

Best Bet - 5 Liberal Arts (12th)

Longshot - 4 Media Mogul (8th)

Likely - 1 Burlsworth (3rd)

Vulnerable - 1 Militant (7th)

1 - Optional Claiming 150k, 1M 1/16 Dirt (1:05) 70

7 Escapologist	3-1	Hernandez
1 Ethereal Road	5-2	Bejarano
5 Can't Hush This	9-2	Esquivel
6 Life Is Hard	6-1	Vazquez

Pick: 7 Escapologist

Value: 5 Can't Hush This

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

2 - Maiden Special Weight 120k, 1M 1/16 Dirt (1:36) 49

1 Burlsworth	5-2	Bejarano
3 Task	3-1	Torres
9 Secret Strategy	8-1	Chuan
2 Turquoise Blue	6-1	Gaffalione

Pick: 1 Burlsworth

Value: 9 Secret Strategy

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

4 - Claiming 75k, 1M Dirt (2:39) 52

7 Tahoe Run	20-1	Arrieta
8 Tapsasional	9-2	Bealmear
5 Strava	2-1	Santana
2 Alejandro	7-2	Fuentes

Pick: 7 Tahoe Run

Trainer Mac Robertson normally puts his horses where they'll have the best chance to win. This one drops after two subpar efforts but they both came on off-tracks and this gelding has never really fired on that surface. Last time on a fast track (3 back) was a super 2nd place finish here at 21-1. Proper placing.

Value: 8 Tapsasional

Claimed for 40k two back and stepped up into opt clm 62k in the last start and ran second at nearly 60-1. That was the first start with this solid apprentice rider aboard. The pace he set and pressed in there was legitimate and he still hung in there for a runner-up spot. Can go to the front or rate slightly behind.

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

3 - Maiden Special Weight 120k, 6F Dirt (2:08) 53

3 Handsome Herb	5-2	Torres
5 Run Jalen Run	3-1	Gaffalione
6 Gould's Gold	10-1	Hernandez
8 Coach Jimi D	2-1	Arrieta

Pick: 3 Handsome Herb

One of two in the race for Steve Asmussen. This one was sent off favored in the last start at CD following a big effort in the debut. He may have bled as he faded in the lane and the didn't come back with him until now, with Lasix. Works are very good for an Amussen returnee. This is a speed over speed pedigree.

Value: 6 Gould's Gold

Trainer Ken McPeck is just 10 for 186 (5%) with a first timer in a MSW sprinting on the dirt. This one ran on well enough in the debut on his own. The winner was 3rd in the G3 Street Sense next. Show finisher was 3rd in the G3 Lecomte. May have bled last time out going long on turf. He gets Lasix for the first time.

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

5 - Maiden Special Weight 120k, 1M Dirt (3:11) 58

3 Tap the Champagne	3-1	Prat
2 Bonaqua	6-5	Hernandez
7 Under the Palms	15-1	Hernandez
6 Vinobello	20-1	Vazquez

Pick: 3 Tap the Champagne

Was traveling up the inside towards the leaders into the turn last time out when she shuffled and steadied which may have cost her better. Key race at TP 2 back. Nice closing 3rd in debut sprinting. Sib to routers Majestic Harbor (won \$1.2M) and Danza (In 2014 he won the Ark Derby and 3rd in the Ky Derby).

Value: 7 Under the Palms

We really don't know what this one has under the hood. She was on turf routing in the debut which is a very difficult ask at Saratoga. Stumbled at the break in her next start. Laid off for 7 months, came back with Lasix here at 1M but caught a very muddy track. She's worth an exotics adder on fast track today.

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



RACE 1 PICK 5 \$300

RACE 1: 1,2,5,6,7

RACE 2: 1,2,3,9

RACE 3: 2,3,5,6,8,9

RACE 4: 2,4,5,7,8

RACE 5: 3



RACE 2 PICK 4 \$360

RACE 2: 1,2,3,9

RACE 3: 2,3,5,6,8,9

RACE 4: 2,4,5,7,8

RACE 5: 2,3,5,6,7,8

6 – Allowance 150k, 6F Dirt (3:45) 64

4 Bourbon Bash	5-2	Asmussen
7 Julliard	6-1	Fuentes
1 Shopper's Revenge	3-1	Torres
5 Clear the Air	7-5	Vazquez

Pick: 4 Bourbon Bash

Comes in on an 18-race losing streak but has run many races in that span that would be good enough to win here. He turned into solely a dirt sprinter 8 starts ago and hit the board in 6 of those 8 starts. First and last from the most recent start were able to win right back (6-1 and 54-1 odds) in opt cl here at OP.

Value: 7 Julliard

Back to back win here last year before something went wrong and he was laid off for 7 months. Improved start over start on the return. Last two came on wet tracks. Ran into mid-race traffic two back. Should be able to secure a good stalking spot just off the pace. Seems to be arching into a top flight run here.

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

7 – Maiden Special Weight 120k, 1M 1/16 Dirt (4:20) 37

7 Tell 'Em I'm Comin	15-1	Harr
2 Django	9-2	Vazquez
3 Riyadh Moon	6-1	Asmussen
10 Stronsino	20-1	Torres

Pick: 7 Tell 'Em I'm Comin

Come-from-the-clouds type has finished well in many of the same races that the rest of these are out of. Forced into a bit of an early move last out and was running on late. This team of Cline and Harr have an avg win payoff over \$30 here in their 25 wins over the last 5 years at OP. Check how track is playing.

Value: 10 Stronsino

Steve Asmussen is 5 for 10 (50%) when going sprint to route at 1M 1/16 here at OP in a MSW. Debut wasn't too bad where he lagged behind at 6F and then made a late move while wide at 7-1. Worked three times since including a bullet 5F sizzler 2 weeks ago. That very slow 3F breeze is an Asmussen tip-off.

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

8 – Allowance 150k, 1M 1/16 Dirt (4:55) 44

4 Media Mogul	8-1	Torres
1 King Russell	4-1	Bejarano
8 Inexorable	20-1	Asmussen
5 Captivating Boy	3-1	Esquivel

Pick: 4 Media Mogul

Very strange this lightly raced 5YO horse hasn't had more tries at a route. Sire won the '03 Belmont. Sib Arcangelo won the '23 Belmont. Deeper on the female side is the '06 Belmont winner Jazil and '07 Belmont winner Rags to Riches. There is also the BC Marathon winner Man of Iron. If breeding matters, he wins.

Value: 8 Inexorable

He's won 4 of his last 10 starts and in the money in 7 of those 10 races. Does get a bit tougher group to compete against in here for Asmussen. Stunted for run two back while making up big ground. Was over 11 clear of 4th last time out at this same level. Seems honest. Can show speed or sit just in behind early.

A) 1,4 B) 5,7,8,10,12 C) 2,3,6,9 D) 11

9 – Oaklawn Mile (G3) 500K, 1M Dirt (5:32) 63

1 Nautical Star	12-1	Torres
4 Midnight Rising	7-2	Esquivel
5 Necker Island	8-1	Bejarano
8 Silver Prospector	3-1	Asmussen

Pick: 1 Nautical Star

There appears to be some talent here. They had him in the G1 Florida Derby as a two-race maiden winner. Ran second (sans Lasix) to the excellent Damons Mound (660k earner) in the G2 Gallant Bob at Parx. Crushed first out for Hartman. They likely waited for this race for the comeback. Some fast works for this.

Value: 5 Necker Island

Other Hartman runner has the trainers go-to rider Bejarano up today. Nibbled in tough company last year and has surpassed the million dollar earnings mark. Notice the bullet move here on 3/8. Clearly has an affinity for the off-track. 3 of his 8 wins have come at this distance. High percentage connections here.

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



RACE 5 PICK 5 \$360

RACE 5: 2,3,5,6,7,8

RACE 6: 4

RACE 7: 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10

RACE 8: 1,4,8

RACE 9: 1,2,4,5,8



RACE 6 PICK 4 \$350

RACE 6: 1,4,5,7

RACE 7: 1,2,3,4,5,7,10

RACE 8: 1,4,5,8,10

RACE 9: 1,2,4,5,8

<p>10 – Matron 250k, 6F (6:12) 55</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>6 Zeitlos</td> <td>7-2</td> <td>Gaffalione</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Mucho Macho Girl</td> <td>8-1</td> <td>Hernandez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 Leeloo</td> <td>5-2</td> <td>Hernandez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Royal Spa</td> <td>8-1</td> <td>Santana</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pick: 6 Zeitlos She was bet down to 3-5 in the Carousel last out and the way that race unfolded, with her being wide and running down the pace rather easily, it is unlikely anything would be different in this one. Been 1st or 2nd in 8 of last 9 starts. She has a strong late kick. Slow breezes by Asmussen a very good sign for this.</p> <p>Value: 4 Mucho Macho Girl Was the second choice in the Carousel and she ran well there for third. However, she regressed somewhat from her starts at FG. Worked exceptional 3 times since that start. Sib to Hoist the Gold, a \$1.2M earner, G2 winning sprinter for these same connections. Tough if she runs back to the form she had at FG.</p> <p>A) 4,5,6 B) 7,8 C) 1,2,3,9,10 D)</p>	6 Zeitlos	7-2	Gaffalione	4 Mucho Macho Girl	8-1	Hernandez	5 Leeloo	5-2	Hernandez	7 Royal Spa	8-1	Santana	<p>11 – Fantasy Stakes (G2) 750k, 1M 1/16 Dirt (7:00) 74</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>12 Thorpedo Anna</td> <td>7-2</td> <td>Hernandez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 My Mane Squeeze</td> <td>3-1</td> <td>Prat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Lemon Muffin</td> <td>9-2</td> <td>Asmussen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 West Omaha</td> <td>4-1</td> <td>Gaffalione</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pick: 12 Thorpedo Anna Absolutely crushed in first 2 starts. She was 4-1 in the debut for a trainer who normally gives them a race before he has them cranked up. Awesome second out at 2-5 when she won by 9. Winner of last ran 2nd to the top 3YO filly, Tarifa in a G2 next. McPeek is 25% with female 3YO's in dirt route graded stakes.</p> <p>Value: 1 My Mane Squeeze This one is really 1A. If the outside filly doesn't come back in top form, this could be the winner. She's won 3 straight vs NY-breds at AQU for Michael Maker. Of the 6 routes 2/18 at AQU, this filly was the only one to break 1:41 for a mile. It was a very slow day. Notice the distance back to 3rd in the last two starts.</p> <p>A) 1,12 B) 8,6,11 C) 2,3,4,5,7,9,10 D)</p>	12 Thorpedo Anna	7-2	Hernandez	1 My Mane Squeeze	3-1	Prat	11 Lemon Muffin	9-2	Asmussen	8 West Omaha	4-1	Gaffalione
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<p>12 –Arkansas Derby (G1) \$1.5M, 1M 1/8 Dirt (7:47) 70</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>5 Liberal Arts</td> <td>15-1</td> <td>Gaffalione</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Timberlake</td> <td>9-5</td> <td>Prat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Muth</td> <td>8-5</td> <td>Hernandez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Will Take It</td> <td>50-1</td> <td>Arrieta</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pick: 5 Liberal Arts Homebred improved when distance was added. He was third in the Iroquois at CD at nearly 10-1 despite having to alter out a bit. Crushed 4 foes in the G3 Street Sense two back at 6-1. No disgrace in 3rd in the Southwest. It was a very muddy and he took a lot of mud kickback. Major rider move. Big step forward.</p> <p>Value: 1 Will Take It Obviously a reach as the maiden steps into G1 company. He improved with blinkers off and a fast track last out. 2nd and 3rd generation on the female side include G1 winners Will Take Charge (\$3.9M), Take Charge Lady (\$2.2M), Take Charge Indy (\$1.1M), As Time Goes By (\$1.1M). OP rewards ground savers.</p> <p>A) 2,5,7 B) 1,8,9 C) 3,4,6,10 D)</p>	5 Liberal Arts	15-1	Gaffalione	2 Timberlake	9-5	Prat	7 Muth	8-5	Hernandez	1 Will Take It	50-1	Arrieta	<p>13 – Allowance 150k, 1M 1/8 Dirt (8:24) 20</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>6 Let's Duet</td> <td>9-2</td> <td>Hernandez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Esme</td> <td>30-1</td> <td>Esquivel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Wildwood Bye</td> <td>5-1</td> <td>Arrieta</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 Xylophone</td> <td>20-1</td> <td>Bailey</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pick: 6 Let's Duet She did not get pace to run into in the last two starts and she made matters worse but getting off slow and forced very wide last time out. She's 7 for 8 in the money on this track. Clearly needs pace to run into. It's 50/50 whether enough will develop but she should be finishing best. Sharp 4F move since last out.</p> <p>Value: 1 Esme She has run pretty well for the new connections following the claim out of the maiden win for just 7k. Drew the rail last time out and ran third at boxcar odds at Turfway Park. She is a bit more forward than many of these and if she can hold position on the rail, she could be in the best striking spot into the lane.</p> <p>A) 1,3,6,9 B) 2,4,5,7,8,10,11,12 C) D)</p>	6 Let's Duet	9-2	Hernandez	1 Esme	30-1	Esquivel	3 Wildwood Bye	5-1	Arrieta	9 Xylophone	20-1	Bailey
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RACE 9 PICK 5 \$315

RACE 9: 1,2,4,5,8

RACE 10: 4,5,6

RACE 11: 1,6,7,8,9,11,12

RACE 12: 5

RACE 13: 1,3,6,7,8,9




RACE 10 PICK 4 \$360

RACE 10: 4,5,6,7,8

RACE 11: 1,11,12

RACE 12: 1,2,5,7

RACE 13: ALL