

FAIR GROUNDS

Saturday, 3/20/21
Louisiana Derby Day

BEST BET: 5 SPEIGHTHARMNY (7TH)
LONGSHOT: 3 WISE VERDICT (9TH)
LIKELY: 2 NO PAROLE (8TH)

RACE 6 PICK 4 \$336
1,4,5,6,7,8,9 * 5,8,10
2,4,6,11 * 1,2,3,6,7,9,10,11

RACE 10 PICK 5 \$384
2,3,4,6,8,10,12,13 * 2,8
1,3,4,5,6,8,11,12 * 5,6,8 * 5,6



1 – FAIR GROUNDS (12:20 ET) 76 CRESCENT CITY OAKS 100K, 1M 70 DIRT 1 BIG TIME 6-1 HERNANDEZ 2 AUSTRALASIA 2-5 GEROUX 4 WINNING ROMANCE 8-1 SAEZ, G 3 TECATE TIME 20-1 VELAZQUEZ PICK: 1 BIG TIME VALUE: 4 WINNING ROMANCE A) 1,2 B) 4 C) 3,5	2 – FAIR GROUNDS (12:48 ET) 67 MSW 75K, 1M 1/16 DIRT 1 ROAD BIBLE 3-1 TALAMO 5 COOL RAGS 6-1 HERNANDEZ 7 DOLDER GRAND 5-2 BESCHIZZA 2 ALEJANDRO 9-2 ORTIZ, I PICK: 1 ROAD BIBLE VALUE: 5 COOL RAGS A) 1,5,7 B) 2 C) 4,6	5 – FAIR GROUNDS (2:13 ET) 49 MSW 75K, 6F DIRT 7 FIND NEW ROADS 12-1 BESCHIZZA 2 TULANE TRYST 3-1 SAEZ, G 4 CONTINENTAL COINS 6-1 HERNANDEZ 6 WILD FOR WYCLIFF 7-2 SAEZ, L PICK: 7 FIND NEW ROADS This is the female family of the champion broodmare, Weekend Surprise. She is the dam of superstars, A. P. Indy and Summer Squall. Debut was too bad to really take seriously as the 2-1 favorite. He's worked well in the interim and gets a rider who is 45% for B Calhoun. VALUE: 4 CONTINENTAL COINS Son of Constitution is likely going to get better with a bit of ground and some races under his belt. Ran well enough in the debut after pressing the pace out wide. Sharp 5F move 8 days ago. Rider might have had a few choices in here. Expecting him to move forward today. A) 2,4,6,7 B) 3,5 C) 8,9
3 – FAIR GROUNDS (1:16 ET) 46 MSW 75K, 6F DIRT 5 GOLD PUNCH 5-1 HERNANDEZ 7 MICAJAH 4-1 SAEZ, G 2 BOURBON ST TAPPIN 7-2 MENA 6 BIG MERRILL 20-1 GEROUX PICK: 5 GOLD PUNCH VALUE: 2 BOURBON ST TAPPIN A) 2,5,6,7 B) 1,8,10,12 C) 3,4,9,11	4 – FAIR GROUNDS (1:44 ET) 53 ALLW 75K, 1M 1/8 TURF 6 GO FOR MO 8-1 CARROLL 8 FATE FACTOR 9-2 BESCHIZZA 1 ELLE M'A SOURI 3-1 SAEZ, G 9 JAZZY LADY 20-1 PEDROA PICK: 6 GO FOR MO VALUE: 8 FATE FACTOR A) 6,8 B) 1,4,9 C) 2,3,5	8 – FAIR GROUNDS (3:42 ET) 77 COSTA RISING 100K, 5.5F TURF 2 NO PAROLE 8-5 SAEZ, L 6 MONTE MAN 5-1 BESCHIZZA 11 BOOTSIE'S GALAXY 15-1 PEDROZA 4 GRAND LUWEGEE 12-1 MORALES PICK: 2 NO PAROLE Surface change the big question here. He's the most talented (never lost or challenged in a La-bred race). G1 winner in an excellent Stephens romp. Many in the female line ran well on turf (License Fee won 654k on grass, 5x graded stakes winner on the surface). Speed. VALUE: 11 BOOTSIE'S GALAXY His first turf sprint try was last out. He was traveling a distance off the pace but made a late move to finish 4 th beaten just two lengths. The pace was slow. Those running 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th early ran 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and 5 th . This was the only close to run well. Better pace today. A) 2,6 B) 4,5,9,11 C) 1,3,7,8,10,12
6 – FAIR GROUNDS (2:42 ET) 64 MSW 75K, 1M TURF 4 SNOW HOUSE 4-1 BRIDGMOHAN 8 HIDDEN ENEMY 5-2 ORTIZ, I 9 COMMITTED 6-1 CARROLL 1 GLOBAL EMPIRE 9-2 GEROUX PICK: 4 SNOW HOUSE First time starter for trainer Brad Cox who is 2 for 5 w/ all 5 in the money with a debut turf router in MSW for Juddmonte Farms ownership. This is the first foal for the dam. Female line produced 3x turf Group 1 winner Special Duty and a 11 for 16 G1 turf winner Tates Creek. VALUE: 9 COMMITTED Was just a length behind Hidden Enemy the last time out turf (two back) when 4 th . Forget last on the dirt in a race where he drew the 10 post. Late runner has run well on the grass a few times. Dam all turf and 2x turf stakes winner. Very slow work one week ago says ready. A) 4,8 B) 1,5,9 C) 2,3,6,7,10	7 – FAIR GROUNDS (3:12 ET) 78 MSW 75K, 6F DIRT 5 SPEIGHTHARMONY 9-2 GEROUX 8 BOLD CONFECTION 6-1 ORTIZ, J 10 ONLY KIDDING 8-1 ORTIZ, I 6 SEASCAPE 8-1 SAEZ, L PICK: 5 SPEIGHTHARMONY Sire was a rocketship who won the '04 BC Sprint. The 2 nd dam is Leslie's Lady who is the dam of \$6M earner Beholder, \$2.5 earner Mendelssohn and \$600k earner and top sire Into Mischief. Cox is about 19% with first timers like this. These works are typical for his firsters. VALUE: 8 BOLD CONFECTION Small field of 5 in the debut but this one took action as a 3-1 chance. He set the pace but was outrun by a next out allowance winner for Tom Amoss. 5 th in there beaten 12 won in a mdn clm 30k next. Forget the wet track route in last. Dam won 5 stakes sprinting on dirt. A) 5 B) 6,8,9,10 C) 1,2,3,7	

9 – FAIR GROUNDS (4:12 ET) CRESCENT CITY DERBY 100K, 1M 1/16 DIRT 56 3 WISE VERDICT 2 WHO TOOK THE MONEY 7 UNANIMOUSLY 6 HENNING 10-1 GEROUX 5-2 SAEZ, G 5-1 TALAMO 20-1 BRIDGMOHAN PICK: 3 WISE VERDICT Upset winner in both of his first two starts and took a lot of money in the stakes last out. He ran well in that very strong stakes. The winner is 3 for 4 with 2 stakes wins. The runner-up was coming off a 7-length win in a stakes. Gets a massive rider move to Geroux today. VALUE: 6 HENNING There were a lot of other spots Delhomme could have entered this one. After a 43-length defeat to the one on his outside, a stakes is surprising. That says he did not like the muddy track. Dam is a full to two-time G3 winner Hightap. Canadian HOF Norcliffe in female tree. A) 2,3,7 B) 1,6,9,10,11 C) 4,8,12	10 – FAIR GROUNDS (4:41 ET) TOM BENSON MEM 150K, 1M 1/16 TURF 41 2 DOMINGA 12 CATCH A BID 3 DALIKA 8 PASS THE PLATE 8-1 GEROUX 5-1 SAEZ, L 3-1 MENA 8-1 HERNANDEZ PICK: 2 DOMINGA One of the many deep closers in this race. She fired in all 3 starts on this turf (a stakes win and runner-up in those starts). Steadied 3 back while making a strong run. Big rider move to Geroux and Cox is excellent off a break. 11 works (8 turf) since Jan 3 rd in prep for this. VALUE: 12 CATCH A BID She looked great in her first five starts. She was 3 for 5 with a stakes win over Dalika in there. Those were w/ Chad Brown. Moved to Sharp before last when she ran 4 th setting the pace at HOU. Winner ran 2 nd by a length at 11-1 in G2 Hillsborough at TAM next. Tactical speed. A) 2,3,8,12 B) 4,6,10,13 C) 1,5,7,9,11	11 – FAIR GROUNDS (5:12 ET) NEW ORLEANS-G2 400K, 1M 1/8 DIRT 60 8 SONNEMAN 2 OWENDALE 6 CHESS CHIEF 5 ENFORCEABLE 9-2 TALAMO 9-5 GEROUX 6-1 SAEZ, L 8-1 BESCHIZZA PICK: 8 SONNEMAN 2 nd in the G2 Pat Day Mile. Winner ran 7 th by 6 in BC Dirt Mile. This 4YO Curlin colt gave Maxfield a run twice in the last 3 starts. Pace too slow 2 back and he couldn't make up ground. Asmussen very dangerous with fast work then slow breeze before a race. Gets a good trip. VALUE: 6 CHESS CHIEF Was right behind the top choice in the Mineshaft won by Maxfield last out. Maxfield came back to run 3 rd by two-lengths in the G1 Santa Anita Handicap. Was third in this race last year at 28-1. Trainer Dallas Stewart is having a strong meet. Will be finishing well in this one. A) 2,8 B) 4,5,6 C) 1,3,7
12 – FAIR GROUNDS (5:43 ET) MUNIZ MEM-G2 300K, 1M 1/8 TURF 62 1 FACTOR THIS 5 COLONEL LIAM 4 CROSS BORDER 12 PIXELATE 4-1 BRIDGMOHAN 3-1 ORTIZ, I 5-1 ORTIZ, J 8-1 SAEZ, L PICK: 1 FACTOR THIS He was on quite a roll last year leading into the G1 BC Mile where he was a 7-1 chance. He won 5 of 6 (4 were graded stakes) before he was burned out pressing a fast pace in the BC Mile. Last two were on soft ground. It may be that isn't what he wants. Speed from the rail. VALUE: 4 CROSS BORDER He gets Lasix back today after doing without it in the Pegasus last out. He also gets J Ortiz back and he has done well with this one (won the G2 Bowling Green 6 starts ago). He's 2 for 3 at this distance and Maker is strong with older turf runners. Must be respected here. A) 1,4,5 B) 3,6,8,11,12 C) 7,9,10	13 – FAIR GROUNDS (6:14 ET) FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-G2 400K, 1M 1/16 DIRT 81 6 CLAIRIERE 8 TRAVEL COLUMN 5 OBLIGATORY 4 LI'L TOOTSIE 2-1 TALAMO 5-2 GEROUX 5-1 ORTIZ, J 4-1 SAEZ, L PICK: 6 CLAIRIERE Dam won 6 Grade 1 or 2 races in her career. This one won her first stakes last out in a game effort over the main foe in here, Travel Column. That was the first w/ Talamo and it proved a good move. Asmussen w/ his signature fast move, slow breeze. Big upside with her. VALUE: 5 OBLIGATORY The Beyer she earned in the win last out looks too low as that was a slow day. The variant was distorted by a maiden claimer that went 1:38 for a mile. But he won by 16-lengths proving he was not low class. Dam a sib to multiple G1 turf winner Etoile Montante. Mott/Ortiz. A) 6,8 B) 4,5 C) 1,2,3,7	13 – FAIR GROUNDS (6:44 ET) LOUISIANA DERBY-G2 \$1M, 1M 3/16 DIRT 75 6 MANDALOUN 5 HOT ROD CHARLIE 4 PROXY 3 RUN CLASSIC 8-5 GEROUX 3-1 ROSARIO 7-2 VELAZQUEZ 12-1 HERNANDEZ PICK: 6 MANDALOUN Thought he was the right play in the Risen Star after a green in-and-out stretch run in the Lecomte. Blinkers were added in last and he was much more professional in that win. Excellent spacing and quickness of those 3 drills coming in. Geroux stays aboard here for B Cox. VALUE: 3 RUN CLASSIC Recent maiden winner for in his 1 st at a route. He was much the best for what looks to be an improving sort. 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th all won MSW next from the debut. Calhoun went mdn win to G2 Risen Star (5 th by 4 at 44-1) before a 50-1 upset in the OP Stakes in 2020 with Mr. Big News. A) 4,5,6 B) 3,7,8 C) 1,2