

TRACK PHANTOM AQUEDUCT GUIDE



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RACE 2 .50 P4 \$168

2nd 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,10
 3rd 5
 4th 1,2,5,6,7,9
 5th 3,4,8,9,10,11,13

RACE 6 \$2 P6 \$256

6th 1,2,3,4
 7th 1
 8th 2,4,5,6
 9th 8
 10th 2,4,5,11
 11th 7,10

RACE 7 .50 P4 \$225

8th 2,3,4,5,6
 9th 2,7,8
 10th 2,3,4,5,11
 11th 1,2,5,7,9,10

BEST BET
 #1 NICODEMUS (7th)

LIVE LONGSHOT
 #7 HOUSE LIMIT (11th)

MOST LIKELY
 #5 STONE BREAKER (3rd)

1 MSW 70K, 6F DIRT (1:00 ET) 84

2 PUNCHLINE 5-1 **GUTIERREZ**
 1 VEHEMENT 8-5 ORTIZ
 4 LABEQ 2-1 DAVIS
 6 MO GOTCHA 7-2 ALVARADO

PICK: 2 PUNCHLINE
 There is no way this one is as bad as he looked in the 1st start. Trainer Jerkens is 5 for 19 (26%) with 11 in the top 3 (58%) with 2nd timers at 6F on dirt in NY with 3YO+. 4 of the 5 winners were off board (well-beaten) in debut. Works indicate the screws have been tightened for this.

VALUE: 6 MO GOTCHA
 First foal for a dam who won 188k, mostly on turf, and is from the female line that produced Running Stag (won 1.7M and was 2nd in rich Hong Kong International Cup in '99. Trainer Englehart is good with firster and is 12% w/ such at AQU. Doesn't have to beat a lot to hit the board.
 A) 1,2 B) 4 C) 6

2 MSW 70K, 5.5F DIRT (1:31 ET) 61

1 SHE'S NOT BLUFFING 4-1 **FRANCO**
 5 FLASHPACKINBARBIE 5-2 ORTIZ
 8 MINESHAFT BLUES 15-1 DAVIS
 7 LOOKBOTHWAYS 5-1 CARMOUCHE

PICK: 1 SHE'S NOT BLUFFING
 Took action in the debut when bet down to 4-1. She had the rail in there and was in chase mode before fading a bit late. Might have bled as she gets first Lasix. Big rider move to Franco and she comes in with a bullet move on the training track 3 weeks ago (& another swift 4F drill).

VALUE: 8 MINESHAFT BLUES
 She drew the widest 9 post in the debut on the grass at Saratoga last summer. Not surprisingly ended up with a wide trip. Comes back in this spot on the dirt and while there are turf winners in her pedigree, I do prefer the breeding more for dirt than grass. Check on the betting.
 A) 1,5 B) 7,8 C) 2,3,6,10

3 OPT CLM 75K, 6F DIRT (2:02 ET) 76

5 STONE BREAKER 4-5 **VELAZQUEZ**
 4 THE BIG LEBANESE 8-1 DAVIS
 2 OH MY PAPA 9-2 ALVARADO
 3 TRANCE 10-1 MARAGH

PICK: 5 STONE BREAKER
 Showed the maiden win on the muddy track here was no fluke. He ran and hid from a similar group last time out at 7-2 odds. Runner-up was beaten a neck in an opt clm at Parx in the race prior. Show finisher had been 3rd in stakes at LRL previously. 87 Beyer towers over these.

VALUE: 4 THE BIG LEBANESE
 Three scratches in the race move this one up. He took a decent MSW in mid February as the favorite. Winner two back ran off by 15 and then returned to win an opt clm by 5 with an 86 Beyer for Asmussen. 4th ran 2nd in a MSW and then 3rd in MSW after that. Trainer 25% on the year.
 A) 5 B) 4 C) 2,3,8

4 CLM 10K, 7F DIRT (2:34 ET) 65

1 BITUMEN 9-2 **DIAZ**
 9 GO BIG OR GO HOME 4-1 WORRIE
 7 AVAST MATEY 15-1 HERNANDEZ
 2 REDYORNOTHEREICOME 15-1 MARTINEZ

PICK: 3 MARQUEE PRINCE
 Trainer is 2 for 9 (22%) with 6 in the money (67%) with a first off the claim runner and at this track. Exits a good race for the level. The winner came back to win next vs 16k (by 6) and then 2nd at 7-1 in 61k Kelly Kip. 6th (Javelin) won at 7-1 over many foes in this spot at a 12k clm level.

VALUE: 9 GO BIG OR GO HOME
 Last win came four back at this 7F distance at 4-1 going wire to wire here. Since then he faced str allw 50k level and faded after fast fractions. Runner-up two back was good enough to win this race. Notice he was far clear of the third place finisher. Fractions were too fast last out.
 A) 1 B) 7,9 C) 2,5,6

5 CLM 25K, 1M 1/16 TURF (3:06 ET) 43

4 GLENCAIRN 15-1 **CANCEL**
 9 SYCAMORE LANE 9-2 ALVARADO
 10 WICKED FREUD 8-1 LEZCANO
 3 SLIM SHADEY 4-1 ORTIZ

PICK: 4 GLENCAIRN
 Trainer Gullo is 23% first off the claim. He's won 4 of last 11 first off the claim in NY and 8 total hit the board. His last first off the claim won a 60k stakes at 7-1 here just one week ago. Drew an 8 wide post in last and wide. Big rider upgrade in here. Will finish strongly in the stretch.

VALUE: 9 SYCAMORE LANE
 Mott 8YO gelding was facing opt clm company in last at GP. He was on the rail and found himself in a tough spot early and was steadied twice. Beat a couple of these in the start 3 back when he motored away late. Now 2 for 3 on this turf course. Alvarado was aboard for win 3 back.
 A) 3,4,9,10 B) 8,13 C) 5,11,12

6 BAY SHORE-G3 250K, 7F DIRT (3:38 ET) 74

1 MUCH BETTER 9-5 **ESPINOZA**
 2 MUCHO 5-2 ORTIZ
 3 MIND CONTROL 2-1 VELAZQUEZ
 4 CALL PAUL 3-1 FRANCO

PICK: 1 MUCH BETTER
 We've seen this movie before with Bob Baffert. He's got a So Cal shipper, NY graded stakes, controlling speed from the rail and a major player on class and talent. He was burned up in a wicked pace in the G3 Gotham in his last start. Baffert 20 for 47 (43%) in graded stakes in NY.

VALUE: 2 MUCHO
 Might have bled two back as he got first time Lasix last time out. He was game in defeat to Mind Control in the G1 Hopeful. Mott runner has enough speed to get in the mix early but also has some finish to him. He's working well at Payson for this. A lot depends on race flow here.
 A) 1,2,3,4 B) C)



7 EXCELSIOR-G3 150K, 1M 1/8 DIRT (4:11 ET) 82

1 NICODEMUS 5-1 **ALVARADO**
 8 LIFE'S A PARLAY 4-1 VELAZQUEZ
 4 HIT IT ONCE MORE 15-1 HERNANDEZ
 3 MONONGAHELA 5-2 LEZCANO

PICK: 1 NICODEMUS

Really fantastic pedigree. Dam won three Grade 2's and took home \$1.7M. Deeper in the female tree is the great Lady's Secret, won 3M in the 1980's for D Wayne Lukas. Last 3 on a sloppy track. What if he wants a fast track? Rider is 28% for Rice. Blinkers on in last. 2nd was 6 clear.

VALUE: 8 LIFE'S A PARLAY

Outside post, given his front running style, might be the perfect spot to be in. He was a game winner at 4-5 at OP last time out. 4th from that race came back to win in an op clm at 5-2 (93 Beyer) next at OP. 725k purchase in '16. Sib, Declassify, won G1 Triple Bend in '14. Major respect.

A) 1 B) 4,8 C) 3,7

9 CARTER-G1 400K, 7F DIRT (5:22 ET) 81

8 WORLD OF TROUBLE 1-1 **FRANCO**
 2 VINO ROSSO 5-2 VELAZQUEZ
 7 HONOR UP 6-1 LEZCANO
 4 IDENTITY POLITICS 8-1 ORTIZ

PICK: 8 WORLD OF TROUBLE

He's turned into one of the fastest sprinters anywhere. Started in a maiden claiming race but has really been a freight train in recent starts on turf, dirt, slop or about anything. Servis winning with basically anything these days. Only one other with his kind of speed. Tough here.

VALUE: 7 HONOR UP

He's deserving of a shot in here after he's won 5 of last 7 starts including two NY-bred stakes. Considering only two are going to go head to head early, this one may be sitting in a perfect spot early. He's 4 for 6 at AQU and hit the exacta in all 4 starts at the distance. Gets great trip.

A) 8 B) 2,3,4,7 C) 1,5

8 GAZELLE-G2 300K, 1M 1/8 DIRT (4:47 ET) 54

2 ESPRESSO SHOT 9-5 **CANCEL**
 4 POSITIVE SPIRIT 5-2 ORTIZ
 5 ALWAYS SHOPPING 3-1 FRANCO
 6 PROUD EMMA 6-1 ALVARADO

PICK: 2 ESPRESSO SHOT

She has three wins and a fast closing second in her four starts on the dirt. Filly she beat in the Busher won the G3 Tempted here last Nov and was beaten just 2 in the G1 Starlet at LRC. Third was 2 for 2 before that race and won them by a combined 11 lengths. Will be firing late.

VALUE: 4 POSITIVE SPIRIT

Won the G2 Demoiselle by nearly 11 lengths two back and did so over this track. Came off the break in last going off at 3-1 in G2 Rachel Alexandra at FG. Was not settled at the gate and basically eased in. Connections show confidence this start. Looking past the poor start.

A) 2 B) 3,4,5,6 C) 1

11 ALLW 75K, 1M DIRT (6:38 ET) 47

7 HOUSE LIMIT 8-1 **MARTINEZ**
 10 EXPERT 4-1 MARAGH
 2 VINCENZO 10-1 JUAREZ
 5 DARK N CLOUDY 7-2 LEZCANO

PICK: 7 HOUSE LIMIT

Destroyed a field of MSW runners here in his 2nd start at odds of 1-5. Followed that up with a decent effort in first start vs winners. He was 6 wide in that race but finished well for 3rd. Runner-up won easily vs winners next and ran 2nd in stakes after. Toss out last on the sloppy track.

VALUE: 2 VINCENZO

Rudy Rodriguez lost him for 40k two back but claimed him back for the same price last time out. He's won 5 of 13 at the distance. Troubled trip in the same race that the top choice came out of three back. Missed the start four back. Rodriguez has a strong record with reclaims.

A) 7,10 B) 1,2,5,6,9 C) 4,8,11

10 WOOD MEM-G2 750K, 1M 1/8 DIRT (6:00 ET) 60

4 HAIKAL 7-2 **MARAGH**
 5 FINAL JEOPARDY 8-1 FRANCO
 2 TACITUS 5-2 ORTIZ
 11 JOEVIA 30-1 JUAREZ

PICK: 4 HAIKAL

He might get passed over a bit due to the way he won in the Gotham. He was far back early but closed into very fast fractions to win. He took a lot of late money and he ran to that betting. He's a neck away from being 4 for 4 and has run all of his races here at AQU. Trainer has had a big start to the 2019 season. Sib, Takaful, won the G1 Vosburgh sprinting in 2018. Deeper in the female family is millionaire Dumaani. Gets another fast pace. Closes.

2nd: 5 FINAL JEOPARDY

Winner of two of three career starts and both were late runs. This closer will get enough pace to close into here today. Off slow and sluggish early in the lone loss at GP two starts back. Rider has won 29% for this trainer over the last two years. Slow works are typical for Servis. The family tree produced the 1.5M winner Midshipman who won the 09 Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Servis tough to fade.

3rd: 2 TACITUS

Mott colt won here in the maiden win two back. He got first Lasix in last and won the G2 Tampa Bay Derby, 9-1 odds. Dam was a superstar. She won 9 of 14 for 2.7M in her career 5-6 years ago and was a 5x Grade 1 winner at the route on dirt. Ortiz has been up for all 3 starts and is back aboard. Pedigree says the sky is the limit for him.

4th: 11 JOEVIA

Hung in gamely for 2nd to Haikal in the Winkfield here 2 back at 18-1. He followed up that effort with a sharp 2nd to a runner who has won 5 in a row and all wire to wire and by open lengths. Sprint leaning pedigree but did show he can hang in there going long last out. Odds will be much bigger than his chances indicate. Underneath.

A) 4 B) 2,3,5,11 C) 1,6,7,10