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This **Inside Track to the Florida Derby** wagering guide gives you an inside look at the ten stakes running at Gulfstream Park on March 27, 2021, including the \$750,000 Curlin Florida Derby (G1). The 1 1/8-mile race is worth 100-40-20-10 points to the top 4 finishers on the Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1).

Will Greatest Honour complete his sweep of the three Derby preps at Gulfstream Park?

The Racing Dudes have been at it for over 9 years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's **Inside Track to the Florida Derby**, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at Gulfstream Park in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

The ten stakes total nearly \$1.9 million in purses and include both Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks (G1) prep races in the Florida Derby and the \$200,000 Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2), as well as the \$200,000 Pan American (G2), the \$100,000 Ghostzapper (G3), the \$100,000 Appleton (G3), the \$100,000 Orchid (G3), the \$100,000 Sir Shackleton, the \$100,000 Sand Springs, the \$100,000 Cutler Bay, and the \$100,000 Sanibel Island.

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

For each of the ten stakes at Gulfstream Park, you will find the following:

FULL PREVIEW FOR THE RACE, including:

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

You will also find specific wagering under the "Picks and Plays" section, which includes:

- ♦ Win Bet
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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 3:

SANIBEL ISLAND STAKES

1 MILE (TURF)
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

The Sanibel Island kicks off the stakes action on this jam-packed 14-race card. The field is a bit short here, but there is still plenty of intrigue in a race that sits right in the middle of the Early Pick 5. Let's start things with a win!

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *La Libertee*

Pressing Speed: *World Tour*

Stalkers: *Joy of Painting, Hit the Woah*

Closers: *Coworth Park, Line Dancing, Ball Lightning, I Get It*

This race certainly looks to set up well for *La Libertee*, who could find herself on a lonely lead up front. The sprinter could be deadly here if left alone; this turf course has played favorably to speed all season long.

TOP CHOICE: #4 WORLD TOUR

After just 1 victory, this horse will try stakes company, which shows how much trainer Bill Mott thinks of her. That maiden special victory was definitely flashy, as she stalked the early pace before pouncing on the leaders late for a 1-length triumph. If she can track the leaders like that again, then she'll be tough to hold off here.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 *Coworth Park*, #3 *Joy of Painting*, #5 *La Libertee*

Coworth Park has won 2 in a row on turf, which easily looks to be her best surface. *Joy of Painting* was a solid third in a stakes similar to this last time out. *La Libertee* stretches out in distance, which will be a challenge, but looks like she could be the lone speed.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 I Get It

I Get It won 4 of her last 6 starts, but her 2 losses came against stakes company. Still, she has shown enough talent to be a longshot play in this spot, especially if she gets a clean stalking trip on the leader.

OTHERS: #2 *Line Dancing*, #6 *Ball Lightning*, #8 *Hit the Woah*

These horses can be competitive in this spot, we just like others a bit more. This field size came up a bit short, but there are some talented fillies entered here.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #4 *World Tour* - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #5 *La Libertee* - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 *Coworth Park* - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,4,5 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,3,4,5 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,3,4,5 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,3,4,5

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 to Win on #4 *World Tour*

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 1,4,5

RACE 4:

SAND SPRINGS STAKES

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)
FILLIES & MARES
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

The older filly and mare races on the Gulfstream Park turf always produce some fun results. This race may lack a true superstar, but there's no doubt that this field will be very competitive. With a little luck, maybe we can get a longshot home.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Sweet Bye and Bye, Sweet Melania*

Pressing Speed: *Abscond*

Stalkers: *Art of Almost, Runway Dreamer*

Closers: *Feel Glorious, Niko's Dream*

Sweet Bye and Bye and Sweet Melania both should be moving early here. Still, the pace shouldn't be blazing, as both fillies have enough experience to not engage each other from the start. This should be a fair setup for all.

TOP CHOICE: #6 SWEET MELANIA

It's good to see this classy filly back after last seeing her in October at Keeneland. She was very classy at age 2 and carried that over to her 3-year-old season as well, firing big off of the layoff, and should do so again in her debut at 4. She should outclass this group.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 Sweet Bye and Bye, #5 Abscond

Sweet Bye and Bye ran a big race last time out, finishing second to Zofelle in the Marshua's River Stakes. She also could get loose on the lead in this spot. Abscond is a very classy filly who makes her 4-year-old debut off of a very long layoff.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 Feel Glorious

This horse should run well in her second start off of the layoff. She is classy enough to get the job done here and this level seems to be where she excels the most. However, she runs into a tougher group than expected.

OTHERS: #1 Art of Almost, #4 Niko's Dream, #7 Runway Dreamer

These simply need to improve too much to make a major impact. This field drew tough for a non-graded stakes.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 Sweet Melania - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #3 Sweet Bye and Bye - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,5,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 5,6/2,3,5,6/2,3,5,6

SUPERFACTA: 2,3,5,6 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,5,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 to Win on #6 Sweet Melania

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta 5,6/2,3,5,6/2,3,5,6

RACE 5:

SIR SHACKLETON STAKES

7 FURLONGS (DIRT)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

A small but talented field of 8 will run the unique 7-furlong distance here. Several of these seem suited for it, though, which makes this a pretty wide-open affair on paper. This race ends the Early Pick 5.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Yodel E. A. Who, Hauntedbythemusic, Cool Arrow*

Pressing Speed: *Shivaree, Basin, Town Classic*

Stalkers: *Frosted Grace*

Closers: *Letmeno*

This one seems loaded with speed horses, which could get interesting because most of the top-notch entries like to be towards the front. Will it lead to a total pace collapse that opens the door for an upset?

TOP CHOICE: #7 BASIN

It will be interesting to see Basin back and at the distance that he should have been running all along. This horse has been solid in one-turn events and should be good enough to beat this field if he's ready to go off the layoff. Pletcher might have a pretty good year with him if he returns to the races strongly.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Yodel E. A. Who, #4 Frosted Grace, #6 Letmeno

Yodel E. A. Who has the best name in racing, without question, and also won an allowance last time out over this track. Frosted Grace always shows up with a solid effort and has hit the board in his last 6 starts. Letmeno should like cutting back in distance and the pace sets up very well for him.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Cool Arrow, #8 Town Classic

Cool Arrow can win this on his best day; 4 starts back, he won the Smile Sprint Stakes (G3) over this track. Town Classic is ultra-consistent, finishing second in his last 6 starts.

OTHERS: #2 Hauntedbythemusic, #3 Shivaree

Hauntedbythemusic takes a pretty big jump up in class, so he has some proving to do against this level. Shivaree can win this at his best, but we haven't seen him fire in a race of this caliber in quite a while.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

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

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #6 Letmeno - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

EXACTA: 4,6,7 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,4,6,7 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,4,6,7 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,4,6,7

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 to Win on #7 Basin

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,4,6,7

RACE 6:

1 MILE (TURF)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$100,000



KITTEN'S JOY APPLETON STAKES (G3)

OVERVIEW:

The Appleton is a staple of the Gulfstream Park stakes schedule each year. This year's field is short but strong, with 8 evenly-matched horses lined up. Many of these have had success locally as well.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Frostmourne, Renaissance Frolic*

Pressing Speed: *Gray's Fable, Little Menace*

Stalkers: *Perfect Speighty, Ever Dangerous*

Closers: *Forever Mo, Seismic Wave*

The pace has a shot to be quick here, as Frostmourne and Renaissance Frolic do their best running early and new turf shooter Little Menace could add even more zip. This could set up well for a closer.

TOP CHOICE: #3 FROSTMOURNE

He seems to be the class of the field while also possessing the inside speed advantage. Last time out, he set the pace in the Tropical Turf Stakes (G3) before fading slightly to finish third. This 1-mile distance suits him best, and with a little less pace pressure here, he can get the job done.

MAJOR THREATS: #4 Ever Dangerous, #8 Seismic Wave

Ever Dangerous should be well-prepared after knocking the rust off last time out against allowance company. His top effort is definitely good enough to win here. It will be interesting to see Seismic Wave debut for new trainer Chad Brown. This horse has talent and the pace should set up well for his late-closing style.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Gray's Fable, #5 Renaissance Frolic

Gray's Fable is a consistent turf runner from Woodbine who could upset if he's ready to run off the layoff. Renaissance Frolic comes into this off of a victory last time out.

OTHERS: #2 Perfect Speighty, #6 Little Menace, #7 Forever Mo

This group simply looks to be a little overmatched in a top-heavy event. They'll be hard-pressed to make an impact in this one.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

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

BET TO PLACE: #8 Seismic Wave - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #4 Ever Dangerous - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,4,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,3,4,8 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,3,4,8 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,3,4,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 to Win on #3 Frostmourne

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

RACE 8:

GHOSTZAPPER STAKES (G3)

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

The older males in south Florida have been a mixed bag this year. With no heavy hitters in this spot, we have some solid betting opportunities. This could get interesting.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Last Judgment, Superfecto, War Stopper*

Pressing Speed: *Violent City*

Stalkers: *King Slew*

Closers: *Eye of a Jedi, Just Whistle*

This is yet another race where the pace should be pretty quick up front. Last Judgment drew the rail, so look for him to set the pace with War Stopper not far behind. Violent City and Superfecto also add speed to the field.

TOP CHOICE: #6 WAR STOPPER

He won 2 in a row after moving to the barn of Todd Pletcher, but he didn't run well at Tampa Bay Downs last time out in the Challenger Stakes (G3). He never looked comfortable in that spot, so perhaps he just didn't like the Tampa Bay surface. He's back at a track he loves.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Last Judgment, #2 Eye of a Jedi, #4 Superfecto

Last Judgment has been impressive at this level and won at this course and distance 3 starts back. Eye of a Jedi stretches out in distance while getting a bit of a class drop competition-wise. Superfecto's pedigree suggests that he'll run well with the added distance.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Violent City

There is no doubt this horse is inconsistent, but on his best day, he might be able to compete here. He should also enjoy the stretch out in distance. If he shows early speed, then he might hit the board at a price.

OTHERS: #3 Just Whistle, #5 King Slew

It's been a while since we've seen Just Whistle at his best. He has some proving to do before we can take him in a spot like this one. King Slew ran poorly in his American debut on the turf last time out.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 War Stopper - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #1 Last Judgment - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

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

EXACTA: 1,6/1,4,6

TRIFECTA: 1,6/1,2,4,6/1,2,4,6

SUPERFACTA: 1,2,4,6 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,4,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$5 to Win on #6 War Stopper

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta 1,6/1,4,6

RACE 10:

1 1/2 MILES (TURF)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$200,000



PAN-AMERICAN STAKES (G2)

OVERVIEW:

The Pan American is one of the most popular turf events at Gulfstream Park and drew a very strong field of 8 older horses, all of whom could win this on their best day. It wouldn't be a Florida Derby Day without this race!

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Cross Border, Churn N Burn*

Pressing Speed: *Angelus Warrior*

Stalkers: *Moon Over Miami*

Closers: *Temple, Sadler's Joy, Rijeka, Sir Sahib*

As with all races at this distance, expect the pace to be fairly slow. Being towards the front is usually the way to win these races at Gulfstream Park as well, so look for Cross Border and Churn N Burn to have an advantage over the rest of this group.

TOP CHOICE: #1 CROSS BORDER

Cross Border scratched out of a race at Fair Grounds last week to run in this spot, which seems like a great move. He should be able to sit just off the pace and pounce on the turn. After running third in the Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1), this spot looks much easier.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Temple, #7 Moon Over Miami, #8 Churn N Burn

Temple has been close to winning stakes at this distance all meet long. Maybe he can finally break through here. He'll have to turn the tables on Moon Over Miami, who was a nose ahead of him for third in the Mac Diarmida Stakes (G2) last time out. Churn N Burn went gate to wire at this distance last time out and has a shot to do the same here.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Sadler's Joy, #4 Rijeka

Sadler's Joy just simply can't finish the deal in races of this calibe, but there's no doubt that he can hit the board here. Rijeka showed in his last few starts that he can run well in turf marathons.

OTHERS: #5 Angelus Warrior, #6 Sir Sahib

These will need to show some big improvement from a speed figure standpoint to turn the tables on the tougher horses in this race.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #1 Cross Border - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #7 Moon Over Miami - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Churn N Burn - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,7,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,2,7,8 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 1,2,7,8 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,7,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 to Win on #1 Cross Border

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,2,7,8

RACE 11:

CUTLER BAY STAKES

1 MILE (TURF)
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

While today is all about the 3-year-old dirt horses, their counterparts on turf take center stage in this event. Can Annex keep his undefeated record intact, or will a new shooter step up and post the upset?

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Whatmakessammyrun, King of Dreams*

Pressing Speed: *Fighting Force, It Can Be Done*

Stalkers: *Hyperfocus, Step Dancer, Fulmini*

Closers: *Lucky Law, Annex*

These 1-mile Gulfstream Park turf races usually have a fast pace, and while this one could as well, it's more likely a moderate tempo develops. Overall, each should have a fair chance from a pace standpoint.

TOP CHOICE: #8 STEP DANCER

Let's try to land a mild upset with Step Dancer, who won 2 of 3 starts as a 2-year-old. Sure, running off the layoff is an issue, but it's important to note that this horse's only loss came at the hand of Fire At Will, who later won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1). Jose Ortiz jumping aboard is another great sign.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Hyperfocus, #4 Lucky Law, #6 Annex

Hyperfocus won his turf debut last time out by a neck against allowance company. He has a right to improve off of that effort. Lucky Law gets back onto turf after a failed dirt experiment last time out. There is no doubt Annex is the deserving favorite after winning 2 in a row, both in dominant fashion.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 King of Dreams

It definitely looks like turf is where this guy belongs. He broke his maiden in impressive fashion over this track 2 starts back before running 5th in the Tampa Bay Derby (G2). He's much better suited for this type of stakes.

OTHERS: #2 Fighting Force, #3 Whatmakessammyrun, #7 It Can Be Done, #9 Fulmini

This race looks pretty top-heavy, making these tough to play. We'll need to see some improvement from any of these if they want to make an impact.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #8 Step Dancer - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

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

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

EXACTA: 4,6,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,4,6,8 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 1,4,6,8 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,4,6,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 to Win on #8 Step Dancer

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 4,6,8

RACE 12:

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)
FILLIES
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$200,000



GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS (G2)

OVERVIEW:

The 3-year-old fillies division has been wild this year, with no better example coming here last time out in the Davona Dale Stakes (G2) when Wholebodemeister won at a monster price. Will we see another major upset here? It's certainly possible!

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Con Lima*

Pressing Speed: *Millefeuille*

Stalkers: *Crazy Beautiful, Competitive Speed*

Closers: *Bow Bow Girl, Penn Street, Len Lo Lady*

This one is going to be extremely interesting up front. Con Lima looks like she is the lone speed but has done her best running on turf, so will that same form hold up? Millefeuille also has solid early speed. Those two have the advantage on paper.

TOP CHOICE: #6 MILLEFEUILLE

A very rough trip cost her all chance in the Davona Dale, so that's a throw-out. This race seems to set up very well for her if she shows early speed and clears most of the field. With that kind of trip, she'll get first run on the leader and be right there with a big shot to win.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Con Lima, #3 Crazy Beautiful

Con Lima could end up getting loose on the lead, which makes her dangerous, but her best surface seems to be turf. Crazy Beautiful is the most consistent horse in the race but has just 1 win dirt on her resume. Can she finish the job here?

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Competitive Speed

She improved slightly while stretching out in distance last time out. She could do the same again here and make some noise at a decent price. Being a bit more forwardly placed early would really help her chances.

OTHERS: #2 Bow Bow Girl, #4 Pens Street, #5 Len Lo Lady

Bow Bow Girl jumps into the deep end of the pool after breaking her maiden last time out. Pens Street has to improve off of her last start to have a chance here. Len Lo Lady moves up in class in a big way.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 Millefeuille - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #1 Con Lima - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #3 Crazy Beautiful - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,6/1,3,6

TRIFECTA: 1,6/1,3,6,7/1,3,6,7

SUPERFACTA: 1,3,6,7 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,3,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 to Win on #6 Millefeuille

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta 1,6/1,3,6

RACE 13:

ORCHID STAKES (G3)

1 3/8 MILES (TURF)
FILLIES & MARES
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$100,000



OVERVIEW:

In the past, the longer filly and mare races at Gulfstream Park were known to produce an upset, something to keep in the back of your mind when handicapping. However, Always Shopping is a deserving favorite.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Morning Molly, Belle Laura*
Pressing Speed: *Enjoyitwhilewecan, Sorrel*
Stalkers: *Always Shopping*
Closers: *War Like Goddess, Dizzy, Crystalle, Delta's Kingdom, Sister Hanan*

These long turf races usually don't have fast paces, so it's no surprise to see this projected as slow. It's always important to be close to the lead in these races Gulfstream, so the speed will have an advantage.

TOP CHOICE: #9 ALWAYS SHOPPING

After her dominant win last time out in a turf marathon stakes over this track, it's hard not to go right back to her here. She's won 2 straight and 3 of her last 4, with her only loss coming by a head. She clearly is the class of the field, and in a tough late sequence, she might be the one to single.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 War Like Goddess, #4 Morning Molly, #5 Sorrel

War Like Goddess should run well in her second start off of the layoff. She lost last time against rivals she can beat without the rust. Morning Molly ran consistently well at smaller tracks in her career. Sorrel brings a solid overseas resume for her American debut and could upset the big favorite.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 Crystalle, #7 Delta's Kingdom

Crystalle has a ton of back class, which makes her a bit dangerous in this spot. She also beat lesser company last time out. Delta's Kingdom is a very consistent horse who could hit the board at a nice price.

OTHERS: #2 Enjoyitwhilewecan, #3 Dizzy, #8 Belle Laura, #10 Sister Hanan

This one seems pretty wide open past the top couple of horses. If you like one of these, don't be afraid to play them underneath at a big price.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #9 Always Shopping - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 War Like Goddess - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 5,9/1,5,9

TRIFECTA: 5,9/1,4,5,9/1,4,5,9

SUPERFACTA: 1,4,5,9 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 5,9

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 to Win on #9 Always Shopping

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta 5,9/1,5,9

RACE 14:

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)

3-YEAR-OLDS

\$750,000

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY (G1)



OVERVIEW:

The Florida Derby carries tremendous Triple Crown trail importance each season, and Greatest Honour could make history in this year's race by becoming the first horse ever to win the Florida Derby (G1), Fountain of Youth (G2), and Holy Bull Stakes (G3) - the 3 local preps.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Soup and Sandwich, Collaborate*

Pressing Speed: *Quantum Leap*

Stalkers: *Nova Rags, Known Agenda, Spielberg*

Closers: *Jirafales, Southern Passage, Sigiloso, Greatest Honour, Papetu*

We shouldn't see anything too quick in this race early. Soup and Sandwich and Collaborate should be able to set moderate fractions up front, which could make them both tough to catch when the real running begins.

TOP CHOICE: #9 COLLABORATE

Even though he wasn't in the main event, his maiden win was the most impressive effort that we saw from a 3-year-old on Fountain of Youth Day. This is a tough task for anyone's first time facing winners and routing, but he should be up for the challenge, and the price is right if he goes off anywhere close to his 6/1 morning line odds.

MAJOR THREATS: #7 Greatest Honour, #8 Soup and Sandwich, #10 Spielberg

Greatest Honour has been the star of Florida all season long and is the deserving favorite. Soup and Sandwich is an up-and-comer who possesses a possible pace advantage over his rivals in this spot. At 20/1, he's worth a hard look. Spielberg ships in from California for Bob Baffert, who must always be respected.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Nova Rags, #5 Known Agenda

Nova Rags has been solid in 2021 and this distance should be to his liking. Known Agenda seemed to put it all together last time out, winning by multiple lengths. However, he was able to use lasix in that race.

OTHERS: #2 Quantum Leap, #3 Jirafales, #4 Southern Passage, #6 Sigiloso, #11 Papetu

Many in this group have proven to not be fast enough to compete with the top horses. Papetu was third last time out in the Fountain of Youth, though he never threatened to win.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #9 Collaborate - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #7 Greatest Honour - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Soup and Sandwich - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 7,8,9 BOX

TRIFECTA: 7,8,9,10 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 7,8,9,10 BOX

MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES: 7,8,9,10

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 to Win on #9 Collaborate

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 7,8,9

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NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS

Race 1: 6-8-11-2

#6 Shaftesbury gets back to the turf, which should lead to a win. 2 starts back, he was beaten by only a length to Annex, a very nice stakes winner who's favored in the Cutler Bay. **#8 City Tavern**, **#11 War Bomber**, and **#2 Colton's Command** are all first-time starters who look well prepared for their debuts.

Exacta: 6,8/6,8,11

Trifecta: 6,8/2,6,8,11/2,6,8,11

Multi-Race: 6,8

Suggested Bet: \$20 Win On #6 Shaftesbury

Race 2: 11-10-1-5

#11 Swing West is extremely consistent at this level, winning his last 2 starts and hitting the board in 7 straight. **#10 Candy Crushem** takes a big class drop here, which is probably needed. **#1 Mystical Moon** nearly won at this level last time out, finishing second over a sloppy track. **#5 Zonic** was third behind Mystical Moon in his last race, despite a poor break from the gate.

Exacta: 1,10,11 BOX

Trifecta: 1,5,10,11 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,5,10,11

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,5,10,11

Race 7: 5-10-9-12

#5 No Ordinary Time ran well off the layoff at this level last time, finishing second. She also stretches out in distance for this one, which should be to her liking. **#10 Cadencia** has been close in her last 2 efforts, just missing at this level. **#9 American Heiress** makes her debut for Todd Pletcher in this spot. Her breeding suggests she will run well first out. **#12 Unshakable U** nearly won her turf debut last time.

Exacta: 5,9,10 BOX

Trifecta: 5,9,10,12 BOX

Multi-Race: 5,9,10,12

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 5,9,10,12

Race 9: 10-5-4-7

#10 Hay Dakota takes a class drop while seemingly getting a perfect pace setup on paper. He also gets Jose Ortiz to ride. **#5 Chocolate Bar** has won 2 in a row at this same distance. **#4 Summer to Remember** should run well dropping down in class. **#7 Sayyaaf** won a tough race at this level last time out.

Exacta: 4,5,10 BOX

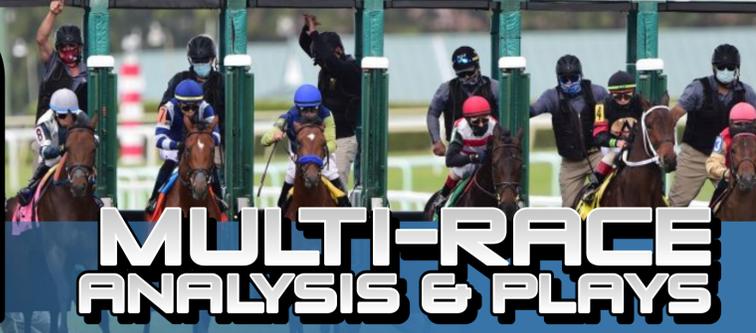
Trifecta: 4,5,7,10 BOX

Multi-Race: 4,5,7,10

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,7,10



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MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

6 with 1,5,10,11 with 1,4,5 with 3,5,6 with 1,4,6,7,8 = \$90

RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,10,11 with 1,4,5 with 3,5,6 with 1,4,6,7 = \$54

RACE 7: \$0.50 PICK 4

5,9,10,12 with 1,6 with 4,5,7,10 with 1,2,7,8 = \$64

RACE 9: \$0.20 RAINBOW 6

3,4,5,7,9,10 with 1,8 with 4,6,8 with 1,3,6 with 9 with 5,7,8,9,10 = \$108

RACE 10: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,2,7,8 with 4,6,8 with 1,3,6 with 5,9 with 7,8,9,10 = \$144

RACE 11: \$0.50 PICK 4

4,6,8 with 1,3,6 with 5,9 with 7,8,9,10 = \$45

