

ON THIS DATE (1986) – Fourth of July, 1986, Canterbury Downs held two divisions of the USA HANDICAP at 7.5 furlongs on the turf. Top rider MIKE SMITH won both divisions. He took the first division with 1986 Horse of the Year, Forkintheroad (for trainer Jack Van Berg) at 9-2 odds. He won the second division with 5-2 second choice Regal Brek for trainer Tom Blincoe.

CANTERBURY PARK

Sunday 7/4/21

BEST BET: 5 WAR FALCON (7TH)
 LONGSHOT: 2 MADELYN'S WILD (6TH)
 LIKELY: 4 SECOND GRACE (1ST)

RACE 2 PICK 4 \$180
 1,2,4,5 * 2,6,7
 1,2,3,4,6 * 2,3,5,8,9,10

RACE 5 PICK 5 \$225
 2,3,8,9,10 * 2,3,4,5,6,7
 5 * 1,2,3,4,6 * 3,4,5



1 - CANTERBURY PARK (1:10 CT) 72
 CLM 10K, 6F DIRT

4 SECOND GRACE 2-1 QUINONEZ
 1 FUNNY FLOWERS 4-1 FUENTES
 2 LASTING LIGHT 8-5 JUAREZ
 5 ARNOLD'S PATSY 9-2 BUTLER

PICK: 4 SECOND GRACE
 She spent most of her career running on synthetic tracks at Woodbine. Ran well in her last two starts on dirt. She was 3rd vs opt clm 20k company at TUP 3 back. She was checked at the start there and lost ground 7-wide on the far turn. A good fit in this spot.

VALUE: 1 FUNNY FLOWERS
 Trainer has had a strong meet. He's been in the top 3 in 26 of 41 starts with 9 wins. Flat run when last in a 5k claiming race last out. That looks like an outlier to her prior starts that were much better. She has 2 wins and 4 in top two in 11 starts on a fast dirt track.

A) 4 B) 1,2 C) 3,5

2 - CANTERBURY PARK (1:40 CT) 63
 MDN CLM 16K, 6.5F DIRT

5 INNOVATE 2-1 HARR
 2 TWO DRINK MINIMUM 9-5 WADE
 1 INCLUDEANATTITUDE 5-1 VALENZUELA
 4 PLATINUM HALLWAY 7-2 EIKLEBERRY

PICK: 5 INNOVATE
 Winner of last (who was set to run Saturday) was a first timer for Valorie Lund who romped. This filly is making her 2nd start for these connections. Once was a 200k purchase in 2018 but hasn't lived up to that price. Pretty big drop in class. At the right level.

VALUE: 1 INCLUDEANATTITUDE
 Tried three straight tougher MSW races here. Beat just 3 runners in those races so the drop to the 16k tag makes sense. Third in last was 2nd a neck prior in MSW and also 2nd a neck in a MSW at OP 3 back at 33-1. Doesn't have to improve too much to compete.

A) 2,5 B) 1,4 C) 3,6

3 - CANTERBURY PARK (2:10 CT) 60
 OPT CLM 16K, 1M 1/16 TURF

2 NOBLE PURSUIT 2-1 WADE
 6 CHOCOLATEICECREAM 6-1 LINDSAY
 7 RIVER ECHO 3-1 EIKLEBERRY
 1 MARKET KING 9-2 QUINONEZ

PICK: 2 NOBLE PURSUIT
 Fits the conditions perfectly. It calls for one who has run for 8k in the last two years. This one rattled off 5 wins in a row at TUP for Diodoro including two stakes. Toss last on the sloppy track as he clearly wants the grass. Distance clearly not an issue (won at 1M 7/8).

VALUE: 6 CHOCOLATEICECREAM
 Thought he was sitting on a bigger effort last out vs opt clm 20k company. The winner was a recent add for Diodoro who returned to run just 4 back next out in the Mystic Lake Mile at 26-1. This one is 4 for 8 at a 1M 1/16 distance on turf. Will travel midpack here.

A) 2 B) 6,7 C) 1,3,4,5

4 - CANTERBURY PARK (2:40 CT) 41
 CLM 10K, 6F DIRT

6 FLORIDA TWO STEP 3-1 LINDSAY
 2 TOP STAR 10-1 JUAREZ
 3 J J'S CROWN 5-2 NEGRON
 4 DYRDEK 9-2 CANCHARI

PICK: 6 FLORIDA TWO STEP
 Won back to back starts at Tampa but the last four haven't been that strong. Was 8th two back in what is turning out to be a key race. 3 runners from that race won next including 7th Zoe's Delight for fun vs. a tough field. Beyers put him at the top in this race.

VALUE: 2 TOP STAR
 Last two starts can be overlooked. Clearly the turf start in last didn't work as he basically eased there at 10-1. Muddy track in a stakes at PRM 2 back. The races at Fonner were not bad. Willing to give him a look sprinting on fast dirt w/ blinkers added today.

A) 2,3,6 B) 1,4 C) 5,7

5 - CANTERBURY PARK (3:10 CT) 44
 CLM 25K, 7.5F TURF

10 DREAMING BIZ 4-1 EIKLEBERRY
 2 HURRICAIN HUNTER 9-2 FUENTES
 9 IMMINENT THREAT 5-2 CANCHARI
 8 FLASH FLOOD 6-1 QUINONEZ

PICK: 10 DREAMING BIZ
 One of five that come out of a strong allowance race where the top two finishers were the two favorites and stood out. While the other four were losing a bit of ground late, this one gained some slightly. Back to Eikleberry. He was up for 3rd in the two back start.

VALUE: 2 HURRICAIN HUNTER
 Blinkers come on after she split the field at 8-1 last out in a common race won by Scent of Success. She had a bit of a wide trip and ran evenly for most of that race. Other turf start was a strong second by a head at Mountaineer 4 back. Good post position.

A) 2,9,10 B) 3,8 C) 1,4,5,6,7

6 - CANTERBURY PARK (3:40 CT) 39
 CLM 5K, 6F DIRT

2 MADELYN'S WILD MAX 5-1 EIKLEBERRY
 6 MOST AMUSING 9-2 QUINONEZ
 3 TEXAS LONG BOW 2-1 CHIRINOS
 4 COLORFUL COLORADO 8-1 JUAREZ

PICK: 2 MADELYN'S WILD MAX
 Trainer Karl Broberg is a master at placing claimers in the right spot. This is restricted to non-winners of a race since April 4th. This one last won on March 2nd. Won here for Broberg and Eikleberry in 2019 at the same level. Should be finishing fastest in here.

VALUE: 6 MOST AMUSING
 Drops dramatically in class after trying better in opt claiming company. He outran speedball Unleash the Beast early in last but tired from that early work there. Leading rider Quinonez gets aboard here for the first time. He'll appreciate the class relief today.

A) 2,3,6 B) 4,5,7 C) 1

<p>7 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:10 CT) 74 CLM 16K, 1M TURF</p> <p>5 WAR FALCON 4-1 WADE 6 TRENDY NEVE 3-1 QUINONEZ 7 PAYTIENCE PAYS 9-2 CANCHARI 3 LITTLE MISS BELLE 2-1 FUENTES</p> <p>PICK: 5 WAR FALCON Owners move to Michael Biehler here after she was last in a key optional claimer on the turf. 3rd came back to run third beaten just a length in the 100k Curtis Sampson Oaks at 17-1. 5th and 8th ran 1st and 2nd at long odds in an op clm. Drop in class will help.</p> <p>VALUE: 7 PAYTIENCE PAYS Unsure if she has much turf pedigree but the prior trainer Brad Cox had her on turf in the first 2 starts of her career. Has a G1 placed sib but that was on the dirt. Takes the appropriate drop in class after 2 straight 6th place finishes vs. better. Wakes up here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A) 5 B) 3,6,7 C) 1,2,4</p>	<p>8 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:40 CT) 66 MSW 35K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>2 ADRIANNA JOY 5-2 WADE 1 FIREMAN'S LIL SIS 4-1 LINDSAY 6 TIMBER LADY 5-1 ARROYO 4 THAT'S ALL RIGHT 2-1 HAMILTON</p> <p>PICK: 2 ADRIANNA JOY She lost all chance in the debut when she broke in the air about 5-lengths behind the field at 19-1. She did pass some runners late for a respectable fifth place finish. Wide trip vs. tougher on the turf most recently. Rider won 1 of his 2 starts for this trainer.</p> <p>VALUE: 6 TIMBER LADY 5YO mare is interesting in this spot. She has been passing runners going long on the grass. Last time she was routing on the dirt was 4 back. Notice she was just half behind Flash Flood in there. That one beat 2 main foes here recently. May run by them all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A) 1,2,6 B) 3,4 C) 5,7</p>	<p>9 - CANTERBURY PARK (5:10 CT) 81 ALLW 31K, 5F TURF</p> <p>4 BAYOU GEM 2-1 QUINONEZ 3 XTREME MAYHEM 3-1 EVANS 5 BIARRITZ 4-1 EIKLEBERRY 1 KHAKI JACK 9-2 FUENTES</p> <p>PICK: 4 BAYOU GEM This is the female family of turf runners like Two Be Royal and Twoko Bay. Winner of a 100k MSW at CD 2 back. Runner-up won a MSW there right back. Gets the leading rider Quinonez who is hitting at 29% up for Rengstorf. Obvious class type will handle grass.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 XTREME MAYHEM Dirt to turf for leading trainer Robertson here. Has turf pedigree with the Lemon Drop Kid influence on the female side and sire Bayern is a healthy 22% with turf sprinters. Rider Evans has a win and 5 in the money from last 8 turf sprints for M Robertson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A) 3,4 B) 5 C) 1,6,7</p>
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