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# WELCOME



This Inside Track to the Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park gives you an inside look at all nine graded stakes races running on the card. The Racing Dudes have been at it for years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's Fountain of Youth Stakes, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at Gulfstream Park in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

Saturday's racing at Gulfstream Park is the best card of the year with nine stakes races in total, all of which are graded stakes events. The card features both a Kentucky Derby and a Kentucky Oaks prep race, with the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth and Grade 2 Davona Dale Stakes, along with 7 other amazing stakes races. The Fountain of Youth Stakes will go off as the feature race of the day while also serving as a 50-point race of the Kentucky Derby Prep Series.

**For each of the stakes races on the card, you can find the following:**

**FULL RACE PREVIEWS FOR EACH RACE, INCLUDING:**

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

**Good luck today!**





# RACE 13:

## 1 1/16 MILES ON THE DIRT 3-YEAR-OLDS GRADE 2

# FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

The Kentucky Derby prep races continue on Saturday with the Fountain of Youth Stakes, which once again has come up extremely strong. The race unofficially serves as a "Win and You're In" for the Kentucky Derby - the 50 points awarded to the top finisher are more than enough to place the winner in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May. A field of 11 has signed on to run in this year's event, which is sure to provide a clearer indication of how these young horses are developing. Flashy debut winner Hidden Scroll is the headliner, but he faces a much tougher challenge this time around. We will see if he is up to the task of taking a giant step towards the Kentucky Derby

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE LOOKS TO HAVE A FAST PACE:

**Pure Speed:** *Epic Dreamer, Gladiator King, Hidden Scroll*  
**Pressing Speed:** *Vekoma, Global Campaign*  
**Stalkers:** *Signalman, Everfast, Frosted Grace*  
**Closers:** *Code of Honor, Bourbon War, Union's Destiny*

With so many 3-year-olds signed on to run, the up-front pace is likely to be swift. The likely post-time favorite Hidden Scroll could be the fastest horse in the race; however, Epic Dreamer has shown enough early turn of foot to run with him for at least a little while. That may set up for the closers to have a fair run at things, but Vekoma and Global Campaign could be sitting in the perfect stalking position when turning for home.

### TOP CHOICE: #7 HIDDEN SCROLL

This race is really quite simple. If Hidden Scroll can run the kind of figure that he earned on debut, then you can forget about the rest of the field - they have no shot. However, will he bounce off of that effort? Can he reproduce that number running two turns for the first time? Will he handle the jump up in class? Those are all logical questions that should give you reasonable skepticism. Regardless, I'll stick by the horse that I believe has shown the most talent in this crop. Until proven otherwise, Hidden Scroll is strictly the one to beat.

### MAJOR THREATS: #1 CODE OF HONOR, #5 VEKOMA, #6 SIGNALMAN, #8 GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

Look for Code of Honor to bounce back off of a poor effort

in the Mucho Macho Man Stakes on January 5; he is more talented than what he showed in that race. The highly-regarded Vekoma has been working up a storm heading into this race, as has Signalman; both will be making their 3-year-old debuts after solid graded stakes wins last year. Global Campaign has been impressive in two starts this year at Gulfstream Park, but he gets a big class test here.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 BOURBON WAR

The slight concern for this lightly-raced colt is the fact that his allowance win came against horses that have not run well in their next starts, but he has improved with each start. He is going to get a big class test in this spot, which will make or break him, but regardless, he will be valuable on the tote board, which makes him an interesting longshot play.

### OTHERS: #2 EPIC DREAMER, #9 EVERFAST, #10 FROSTED GRACE, #11 UNION'S DESTINY, #3 GLADIATOR KING

All of the horses in this category will really have to improve in order to make an impact here. Out of them all, Epic Dreamer could be the one to play the biggest factor in the race, if only from a pace standpoint.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #7 Hidden Scroll - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #1 Code of Honor - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: ##4 Bourbon War - Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,5,7 BOX

Trifecta: 1,5,6,7 BOX

Superfecta: 1,5,6,7 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,5,6,7

Small Budget Wager: \$2 exacta 1,5,7 BOX, \$0.50 cent trifecta 1,5,6,7 BOX, \$20 Win #7 Hidden Scroll

Large Budget Wager: \$5 exacta 1,5,7 BOX, \$1 trifecta 1,5,6,7 BOX, \$50 Win #7 Hidden Scroll



# RACE 14:

1 3/8 MILES ON  
THE TURF  
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP  
GRADE 2

## MAC DIARMIDA STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

A race that traditionally draws a tough field is no different this year. A solid field of 11 horses will contest the event, and several could be on their way to a big 2019. Overall, this may be the toughest race on the undercard. Anytime they go this marathon distance on the turf, it's a "Box 'em Up & Call 'em Home" kind of event.

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE WILL HAVE A SLOW PACE:

**Pure Speed:** *The Best Candy*

**Pressing Speed:** *Village King, Channel Maker*

**Stalkers:** *Zulu Alpha, Kulin Rock, Montclair*

**Closers:** *Golden Dragon, Melmich, Hunter O'Riley, Vettori Kin, Highland Sky*

They should be crawling up front, and at first, you'd think that would benefit the front-runners, but it actually favors the closers because they don't have as much ground to make up when making their big run at the end. Expect the field to be bunched closely together when turning for home, where it will then become a matter of who can close the fastest down the lane.

### TOP CHOICE: #4 HUNTER O'RILEY

After getting a race under his belt off of a long layoff, this horse has a big shot here. His first start in nine months came on Pegasus World Cup Day in the Grade 3 W. L. McKnight Stakes, where he finished a decent fourth. With that tightener under his belt, he should be ready for a top performance, which will make him ultra-competitive here.

### MAJOR THREATS: #6 ZULU ALPHA, #9 KULIN ROCK, #11 CHANNEL MAKER

Trainer Mike Maker is always extremely tough to beat in these turf marathon events, and he has both Zulu Alpha and Kulin Rock. Both have a great chance to make some noise. Of course, you can't discount Channel Maker in this spot, either. He is dropping way down in class after competing in the Grade 1 Pegasus World Cup Turf last time out.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 VILLAGE KING, #8 HIGHLAND SKY

Village King can rebound in this spot with a better turf course condition as he did not enjoy the yielding turf last time out. Highland Sky makes his 2019 debut in a logical spot, and when at his best, he can make some noise here at a decent price. Both of these horses should be around double-digit odds.

### OTHERS: #1 GOLDEN DRAGON, #3 MELMICH, #7 THE BEST CANDY, #10 MONTCLAIR, #5 VETTORI KING

They may be in the throw-out category, but there are a few in this group that can make some noise. Racing Dudes favorite Melmich is entered here, but he must prove that he can win away from Woodbine.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #4 Hunter O'Riley – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #6 Zulu Alpha – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #9 Kulin Rock – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 4,6,11 BOX

Trifecta: 4,6,9,11 BOX

Superfecta: 4,6,9,11 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 4,6,9,11

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 4,6,9,11

Large Budget Wager: \$2 trifecta BOX 4,6,9,11



# RACE 12:

1 MILE ON THE DIRT  
3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES  
GRADE 2

## DAVONA DALE STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

This race might have 7 fillies entered to take a big step towards the Kentucky Oaks, but one clearly stands out above the rest. Jaywalk, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes to round out her Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old season, will be an overwhelming and deserved favorite.

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE LOOKS LIKE IT WILL HAVE A SLOW PACE:

**Pure Speed:** *Jaywalk, Cookie Dough*

**Pressing Speed:** *Another Time, Jeltrin*

**Stalkers:** *Bold Script, High Regard*

**Closers:** *Champagne Anyone*

Jaywalk could have both a class and a pace advantage over the rest of this field. She looks to be the lone speed, and drawing inside means that she will be trying to take this field gate to wire. She will be tremendously tough to beat.

### TOP CHOICE: #1 JAYWALK

If Jaywalk shows up with her best race, then the rest of these horses will be far behind her. She is the most likely winner on the entire card, if not the entire country, on Saturday. These horses do tend to lose from time to time, so it's not impossible, but she looks extremely tough to beat. Until proven otherwise, she is the Kentucky Oaks favorite.

### MAJOR THREATS: #5 CHAMPAGNE ANYONE, #7 HIGH REGARD

There is no doubt that the heavy favorite is going to be extremely difficult to beat; however, you have to pick one of these horses to use along with her. If you can pick the upset, then the multi-race wagers will blow up tremendously. These are the two horses to consider when trying to beat the heavy favorite.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 BOLD SCRIPT

She is a total wildcard in this race after running on the turf and synthetic surfaces at Woobine as a 2-year-old. This will

be her first on the dirt, and it comes in a difficult spot, but her breeding suggests that she might handle it. With a little luck, she could make some noise in the underneath spots.

### OTHERS: #2 COOKIE DOUGH, #3 ANOTHER TIME, #4 JELTRIN

It's going to take an exceptional performance from anyone in this group to make an impact against a horse like Jaywalk.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #1 Jaywalk – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #5 Champagne Anyone – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #6 Bold Script – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

Exacta: 1,5/1,5,7

Trifecta: 1,5/1,5,6/1,5,6,7

Superfecta: 1,5/1,5,6/1,5,6/1,5,6,7

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,5

Small Budget Wager: SKIP – No Value. Just play 1,5 in the multi-race plays

Large Budget Wager: SKIP – No Value. Just play 1,5 in the multi-race plays



# RACE 11:

## HONEY FOX STAKES

1 MILE ON THE DIRT  
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP,  
FILLIES AND MARES  
GRADE 3

### OVERVIEW:

For years, trainer Chad Brown has dominated the female turf division, and he has a strong entry in this event named Precieuse. She will be the horse to build around in an event that always seems to draw a competitive field. This race kicks off the Late Pick 4, which has an extremely large and attractive pool.

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE LOOKS TO HAVE A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Valedictorian, Soctty's Model*  
**Pressing Speed:** *Conquest Hardcandy, Bellavais*  
**Stalkers:** *Fire Key, La Signare, Dolce Lili*  
**Closers:** *Precieuse, Valentine Wish, Hogans Holiday*

There are enough speed horses in the race to make this interesting; however, do not expect a blazing pace up front. On paper, it looks like every running style in the race should get a fair run at things. The one scenario where that doesn't happen is if the speedy Valedictorian can clear the field early on from her inside post.

### TOP CHOICE: #1 PRECIEUSE

In Chad Brown, We Trust. That statement often holds true, but especially so when referring to this division, which he has owned for years. That bodes well for Precieuse, who is returning off of a bit of a layoff for this race. However, Brown is excellent with horses returning off of breaks, so she should be ready to fire a big effort.

### MAJOR THREATS: #2 VALEDICTORIAN, #7 CONQUEST HARDCANDY, #9 BELLAVAIS

It's hard not to like Valedictorian in this spot after her gate-to-wire victory in the Suwannee River Stakes (G3) over this track last time out. If she can get a similar trip here, then she will be hard to run down. Conquest Hardcandy will likely not let Valedictorian get too far out in front in this spot and may be poised to pounce at the top of the stretch. Also, you can't forget about Bellavais, who keeps getting better and better for trainer Todd Pletcher.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 FIRE KEY, #4 LA SIGNARE, #10 DOLCE LILI

Fire Key has been solid in turf sprints and could be effective at this one-mile distance as well. La Signare's back class can compete with group. Dolce Lili won the local South Beach Stakes last time out; however, the competition here is going to be much tougher.

### OTHERS: #5 VALENTINE WISH, #6 SCOTTY'S MODEL, #8 HOGANS HOLIDAY

Even though they are in this category, these three horses could still make an impact in the race, especially in the underneath position. In the end, though you have to take a stand against at least a few, and these look like good candidates.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #1 Precieuse – Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #2 Valedictorian – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #9 Bellavais – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Exacta: 1,2,9 BOX

Trifecta: 1,2,7,9 BOX

Superfecta: 1,2,7,9 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,2,7,9

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,2,7,9

Large Budget Wager: \$2 trifecta BOX 1,2,7,9



# RACE 8:

1 1/16 MILES ON  
THE TURF  
3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES  
GRADE 3

## HERE COMES THE BRIDE STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

The two headlining events on this card feature races for 3-year-olds on the dirt, but this one has 3-year-old fillies running on the turf. Like normal, it looks like trainer Chad Brown is the guy to watch. He has a way with fillies on the turf, where he excels as well as anyone in the history of the sport.

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE LOOKS TO HAVE A LONE SPEED HORSE:

**Pure Speed:** *Cambier Parc*

**Pressing Speed:** *Primela, My Gal Betty*

**Stalkers:** *Vow to Recover, Belle Laura, Princesa Carolina*

**Closers:** *Golconda, Connectivity*

On paper, it definitely looks like the Brown-trained Cambier Parc will be all alone on the front end. If so, she will be very tough to run down, especially considering her powerful debut turf effort over this track last time out in a maiden special weight romp.

### TOP CHOICE: #7 CAMBIER PARC

She is a clear standout when it comes to horses that have made starts in the United States. She has only won a maiden special weight, but that winning effort earned a very fast speed figure and was contested at the same distance as this race. She should be extremely tough to beat - if she can run back to that last race

### MAJOR THREATS: #3 PRIMELA, #6 GOLCONDA

Primela and Golconda are both making their United States debuts after running overseas last year. They represent the "stranger danger" that could upset what should be a heavily-favored Cambier Parc. It is hard to know how horses from overseas will run in their American debuts

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 BELLE LAURA, #4 MY GAL BETTY

These two horses will make their 3-year-old debuts after losing badly to Newspaperofrecord in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf to round out their 2018 seasons. This spot is obviously a bit easier, which gives them a shot at rebounding with nice efforts.

### OTHERS: #1 VOW TO RECOVER, #5 PRINCESS CAROLINA, #8 CONNECTIVITY

These three seem to be a bit outclassed and will really have to step up their games in order to make an impact here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #7 Cambier Park

Bet to Place or Show: #6 Golconda

Across the Board Longshot Play: #2 Belle Laura – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 6,7/2,3,6,7

Trifecta: 6,7/2,3,6,7/2,3,6,7

Superfecta: 2,3,6,7 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 6,7

Small Budget Wager: \$2 exacta 6,7/2,3,6,7

Large Budget Wager: \$5 exacta 6,7/2,3,6,7



# RACE 7: VERY ONE STAKES

1 3/16 MILES ON  
THE TURF  
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP,  
FILLIES AND MARES

## OVERVIEW:

A United States turf race for fillies and mares without trainer Chad Brown is pretty hard to find, yet that is exactly what we have here. This is a field of just 8 horses, but don't let that fool you; this is one of the hardest on the card to predict. Every single horse has a solid chance to win.

**RACE SHAPE:** THIS RACE LOOKS LIKE IT WILL HAVE A VERY SLOW PACE:

**Pure Speed:** NONE

**Pressing Speed:** *Semper Sententiae, Lafta, Ickymasho*

**Stalkers:** *Tricky Escape*

**Closers:** *Danceland, The Tulip, Holy Helena, A. A. Azula's Arch*

Get ready for them to crawl up front in this contest. Nobody in this field wants the lead, so the opening quarter-mile could easily be 26 seconds. Expect them to be grouped together when turning for home, causing the entire field to run the last quarter-mile very quickly. The best closer will win this race.

## TOP CHOICE: #1 DANCELAND

An upset could be brewing here, which is why we didn't go with the favorite. Danceland might be a stretch, but if you watch the replay, her poor trip is a legitimate excuse for her effort last time out in the local Via Borghese Stakes. With a cleaner trip here, she will have a big chance, which makes her a risk worth taking in a wide-open affair. Let's hope that jockey John Velazquez can work out a decent journey from her rail draw.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #2 THE TULIP, #3 HOLY HELENA, #8 A. A. AZULA'S ARCH

We'll see if a change of scenery can help The Tulip, who has been in Southern California for all of her United States career. Her fellow SoCal resident Joel Rosario has committed to ride her in this spot. You certainly can't discount Holy Helena, who won this race last year. A. A. Azula's Arch is a very consistent runner with a wicked turn of foot when closing

down the lane, so she can't ever be counted out.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #4 SEMPER SENTENTIAE, #5 LAFTA

These two can go to the front and try to steal this race, especially if the pace is slow as expected in this contest. Semper Sententiae and Lafta are not speed horses, but they do have more early turn of foot than the rest of this group. If one can get a lone lead, then she could be hard to run down.

**OTHERS:** #6 ICKYMASHO, #7 TRICKY ESCAPE

The simple fact is that any horse in this race could win, so you should go as deep as your budget allows in this wide-open affair. It is very difficult to throw any horse completely out.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #1 Danceland – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #3 Holy Helena – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #2 The Tulip – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,2,3 BOX

Trifecta: 1,2,3,8 BOX

Superfecta: 1,2,3,8 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,2,3,8

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,2,3,8

Large Budget Wager: \$1 trifecta BOX 1,2,3,8





# RACE 6:

## GULFSTREAM PARK SPRINT

6 FURLONGS ON  
THE DIRT  
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP  
GRADE 3

### OVERVIEW:

This race always seems to draw a tricky field, and this year's running is no different. A solid group of 8 horses will contest the event, and several could win with the right setup. Overall, this may be the toughest race on the card among the early races, despite not being a large field. This is another "Box 'em Up & Call 'em Home" event.

### RACE SHAPE: THIS RACE LOOKS TO HAVE A LONE-SPEED HORSE:

**Pure Speed:** *Recruiting Ready, My Chinumado*

**Pressing Speed:** *Quijote*

**Stalkers:** *Pass the Butter, Storm Advisory*

**Closers:** *Millionaire Runner, Santiamen, Sweetontheladies*

It is hard to imagine Recruiting Ready not going straight to the front in this spot. He is easily the field's fastest, and drawing the rail just increases his chances of shooting forward rapidly. The only horse that could challenge him is My Chinumado; however, Recruiting Ready may simply be in another class

### TOP CHOICE: #1 RECRUITING READY

His speed advantage seems like it will be too much for the others to overcome. In the past, he has proven to be extremely difficult to beat when left alone on the front end. There won't be enough other speed in the race to challenge him.

### MAJOR THREATS: #4 QUIJOTE, #6 SWEETONTHELADIES, #8 STORM ADVISORY

Quijote won a state-bred stakes last time out over this track in his 2019 debut and he seems to be running better than ever heading into this event. Sweetontheladies has been close in a few of his recent starts and fits well into this race from a speed figure standpoint. Storm Advisory put up a pair of nice on-the-board efforts in his last two starts, and this race seems to have come up a bit lighter than those contests.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 SANTIAMEN

There is no doubt that this race will be easier than his last, where he lost a local allowance event to the ultra-talented X Y Jet. He was second in that effort, though he was also beaten by over 7 lengths. Still, he is a longshot worth considering in this easier spot.

### OTHERS: #2 MY CHINUMADO, #3 MILLIONAIRE RUNNER, #7 PASS THE BUTTER

This group will have to show great improvement in order to compete for top honors in this event. However, look for My Chinumado to play a factor here, as he is the only horse that could challenge our top pick on the front end.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #1 Recruiting Ready – Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #4 Quijote – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #6 Sweetontheladies – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,4,8 BOX

Trifecta: 1,4,6,8 BOX

Superfecta: 1,4,6,8 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,4,6,8

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,4,6,8

Large Budget Wager: \$1 trifecta BOX 1,4,6,8



# RACE 5:

1 MILE ON THE TURF  
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP  
GRADE 3

## CANADIAN TURF STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

This race usually draws a large field, but the 2019 running has come up a little light with just 7 entries. Still, some nice milers will look for a win here before jumping back up to tougher company, and some of the top trainers and jockeys in the country are involved in this spot.

### RACE SHAPE: THE PACE SHOULD BE SLOW IN THIS RACE

**Pure Speed:** *Siem Riep*

**Pressing Speed:** *Holiday Stone, Sand Dancer*

**Stalkers:** *Krampus*

**Closers:** *Cowboy Culture, Hembree, Breaking the Rules*

Siem Riep could get a dream trip in here if he can return to his previous form. That is a big if, though, because he has been a no-show in his last two races. It is likely that these horses will end up grouped together tightly turning for home, much like the Mac Diarmida Stakes later on in the card. There will be an all-out sprint when turning for home.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 KRAMPUS

It has been a while since Krampus won, though in his defense, he was up against some solid competition recently. Two starts back, he was fourth to Bricks and Mortar, who went on to win the Grade 1 Pegasus World Cup Turf. This distance should suit him well, and his closing kick should be hard for this field to hold off.

### MAJOR THREATS: #7 BREAKING THE RULES, #2 COWBOY CULTURE

Since moving to the turf, Breaking the Rules has been solid, with two victories in three starts. After his latest stakes win, it was time to move up in class to graded stakes company. Cowboy Culture is the strongest closer in the race, which will make him dangerous if he turns for home within range of the leaders.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 HEMBREE, #1 SIEM RIEP

Hembree was a winner last time out in the El Prado Stakes over this track. He will drop to the back and make one run at the end. Siem Riep has a clear pace advantage in this spot. However, his form has been way off as of late.

### OTHERS: #3 HOLIDAY STONE, #4 SAND DANCER

Out of these two, the standout is Sand Dancer because his back class can compete with this group. However, neither of these horses have shown great recent form.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #5 Krampus – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #7 Breaking the Rules – Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #2 Cowboy Culture – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Exacta: 2,5,7 BOX

Trifecta: 2,5,6,7 BOX

Superfecta: 2,5,6,7 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 2,5,7

Small Budget Wager: \$1 Exacta BOX 2,5,7

Large Budget Wager: \$4 Exacta BOX 2,5,7



# RACE 4:

## 1 1/16 MILES ON THE TURF 3-YEAR-OLDS GRADE 3

# PALM BEACH STAKES

### OVERVIEW:

The 3-year-old turf males will kick off the stakes portion of the card in this small, yet extremely competitive, field of 8. This is usually one of the more exciting divisions in racing, so it is nice to see it get back rolling. Tougher fields down the road are likely, but these horses will be out to prove that they belong in the bigger events coming up over the next few months.

**RACE SHAPE:** THIS RACE LOOKS LIKE IT WILL HAVE A MODERATE TO FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *King Ottokar*

**Pressing Speed:** *Art G Is Back, A Thread of Blue, Hard Belle*

**Stalkers:** *Stirling Drive*

**Closers:** *Castlewood Terrace, Louder Than Bombs, Casa Creed*

As many as four could fight for top honors, and a couple more won't be too far behind. However, none of them are true speed burners, which makes the pace a bit difficult to predict. It is likely to be moderately fast, giving the closers an honest shot to win the race. Overall, it should be fair for all runners.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 A THREAD OF BLUE

Since coming to Gulfstream Park, this horse is a perfect 2-for-2, including a big victory last time out in the Dania Beach Stakes. That win proved that he was for real because he beat Louder Than Bombs and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint winner Current. We will look for more of the same out of him here

### MAJOR THREATS: #6 LOUDER THAN BOMBS, #7 CASA CREED

Louder Than Bombs runs consistently well, and though he has had some trouble winning lately, you can count on him to show up with a solid effort. Casa Creed pulled off a big upset two races back in the Kitten's Joy Stakes, but he disappointed in his last start. Both of these horses will be flying late.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 KING OTTOKAR, #1 STIRLING DRIVE

King Ottokar will likely be the one to set the early pace after breaking his maiden over this track last time out, and repeating that speed figure here would make him dangerous. Stirling Drive contested a hot pace last time out before fading to fourth. He will need to find a way to relax early here.

### OTHERS: #2 ART G IS BACK, #4 CASTLEWOOD TERRACE, #8 HARD BELLE

These three will really have to step up their games in order to make an impact here. They seem to be a bit outclassed and/or are trying the turf for the first time.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #5 A Thread of Blue – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #6 Louder Than Bombs – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #7 Casa Creed – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 5,6,7 BOX

Trifecta: 3,5,6,7 BOX

Superfecta: 3,5,6,7 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 3,5,6,7

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 3,5,6,7

Large Budget Wager: \$1 trifecta BOX 3,5,6,7