

BEST BETS

SUNDAY 12/1/19

**BEST BET: #10 DECISION MAKER (5th)****LONGSHOT: #10 KILBARRY LADY (7th)****LIKELY: #8 LITTLE MENACE (4th)***Dave Valento*

1ST - GULFSTREAM R5 (1:30 CT) 46 MSW 50K, 5.5F DIRT 3 LADY ANNA 7-2 2 TOUCH OF NIRVANA 3-1 10 SWEETONTHEGENTS 10-1 1 TRIPLE SCOUT 8-1 PICK: 3 LADY ANNA Trainer has had 8 first time starters in a MSW sprinting on the dirt. He's won with four of them and been in the exacta six times. This is a 150k purchase in Sep of 2018 and has come in with bullet works. VALUE: 10 SWEETONTHEGENTS Another first time starter in a race that really calls for a new face. Trainer won a race here on Saturday and has won with few 1sters (including Sweetontheladies for these ownership). Steady fast works. A) 2,3,10 B) 1,5 C) 4,6,7,8,9	2ND - FAIR GROUNDS R2 (2:02 CT) 44 MSW 40K, 1M TURF 1 FRAY 5-1 7 RIVER FINN 9-2 3 DA GOLD ROOM 9-2 2 CURLINGTON 5-1 PICK: 1 FRAY Very even race and it might make sense to lean towards this Calumet entry. Both can compete in here. This one is bred to love turf (Lemon Drop Kid, Kingmambo, Stormy Atlantic). Debut was on soft turf. VALUE: 7 RIVER FINN This is the same connections that have the Grade 1 turf winner, Arklow. Ships in from So Cal and from Bob Baffert. Brad Cox normally moves them up. Breeding suggests a turf future. Sharp work at CD. A) 1,3,7 B) 2,5,6,8 C) 5,6	3RD - AQUEDUCT R8 (2:44 CT) 71 FALL HIGHWEIGHT-G3 200K, 6F DIRT 2 STRIKE POWER 3-1 7 RECRUITING READY 9-5 5 STAN THE MAN 5-1 4 HAPPY FARM 8-1 PICK: 2 STRIKE POWER G3 Swale winner returned from an 8 mo break very sharp. He crushed an opt clm group and then just missed after that in the G2 True North. Burned up in a quick pace two back (a key race). Toss the turf. VALUE: 4 HAPPY FARM Spent nearly all of his career in the 25k – 40k claiming level until Servis got him 5 back and is now a serious graded stakes horse. He may opt for Penn National on Wed. Form just too good to ignore today. A) 2,7 B) 1,3,4,5 C) 6	4TH - CHURCHILL R7 (2:57 CT) 79 MSW 95K, 6F DIRT 8 LITTLE MENACE 7-5 5 SPEIGHTSTOWN AGAIN 8-1 7 SHANGHAI'S DREAM 4-1 9 KICKIN' KIRBY 6-1 PICK: 8 LITTLE MENACE Asmussen is 23 for 48 (48%) with 43 ITM (90%) with a 2 nd time 2YO in MSW who hit the board in debut on dirt and off at less than 3-1. When he has a slow 4F breeze prior to race, he's automatic. 460k colt. VALUE: 5 SPEIGHTSTOWN AGAIN Decent debut when off at 8-1. Ran pretty evenly throughout. The winner won in a 225k stakes at WO next. Runner who was last ran 2 nd to Mr. Monomoy next at long odds. Bred to sprint. Looks like in here. A) 8 B) 5,6,7,9 C) 1,2,3,4,11
5TH - CHURCHILL R9 (3:57 CT) 55 MSW 95K, 1M DIRT 10 DECISION MAKER 6-1 1 UNTAP 20-1 4 NO SHIRT NO SHOES 6-1 8 LIBERTY BLUE 8-1 PICK: 10 DECISION MAKER Trainer is just 1 for 72 with a debut 2YO in a MSW dirt sprint on. Despite that bad record, this one took money. He broke slow but came on late. Half to a stakes winner dirt for this team, Divine Queen. VALUE: 1 UNTAP Might be a bit of a reach in here as he's been dead last in both starts. But he has had excuses (soft turf in debut and took up out of the gate, eliminated last start). 200k purchase may have more to offer. A) 1,4,8,10 B) 9,11 C) 2,5,7	6TH - DEL MAR R5 (4:00 CT) 61 HOL TURF CUP-G2 200K, 1M 1/2 TURF 10 UNITED 5-2 6 CLEOPATRA'S STRIKE 7-2 9 OVERDUE 5-1 8 ITSIN THEPOST 5-1 PICK: 10 UNITED Nearly pulled off a 52-1 upset in the Turf vs Bricks and Mortar. Cost 300k in 2016 and has always hinted at major ability. 1 for 1 on this track after win off the pace 3 back. Prat knows him. The one to beat. VALUE: 9 OVERDUE Missed the board once and it came in 1 st start down-the-hill at Santa Anita. Smith up for the last two, and blinkers were on in those starts, as well, and he won both. Winner three back won a 74k next start. A) 6,10 B) 7,8,9 C) 1,3,4	7TH - FAIR GROUNDS R8 (4:05 CT) 41 MSW 40K, 1M TURF 10 KILBARRY LADY 15-1 5 SKOL CHANT 10-1 11 SECRET ENJOY 8-1 9 SWEET N SALTY KISS 5-1 PICK: 10 KILBARRY LADY Dam raced only a few times but her sibs have won many Group 1 stakes overseas which includes Esoterique, a 4x Group 1 turf winner of 1.5M. Might have bled last out as she gets L1 here. She'll want turf. VALUE: 5 SKOL CHANT Not surprising she has deep Minnesota pedigree (Skol Chant/Vikings). She was making a move on the turn in last when the leader bolted, threw her rider and took this one out. Has 3 good local drills. A) 5,9,10,11 B) 2,3,8,12 C) 4,7,13	8TH - DEL MAR R7 (5:00 CT) 74 MATRIARCH-G1 300K, 1M TURF 7 GOT STORMY 5-2 5 TOINETTE 7-2 9 DADDY IS A LEGEND 8-1 11 JULIET FOXTROT 3-1 PICK: 7 GOT STORMY Casse has had success with female turf G1 runners (Catch a Glimpse and Tepin were 7 for 13 in G1 turf races for Casse). This one went 1:32 for a mile at SAR in G1 4Stardave vs males. Beat her to win this. VALUE: 9 DADDY IS A LEGEND Very game runner has two big efforts on this turf (a win in the '17 Jimmy Durante and a half length defeat vs superstar Uni in this race last year). Good prep in most recent out. She ran down slow fractions. A) 5,7,9 B) 3,11 C) 1,4,6,10