (4) SWEET JEWEL, who just has to stay flat when firing.

Race 8 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(7) KB'SSWEETCAROLINE veered course when powering home to win two weeks ago but remained in hand when going by her competition. She beat Mr Nuttin Nice, who followed that effort with a win next out, so that validates the form a tad more. Outside draw will be tough for her, but she overcame it last out. (4) SWEET JEWEL has ample gate speed to get into a good spot and likely just broke stride when trying to take back from her leave attempt. Tough to gauge, with the break, if Gates will fire her again, but early speed is her best shot of doing well. (2) COLD ROAD SODA showed a new dimension when holding second off a first-over trip last out. She previously seemed a filly who only raced best when given good trips, but she's starting to build some heart while landing a good draw here. (1) STARDUST GRAM can get a minor share. Not sure how hard she'll go at first asking, but the speed to compete is on the page.

7-4-2-1**Driver Selections**

None

1

SCRAPPIN GOLD

2

SKYLINE HANOVER

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 15May | 4 OakGr | lock ½, rm save grd 5/16, urg chase ins, even at best, no kick |
| 08May | 5 OakGr | pkt, 3d 5-1/2, lock 9/16, shuf bhnd gap foe, aim 3p 1/8, pass tird |
| 01May | 12 OakGr | 3° 9/16, duck bkst, 2w 3/16, pass tired foe, urg even |
| 24Apr | 9 OakGr | duck 3d, pkt 2d flt, gap duel 2d 3/8, toil ins, btn 5L for 2d |
| 17Apr | 10 OakGr | bhnd #1, close 4th, flush cvr 5/8, uncv 5/16, adv 3d, flat 1/8 |

3

TOBINS NATIVE

| | | |
|-------|----------|--|
| 21May | 11 OakGr | float 2w, loop, prk uncv, 2° 5/8, uncv ½, joint 3d, stall 3/8, tired |
| 14May | 8 OakGr | pl.3: float, prk, retr, 2w 7/16, grad to 5th, hung ¼, carr 4w, even |
| 09May | 12 OakGr | prk 2°, lost cvr ¾, adv prss 5/8, wedge pkt ½, headed 2d, toil |
| 01May | 9 OakGr | gap top flight 7/16, ovrtnk bkst, struggled ins |
| 24Apr | 2 OakGr | gapped 2d flight 3/8, never a factor |

4

BR EZLIKSNDYMORNIN

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|-------|---------|--|
| 22May | 5 OakGr | bhnd #2, dull 3° 5-1/2, force 3w off trn, pass tired rivals |
| 14May | 8 OakGr | lag, brk at start, lost touch w/field |
| 08May | 9 OakGr | prk w/covr, uncv 5-1/2, 3° 7/16, uncv ¼, toil evn, 3-1/2L from 2d |
| 30Apr | 5 OakGr | pl.8: batt ins, yld 3d, check 5/8, shovd 1°, ext duel, tired 1/8 |
| 24Apr | 2 OakGr | bat btw, 3w rvl brk, duel cl, yld 5/8, gap 3/8, isolatd 2d, no match |

5

ROCKNROLL HIGH

| | | |
|-------|----------|---|
| 22May | 5 OakGr | last away, 2w bkst, pass tired rivals, evn ins w/2d flt, 3-1/2L frm 4th |
| 15May | 4 OakGr | lock 9/16, shuff last 7/16, rm ¼, split ins 1/16, gd pace, miss 3d |
| 08May | 5 OakGr | bhnd #1, stalk top trio, 1° 9/16, duel 3d qtr, ovrtnk 3w ¼, plummet |
| 01May | 12 OakGr | 2w ¼, grad gain, aim 3w off trn, pass tired rivals, closed mildly |
| 24Apr | 8 OakGr | lag st, drop last, 3° ½, gap cvr, into 6th 150y, ovrtnk 3w |

6

BEACH PRO

7

MR ROCK MY NIGHT

| | | |
|-------|---------|--|
| 15May | 6 OakGr | brk amid leave attempt, in touch, 3° 3/8, fan 5w 1/8, too far rally |
| 08May | 7 OakGr | brk start, drop last, badly detached, empty 2w bid 1/4 |
| 30Apr | 9 OakGr | rate 4th off ext duel, ovrtnk 3/8, fail close gap, no menace |
| 23Apr | 9 OakGr | 3° 9/16, gap front flight, duel 5th off trn, no menace |
| 16Apr | 8 OakGr | left ins, protct ld, accl clr 7/16, open 5L, evade 1° foe, kept task |

8

WHAMMER JAMMER

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|-------|----------|---|
| 22May | 11 OakGr | bhnd #1, 3° 5/8, 4w 3/8, gap duel ¼, drift 3p, 1L from 2d, btn 3d ins |
| 15May | 10 OakGr | retreat, no room back, ang 3p 1/16, pass tired rivals |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | back, cvr 7/16, around empty foe, carr 4w off trn, gd belated |
| 30Apr | 2 OakGr | park, bid 5th ¾, retr last, ang 5/16, fail catch covr, pass tired |
| 16Apr | 7 OakGr | lag, shuff last, cvr ¼, uncv 3/16, passed one, no menace |

Sunday, May 28, 2023

1 Mile Pace • NW \$1,700 Last 4 Starts

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Race 9 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

(6) BEACH PRO has to blast from this spot, though (8) WHAMMER JAMMER can go anyway. Early speed may be better for him given the outside draw – and that speed is there on the page – but what exactly Shehan will do with this probable favorite is tough to gauge. The rest of this field is either inconsistent or looking to get some better racing luck, so projections say the two best horses on the page should sit forward. Key word: should.

Race 9 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(4) BR EZLIKSNDYMORNIN is a cash burner, but Stiltner has seemed to get along with him despite the far-back finishes. He was against blowout winner Heavy Pressure three starts ago and then last out had to chase the insurmountable speed of Normandy Beach, so this time around he finds a group more of his ilk which could put him into a better spot. (6) BEACH PRO is a classy old guy who has found himself at the bottom of the condition sheet. He’s got tremendous early foot though, and he has Crisler to utilize that early foot. His stamina is the main concern. (2) SKYLINE HANOVER has gone okay miles against this group and is bound to breakthrough one of these days. She gets a good draw to be live at a price. (8) WHAMMER JAMMER could get put into a precarious spot either if he tries to push or if he takes back. His best hope is to be able to swoop and clear the lead before the quarter.

4-6-2-8

Driver Selections

None

| 1 | SPORTS TELLER | | |
|-------|---------------|--|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | closed pkt off duel, chk 3/8, thru to ld ¼, headed, fought bk ins | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | lag st, ang to chase 3w covr ¼, carr 4w 1/8, urg strg rally, up 2d | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | lag, drop last, lots rm adv ins 3/16, close grd, urg chase ins | |

| 2 | MEANT TOBE SHOOTER | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | pl.3: sv grd ½, chk 3/8, no rm, spl 1/16, mild rall, willing | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | left 3w, prk 1st trn, loop, live 2°, uncv 9/16, mld prss, fade 1/4 | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | use 2w, clr, rate, pkt foe 3/8, duel trn, drivn out, evade ins foe | |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr | float, prk, bid 2d 6-1/2, rate 2p, adv again ½, prss bkst, flat off trn | |
| 24Apr | 13 OakGr | batt btwn, close pkt, 2w 3/16, drivn str duel, just up | |

| 3 | GUNRNEEDABGRBOAT A | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--|
| 21May | 11 OakGr | left 4w, 3w 7/8, push clr ¾, yld 9/16, 2w 3/16, drivn ld 1/16, kpt task | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | float 5w, abort, drop last, aim 3p 3/16, urg, no response | |
| 08May | 11 OakGr | poor start, gap badly 5/8, ovrtnkn ½, plummet ins | |
| 17Apr | 5 OakGr | mild cvr ½, force 4w off trn, grad gain around tired foes | |

| 4 | CLASSY HILL | | |
|-------|-------------|--|--|
| 15May | 12 OakGr | yld 8th, 2° ¾, 3° ½, force 3w 3/8, fail adv, carr 4w off trn, even | |
| 08May | 2 OakGr | 3° 9/16, uncov ¼, bid 3d, outkick 3w 150y, even at best | |
| 30Apr | 5 OakGr | pl.7: 2w 5-1/2, adv 5L to 2°, 3w push 3/16, mild bid, flat off trn | |
| 24Apr | 13 OakGr | batt ins, open some ¼, pkt foe 1/8, drivn duel, just btn | |

| 5 | MINGO | | |
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| 6 | FEELIN LIKA WINNER | | |
|-------|--------------------|---|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | dq, pl.5: ins ld, ext duel ld, hop in air 3/8, reset, engulf, toil str | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | btw, steps, reset, circ 3w to ld 9/16, mld prs, pkt foe 1/8, englf | |
| 09May | 12 OakGr | left btwn, sprnt clr, control, opn ¼, drivn off trn, in hand 1/16 | |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr | close 3-hole, slid 2° 7/16, gap even, force 3w ¼, nk from 2d, tired str | |
| 23Apr | 2 OakGr | adv pkt, 2w 5/16, urg mild bid trn, lacked off turn | |

| 7 | JOE MCDUDE | | |
|-------|------------|--|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | pl.4: left 3w, prk, ext duel 2w, shove 3w 3/8, loop ¼, toil str | |
| 15May | 10 OakGr | 4° ½, aim 4w off trn, no response | |
| 08May | 2 OakGr | left 2w, prk, adv to clr 5/8, mild prss ¼, drivn clr, evade 3w foe | |
| 01May | 5 OakGr | float, 2° ¾, 3° 9/16, bld sw ¼, blkd 3p str, even bhnd wall | |
| 24Apr | 8 OakGr | 2° ½, mild tow, lost cvr trn, bid 4th, urg even str | |

| 8 | CHINA DREAM | | |
|-------|-------------|---|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | back, swung 4w off trn, pass tired foe, no menace | |
| 14May | 11 OakGr | protct ld ins, yld 9/16, box, rm 3/16, ang, drivn ld 150y, edg cl | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | off duel, chase duel ¼, close pkt, hook 3w 1/8, urg, no resp | |

| 9 | MACH DIESEL | | |
|-------|-------------|---|--|
| 21May | 5 OakGr | scratched | |
| 09May | 5 OakGr | scratched | |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr | prss pkt, box 7/16 off ext duel, rm 150y, wedge 2p, surge to ld | |
| 23Apr | 2 OakGr | float, prk midpack, adv 4th 5/8, lock 5/16, gap trn, no resp | |

Race 10 Outlook
by Ray Cotolo

Another amateur race, but this one oozes speed. (1) SPORTS TELLER likely tries to protect pylon position, (2) MEANT TOBE SHOOTER should sit forward despite racing off the pace for whatever reason, (3) GUNRNEEDABGRBOAT A can blast, (6) FEELIN LIKA WINNER was a winner until he jumped for some reason up the backstretch, (7) JOE MCDUDE is fast too. Plenty of horses in this field have the ability to carry these drivers home, the question is which driver will be crafty enough to sit in the right spot?

Race 10 Contenders
by Ray Cotolo

(2) MEANT TOBE SHOOTER can have this race won if he leaves, period. He has to go to be a serious win contender. Otherwise (1) SPORTS TELLER may be able to replicate the mile he went last week, minus the chaos ensuing up the backstretch. He can just try and sit a pocket trip and then power by; this is the perfect post for that kind of trip. (6) FEELIN LIKA WINNER also has the speed to power into a striking spot, but he just has to not leap over anything. Still have no clue what he jumped, didn't look like a shadow. Maybe it was a stick bug or something... horses can scare easy, despite weighing many hundreds of pounds. (7) JOE MCDUDE went a massive mile three starts ago and has followed that with decent efforts that just found him either against too tough of competition or in an inconvenient spot. He can find his way into the mix with a more conservative steer.

2-1-6-7

Driver Selections

Tony Dinges: #1 over #3

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| 1 | ALWAYS BAREFOOT |
| 21May | 1 OakGr bhnd #1, 2w 7/16, 4L to 3 ^o , circ 4w around brkr ¼, vault clr, willing |
| 15May | 8 OakGr float fwd, pkt 2d flt, 2w 5/16, adv, close 5L gap, rough 70y, btn 3w |

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| 2 | CLEARCHOICE DE VIE |
| 22May | 10 OakGr dq, pl.4: protct ld, yld 5/8, chk 5/16, erratic 1/8, hit 2w foe, bid 1/16 |
| 15May | 2 OakGr easy ins ld, yld 5/8, box 3/8, rm 3/16, drivn chase, protct 2d |
| 08May | 7 OakGr left 3w, loop, rate uncv, push fwd, ext duel from ½ to ld 70y |
| 30Apr | 9 OakGr left 3w, drift 5p 7-1/2, ext duel 2w, parried 3/8, toil, one-paced str |
| 24Apr | 6 OakGr left 3w, duel clr, rate, urg accel 3/8, drew off, kept task |

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| 3 | A COOL MOMENT |
| 21May | 1 OakGr left 3w, clr 6-1/2, yld 5/8, box ½, hit by brkr ¼, knocked off stride |
| 14May | 4 OakGr bhnd #1, lock 1st trn to 5/16, 2w ¼, adv trn, spl 1/8, strng chase |
| 24Apr | 12 OakGr flush 1 ^o ½, adv duel 5/16, engulf 150y, level off, gamely |

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| 4 | JOHN SPARTAN |
| 21May | 1 OakGr left 3w, clr 6-1/2, yld 5/8, box ½, hit by brkr ¼, knocked off stride |
| 14May | 4 OakGr bhnd #1, lock 1st trn to 5/16, 2w ¼, adv trn, spl 1/8, strng chase |
| 24Apr | 12 OakGr flush 1 ^o ½, adv duel 5/16, engulf 150y, level off, gamely |

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| 5 | DEPUTY DAWG |
| 15May | 6 OakGr lock 3/8, aim 3p bhnd wall 1/8, blkd, steadied w/pace 1/16 |
| 08May | 7 OakGr 2w 3/16, close 5L gap to 1/16, aim 4w, rally, up 4th, just miss 3d |
| 30Apr | 9 OakGr gap fast pace badly, ovrtnkn 3/8, never a factor |
| 16Apr | 8 OakGr float, 6th 7/8, retrt, ovrtnkn ½, detached bkst |

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| 6 | LYONS MIKI |
| 21May | 3 OakGr 2w 5-1/2, 2 ^o 9/16, gap cvr ¼, duck trn, failed to menace |
| 14May | 6 OakGr batt ins, yld 3d 6-1/2, gap top pair, ovrtnkn 3/16, tired ins |
| 08May | 5 OakGr lock 9/16, closed ins gap, shuff, spl 5/16, adv, toil off trn, even |
| 01May | 11 OakGr bhnd #2, split to close 5-hole, ang 2 ^o 3/8, gap duel 2d, even |
| 17Apr | 6 OakGr float, prk, bid 4th 6-1/2, retrt 7th 7/16, 4 ^o 5/16, pass tired |

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| 7 | TELLEM KISS |
| 21May | 9 OakGr duel ins, yld pkt 6-1/2, box off duel 7/16, rm 2w 1/8, hard urg, up 40y |

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| 8 | GOOSEBUMPSTHEFROG |
| 22May | 10 OakGr brk st, lost touch w/field |
| 15May | 6 OakGr prss pkt, 3d ¾, 1 ^o 3/8, prss ¼, push 3w 1/8, sust chase, engulf |
| 30Apr | 9 OakGr mild shuf to last 3/8, 2w ¼, passed tired rivals, no threat |
| 24Apr | 9 OakGr bhnd #1, 1 ^o 9/16, adv 3L, duel 2d ¼, took 2d 1/8, no match |

Race 11 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

(1) ALWAYS BAREFOOT is loaded with talent, but he’s not exactly fast off the gate. Today could be a day where Bender tries to land ALWAYS BAREFOOT closer to the speed than he usually has. Or, Bender again lands far off the pace and hopes the horse is fast enough to recoup lost ground. (2) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE and (3) A COOL MOMENT have serious speed, and early speed, which can put this guy into a difficult spot – especially since he still gets a little wobbly in his gate.

Race 11 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

If Putnam pushes with (3) A COOL MOMENT, this is his race to lose. Sure, his sharp miles have been over a bigger track, but he’s been doing everything right over two turns to make the addition of a single turn feel easy to overcome. Plus (2) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE has tended to level off when a mile breaches the 1:53 territory, so that could play into A COOL MOMENT’S hands. Though CLEARCHOICE DE VIE could also outkick the possible favorite from this draw and try to take the field around the track. (4) JOHN SPARTAN has encountered bad luck in his last two starts. Two starts ago, he got shuffled to no-hope land and last out got wiped out by interference up the backstretch. Give this horse clear racetrack and he can compete. (1) ALWAYS BAREFOOT has ability, but the inside draw is both the best and worst thing for him. We’ll see how much of each.

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Driver Selections

Jordan Patton: #7 over #5

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| 1 | ALLEGHENY HANOVER |
| 21May | 2 OakGr 3° ½, bld sw 3/8, buried trn, seam ins 150y, even at best |
| 14May | 7 OakGr loose 2° 9/16, fail close gap, weakened ¼, no menace |

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| 2 | SPOXYS GIRL |
| 21May | 5 OakGr stalk ins, 2° ½, bld sw ¼, aim 3w 3/16, empty off trn |
| 15May | 12 OakGr flush 1° ½, adv prss trn, drivn ld 1/16, outkick fresh 3w foe |
| 01May | 12 OakGr duel 2w 1st trn, sett pkt ¾, rate, closer ¼, 2w 1/8, drivn ld 1/16 |
| 24Apr | 9 OakGr rate 2d off fast pace, led 2d flt, prss ¼, btn 2d 1/8, worn dn |
| 17Apr | 3 OakGr ang 5/16, circ 3w turn, fan 5w str, pass tired rivals |

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| 3 | UNCLE SI |
| 21May | 11 OakGr 3° 9/16, carr 4w ¼, pass tired foes trn, mild accel 70y |
| 14May | 8 OakGr stalk, mild shuff 5/16,aim ins 150y, lock wheels w/pkt foe |
| 08May | 9 OakGr park midpack, sett 6th, lock, slid 4° 3/8, aim 4w off trn, empty |
| 01May | 12 OakGr duel ins, assert ld ¾, opn 5/8, pkt foe 1/8, all-out, btn 1/16 |
| 24Apr | 13 OakGr dull 4° ½, fan 4w off trn, even, no menace |

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| 4 | NO STONE UNTURNED |
| 15May | 12 OakGr easy pkt, box 7/16, urg chase off duel, rm btwn 1/16, no kick |
| 09May | 12 OakGr left 3w, adv pkt ¾, gap 9/16, ovrtnkn for pkt, lock bkst, empty |
| 24Apr | 2 OakGr batt ins, pkt, 3d 5-1/2, labor ¼, all-out, protct 3d, no match |
| 17Apr | 8 OakGr 2° 5/8, live bkst, aim 3w off turn, drivn sust rally, closed best |

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| 5 | TOXIC ROCK |
| 21May | 2 OakGr float 4w, prk, sett 6-hole 5/8, 4° ½, bld sw 3/8, empty off trn |
| 08May | 9 OakGr bhnd #1, gap 3L, back, no room, split 1/16, lacking |

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| 6 | SKYWAY QUINTON |
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| 7 | SWISS BANK HANOVER |
| 22May | 12 OakGr 2w 7/16, into 5th, fail close 5L gap, tired off trn |
| 15May | 4 OakGr sprnt clr, yld ¾, box 7/16, rm 2w 150y, mild urg, measured |
| 08May | 5 OakGr use 3w, clr 7/8, yld 5-1/2, retk 5/8, duel 3d qtr, btn 3w 1/8+, tired |
| 30Apr | 1 OakGr back main group, fail close gap ins ¼, no factor |
| 24Apr | 9 OakGr 2° 9/16, gap covr 3/8, faded badly trn |

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| 8 | ROCK N REPUBLIC |
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| 9 | MADDIE'S JET LADY |
| 21May | 2 OakGr yld 7th 5/8, rm ins ½, close gap ¼, ang 150, around failing pkt, even |

Race 12 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Honestly this whole field can leave the gate. This is a total drivers' race of which guy will be sitting in the right spot. No overreaching speed to carry one horse home over the others, just a seemingly level playing field. Unless...

Race 12 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(5) TOXIC ROCK wakes up. He uncorked a wicked mile just in a qualifier over the speedy surface at Springfield, but has not been able to replicate that effort at Oak Grove, likely because of post draw. His best mile from last season here topples this bunch. He just has to leave. (8) ROCK N REPUBLIC makes his sesaonal debut off decent off-the-pace miles at Northfield. He'll likely have to utilize late foot from that outside draw. (4) NO STONE UNTURNED is great at hitting the board but has lacked the oomph to win. She can certainly sit the right trip to get a check though. (2) SPOXYS GIRL races best when sitting close and pouncing. But that kind of trip appears either a) not super likely or b) potentially unrewarding if this group shuffles or stacks as it has the potential to. But she'll be in the right spot to do something with the proper racing luck.

5-8-4-2

Driver Selections

John MacDonald: #4 over #7