Saturday, February 10, 2018

RACE 1:
1 COURT CENTRAL, who does her best running from a stalk/close position, turns back to 7 ½ furlongs looking to 'sit' the trip behind the solid pace expected in the opener. **7 BARBADOS KITTEN** is stepping up to face winners after using her speed to defeat $20,000 maidens – as the odd-on choice – at the distance. **11 PADDY POINT** should be ready to notch this condition after shipping in from Woodbine and finishing a solid 3rd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-11

RACE 2:
4 LITTLE MISS MAY is dropping to the bottom on the main track after showing speed and fading late when facing better on the turf both here and at Gulfstream West. Trainer Mike Yates has Diego Gomez handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **8 DEVUELTA** is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs after making a late move to finish 3rd when facing similar at a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Luis Saez in the saddle. **10 ADIOS MIA** is dropping to the $12,500 level after shipping in from Woodbine and encountering trouble at the start (forced inward) before rallying to finish 5th at the distance vs $16,000 maidens.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-10

RACE 3:
2 SONG OF MELODY is turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track after showing speed and winning 1 of 2 route races on the turf vs tougher competition. Trainer Armando De la Cerda, 32% with the grass-to-dirt angle, has Luis Saez in the irons. **4 FAST TRACK KATHERN** is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker, and making her first start since drawing clear to defeat $10,000 maidens on the Turfway synthetic surface; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **6 CASUAL CARO** is dropping to the $16,000 level, and turning back, after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 recent $25,000 claimers going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-6

RACE 4:
1 HONZA is stepping up, and stretching out, after recovering from a restless start to finish a distant 3rd behind repeat winner Admirable Kiss, and next-out $20,000 maiden breaker Little Plummer.

4 CHASE YOUR DREAMS is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks again after following a 2nd place finish at the $50,000 level 2 starts back with a duel-and-fade 8th place finish vs state-bred maiden special weight competition. He's the one to beat at the $25,000 level. **5 FUN PROSPECT** is debuting locally in the Ron Spatz barn, and going back to the main track, after finishing a distant 3rd vs $32,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-5

RACE 5:
10 SOLID will break from the outside, and cut back to 5 furlongs, after following a trio of solid turf sprints at Belmont with a duel-for-lead 2nd place finish going 7 ½ furlongs locally. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the tough outside post. **6 GIANT DILEMMA**, who has shown promise in both previous turf sprints, wheels back after tracking the action and finishing 3rd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Miguel Vasquez named to ride. **5 ALL SYSTEMS GO** is a $450,000 son of Orb debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a string of solid workouts showing at Palm Beach Downs. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Luis Saez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 10-6-5

RACE 6:
2 BE A HERO is dropping back to the $6,250 level, and turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, after stalking the pace and finishing 4th behind next-out winners Mr Kisses and Crazy Frank C in a $12,500 claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs. **1 AMACE** proved he could compete at this level when he followed his $5,000 claiming victory at Tampa with a 3rd place finish vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. **5 JOURNEY'S END** is stepping up to face open-competition after drawing clear to defeat $6,250 '3-lifetime' claimers last out. Trainer Ron Spatz has Luis Saez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-5

RACE 7:
10 ORBED is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after shipping in from Aqueduct to finish a solid 3rd going 7 furlongs. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens has Chris Landeros named on the $525,000 son of Orb.

13 SLOT will break from an ultra-tough outside post (13) after a solid sophomore debut here at the distance in which he rallied on a sealed 'sloppy' track to finish 2nd. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano in the saddle. **6 HE TAKES CHARGE** is making the 3rd start of his current form cycle after responding to the stretchout from a mile with a 3rd place finish behind Slot last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione atop the $625,000 son of Tapit.

SELECTIONS: 10-13-6

RACE 8:
12 ADMIRAL'S COVE is wheeling back at the same level and distance after following his $20,000 maiden score at a mile with a late-closing 2nd – beaten only a neck last out at 23-1; Edgard Zayas rides.
9 MILES OF HUMOR is dropping to the $20,000 level after stalking the pace and finishing 5th behind a trio of next-out winners in a monster 'key-race' at the $50,000 level. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Javier Castellano in the saddle. **1 HARLAN'S HUNCH** moved to the red-hot Danny Gargan barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level, after opening and surrendering an early 3 ½-length lead when fading to finish 6th – as the favorite. The new connections have Chris Landeros handling the inside speed. **3 MARYLAND PRIDE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after shipping in from Laurel, dueling throughout, and finishing 2nd vs similar quality going 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 12-9-1-3

RACE 9: *THE GULFSTREAM PARK TURF (G1)*
5 MONEY MULTIPLIER, who won the Grade 2 Monmouth at this distance, is turning back after ending his 2017 campaign with a late-closing 4th in the 11-furlong Grade 3 Red Smith Handicap at Aqueduct. Trainer Chad Brown has Javier Castellano looking to sit the 'trip' behind the speed, which surely includes
1 HEART TO HEART. The speedy son of English Channel breaks from the rail, and is reunited with jockey Julien Leparoux, after losing his best chance when he reared at the start and was forced to sit behind the pace in the G2 Ft Lauderdale. The 'horse-for-course' play (6-4-0-0) is working bullets on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for this assignment. **8 CHANNEL MAKER**, another son of English Channel, is making his first start since rallying to finish 2nd in the Grade 1 Hollywood Derby at Del Mar. Trainer Bill Mott has Nik Juarez handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-8

RACE 10: *THE SUWANNEE RIVER (G3)*
5 DREAM DANCING, the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks winner, is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after returning from the layoff to run a stamina enhancing 2nd in the mile and a sixteenth Grade 3 Marshua's River. Trainer Mark Casse has Julien Leparoux named on the classy daughter of Tapit. **9 KITTEN'S ROAR** is making her local return after a stellar 2017 campaign in which she was 2nd in the Grade 1 E P Taylor, and won the Grade 2 Goldikova at Del Mar. Trainer Mike Maker has Luis Saez atop the classy daughter of Kitten's Joy.
8 ELYSEA'S WORLD is making her local return after a frustrating 2017 campaign in which she amassed a 9-0-4-2 record, which includes the narrow defeat in the Grade 3 Frankel at Santa Anita in her last. Trainer Chad Brown has Javier Castellano in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-8

RACE 11:
10 POWER OF ATTORNEY is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after following his 1-mile maiden victory at Aqueduct with a stalk-the-pace 7th place finish – beaten 1 ½ lengths – in the 7 ½-furlong $100,000 Kitten's Joy. **5 MOJOVATION** proved he could handle the turf when he followed a series of stakes performances sprinting on the main track with a 5th place finish in front of Power of Attorney in the Kitten's Joy. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Javier Castellano atop the son of Quality Road. **1 CEEVEE** breaks from the rail with that always-dangerous commodity – speed! Trainer Kelly Breen has solid front running jock Nik Juarez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 10-5-1

RACE 12:
8 LAYTHATPISTOLDOWN, undefeated in his 2 previous turf races at the $16,000 level, will try get his 3rd victory vs this caliber of competition after the dominating 4-length plus score last out.
6 CONQUEST SANDMAN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the 5-month layoff to defeat $30,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Luis Saez named to ride. **12 SPORTSCASTER** will depart from the outside (Post 12) after using his tactical speed to win at this level and distance last out. Trainer Dale Romans has Julien Leparoux in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-12

BEST BET: RACE 12 – 8 LAYTHATPISTOLDOWN

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 12 ADMIRAL'S COVE