

BEST BETS

Track Phantom Best Bets of the Day

Saturday 2/3/24

GP 8 50C PICK 5 \$250

RACE 8: 1,2,4,5,7
 RACE 9: 2,4,5,6,7
 RACE 10: 2,4,6,7
 RACE 11: 1,5,6,7,9
 RACE 12: 7

AQU 6 50C PICK 5 \$378

RACE 6: 1,2,3,4,5,9
 RACE 7: 1,5,7,9,10,11
 RACE 8: 4,5,7
 RACE 9: 4
 RACE 10: 1,4,6,9,10,11,13

TAM 6 50C PICK 5 \$392

RACE 6: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
 RACE 7: 5
 RACE 8: 3,4,6,7,8,9,10
 RACE 9: 3,6,8,9
 RACE 10: 1,7,8,10

BEST BET

#4 EL GRANDE O (AQU 9TH)

LONGSHOT

#6 RISK IT (GP 9TH)

LIKELY

#7 FIERCENESS (GP 12TH)

1 – GULFSTREAM PARK R7 (3:08 ET) 66
 MSW 89K, 1M 1/16 SYNTHETIC

9 EL MEGEETH 3-1
 8 POOLSIDE WITH SLIM 7-2
 2 JITTERBUG 12-1
 5 MAJESTIC VENEZUELA 8-1

PICK: 9 EL MEGEETH

Todd Pletcher 27 for 58 (47%) with a 2nd timer routing in MSW for 3YO+, off at 3-1 or less, and in the money 1st start. Sib to 2022 Preakness winner Early Voting. 2nd gen in the female line includes super sire, Speightstown. Winner of debut was fav, 2nd a neck in Group 3 overseas.

VALUE: 2 JITTERBUG

One of two first timers for Christophe Clement (both well-bred). Sib to millionaire Carve. Also in the female family is \$4.4M earner Blame, sib to the dam. Clement is about 14% with a first timer in a spot like this. Works are typical for him. Might be one that is better down the line.

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

2 – GULFSTREAM PARK R8 (3:38 ET) 43
 SWEETEST CHANT (G3) 175K, 1M 1/16 TURF

1 LIFE'S AN AUDIBLE 2-1
 7 MILLIAT 5-2
 4 PHAROAH'S WINE 6-1
 2 MADAME MISCHIEF 8-1

PICK: 1 LIFE'S AN AUDIBLE

Superstar team of Pletcher and Repole. They have Fierceness in the Holy Bull. Was 2nd to the BC Juv Fillies Turf winner Hard to Justify in the Ms. Grillo. There were 6 runners from that race to hit the board next. Winner of last start is a nice prospect who won stakes in previous start.

VALUE: 7 MILLIAT

She surprised the public in her maiden win at Dundalk in Ireland. She beat 12 rivals when off at 25-1. She was sold privately after and tried the 100k here at GP in Dec. She gave the 4-5 favored winner all she wanted when losing by a neck. That winner won the Ginger Brew next.

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

3 – GULFSTREAM PARK R9 (4:08 ET) 70
 SWALE 125K, 7F DIRT

7 LEGALIZE 3-1
 6 RISK IT 9-2
 2 COLORADO CRUISER 5-1
 5 BILLAL 6-1

PICK: 7 LEGALIZE

Really looked good winning the last two starts for Cherie DeVeaux. He tracked nicely right up on the pace in the Sugar Bowl and then pulled away late. 4th won in an opt clm at FG next at 10-1. Female family of the 2005 G1 Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly. Will be loose up front.

VALUE: 6 RISK IT

Top level connections decide to cut him back after two off the board finishes routing on the dirt. Asmussen is 22% going route to sprint in a stakes race on the dirt. Had major traffic in both of the last two route starts. Clearly bred to be a good one. Will track the early pace here.

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

4 – GULFSTREAM PARK R10 (4:38 ET) 77
 FORWARD GAL (G3) 125K, 7F DIRT

4 R HARPER ROSE 2-1
 7 WITWATERSRAND 9-2
 6 SCALABLE 9-5
 2 FIONA'S MAGIC 8-1

PICK: 4 R HARPER ROSE

Had little trouble in winning her first 3 starts. All 3 were basically wire to wire. Has not gone off at anything above 4-5 yet in her career. She proved she wants to sprint when she tired at 3-5 last out to finish second. Has sprint in the pedigree. Notice the bullet 45.4 drill on Jan 8th.

VALUE: 7 WITWATERSRAND

It can be hard to gauge the strength of the WO races. 3rd from the last start won a 75k stakes at TAM at 4-5 next time out. The place finisher had won a 128k stakes in the race prior at WO. Turf pedigree in the female line so it remains to be seen if she can transfer her form to dirt.

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

5 – GULFSTREAM PARK R11 (5:08 ET) 68
 KITTEN'S JOY (G3) 175K, 1M 1/16 TURF

9 NOTED 8-5
 6 FIRST WORLD WAR 4-1
 5 DEADPAN 8-1
 7 QUOKKA 30-1

PICK: 9 NOTED

One of two in the race for Todd Pletcher and owner Repole. He's a nose away from being 3 for 3 routing on the turf. He did get a sizzling pace to run into last out. That race produced 3 next out winners (two in stakes). It appears Irad had his choice of the two Pletcher runners.

VALUE: 6 FIRST WORLD WAR

Never easy to win a MSW routing at KD in first career start but this one did that last Sep and showed talent. Drew the widest 12 post in the G2 Bourbon and ran big to finish within one in that race. Gets the turf influence from the sire War Front. In here with three strong workouts.

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

6 – GULFSTREAM PARK R12 (5:48 ET) 94
 HOLY BULL (G3) 250K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

7 FIERCENESS 3-5
 8 SEA STREAK 20-1
 3 OTELLO 9-2
 2 INVEIGLED 12-1

PICK: 7 FIERCENESS

Ran and hid from the Breeders' Cup Juvenile field to lock down 2YO champion honors. 2nd in the race, Muth, won a G2 at SA to start this season for Baffert. From the female family of Outwork (won the 2016 Grade 1 Wood for same connections). Really not facing a strong group.

VALUE: 8 SEA STREAK

This feels like the kind of race the runner-up chunks up after the race is decided. This is a NJ-bred but has a couple of stakes winners in the family for the same ownership. One was a sprinter and one a distance router. Winner of the debut is 4 for 5 after a 12-length win at TAM.

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

7 – TAMPA BAY DOWNS R6 (2:44 ET) 43
 ENDEAVOUR (G3) 175K, 1M 1/16 TURF

6 SPARKLE BLUE 9-2
 7 FULL COUNT FELICIA 2-1
 2 CONSUMER SPENDING 5-2
 1 BET ON SUNSHINE 6-1

PICK: 6 SPARKLE BLUE

Very evenly matched race without a true front runner. This mare likes to finish but has been forwardly placed in many of her starts. She's run fresh 4 times in her career. She has 2 wins and 1 runner-up in those 4 races. Jockey Ruiz was aboard for the win 3 back. Love the works.

VALUE: 7 FULL COUNT FELICIA

Winner of 5 of 7 starts when in the barn of this trainer Brittany Russel. One of her losses was two back when she was rank early and moved a bit soon into a fast pace. She's run some of her best races when the turf is soft so that is something to consider. Steadied inside in last.

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

8 – TAMPA BAY DOWNS R10 (4:50 ET) 47
 TAMPA BAY (G3) 175K, 1M 1/16 TURF

1 NEVER EXPLAIN 5-2
 8 SIEGE OF BOSTON 5-1
 7 CANDIDATE 15-1
 10 RUNNING BEE 4-1

PICK: 1 NEVER EXPLAIN

Just didn't fire at KD last out and went to the bench afterwards. He won 2 of 3 times coming back off a layoff. Arlington Million turned out to be a key race with many firing in stakes in next starts. Trainer hitting at 50% at this TAM meet. He is 32% with this rider. Saves ground.

VALUE: 8 SIEGE OF BOSTON

This 5YO horse has 2 wins and 5 straight in the money with jockey Ruiz aboard. Has excuses in the defeats. Was n the 11 post on a good CD turf in last. Drew the rail at quirky KD two back in a race that might have been a bit short for his liking. Could get the run of the race today.

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

9 – **AQUEDUCT** R8 (3:24 ET) 55
TOBOGGAN (G3) 175K, 7F DIRT

7 KINETIC SKY 8-5
4 STAGE LEFT 5-1
5 SUPER CHOW 5-2
3 MANNY WAH 9-2

PICK: 7 KINETIC SKY

Trainer Richard Dutrow claimed this one for a high price of 62k 7 back. He got back to back wins out of him and then ran him on 3 days off in the Queens Co last out. He nearly pulled off a 6-1 upset. The winner was 3rd in the Pegasus last week at 34-1. In the money 10 of 12 at AQU.

VALUE: 5 SUPER CHOW

Comes in off a career best Beyer figure when 2nd a neck in an opt clm at GP. 4th from there came back to win at the same condition as a 43-1 longshot two weeks ago. The MVR stakes two back was a pretty decent field. 7th and 9th from there both won opt clm at OP next starts.

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

10 – **AQUEDUCT** R9 (3:55 ET) 72
WITHERS (G3) 250K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

4 EL GRANDE O 5-2
3 LIGHTLINE 8-5
6 SOCIETY MAN 20-1
1 SPEED RUNNER 5-1

PICK: 4 EL GRANDE O

Linda Rice has been a very tough beat in NY in the last few years. This one has just one start out of the exacta since the debut. That came in a G1 at 21-1 on a sloppy track. Had fast dirt twice. Last when he stumbled but finished 2nd and a head defeat to G1 type The Wine Steward.

VALUE: 6 SOCIETY MAN

Trainer Danny Gargan puts this two-race mdn in a graded stakes following a decent third in a MSW won by the rail runner. Gets credit for running into :49.3 and 1:14.4 middle fractions. Gargan and owner West Paces Racing won the Remson here the last two years. Worth a look.

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

11 – **DELTA DOWNS** R6 (8:43 ET) 94
PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP 150K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

3 TOUCHUPONASTAR 3-5
6 WOODS N WATER 6-1
2 BALLINONABUDJET 8-1
4 PLAY MO 8-1

PICK: 3 TOUCHUPONASTAR

This has to be the best La-bred in training. He has 10 wins in 13 starts. The only time he was beaten in the last 10 races was in an open G3 at LS when second. It's unlikely anyone will be able to run with him early. Won this race in '23 without an issue. Will take some beating today.

VALUE: 6 WOODS N WATER

Pretty consistent runner in his own right. He won 5 of 11 starts last year and ran well on the dirt and turf both. Might find himself in a very good tracking spot behind the favorite setting the pace. Rider certainly knows him well with 6 wins aboard him. Grabs a minor award here.

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

12 – **TURFWAY PARK** R7 (8:55 ET) 49
FOREGO 125K, 6.5F SYNTHETIC

2 CONDEMN 4-1
7 SURLY FURIOUS 4-1
3 NIGHT TIME 5-2
4 ARREST ME RED 3-1

PICK: 2 CONDEMN

Really good looking win two back when he was favored in an opt clm race. That was with this same rider up. Awkward start in last but he did make up some good ground to get within 4 of the winner. Gelded since the last race. Could get the race flow he needs to make one move.

VALUE: 7 SURLY FURIOUS

Late runner has 6 wins in 13 starts on synth so far in his career. The last two starts were only two on this track and both were big efforts at overlaid odds. Clearly likes this surface and is going to get some pace to run into. He might be a bit overlooked in the betting. Is a must use.

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

