

ON THIS DATE (1989) – On September 16, 1989, BLAIR'S COVE, one of the most popular horses to run at Canterbury Downs, won the Land O'Loon Stakes by 6 lengths. The Noel Hickey trained gelding beat his stablemate A Nice Lark who was another 7 lengths in front of the rest of the field. The Hickey entry paid \$2.80 to win but \$4.00 to place and \$3.00 to show.

CANTERBURY

Thursday 9/16/21

BEST BET: 2 TEST PILOT (7TH)

LONGSHOT: 9 H'RAYFORCAB (8TH)

LIKELY: 10 CINCO STAR (2ND)

RACE 5 PICK 4 \$252

5,8 * 1,4,6,7,9,10

2 * 1,2,4,6,8,9

RACE 9 PICK 5 \$324

1,3,4,5,8,10 * 1,5,6,7,8,9

1,3,7 * 6,7 * 2,4,8



1 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:10 CT) 59
MDN CLM 25K, 1M 70Y TURF

1 SMOKING BOSSA NOVA 6-1 FUENTES
8 PINK CHANNEL 7-2 CANCHARI
11 METAPHAR 12-1 ARROYO
6 JUST PLAIN PRETTY 6-1 VEGA

PICK: 1 SMOKING BOSSA NOVA

Huge runner-up at 26-1 in the lone turf start for this 3YO filly. That came two back and she beat many of the main rivals in this race. She broke poorly in the debut and again in her last start. Gets 5th different rider in 5 races. Will save some ground from the rail.

VALUE: 11 METAPHAR

She gets back on the turf for the first time since she fell over a rival back in May. The only other turf race was in the debut when she was off slow at SA facing 50k maiden claimers there. Gets in with light weight with the apprentice. Might prefer the surface change.

A) 1,8 B) 6,7,11 C) 2,3,5,13

2 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:40 CT) 64
OPT CLM 35K, 1M TURF

10 CINCO STAR 9-5 QUINONEZ
9 TIN BADGE 6-1 HARR
3 TWOKO BAY 12-1 HAMILTON
5 BEAT THE HEAT 15-1 FUENTES

PICK: 10 CINCO STAR

Robertson gelding has two stakes wins and twice been second in stakes at the meet. There is a case to be made that he is horse of the year especially with a big effort in this spot. Wide post is a concern for him. 5 for 5 in the exacta on the turf (all at CBY).

VALUE: 3 TWOKO BAY

Another Mn-bred that has chased Cinco Star at the meet (3 times). He has run well at the distance on grass and appears to like this turf. Might get some serious pace to close into. Has a win at the meet in June and form is decent. Will pick some off in here.

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

3 - CANTERBURY PARK (5:10 CT) 72
HBPA 50K, 6F DIRT

2 MARKET ANALYSIS 4-1 QUINONEZ
4 MINISTER OF SOUL 5-2 FUENTES
3 SAMURAI CAUSE 5-1 EIKLEBERRY
5 BAYOU GEM 8-1 WADE

PICK: 2 MARKET ANALYSIS

Router cuts back to a sprint in here. Has shown a lot of speed going long and that should put him right in a good spot on the cutback tracking the speed from just off the pace. He's a 3-time winner at the meet for Padilla. Move him up more if the track is muddy.

VALUE: 4 MINISTER OF SOUL

11-time winner has won twice in a row coming into this. Runner he beat easily in last (the 2-5 favorite for Diodoro) had won the Honor the Hero earlier in the meet. Winner of the 2019 Phoenix Gold Cup at Turf Paradise. Should get the run of the race today.

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

4 - CANTERBURY PARK (5:40 CT) 43
CLM 10K, 1M 1/16 TURF

9 WHERE'S JORDAN 12-1 VEGA
7 JOHAN ZOFFANI 9-2 WADE
5 SOUL READY 6-1 HAMILTON
3 BIG FALCON ROCKET 7-2 VALENZUELA

PICK: 9 WHERE'S JORDAN

The horse, trainer and rider are all long overdue for a victory. This 8YO Mn-bred gelding has been close a number of times. Takes the needed class drop and will get some pace to close into. Winner 3 back has 7 in-a-row for Diodoro. 3rd and 4th also won next start.

VALUE: 7 JOHAN ZOFFANI

Diodoro still has a chance to win the trainer title but would need to win a bunch during the final week. He took over the training for this one three back. Been in the money in all 3 starts since. 4th two back came back to win a 10k clm. 5 from there hit the board next.

A) 3,5,7,9 B) 1,2,8,10,13 C) 4,6,11,12,14

5 - CANTERBURY PARK (6:10 CT) 70
MSW 35K, 6F DIRT

5 COUSVINNYSACANUCK 4-1 EIKLEBERRY
8 DYNAMOMETER 7-2 GOODWIN
3 ROAD TRIP 5-2 NEGRON
2 SPEEDY DAREDEVIL 10-1 VALENZUELA

PICK: 5 COUSVINNYSACANUCK

First timer ships from his training at KEE. Despite being a Mn-bred, it's unlikely they would ship from Kentucky for one start here unless he was ready to run a big race. Trainer is 4 for 20 with a 1st timer in MSW here for this owner. Dam won 2 stakes and 300k.

VALUE: 8 DYNAMOMETER

Mac Robertson started this one for 40k and he was a close second. The winner was a 2nd time starter who was dropping from MSW. Notice they were well clear of the rest of the field. Winner of last a strong looking prospect who was 5th in the 100k No Lights.

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

6 - CANTERBURY PARK (6:40 CT) 51
OPT CLM 36K, 5F TURF

1 DEFEND THE ROSE 3-1 NEGRON
6 BINDING TIME 10-1 WADE
7 MISS BROOKSIDE 6-1 HARR
9 DIVA DE KELA 4-1 QUINONEZ

PICK: 1 DEFEND THE ROSE

Mac Robertson/Novogratz Racing drops this into a 15k claimer but really a double drop as she was in with open class in last but faces Mn-breds in here. Has a ton of speed and the rail but was good to see her rate on the turf two back. Looks the one to beat.

VALUE: 6 BINDING TIME

She's been on the grass just once and it was 2 back at 15-1 vs. some of these. She closed strongly there and was beaten just a length despite having some traffic trouble in there. Don't think she cared for a wet track in last. Notice the leading rider is aboard.

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

<p>7 - CANTERBURY PARK (7:10 CT) 75 MSW 30K, 5F TURF</p> <p>2 TEST PILOT 8-1 QUINONEZ 8 GEAX YOSHA 7-2 CANCHARI 6 TIGER HUNTER 15-1 VALENZUELA 11 SAINT CHARLES 9-2 NEGRON</p> <p>PICK: 2 TEST PILOT There is a lot of turf in the female line. Dam was 3rd in the '15 Lady Canterbury. Her sib Wet Your Whistle was 2nd in the 2020 G1 BC Turf Sprint and won a G1 sprinting on turf at W0. Trainer is 5 for 20 with a 1st time 2YO starter. Has his top call rider aboard here.</p> <p>VALUE: 6 TIGER HUNTER Quarterhorse trainer Ed Ross Hardy has this debut 2YO sprinting on turf. The breeding is major grass on both sides of the family tree. Sibs First Hunter & Tiger By His Tail combined to win 13 grass races in their career. Been working for quite a while for this.</p> <p>A) 2 B) 3,4,5,6,8,11 C) 1,7,9,10</p>	<p>8 - CANTERBURY PARK (7:40 CT) 69 OPT CLM 31K, 6.5F DIRT</p> <p>9 H'RAYFORCABERNEIGH 12-1 FUENTES 8 BIRDIE BE GONE 5-1 HAMILTON 6 A ROZE AND WINE 5-2 EIKLEBERRY 1 SAILING ALONG 6-1 QUINONEZ</p> <p>PICK: 9 H'RAYFORCABERNEIGH Half sibling to the fantastic Mn-bred Mr Jagermeister. One thing we know about him is he doesn't like the turf. So this one moves off the turf and back to dirt after she won on that surface easily two back. Was a longshot runner-up by a neck in MSW at OP 5 back.</p> <p>VALUE: 8 BIRDIE BE GONE Speed figures aren't great but this Mn-bred passed the eye test winning her first two starts here. Was strong pressing the pace and surging clear in most recent start. 8th from there won a grass allw at 7-1 next. Sib to the 273k stakes winning mare Clickbait.</p> <p>A) 6,8,9 B) 1,2,4 C) 3,5,7</p>	<p>9 - CANTERBURY PARK (8:10 CT) 47 CLM 5K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>3 GREATER CAIRO 5-2 EIKLEBERRY 4 DIGITAL STAR 6-1 LOPEZ 1 NEVERBLINK 9-2 HERNANDEZ 5 SIDE STREET DAVE 15-1 VALENZUELA</p> <p>PICK: 3 GREATER CAIRO VALUE: 5 SIDE STREET DAVE A) 1,3,4 B) 5,8,10 C) 2,9</p> <hr/> <p>10 - CANTERBURY PARK (8:40 CT) 39 CLM 7K, 6.5F DIRT</p> <p>9 FENDER BENDER 10-1 FUENTES 8 SHARP ART 7-2 EIKLEBERRY 7 FLORIDA TWO STEP 10-1 LINDSAY 6 CALCULATING KING 9-2 QUINONEZ</p> <p>PICK: 9 FENDER BENDER VALUE: 7 FLORIDA TWO STEP A) 1,6,7,8,9 B) 5 C) 2,3,4,10</p>
<p>11 - CANTERBURY PARK (9:10 CT) 63 SHAKOPEE JUVENILE 50K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>1 SIMPLY WICKED 8-1 HAMILTON 7 SUMMER LIGHTNING 5-2 LOPEZ 3 CAUSE I'M LEAVIN 9-2 EIKLEBERRY 6 WILL THE THRILL 12-1 QUINONEZ</p> <p>PICK: 1 SIMPLY WICKED Diodoro runner was a sharp winner of his debut at LS back in early June. Caught a deep field in a stake there next out. 3rd and 5th from there won an op 75k claimer and MSW next. Runner-up in last was 2nd in the 200k Sapling at MTH next. Blinkers added today.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 CAUSE I'M LEAVIN Gelding cost just 4,500 but he more than justified that price with an 8 length win last out. He had big trouble in the start two back (stumble at the start and altered course). Ducked out at the start and 6 wide trip in debut. Fast works and Eikleberry is up.</p> <p>A) 1,3,7 B) 2,5,6,8 C) 4,9</p>	<p>12 - CANTERBURY PARK (9:40 CT) 48 OPT CLM 36K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>7 WESTONS WILDCAT 10-1 ARROYO 6 GOT EVEN SMARTER 3-1 HERNANDEZ 10 MAY WE ALL 6-1 FUENTES 9 PUBLIC SAFETY 10-1 HAMILTON</p> <p>PICK: 7 WESTONS WILDCAT Only two off-the-board finishes and excuses in both. Was off slow and made a big early move in the grass race in the 2nd start when 6th beaten just 3. Hated a sloppy track next out. Nothing wrong with the three starts in 2021. Came back with a bullet work on 9/9.</p> <p>VALUE: 10 MAY WE ALL Trainer Karl Broberg is hitting at nearly 30% at this meet. Last time this 5YO was on a fast dirt track, it was 3 back and he won. Ran just 3 behind the very talented Thealligatorhunter two back. He is 6 for 17 at the distance & 7 for 21 racing here at Canterbury.</p> <p>A) 6,7,8,10 B) 2,5,9,12 C) 1,3,11</p>	<p>13 - CANTERBURY PARK (10:10 CT) 53 CLM 5K, 1M 70Y DIRT</p> <p>2 GRAPHYTE 9-2 VALENZUELA 4 MUSKYMAN 12-1 WADE 8 NATURAL CHILL 6-1 CANCHARI 10 WHATA SHOW OFF 8-1 LOPEZ</p> <p>PICK: 2 GRAPHYTE Got a win for 16k maiden claiming and then moved back to the turf in the next start. That was a strong field for the level and he was a hapless 41-1 in that race. Caught another good field when for 10k 2 back. Finally dropped to the 5k level and was 2nd by a nose.</p> <p>VALUE: 4 MUSKYMAN This trainer is very dangerous. He took over on this one prior to the last start. Could be a bleeder as he stopped completely in two of his last three but he won around those starts. Top rider Wade was up in the win two back and returns here. Expecting more.</p> <p>A) 2,4,8 B) 3,10,11 C) 1,6,7,9</p>