



### **Friday, Nov 1**

#### **Race 8 – Juvenile Fillies Turf - 1m turf**

#12 Sweet Melania – 5-1 - She will need to find a good trip and not try to lose much ground into the 1<sup>st</sup> turn. Pletcher not known as a turf trainer but I think he has a good one on his hands here and one who's improving each time out. She ran against a closer bias last time and kicked on late to draw away. Out of the first crop of American Pharoah and we all know what he did on the race track.

Others: give a look to the European shippers, #9 Albigna ran a big one a month ago in France. You wonder how much the trip took out of her but if right she could be a big contender.

#### **Race 9 – Juvenile – 1 1/16m dirt**

I'm trying to beat the #1 Dennis' Moment, who looks really good.

#6 Eight Rings – 2-1 – First foal out of the mare Purely Hot, who was a 4k claimer at Penn National. God knows what she is worth now in the breeding shed! Some of empire maker loves the distance and just keeps getting better for Baffert who says this is one of the best horses he's trained.

#5 Scabbard – 8-1 – This is an interesting horse and one who may be peaking at just the right time. Race a nice race last out losing to Dennis' Moment who will be the fav. But he was steadied down the backstretch and once he got going, he was rolling late. Gets the HOF'er Mike Smith who has one his fair share of BC races over the years.

### **Saturday, Nov 2**

#### **Race 4 – F&M Sprint – 7f dirt**

#4 Come Dancing 5/2: I'm going with an upset here and think Come Dancing gets to work out the perfect trip. What's she done this year, win 4 of 5 with her only loss coming at the hands of Midnight Bisou in the Ogden Phipps going two turns. Midnight Bisou is arguably the best filly in the country and the 6/5 favorite in the distaff later on the card. Carlos Martin a very respectable trainer brings his first horse to the BC and I expect her to be loaded.

#1 Covfefe 2-1: It's tough to look past this one! Named after the famous Trump tweet in May 2017, confefe has done nothing but confefe...whatever that means. Seriously though, this horse just wins. If you want to find a knock on her it would be that the only other time she faced older females, she lost by ¾ of a length in the Roxelana stake. She draws the rail here which is the worst possible spot but Cox is laughing at the haters. Rosario is going to need to work out a trip moving off the rail but keeping her clean.

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### **Race 5 – Turf Sprint – 5f turf**

#2 Pure Sensation 5-1: Trainer Christohe Clement is a turf specialist and has a good one here. This horse is well traveled this year having recently won the Turf Monster at Parx.

#10 Eddie Haskell 9/2: Looks well spotted here. Tough trip last out and closed hard to get 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rosario should be able to stay out of trouble with an outside draw, can he time the late run to nail them all at the wire?

### **Race 6 – Mile – 1m dirt**

#1 Giant Expectations 12-1: (long shot play): I just feel like this one could be sitting on a big one. His races have been well spotted and he should get a nice set up here. It depends how much that last one took out of Omaha Beach, if he's vulnerable, don't be surprised if someone comes rolling late.

#7 Coal Front 6-1: I think he's fully recovered from his trip to Meydan back in March. He knows how to win and should be on the front end a long way.

#8 Blue Chipper 20-1: (bombs away) I have no clue how SK translates to the states but this one is bred to be a runner. Undefeated on the year and now gets Prat in the irons. He's one that no one knows what to do with but reports are this horse has looked awesome on the track this week.

#5 Omaha Beach 8/5: I will try to beat the fav here. He was the derby favorite scratched in the days leading up to the race and later diagnosed with a throat problem requiring surgery. I think he could bounce in this one.

### **Race 7 – F&M turf – 1 1/4m turf**

#10 Mrs Sippy 8-1: (long shot play) is my pick in here though. I think she just keeps getting better for Graham Motion. My only concern is the traffic she will be facing here when she launches from the back. In her previous two starts she has faces 7 horse fields, here she will need to navigate through 11 others down the stretch.

#2 Sistercharlie 8/5: is the clear favorite and horse to beat, I cant knock her.

#7Valilika 8-1: love the story on her. Claimed for 40k in feb of 2018 and has since gone on to earn almost 1.5M for her connections, wouldn't surprise me if the Cinderella story continues

### **Race 8 – Sprint – 6f dirt**

#4 Mitole 9/5: is my play here and is an absolute stud. He has nothing more to prove and in my opinion the best sprinter in the country. He had a poor break in the Vanderbilt but bounced back nicely to win the Forego the end of August. Freshened since then, he will be ready to fire and runs his best races just off the early pace

#9 Imperial hint 4-1: Looks to do one better than last year when he just missed in this spot. Love this horse who shows up every single time.

#7 Whitmore 15-1: if you're looking for a closer in here I think he will be rolling late if the pace falls apart.



#6 Shancelot 4-1: this is a scary one. If you like Omaha Beach in the Sprint how can you not love Shancelot here. He lost just  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length to Omaha Beach in early Oct and has been training great according to trainer Jorge Navarro who said one word after his last work 'freak'

#### **Race 9 – BC Turf Mile – 1m turf**

No lean here. I'm going to pass on the race and prepare for the last three on the card.

Lots of good Europeans in here as well that I just know nothing about...Kenny Rogers said it best, "you got to know when to hold em, know when to fold em" I FOLD!

#### **Race 10 – BC F&M Distaff – 1 1/16m dirt**

#4 Midnight Bisou 6/5: The race goes through her. You won't get much of a price but I don't see her getting beat. If it means anything, Elate jumped to the classic IMO just to avoid her! Look to play a pick 3 or some rolling doubles with a single here.

#1 Paradise Wood or #11 Blue Prize: underneath or if you're getting bold, on top to beat Midnight Bisou

#### **Race 11 – BC Turf – 1 1/16 turf**

#9 Bricks and Mortar 9/5: As I said from the outset, favorite win 31% of the time and I think one is as big of a small dunk as Midnight Bisou in the Distaff. A perfect 6 for 6 since coming back off the layoff, 4 of which were G1 races. He's faced the best on the grass, beat the best on the grass and has one of the best turf trainers in the world prepping him. This is my lock of the day and another single!

#10 Old Persian 4-1: I think one of the Europeans could be the biggest threat to B&M, if you want to call it a threat. I like the effort this one gave in his first try in NA at Woodbine in Sept.

#11 Arklow 12-1: don't disregard this one. May want more distance but is he can work out a trip I think he will be rolling late.

#### **Race 12 – Classic – 1 ¼ dirt**

#11 Code of Honor 4-1: This one is as wide open as I can remember the classic being. I think Code of honor is peaking that the right time. He should get to sit a really nice trip on the outside and Johnny V knows the right buttons to push.

#10 Vino Rosso 4-1: Do we get a rematch of the Jockey Club Gold Cup where Vinno Rosso beat Code of Honor but was taken down due to interference in the stretch? I sure hope so and know that Irad Ortiz will be out for revenge.

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#5 Yoshida 8-1: revenge for Mike Smith after being taken off the Favorite McKinzie? Let's see if he can get Yoshida rolling late to get up into the exacta.

#8 McKinzie 3-1: I worry about this guy getting the distance. He seems to be an 8.5f specialist and 9f about his max. He will be there a long way but I worry about that last furlong. Not for me in here.

*Good luck and may all your photo finishes be winning one!*