NHC 2019 DAY 1

FRIDAY 2/8/19

Track Phantom

BEST BET: 4 TAKE THAT FOR DATA (4th)

LONGSHOT: 10 STELLA D'ORO (3rd)

LIKELY: 1 OFFSHORE (8th)

OP P4	RACE 1	$270
1,2,3,4,5,7,9,11,12 * 2,4,5,7,8		
1,2,3,4,6,7 * 5,11		

SA P4	RACE 5	$180
2,3,4 * 1,3,4,6,7,8		
2,3,4,5,6 * 1,2,7,10		

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1 — TAMPA BAY DOWNS R4 — 39
CLM 16K, 1M TURF

5 JIMMY D	7-2
10 SECRET LIFE STYLE	5-1
7 CAT PRADO	5-1
8 EL TAUR	30-1

PICK: 5 JIMMY D
He had run well vs much better at AP and at Del Mar prior to the drop in class two back. Might not have wanted the softer footing 2 back as he made no late impact. 9th out of that race won twice since. Pace was just so slow in last. 2nd and 3rd were near the front.

VALUE: 8 EL TAUR
Not a ton to love here. Trainer just 7% in '18 out of 108 starts. But there are excuses in the last few. Bad break three back and just couldn't make up late ground. Was on main two back. Made an early move into a quick pace last. Stabbers may look to land here.

A) 5,10   B) 1,2,6,7,8   C) 3,4,9

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2 — OAKLAWN PARK R1 — 18
CLM 6K, 6F DIRT

11 CHIP VAN WINKLE	5-2
3 TASHREEH	4-1
7 GREELEYS CHARM	10-1
1 NEIL'S DIAMOND	6-1

PICK: 11 CHIP VAN WINKLE
Must respect anything from the Villafranco barn especially one dropping down in class as this one is. He is 16 for 42 (38%) when he drops from allw to claiming here at OP and is 4 for 7 (57%) when that drop is into lower claiming. This one 7 for 18 at the distance.

VALUE: 7 GREELEYS CHARM
Closer was about 5 behind the top choice in his most recent race (that came back in August). He was 7-1 and had to go 5 wide in that race. Has always run well at OP (6 for 10 in the top three here). Pretty honest for the level. He should get a pace to run into.

A) 1,3,7,11   B) 9,12   C) 2,4,5

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3 — FAIR GROUNDS R4 — 44
ALLOWANCE 42K, 1M 1/16 TURF

10 STELLA D'ORO	8-1
4 NINETY ONE ASSAULT	6-1
2 ARTIE'S RUMOR	8-1
8 IT'S FATE	15-1

PICK: 10 STELLA D'ORO
Not sure he beat much in the maiden win last time out but it was more how he did it. He traveled well, went to the lead and then put the field away in the lane. Female tree produced the 1993 Arc De Triomphe winner (Urban Sea). Reportedly working superbly.

VALUE: 4 NINETY ONE ASSAULT
Deep closer makes his comeback after last running in November. He was 3rd in a stake race here as the favorite but gets credit for having to close into very slow pace. The 4th place finisher in there returned to win in a 100k stakes. Pace will be fast enough early.

A) 2,4,10   B) 3,5,7,8,9   C) 1,6,11

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4 — FAIR GROUNDS R6 — 42
ALLOWANCE 42K, 1M 1/16 TURF

4 TAKE THAT FOR DATA	9-2
3 KING OF CANDY	6-1
9 POWER SONG	8-1
1 ALITTLEVODKA	8-1

PICK: 4 TAKE THAT FOR DATA
Brad Cox runner comes back from a 7 week break. Was last seen running here in a very similar spot. He was full of run but got into a lot of traffic trouble and lost all chance. Was in tight and checked two back. The winner 2 back won the 200k Mystic Lake Derby next.

VALUE: 3 KING OF CANDY
He'll be closing from off the pace in here. He gets blinkers on for the first time and moves back to Saez who was aboard in the maiden win over this track at 78-1. Had to make an early move in last due to the slow pace. The winner two back won an opt clm in next out.

A) 3,4,9   B) 1,5,6,7   C) 2,8,10

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5 — OAKLAWN PARK R5 — 35
CLM 40K, 6F DIRT

6 WOSIE	7-2
7 JUST PERFECTION	4-1
2 MISS XIMENA	4-1
12 HEADLAND	8-1

PICK: 6 WOSIE
Shrewdly placed on the comeback. She gets in protected from the claim due to her last race coming over 90 days out and entered back at or above the claiming price she last ran in. Won a key race going away. 2nd in that race has since been stakes placed 2 times.

VALUE: 7 JUST PERFECTION
First two starts were awful but she ran and hid in last. Might be a bleeder as she shows speed and stops or kicks on. Trainer/owner campaigned the 750k winning dam, won G2 races on the dirt. Sharp works here and they are neatly spaced. She owns the top Beyer.

A) 2,6,7   B) 5,11,12   C) 1,3,4,8,10

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6 — TAMPA BAY DOWNS R9 — 46
OPT CLM 32K, 1M TURF

3 D'CRAZINESS	6-1
10 MISSPENT YOUTH	4-1
2 COLTRANE	8-1
5 MCCORMICK	7-2

PICK: 3 D'CRAZINESS
Gets credit for chasing the fast pace in the common race many come out of in his last start. The fractions were fast and he made an early move into it and hung in gamely at 36-1. He has backclass but hasn't won for 15 months. Should get the run of the race.

VALUE: 2 COLTRANE
He was 35-1 with Centeno aboard in similar spot here 11 months ago and he went wire to wire to win. Two of the three turf starts since he was forced into sub :47 half mile fractions. The other was a :47 flat on a good turf. Will need a breather up front in here.

A) 2,3,5,10   B) 4,7,8   C) 1,9

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7 — GULFSTREAM PARK R11 — 51
CLM 30K, 1M TURF

6 TIPSY KITTEN	9-2
11 BLACK SEA	5-1
3 MILES OF HUMOR	6-1
8 BALTIC ART	4-1

PICK: 6 TIPSY KITTEN
Understandable why this 5YO was gelded since his last start in October. He has been rank and aggressive in the early stages in many of his starts. Has talent as showed in a win here two back. Rider is 23% for this outfit. Notice a bullet drill prepping for this.

VALUE: 11 BLACK SEA
He's been in the money in 17 of his 28 races and almost always is making up ground in the lane. Probably the winner in last if he'd gotten room late in the race. He does have a bit of tactical speed and that should have him in right spot early. Will finish well here.

A) 3,6,11   B) 8,9,12   C) 1,2,4,7,10

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8 — SANTA ANITA R6 — 53
CLM 30K, 1M TURF

1 OFFSHORE	5-2
4 ICE KAT	9-2
3 WILSHIRE DUDE	7-2
7 VAN CORTLANDT	9-2

PICK: 1 OFFSHORE
Impressive in the win last time out. He was breaking from the 9 post, went wide in the move to the lead and just drew off running into a fast pace. Considered a stakes type for previous connections. Prat had choice for Baltas' two horses. Saves ground today.

VALUE: 4 ICE KAT
Hasn't had a clean trip in a while and it may be the reason that Baltas has Rosario here and Prat on the top choice. Could use a fast pace given his late running style. Baltas is over 21% with layoffs of this type. Has been working a while. Check tote for more clues.

A) 1   B) 3,4,6,7,8   C) 2,5