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RACE 4: IMPLY STAKES

6 1/2 FURLONGS (DIRT)
FILLIES 2~YEAR~OLDS (PA BRED)
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

The action kicks off in this spot with the ImPLY Stakes, which has drawn a solid field of 9 Pennsylvania bred runners. We'll see which of these 2-year-olds are ready to step up and a run a big race today.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Flor de Sombra*

Pressing Speed: *Midnight Parade, Marion Grace*

Stalkers: *Pachelbel, Winning Moon, Uptown Amanda*

Closers: *Freydis, Confirmed Star, Tempted to Touch*

These 2-year-old sprint stakes usually lead to fast paces; however, Flor de Sombra could be the only real speed in here. A couple horses will try to press the issue, but she might be able to get away from them early.

TOP CHOICE: #5 FLOR DE SOMBRA

Let's see if she can make it three wins in a row over this track after an ultra-impressive victory last time out in the Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes, which was a race very similar to what she will face today. She'll have to stretch out in distance a bit, which is a question mark, but her solid early speed should give her a fairly easy trip. So far, she looks far and away better than the rest of this field, and should roll in this spot.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Pachelbel, #4 Confirmed Star, #9 Marion Grace

Pachelbel was a winner by a neck last time out, and should like this stretch out in distance. Confirmed Star was second in a maiden last time out, but is now scratched. Marion Grace was second behind our top choice on debut.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 Winning Moon

This horse is still a maiden, which is not a good sign, but she should like this stretch out in distance today. This is a solid trainer as well, while Paco Lopez jumps aboard. She might be able to outrun her odds and run well at a price.

OTHERS: #1 Midnight Parade, #3 Freydis, #7 Uptown Amanda, #8 Tempted to Touch

This one looks pretty cut and try on paper, which makes these horses unlikely to make an impact in this race. The favorite looks too tough for these to handle.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #5 Flor de Sombra - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #2 Pachelbel - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #9 Marion Grace - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,5/2,5,9

TRIFECTA: 2,5/2,5,9/2,5,6,9

SUPERFACTA: 2,5,6,9 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 5

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$40 Win on #5 Flor de Sombra

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta 2,5/2,5,9/2,5,6,9

RACE 5: PRINCE LUCKY STAKES

6 1/2 FURLONGS (DIRT)
2~YEAR~OLDS (PA BRED)
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

The state bred 2-year-old action continues in this event with the males taking aim at the \$200,000 Prince Lucky Stakes. A field of 9 will do battle in this spot, which seems like it could be a wide-open affair.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Ninetyprcentmaddie, Gordian Knot*

Pressing Speed: *Keithsendshelloooo*

Stalkers: *Never too Much, Zoppi Fischbein, In Spades*

Closers: *Respirator, Veeson, Upstate and Back*

There are a couple of horses that want to press the pace early, so we should see some pretty solid fractions in this spot. Two other horses can also sit close enough to press the leaders if asked as well.

TOP CHOICE: #4 NINETYPRCENTMADDIE

This is another 2-year-old Pennsylvania bred who is looking for his third straight win to kick off his career. After a nice debut victory over this track, he was absolutely dominant last time out, taking home the Whistle Pig Stakes in stylish fashion. It was clear the stretch out in distance helped him in that spot, so it's logical to think more distance will help him again today. He'll be tough to tackle in this contest.

MAJOR THREATS: #6 Gordian Knot, #8 Upstate and Back, #9 In Spades

Gordian Knot will go for two wins in a row after an ultra-impressive debut at Parx. Upstate and Back was third behind our top choice last time out. In Spades was fourth last time out on debut; however, he has connections that are better than anyone else in the race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Respirator

We did not see this one's best effort last time out, which was a poor sixth place showing in his debut effort. Today, he should break a bit better, and if he does he could outrun his odds and juice up the trifecta.

OTHERS: #2 Keithsendshelloooo, #3 Never too Much, #5 Zoppi Fischbein, #7 Veeson

This is another race that looks to be top-heavy, which makes it tough for any of these to make an impact. They just look a bit overmatched.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #4 Ninetyprcentmaddie - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #6 Gordian Knot - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Upstate and Back - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 4,6/4,6,8

TRIFECTA: 4,6/4,6,8,9/4,6,8,9

SUPERFACTA: 4,6,8,9 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$40 Win on #4 Ninetyprcentmaddie

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta 4,6/4,6,8,9/4,6,8,9

RACE 6: PLUM PRETTY STAKES

1 MILES & 70 YARDS (DIRT)
FILLIES & MARES
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD (PA BRED)
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

The Pennsylvania bred older fillies and mares will take center stage in the Plum Pretty Stakes, which has drawn a solid field of 8 runners. The headliner looks to be Leader of the Band, who won at Saratoga last time out.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Chub Wagon*

Pressing Speed: *Love in the Air, New Hire*

Stalkers: *Midnight Obsession, Trolley Ride, Leader of the Band*

Closers: *Ninetypercentbrynn, Titanic Rose*

With Chub Wagon entered into this one you can expect a fast pace, while a couple of other rivals should be able to press her a bit as well.

TOP CHOICE: #8 LEADER OF THE BAND

From a two-turn class standpoint this horse looks to be the one to beat. This Pennsylvania bred has been beating open company consistently this season, so dropping down to the state bred ranks should be to her liking. Last time out, she took on tough company at Saratoga in the Summer Colony Stakes, and was able to pick up a nice victory. Look for her to stalk the early pace today and pounce at the top of the stretch.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Chub Wagon, #3 Love in the Air, #4 Midnight Obsession

Chub Wagon won this race last season and can do it again today with a gate to wire trip, but is now scratched. Love in the Air won a similar race to this one last time out over this track by multiple lengths. Midnight Obsession has hit the board in five straight races against similar horses.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Trolley Ride

This mare gets back to the dirt today, which is where she won two starts back at Penn National. There is no doubt the dirt is her best surface, and she could run well and hit the board at a decent price in this spot.

OTHERS: #2 Ninetypercentbrynn, #5 Titanic Rose, #6 New Hire

These three horses look to be overmatched in what seems to be a top-heavy affair. Any of them making an impact would be a surprise.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #8 Leader of the Band - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #3 Love in the Air - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #4 Midnight Obsession - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,8/3,4,8

TRIFECTA: 3,8/3,4,7,8/3,4,7,8

SUPERFACTA: 3,4,7,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #8 Leader of the Band

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta 3,8/3,4,8

RACE 7: PARX DIRT MILE STAKES

1 MILES (DIRT)
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

A solid field of 8 horses will contest this year's running of the Parx Dirt Mile, which is led by last year's winner Mind Control. Can he make it two in a row or will someone else take home the prize this season?

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Mind Control, Too Boss, Milton the Monster*

Pressing Speed: *Dontmesawithme, Far Mo Power*

Stalkers: *New Commission, Derby House*

Closers: *Nick Papagiorgio,*

There are several horses in this spot that do their best running near the lead; however, none of them are true speed burners. That should lead to this pace being fairly moderate overall.

TOP CHOICE: #2 MIND CONTROL

We'll see if this horse can win this race for the second straight season after upsetting a heavy favorite last year. This year, it will be Mind Control who is a heavy favorite, especially after he defeated Hot Rod Charlie at this distance two starts back at Monmouth Park. Last time out, he was third in the Charles Town Classic (G2), which was a race that looked to be a touch too long for him. He should show up with a big effort today.

MAJOR THREATS: #5 Too Boss, #7 Milton the Monster, #8 Derby House

Too Boss has been on a roll for Pletcher and could pull the upset if he can keep the momentum going. Milton the Monster gets back to the dirt today, which is his best surface. Derby House was a solid second last time out in a similar stakes at Mountaineer, which was his first start for Guerrero. He could improve off of that race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Nick Papagiorgio

This horse is pretty solid when running on the turf, while he does have some dirt form as well. He's an odd entry into this race, and probably cannot win, but him hitting the board would not be surprising.

OTHERS: #1 Dontmesawithme, #4 Far Mo Power, #6 New Commission

This is yet another early stakes race on this card that looks to be top-heavy. These horse just seem to be a bit overmatched.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #2 Mind Control - Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #5 Too Boss - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Derby House - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,5/2,5,8

TRIFECTA: 2,5/2,5,8/2,5,7,8

SUPERFACTA: 2,5,7,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,5

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$50 Win on #2 Mind Control

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta 2,5/2,5,8

RACE 8: GREENWOOD CUP STAKES (G3)

1 1/2 MILES (DIRT)
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

The graded stakes action kicks off on this card with the Greenwood Stakes (G3), which is contested at 1 1/2-miles over the dirt. Another solid field is set to contest this one, with several playable betting options.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Double the Heart*

Pressing Speed: *Ridin With Biden, Fearless*

Stalkers: *Magic Michael, The Reds*

Closers: *Brooklyn Strong, Western River, Bossmakinbossmoves, Forewarned*

Like most marathon races, you can expect a fairly slow pace in this spot. I expect horses running close to the pace will have an advantage.

TOP CHOICE: #8 FEARLESS

Trainer Todd Pletcher told everyone that this horse could run all day long, and he wasn't wrong, as Fearless is two for two since stretching out to the marathon distance. Two starts back he looked awesome winning the Brooklyn Stakes (G2) at this distance, while last time out he stretched out even farther and won the Birdstone Stakes at Saratoga. He is squarely the one to beat after those two efforts.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Western River, #3 Magic Michael, #7 The Reds

Western River's best race has come at this distance, which was a blowout allowance win at Churchill Downs. Magic Michael is a consistent runner on the Mid-Atlantic circuit who can be counted on to show up with a solid effort. The Reds goes for two in a row after a nice allowance win over this track.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Brooklyn Strong

There is little doubt this horse should like the stretch out in distance today, while he seems to be rounding into form at the right time. It is questionable how talented he is, though, which means hitting the board might be his ceiling.

OTHERS: #4 Bossmakinbossmoves, #5 Ridin With Biden, #6 Double the Heart, #9 Forewarned

In these long distance races you might sometimes see a price come in and hit the board, which gives this group a chance. However, we'll need to see some improvement out of them to make that realistic.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #8 Fearless - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #2 Western River - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #7 The Reds - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,8/2,7,8

TRIFECTA: 2,8/2,3,7,8/2,3,7,8

SUPERFACTA: 2,3,7,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$40 Win on #8 Fearless

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta 2,8/2,3,7,8/2,3,7,8



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RACE 9: TURF MONSTER STAKES (G3)

5 FURLONGS (TURF)
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD
\$300,000



OVERVIEW:

The Turf Monster Stakes (G3) is one of the more exciting races on this card each season. This year should be no different, with a solid field of 12 runners signed on, while an additional 3 horses are on the also eligible list.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *That's Right, Nothing Better, Uncle Ernie, Heros Reward, Smooth B*

Pressing Speed: *Surprise Boss, Boat's a Rockin, War Tocsin, Breezy Gust*

Stalkers: *Grooms All Bizness, Dr. Duke*

Closers: *Extreme Force*

Wow, this is going to be BLAZING fast! Nearly all these horses do their best running on or near the lead.

TOP CHOICE: #11 SMOOTH B

He has the talent that can upset this field, and has some solid turf efforts on his resume. Last time out, he showed a really sharp effort over the dirt in this race, which signals that he is in top form. His running style makes him interesting as well, with so much speed signed on to run, he has shown the ability to sit off the back and pounce at the top of the stretch. We'll take a swing with him here now that the #4 is scratched.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 That's Right, #2 Surprise Boss, #5 Uncle Ernie

That's Right can win here if he rebounds from a poor effort last time out. Surprise Boss also must rebound from a poor effort in his last start. Uncle Ernie moves over to the turf, while getting Rosario aboard, which is a great sign.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #12 Grooms All Business

This horse will move up in class for this race, which is a question mark, but looked sharp in an allowance win last time out at Monmouth Park. He looks ready to take on graded stakes company and should run ok at a nice price.

OTHERS: #3 Dr. Duke, 6 Extreme Force, #7 Boat's a Rockin, #8 War Tocsin, #9 Breezy Gust, #10 Heros Reward

This one looks to be fairly wide open, so don't be afraid to play any of these at a price if you like them well enough. Nearly everyone in this race has a shot to hit the board.

AE: #13 West Fork

MTO: #14 Violen Turbulence, #15 Vidal

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #11 Smooth B - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #1 That's Right - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 Uncle Ernie - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,5,11 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,2,5,11 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,2,5,11 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,5,11

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #11 Smooth B

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 1,2,5,11

RACE 10-

GALLANT BOB STAKES (G2)

6 FURLONGS (DIRT)
3~YEAR~OLDS
\$300,000



OVERVIEW:

The Gallant Bob Stakes (G2) is always a highlight of the Pennsylvania Derby card, with this year being no different. It has drawn an eye-popping 14 runners, which could lead to a crazy race.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Little Vic, Lightening Larry*

Pressing Speed: *Of a Revolution, Provocateur, Speaking, Jelly Nougat, Practical Coach, Scarmouche*

Stalkers: *Dance Code, No Sabe Nada, Alottahope*

Closers: *Witty, Runninsonofagun, Nakatomi*

This sprint should be very fast up front, which should set it up for the closers if they are good enough today. A large field usually favors come from behind runners.

TOP CHOICE: #9 RUNNINSONOFAGUN

Let's see if running behind some really nice horses leads to a victory today for this horse. In his last three starts, he has lost to Charge It, Gunite, and Jack Christopher. All of those horses would be big favorites in this race without any doubt. He bounced out of his recent third place effort in the Jerkens Stake (G1) with a solid workout, which is a sign he is ready to run today, while he gets Luis Saez back aboard for this race.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Of a Revolution, #3 Provocateur, #11 Nakatomi, #12 Alottahope

Of a Revolution has been a consistent runner in races like this one, while getting Prat aboard today, which is a good sign. Provocateur is also a consistent runner who has hit the board in six straight races. Nakatomi runs second off of the layoff after a nice allowance win. Alottahope has won two straight heading into this race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #10 Lightening Larry

At his best, we've seen this horse to big things, but he is a bit inconsistent. He's logically spotted today, and could run a similar race to his start two back in the Chick Lang Stakes (G3). If he does he will make an impact.

OTHERS: #1 Dance Code, 4 Speaking, #5 Little Vic, #6 Jelly Nougat, #7 No Sabe Nada, #8 Witty, #13 Practical Coach, #14 Scarmouche

This thing looks to be completely wide-open, with all of these horse having a shot to make an impact. This is one of the toughest races of the year for this division.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #9 Runninsonofagun - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #11 Nakatomi - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,9,11 BOX

TRIFECTA: 2,3,9,11 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 2,3,9,11 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,3,9,11,12

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #9 Runninsonofagun

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 2,3,9,11

RACE 11:

COTILLION STAKES (G1)

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)
FILLIES 3~YEAR~OLDS
\$1,000,000



OVERVIEW:

The Cotillion Stakes (G1) is always an important race for the 3-year-olds fillies, with this year being more of the same. It is headlined by Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Secret Oath; however, this should be a tough challenge.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Adare Manor, Society*

Pressing Speed: *Green Up*

Stalkers: *Goddess of Fire, Beach Daze, Gerrymander*

Closers: *Secret Oath, Shahama, Morning Matcha*

Adare Manor and Society will get things going early up front; however, there isn't much other speed in the race. That should keep the pace fairly moderate unless someone else goes to the front.

TOP CHOICE: #1 GREEN UP

We'll take a shot against the favored Secret Oath in this spot with this filly, who comes into the race off of four straight victories. Last time out, she was able to win the local prep race for this one with ease, while Irad Ortiz Jr. came down and rode the horse that day. He's back aboard again for this one, which is obviously a good sign, while the horse should get a solid inside stalking trip. She'll likely be the one they have to catch in the stretch.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Adare Manor, #5 Gerrymander, #6 Secret Oath, #7 Shahama

Adare Manor is back with Baffet today, which should help, while running off of a bit of a freshening. Gerrymander gets back to her best distance, which is where she looked great two starts back. Secret Oath is definitely the class of this field, and will be glad to get away from Nest. Shahama looks for two in a row after a nice win in the Monmouth Oaks.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Goddess of Fire

She's run well since a brief freshening; however, she was no match for Nest or Secret Oath last time out in the Alabama Stakes (G1). The cut back in distance will help, though, so look for this horse to be around with a chance at the end.

OTHERS: #4 Beach Daze, #8 Morning Matcha, #9 Society

We've got a top-heavy group in this one, which makes these long shots illogical. They'll be hard pressed to make an impact in this one.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #1 Green Up - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 Gerrymander - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,5,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,2,5,6 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,2,5,6 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,5,6,7

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #1 Green Up

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 1,2,5,6

RACE 12-

PENNSYLVANIA DERBY (G1)

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



OVERVIEW:

It's main event time at Parx, with this year's Pennsylvania Derby (G1) drawing an awesome field of 11 runners. It serves as a rematch between Cyberknife and Taiba, who were the 1-2 finishers of the Haskell Stakes (G1)

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Cyberknife, We the People*

Pressing Speed: *B Dawk, Taiba, Simplification*

Stalkers: *Skippylongstocking, White Abarrio*

Closers: *Zandon, Icy Storm, Tawny Port, Naval Aviator*

Several horses in this race do their best running near the lead; however, none of them are need the lead types. That should make for a moderate pace, where everyone should get a fair shot.

TOP CHOICE: #8 TAIBA

For the first time since his maiden victory this horse finally seems to be spotted in a logical spot. His second career race was the Santa Anita Derby (G1), and even though he won, it kind of threw his career into a funk. He was not ready for the Kentucky Derby (G1), and it showed, while running off of that race and layoff to the Haskell Stakes (G1) was also a lot to ask. Now, he's in the right spot, and we should see what he's truly made of in this one.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Zandon,
#4 Skippylongstocking, #5 Cyberknife

Zandon gets a new rider today in Joel Rosario, which hopefully makes him finish his races better than what we've seen from him. Skippylongstocking seems to be getting better with each start. Cyberknife has woken up in a major way this summer and is the biggest challenger to our top pick.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Tawny Port

It's a good vote of confidence that he's entered here, while Irad Ortiz Jr. getting aboard today is also a good sign. He's been consistent in all his races, so if we see a bit of improvement from a speed figure standpoint he has a shot.

OTHERS: #2 Icy Storm, #3 B Dawk, #6 We the People, #9 Simplification, #10 Naval Aviator, #11 White Abarrio

It'd be surprising to see any of these horses make an impact in this race. A few of these just need to get back into good form before we can back them in this spot.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #8 Taiba - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #4 Skippylongstocking - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 5,8/4,5,8

TRIFECTA: 5,8/1,4,5,8/1,4,5,8

SUPERFACTA: 1,4,5,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$40 Win on #8 Taiba

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta 5,8/1,4,5,8/1,4,5,8

RACE 13-

ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)
3~YEAR~OLDS & UPWARD (PA BRED)
\$200,000



OVERVIEW:

We round out this fantastic card with the Alphabet Soup Handicap, which will see a field of 10 Pennsylvania bred going 1 1/16-miles on the turf. This looks to be a wide-open races that could go a lot of different ways.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Buy Land and Sea*

Pressing Speed: *Irish Cork, Wait For It*

Stalkers: *Stonegate, Vinen Jet, You Must Chill*

Closers: *Midnight Hauler, Crisper, O'Brien, Glacier Express*

We could see Buy Land and Sea get loose on the lead in this spot as no other runner has as much speed as him. That could make him pretty tough to catch.

TOP CHOICE: #1 BUY LAND AND SEE

He looks like he could be loose on the lead in this spot, which could make him tough on this Parx turf course. Two starts back, he dominated a race that was similar to this one at Penn National, before going to Saratoga and running poorly against open company. Getting back to state bred company should be right up here alley, while these field leaves a little to be desired. With the right trip he will be tough.

MAJOR THREATS: #6 Midnight Hauler, #7 You Must Chill, #8 Crisper

Midnight Hauler will go for two in row after a winning a similar race to this one last time out at Penn National. You Must Chill was second to Midnight Hauler last time out. Crisper has hit the board in two straight allowance races at Penn National coming into this one.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Irish Cork

We'll see if this horse can hit the board and spice up the exotics for a solid connections. He gets back to the turf, which should help, and you have to think Irad Ortiz Jr. jumping aboard for the second straight race is a good sign.

OTHERS: #2 Stonegate, #4 Wait for It, #5 Vine Jet, #9 O'Brien, #10 Glacier Express

This one looks to be fairly wide open, so don't be afraid to play any of these at a price if you like them well enough. If the top choice falters anything could happen here.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #1 Buy Land and See - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Crisper - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,6,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,6,7,8 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,6,7,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,6,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #1 Buy Land and See

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 1,6,7,8

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NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS

Race 1: 9-12-5-2

#9 Tuskegee Airmen makes his debut in a spot that looks like it could set up well for a first time starter. His last workout was sharp leading up to this race. **#12 Didinger** has hit the both in two starts so far, including a nose loss on debut. **#5 Checkitup** was a decent fourth on debut and should move forward with Rosario aboard. **#2 All Eyes On You** gets Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard after a couple of narrow losses.

Exacta: 5,9,12 BOX

Trifecta: 2,5,9,12 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,5,9,12

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,5,9,12

Race 2: 9-10-14-7

#9 Majestic Creed improved in her second race, and should improve again today for a solid trainer, while Rosario jumps aboard. **#10 Foggy Night** was second on debut and should move forward off of that effort today. **#14 Rosie's Alibi** finds an easier spot today after a poor start on debut at Saratoga. **#7 Sandy Q** debuts in this spot for a trainer who is hitting at 35% with first time starters.

Exacta: 9,10,14 BOX

Trifecta: 7,9,10,14 BOX

Multi-Race: 7,9,10,14

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 7,9,10,14

Race 3: 10-12-6-9

#10 Exit Right is a win machine since moving to the barn of Jamie Ness, winning seven out of his last nine starts. **#12 Smarten Up** has been close at this level in his last two starts against solid fields. **#6 Irish Honor** has hit the board in all five of his starts since moving to the Taylor barn. **#9 Hard Sting** goes for two straight victories today after a solid win against starter allowance horses over this surface.

Exacta: 6,10,12 BOX

Trifecta: 6,9,10,12 BOX

Multi-Race: 6,9,10,12

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 6,9,10,12



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MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 4

2,5,9,12 with 7,9,10,14 with 6,9,10,12 with 5 = \$32

RACE 3: \$0.50 PICK 4

6,9,10,12 with 2,5 with 4,6 with 3,4,8 = \$24

RACE 5: \$0.50 PICK 4

4,6 with 3,8 with 2,5,8 with 2,8 = \$12

RACE 7: \$0.50 PICK 4

2 with 2,8 with 1,2,5,11 with 2,3,9,11,12 = \$20

RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,2,5,11 with 2,3,9,11,12 with 1,5,6 with 8 with 1,6,8 = \$90

RACE 10: \$0.50 PICK 4

2,3,9,11,12 with 1,2,5,6,7 with 8 with 1,6,8 = \$37.50

