AQUEDUCT
Saturday, 4/3/21

TRACK PHANTOM

BEST BET: 7 VOLIERO (11TH)	RACE 6	PICK 6	$240	RACE 7	PICK 5	$150
LONGSHOT: 3 SHOPLIFTED (6TH)	1,2,3,4,5 * 5 * 1,4,5,7			2,3,4,5,6 * 5,7 * 2,3,5,6,8		
LIKELY: 3 DRAIN THE CLOCK (4TH)	2,3,5,6,8 * 1,2,4,5,6,9 * 2,7			1,2,4,5,6,9 * 7		

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1 – AQUEDUCT (12:50 ET)   78
MDN CLM 40K, 6F DIRT

4 BASTET	7-5	ORTIZ, J
5 DESPEIGHT ALL ODDS	3-1	MORALEZ
3 MY DELICIOUS	4-1	ORTIZ, I
6 ARTYISTHEPARTY	5-2	FRANCO

PICK: 4 BASTET
Fired in 3 of 4 dirt starts (only miss was the start when she tossed the rider 3 back). Massive rider change to Ortiz here coming in off a big run. Winner 2 back has won 3 straight after she took a 40k and str allw in her next 2. Winner of last MSW class dropper for Rob Atras.

VALUE: 5 DESPEIGHT ALL ODDS
Was third in the same race the top choice was second some 6 lengths in front of this one. Gets a bit of credit for trying to run into the 49 second half that was a big advantage for Bastet sitting right on that slow pace in there. All 5 other starts for this one came vs MSW foes.

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

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2 – AQUEDUCT (1:18 ET)   59
CLM 16K, 6F DIRT

6 IMPRSSTHEPROFESSOR	4-1	FRANCO
2 EMPRESS LUCIANA	5-2	CANCEL
5 MAMA KIN	3-1	CARDENAS
4 MAGNIFICENT MAGS	6-1	ORTIZ, I

PICK: 6 IMPRSSTHEPROFESSOR
4 of her last 5 starts came on either turf or wet tracks. The lone fast track effort was vs. much tougher in alw company. In addition, 2 of those starts were with the blinkers on (off now). Late runner isn't facing much in here. Deserves a shot on a fast dirt track at this level.

VALUE: 5 MAMA KIN
Blinkers off in last and she wasn't very sharp so they come back here. Last time sprinting on fast dirt was 4 back and it produced a win, and a 2nd best Beyer fig in here (64). She figures to be a main player in here with the blinkers back. She'll show a bit more speed today.

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

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3 – AQUEDUCT (1:51 ET)   82
MSW 70K, 6F DIRT

5 GREAT WORKOUT	9-5	ORTIZ, I
2 ONE WHIRLWIND RIDE	2-1	MORALES
1 VIKING ZIM	5-2	ORTIZ, J
6 BAR FOURTEEN	5-1	CARDENAS

PICK: 5 GREAT WORKOUT
Trainer Todd Pletcher had two of the sibs to this one. One of them, Sudden Surprise, won his first 5 starts and earned 816k. The other, Mo Ready, was G1 placed on the turf. Both for this ownership. Pletcher is 9 for 22 w/ 1st time NY-bred in MSW sprinting on dirt at AQU.

VALUE: 1 VIKING ZIM
The last 6 times this trainer had a second timer sprint on dirt in MSW, he won 3 and was in the money in all 6 of those starts. Winner of debut came back to run 2nd by a neck in opt 80k. Big rider move to Ortiz. Gets his speed from the Carson City influence on the dam side.

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

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4 – AQUEDUCT (2:21 ET)   90
BAY SHORE STAKES-G3 200K, 7F DIRT

3 DRAIN THE CLOCK	1-2	ORTIZ, I
4 WHISKEY DOUBLE	3-1	ORTIZ, J
1 TOO BOSS	6-1	CARMOUCHE
5 BEREN	5-1	FRANCO

PICK: 3 DRAIN THE CLOCK
Looks every bit of a 1-5 winner in this spot. Two losses were lost rider and second in the G2 Fountain of Youth to Greatest Honour. Might end up right on the lead in here even on the cutback. Ripped apart the G3 Swale 2 back & the Limehouse before. Adds I Ortiz to the mix.

VALUE: 4 WHISKEY DOUBLE
Asmussen runner does have some upside coming off a sharp win at OP. Show finisher won back in opt 62k next with an 87 Beyer. Runner-up was second at that level going a mile (82 Beyer). Won that race despite 6 wide trip around the turn on the inside bias OP track.

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

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5 – AQUEDUCT (2:55 ET)   49
ALLW 72K, 6F DIRT

4 CHASING CARA	5-1	ORTIZ, I
3 MIND OF GOLD	8-5	CANCEL
7 OK HONEY	5-2	RODRIGUEZ
1 SARATOGA BEAUTY	8-1	MORALES

PICK: 4 CHASING CARA
Carried her speed going a mile three back but faded in the two starts vs winners sprinting since. Winner 2 back returned to win a 100k stakes here and an allw after that. Goes from an apprentice rider to probably the top rider here, Irad Ortiz. She'll need to be caught.

VALUE: 1 SARATOGA BEAUTY
She got a very wide trip in last and basically eased out of it as a 5-2 second choice. New rider gets up as the prior jockey, Cancel, moves to the morning line fav in here. Might end up with a fast pace to close into and unlike last, she'll be able to save ground from the rail.

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

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6 – AQUEDUCT (3:25 ET)   70
CARTER STAKES-G1 300K, 7F DIRT

3 SHOPLIFTED	5-1	ORTIZ, J
4 MISCHEVIOUS ALEX	6-5	ORTIZ, I
5 CHATEAU	8-5	CARMOUCHE
2 SOUPER STONEHENGE	12-1	GAFFALIONE

PICK: 3 SHOPLIFTED
Winner of the Remington Park Springboard Mile might be better suited to sprint with Yes It's True pedigree influence on the dam side. Asmussen excellent with a cutbacker and turning them into top sprinters. Been G1 placed 3x. There's plenty of speed to set him up late.

VALUE: 2 SOUPER STONEHENGE
Winner 3 back returned to win a G3 at GP on turf and a 7th beaten less than 3 in the G1 Kilroe Mile. Third there was Pink Lloyd, 26 for 32 lifetime. Winner of last came back to win the Dubai Golden Shaheen for fun at over 50-1. Clipped heels two back. Form is strong right now.

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

7 – AQUEDUCT (3:58 ET)   76
ALLOWANCE 82K, 1M 1/16 TURF

5 FLIGHTY LADY	7-5	ORTIZ, I
3 CAEN NA COILLE	4-1	MCCARTHY
6 WINDFALL PROFIT	7-2	ORTIZ, J
4 LADY SANSA	5-1	ALVARADO

PICK: 5 FLIGHTY LADY
Clever placing by Chad Brown. Group 1 placed filly from France has never missed the board in 6 starts but she has 4 Group placings. Winner of last has since run third in the Grade 1 Belmont Oaks. Winner two back won the G1 Belmont Oaks. Very talented, some big connections.

VALUE: 3 CAEN NA COILLE
Euro shipper moves to the Graham Motion barn who had the dam. She won 468k as a Grade 1 placed turfer in her career. Comes into this on back to back wins at 1M 1/4 on the synthetic. Distance is no issue. She has a strong 7F move coming in at Fair Hills. Check betting.

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

8 – AQUEDUCT (4:45 ET)   73
EXCELSIOR STAKES-G3 150K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

7 MR. BUFF	4-5	CARMOUCHE
5 MODERNIST	7-2	ALVARADO
4 LIMONITE	9-2	CANCEL
1 HAIKAL	10-1	ORTIZ, I

PICK: 7 MR. BUFF
Clearly the speed of the race and he draws well on the outside. Sat comfortably just behind the speed to win two back but took control in last right from go. Has 10 wins in 17 starts over this track. Should be tough if he is able to relax early. Earned $1.3M in his career so far.

VALUE: 4 LIMONITE
Claimed three back and he crushed in opt clm with a 96 Beyer two back. Cancel was up for that and he was up again in the near miss vs. the top choice last time out in the 121k Stymie. That was his first time without Lasix, proved he didn't need it. Might get the same trip.

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

9 – AQUEDUCT (5:09 ET)   46
GAZELLE STAKES-G3 250K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

5 THE GRASS IS BLUE	4-1	FRANCO
8 SEARCH RESULTS	1-1	ORTIZ, I
6 ALWAYZ LATE	8-1	GAFFALIONE
3 MIA MARTINA	6-1	ALVARADO

PICK: 5 THE GRASS IS BLUE
She was third in the same race as Search Results, the other Chad Brown runner who is the even money fav on the ML. The difference was this one tried to close into slow pace while the 2 speeds walked then kicked away. The $1.2M earner Soaring Softly is the 2nd dam.

VALUE: 6 ALWAYZ LATE
Added blinkers three back and it produced 2 wins and a strong third in a key race. Like how she was able to relax nicely in the last two wins under Ortiz. New rider up today and Mott has been red-hot this year. She will still need improvement to win. Not out of the question.

A) 5,8   B) 3,6   C) 2,4

10 – AQUEDUCT (5:58 ET)   58
WOOD MEMORIAL-G2 750K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

1 BROOKLYN STRONG	6-1	FRANCO
6 PREVALENCE	3-1	GAFFALIONE
4 RISK TAKING	5-2	ORTIZ, I
5 DYNAMIC ONE	12-1	ORTIZ, J

PICK: 1 BROOKLYN STRONG
Started out as 40k claimer but as Maximum Security showed us, that doesn't mean he is resigned to that level. Upset winner of the G2 Remsen easily dusting the recent Florida Derby winner Known Agenda there. Has the millionaire Recoup the Cash in the female family.

VALUE: 5 DYNAMIC ONE
Expensive Union Rags colt is trying to go from maiden to G2 stakes. That is not an easy move. Was 2nd to the G2 FOY winner Greatest Honour, one of the favorites for the Ky Derby. Pletcher has done well in Derby prep races over the years. Gets Ortiz who he's hit 24% with.

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

11 – AQUEDUCT (6:28 ET)   85
MAIDEN CLAIMING 40K, 1M 1/16 TURF

7 VOLIERO	9-5	MCCARTHY
8 MICHAEL'S BAD BOY	7-5	ORTIZ, I
2 EIGHT WEEKS LONG	10-1	CANCEL
11 MOON'S EDGE	15-1	MORALES

PICK: 7 VOLIERO
Trainer is 7 for 27 (26%) MSW to maiden claiming and most of those wins were at the 40k statebred level in New York. Bond has won 3 of his last 4 starts with this rider aboard. Really hasn't had a lot of luck from the post draw perspective (always wide) but perfect here.

VALUE: 2 EIGHT WEEKS LONG
Last time he was on the grass was three back. He ran decently despite a 7-wide trip. Might have bled there as he got Lasix next out. Pedigree heavily leans to the grass. The move back to this surface is beneficial for him. Faces almost nothing in here. An exotics addition.

A) 7   B) 2,3,8,11   C) 1,6,9

12 – SAM HOUSTON *BONUS* (9:06 ET)   69
BUCHAREST 75K, 7F DIRT

5 NITROUS	7-5	ELLIOTT
2 SKY RIDE	2-1	GONCALVES
1 GOLD STREET	7-2	GUTIERREZ
3 GOOD SCOUT	9-2	LARA

PICK: 5 NITROUS
Drew the rail in the comebacker and was away slowly as the even money favorite. He just got going too late in there and ran out of time. Gets an extra furlong to work with. Has backclass with a neck defeat in the G1 Woody Stephens in 2019. Will be finishing fastest of all.

VALUE: 1 GOLD STREET
Looked like a runner with 3 blowout wins in a row last year. But he's beaten nobody in 2 of 3 since and was a badly beaten 8th of 13 in the other. Asmussen doesn't give up on him which is a good sign. Obvious player if he reverts to prior form. One slow work since last race.

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