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This **Inside Track to the Cigar Mile** wagering guide gives you an inside look at the four stakes races running at Aqueduct on December 4, 2021, including the \$750,000 Cigar Mile Handicap (G1) for 3-year-olds and up. The Cigar Mile is one of the country's top dirt mile events each year, attracting both sprinters and distance horses.

The Racing Dudes have been at it for 10 years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's **Inside Track to the Cigar Mile**, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at Aqueduct in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

Along with the Cigar Mile (G1), the other stakes Saturday at Aqueduct are the \$250,000 Remsen (G2), a Kentucky Derby prep race; the \$250,000 Demoiselle (G2), a Kentucky Oaks prep race; and the \$250,000 Go For Wand (G3).

But that's not all! Along with the four major stakes races, this Inside Track to the Cigar Mile wagering guide also includes race-by-race analysis, betting suggestions, and multi-race plays for Aqueduct's entire Saturday card.

For each of the four stakes at Aqueduct, you will find the following:

FULL PREVIEW FOR THE RACE, including:

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- ♦ Race Overview
- ♦ Race Shape and Pace Analysis
- ♦ Top Selections
- ♦ Major Threats
- ♦ Longshots to Use

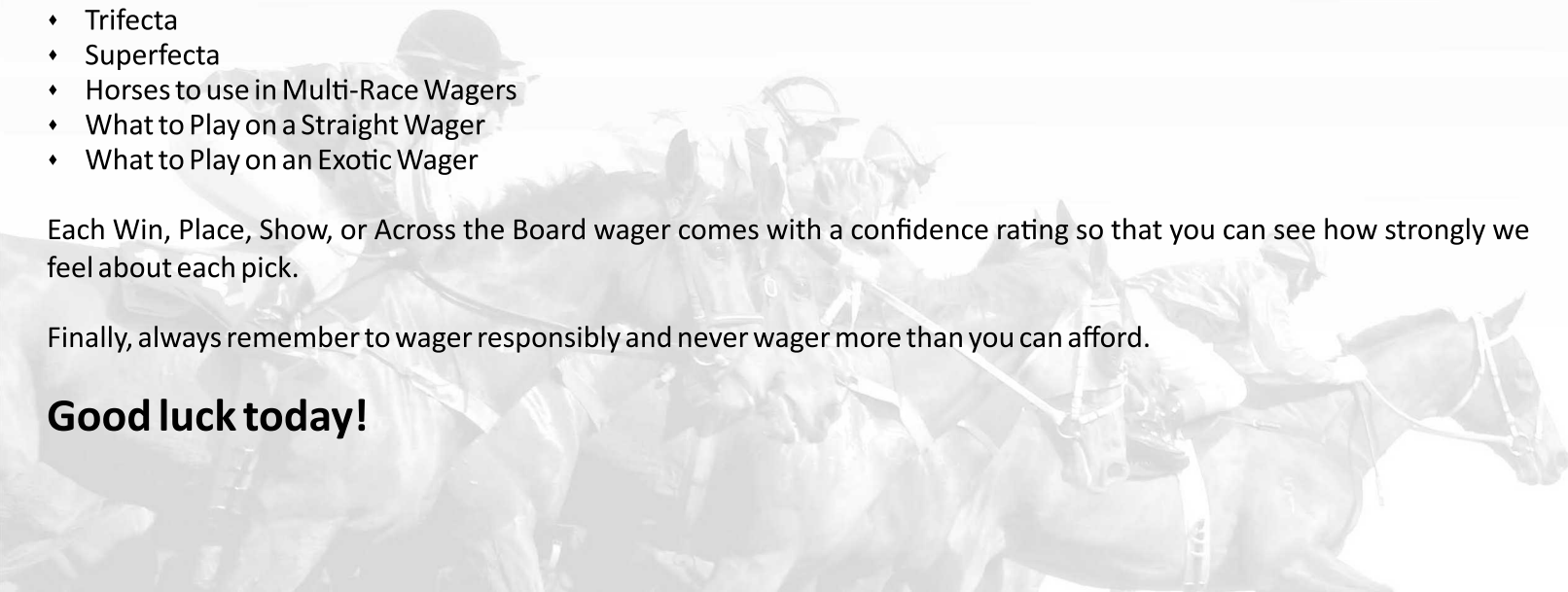
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- ♦ Horses to use in Multi-Race Wagers
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- ♦ What to Play on an Exotic Wager

Each Win, Place, Show, or Across the Board wager comes with a confidence rating so that you can see how strongly we feel about each pick.

Finally, always remember to wager responsibly and never wager more than you can afford.

Good luck today!



RACE 7: GO FOR WAND HANDICAP (G3)

1 MILE (DIRT)
FILLIES & MARES
3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$250,000



OVERVIEW:

This is kind of the forgotten stakes race on this race, even though it usually does draw a solid field. This year, it drew 7 runners, but this could be a one-horse race with a classy front-runner looking formidable.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: Miss Marissa, Lady Rocket

Pressing Speed: Bella Vita, Truth Hurts

Stalkers: Sharp Starr

Closers: So Darn Hot, Honor Way

They shouldn't be going too fast in this spot, with the two inside horses Miss Marissa and Lady Rocket controlling the early pace. They both have nice early speed, but neither are what you would describe as a burner.

TOP CHOICE: #2 LADY ROCKET

Lady Rocket looks like the class of this field no matter how you look at it. She also gets Irad Ortiz Jr., which is a good sign, and there is a chance she sits a perfect trip in this spot, stalking the leader or even being ahead. If she does get the ideal trip expected, it's going to be pretty difficult to beat her here.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Miss Marissa, #5 Honor Way

Miss Marissa has to bounce back from a couple of poor efforts, but this group looks manageable as she cuts back in distance. Look for her to be running up front early. Honor Way should run an improved race if she gets a fast track.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Bella Vita

She comes into this race winning 2 of her last 3 starts, including a stakes at Del Mar last time out. However, this is her first time running in New York. The inexperience over the track is her biggest question mark.

OTHERS: #4 So Darn Hot, #6 Truth Hurts, #7 Sharp Starr

Anyone from this group has a shot if the favorite doesn't fire with her best effort. She does look like she could be a standout, but if she stubs her toe, then this truly turns into a wide-open scramble.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #2 Lady Rocket - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #5 Honor Way - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 Miss Marissa - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,2,5 BOX

TRIFECTA: 2,5/1,2,3,5/1,2,3,5

SUPERFECTA: 1,2,3,5 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #2 Lady Rocket

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 1,2,5

RACE 8: REMPSEN STAKES (G2)

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)
2~YEAR~OLDS
\$250,000



OVERVIEW:

It's crazy to think the Remsen has been a poor producer of quality Kentucky Derby trail runners, though the winner of this race usually does turn out to be a solid horse down the road. Is that a trend that will continue this season? We are about to find out.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: Judge Davis, Fromanothamutha

Pressing Speed: Zandon

Stalkers: Who Hoo Thats Me, Midnight Chrome

Closers: Mo Donegal, Eloquist, Mr Jefferson

This another race where the pace should be fairly mild. Judge Davis and Fromanothamutha have proven to be somewhat fast early, but neither are pure speed, which should mean we see controlled early fractions.

TOP CHOICE: #7 ZANDON

We landed on Zandon, whose visually impressive debut caught our attention when watching replays. Despite getting in some heavy trouble down the lane and getting stopped, this horse re-rallied and mowed them down with ease once he got clear. Chad Brown trainees usually improve in their second career starts. If Zandon improves off of that debut, then he will be pretty tough to beat.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Mo Donegal,
#3 Judge Davis, #4 Fromanothamutha

Mo Donegal broke his maiden nicely last time out going a similar distance to this event. Judge Davis was an impressive maiden winner 2 starts back and adds blinkers after a disappointing third in the Nashua Stakes (G3). Fromanothamutha is still a maiden but has been close several times.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 Eloquist

This horse was not good in his first 2 starts, finishing nowhere close to the front, but he woke up in a big way last time out. If he can repeat that sort of effort again, and prove those first 2 races were flukes, then he will have a good shot to hit the board at a nice price.

OTHERS: #2 Who Hoo Thats Me,
#5 Midnight Chrome, #8 Mr Jefferson

You never want to write off 2-year-olds; however, anyone from this group making an impact in this spot would be a surprise. There is a lot of improving they would have to do from a speed figure standpoint.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #7 Zandon - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #3 Judge Davis - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 Mo Donegal - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,3,7 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,3,4,7 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 1,3,4,7 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,3,4,7

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #7 Zandon

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 1,3,7

RACE 9:

DEMOISELLE STAKES (G2)

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)
FILLIES 2~YEAR~OLDS
\$250,000



OVERVIEW:

A field of 8 will take their shot at this year's Demoiselle Stakes (G2), a Kentucky Oaks prep race. The field looks fairly wide-open on paper because this distance is longer than what any of these horses have tried before and what most will never try again.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Full Court Felicia*

Pressing Speed: *Magic Circle*

Stalkers: *Golden Valentine, Nest*

Closers: *Miss Interpret, Golden Essence, Nostalgic, Tap the Faith*

We could see Full Court Felicia alone on the lead, which makes her interesting as she tries dirt for the first time. Magic Circle is the only other one who could press her.

TOP CHOICE: #5 NEST

After an impressive maiden-breaking debut, this filly moved up to stakes company and finished a close third, defeated by less than a length. She gets a bigger field here, which should help because she seems to run best when she has a target. Her breeding also suggests she will handle this distance very well, while some of the others in here seem a little sketchy.

MAJOR THREATS: #4 Nostalgic, #7 Magic Circle, #8 Full Court Felicia

Nostalgic won on debut impressively and Bill Mott runners usually improve second time out. Magic Circle finished ahead of our top choice in her last race, narrowly missing in a stakes to finish second. Full Court Felicia gets a major jockey upgrade and a favorable pace setup.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Miss Interpret, #6 Tap of Faith

Miss Interpret runs for Todd Pletcher, who you always must respect in races of this caliber. Tap of Faith earned a solid victory on debut and has the pedigree to get the distance, but the speed figure from her debut victory was not strong.

OTHERS: #2 Golden Essence, #3 Venti Valentine

This group looks a bit overmatched in this extremely tough field. It would be a surprise if either of these made an impact here.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #5 Nest - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #4 Nostalgic - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #7 Magic Circle - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 4,5,7 BOX

TRIFECTA: 4,5,7,8 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 4,5,7,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4,5,7,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #5 Nest

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,7,8

RACE 10- CIGAR MILE HANDICAP (G1)

1 MILE (DIRT)
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD
\$750,000



OVERVIEW:

The last Grade 1 race of the year in New York drew a field of 8 evenly-matched runners in what should be a pretty solid betting event. Four of the 8 runners are 3-year-olds, including a duo for Todd Pletcher who have been solid during the second half of the season. They'll have to stop Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) runner-up Ginobili.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Following Sea, Ginobili*

Pressing Speed: *Americanrevolution, Independence Hall, Pipeline*

Stalkers: *Plainsman, Olympiad*

Closers: *Code of Honor*

We should see them going pretty fast early in this one, with several of these wanting to go to the front. Sitting off the pace will be important.

TOP CHOICE: #3 AMERICANREVOLUTION

He has consistently gotten better with each race this year and comes into this spot looking like a monster. For the most part, he's beaten up on New York-breds, but he was a solid third in the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) as well. That race has us confident that he will defeat open company and should get the perfect stalking trip behind all the speed horses.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Following Sea, #4 Code of Honor, #6 Ginobili

Following Sea is another 3-year-old for Pletcher who's had a great season. Two races back, he won a Grade 2 against older horses. Code of Honor should get a nice pace setup, which gives him a chance to mow them down late. Ginobili finished a solid second last time out in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1).

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Independence Hall

This horse is tough to get a read on, as he is inconsistent but good when at his best. Last time out, he dominated stakes company at Keeneland, but it was in the slop, which puts in question how he will run on a dry track.

OTHERS: #2 Plainsman, #7 Olympiad, #8 Pipeline

These horses have had nice seasons but are overmatched by this tough field. This could be overwhelming for them.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #3 Americanrevolution - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #6 Ginobili - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 Following Sea- Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,3,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,3,4,6 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,3,4,6 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,3,4,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #3 Americanrevolution

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,3,4,6

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NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS

Race 1: 7-2-3-4

#7 Long Term debuts for Todd Pletcher, who has been on a roll lately with his 2-year-olds. **#2 Fenwick** ran well on debut last time out, finishing second, and should improve here. **#3 Opportunity Set** debuts for Chad Brown and gets Joel Rosario aboard. **#4 Bold Honor** is set to debut for Rob Atras, who usually has his horses ready to run big races.

Exacta: 2,3,7 BOX

Trifecta: 2,3,4,7 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,3,4,7

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,3,4,7

Race 2: 3-2-4-6

#3 Robin And Eli was second on debut for Chad Brown, losing by a 1/2-length. This horse will be tough to beat. **#2 I'll Go All In** will try the turf again and Irad Ortiz Jr. will ride, which is a good sign. **#4 Autumn Glory** debuts for Christophe Clement and gets Dylan Davis aboard; they're a hot combo right now. **#6 She's a Natural** could improve with a start under her belt.

Exacta: 2,3,4 BOX

Trifecta: 2,3,4,6 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,3,4,6

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,3,4,6

Race 3: 10-1-7-8

#10 Fast Getaway runs first off the claim and looks like the lone speed, which makes him dangerous. **#1 Guildsman** will be tough if he rebounds from a poor effort last time out. His previous races are good enough to win. **#7 Competitive Saint** won at this level 2 starts back at Keeneland. **#8 Artemus Citylimits** ran consistently well at this level in his last few starts.

Exacta: 1,7,10 BOX

Trifecta: 1,7,8,10 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,7,8,10

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 1,7,8,10

Race 4: 9-1-6-8

#9 Regal Quality runs first off the claim for Rob Atras, which usually means the horse will run huge. **#1 Runningforhome** drops down in class while getting Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard. **#6 Supreme Aura** is the most talented horse in the race if he can get back to his prior form. **#8 American Lincoln** takes a class drop after running poorly in his last couple of starts.

Exacta: 1,9/1,6,9

Trifecta: 1,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9

Multi-Race: 9

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta 1,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9

Race 5: 3-6-1-5

#3 Marketsegmentation debuts on the turf for Chad Brown, which is always a strong angle in New York. **#6 Rosebug** ran well in her turf debut last time out, finishing a close second. With improvement, this horse will be tough. **#1 Willakia** should improve while stretching out in distance. **#5 Hard Place** was a solid second on debut last time out.

Exacta: 1,3,6 BOX

Trifecta: 1,3,5,6 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,3,6

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,3,5,6

Race 6: 6-4-2-3

#6 Urban Forest ran well in his turf debut last time out, finishing third. He should improve. **#4 Pipito** comes out of a strong maiden race going this distance. **#2 Fiery Heart** and **#3 Chucka Moon** debut for barns that are usually strong with first-time starters. They will be tough if they're well-prepared, as the horses with experience aren't overly strong.

Exacta: 2,4,6 BOX

Trifecta: 2,3,4,6 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,3,4,6

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 2,3,4,6



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**MULTI-RACE
ANALYSIS & PLAYS**

RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,3,4,7 with 2,3,4,6 with 1,7,8,10 with 9 with 1,3,6 = \$96

RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

2,3,4,6 with 1,7,8,10 with 1,9 with 1,3,6 = \$48

RACE 6: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,3,4,6 with 2 with 1,3,7 with 4,5,7,8 with 1,3,4,5,6 = \$120

RACE 7: \$0.50 PICK 4

2 with 1,3,4,7 with 4,5,7,8 with 1,3,4,6 = \$32

