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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

AQUEDUCT

Race 7 - Aqu

#5 Smarty Julips (12-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 1/14 Sharp move to tackle odds-on winner entering far turn, repelled, showed interest through stretch; much improved. – Brian Nadeau

Brian's Playbook: *Ladder play of win, 2x place and 3x show and worth using if you are spreading in the late Pk4.*

Race 9 - Aqu

#3 Nacho Saint (8-1) ☆☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 1/1 Drafted up off far turn, stymied behind wall, had to wait several strides while 8/5 winner got the jump, altered course midstretch, ran on. – Brian Nadeau

Brian's Playbook: *3x win and 3x place, \$1 tri key over #6, #8 and #9 and a must-use in the horizontal exotics.*

GULFSTREAM

Race 1 – GP

#3 City Strut (12-1) (turf only) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 11/12 Inside speed while challenged by a pair, never allowed a breather, finally kicked clear far turn, overtaken by deep closer, fought back, dug in, well clear of 3rd; sharp two-turn debut. – Brian Nadeau

Brian's Playbook: *Ladder play of win, 2x place and 3x show.*

Race 3 - GP

#7 Sierra Alpha (5-1) (turf only) ☆☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 12/31 Inside stalk, bottled up with run off turn, couldn't get out, gave up first run, with interest when free late. – Brian Nadeau

#2 Uptowncharlybrown (3-1) (turf or dirt) ☆☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 1/14/12 GP - Hite gate, sluggish start, moderate pace, rail trip, kicked on with energy, too much to do. Ran much better than it looks. Appears to like turf, and the marathon distance could suit nicely. -- Joe Kristufek

Brian's Playbook: *3x win and 3x place, DBL with #5 in R4 and potential single on the horizontal exotics.*

Joe's Playbook: *2 unit Win & 3x Place #2.*

Race 4 - GP

#5 Starformer (3-1) (turf only) ☆☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 7/30 Slow start, spotted them a few lengths, bounced around between first turn, well back, drafted into contention far turn, split horses, tipped out, strong close; should get a ton out of this. UPDATE: Nightmare trip in her last but returns fresh and could start off a big campaign. – Brian Nadeau

Brian's Playbook: *3x win and 3x place, DBL with #7 in R3, DBL with #2 in R5 and potential single in the horizontal exotics.*

Race 5 - GP

#2 Tiz The Argument (3-1) ☆☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 12/18 Settled nicely, well in hand, took over with ease, galloped clear, never asked; scary good right now. – Brian Nadeau

Brian's Playbook: *3x win and 3x place, EXBX with #4, DBL with #5 in R4 and a must-use in the horizontal exotics.*

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Race 6 – GP

#5 Pomeroy's Pistol (3-1) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 12/10/11 GP - Stalked honest pace, loomed boldly turn, took over, proved solidly best. -- Joe Kristufek

Joe's Playbook: 2 unit Win & 3x Place #5.

Race 7 – GP

#2 Soaring Stocks (4-1) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 1/12/12 GP - Perfect press, roused top of the stretch, took over late, straight as a string, sharp. -- Joe Kristufek

#7 Apriority (2-1) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 12/31/11 GP - Stumbled badly start lost four lengths, loaded turn, held up, punched through, gamely, galloped out best too. -- Joe Kristufek

Joe's Playbook: 2 unit Exacta 2-7 with 2-6-7; limit to 2-7 in multi-race wagers.

Race 8 - GP

#9 Romin Robin (8-1) (turf or dirt) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 12/30/12 GP - Rated behind moderate pace, quick move entering turn, kept on, solid return run, sets her up nicely for Sunshine Millions. Fast pace to kick at today. -- Joe Kristufek

Joe's Playbook: 2 unit Win, 2x Place & 4x Show #9.

Race 9 - GP

#1 Slews Answer (6-1) (turf or dirt) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Ran some huge races as a 4-year-old, and he should be even more effective this season. Ready to tackle tougher, and this is an excellent starting spot. He's trained like a bear leading up to this, and should enjoy a sweet trip from the rail. - Joe Kristufek

Joe's Playbook: 2 unit Win, 2x Place & 4x Show #1.

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 2 – FG

#9 Sky Victor (6-1) (turf or dirt) ☆☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Midpack while far off the pace, settled, finished up with serious energy. Room for improvement today. - Brian W. Spencer

Brian's Playbook: Win, 2x Place, 3x Show. Intriguing potential price single to kick off Early Pick-4 if on turf. Wouldn't single on dirt.

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#4 The Bosser (8-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Spied pace midpack, solid 3-wide move turn, tried hard outside at one pace late in a run she surely needed off the bench. Tighter for a score at a price? - Brian W. Spencer

#5 Its About Midnight (8-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 10/20/10 Kee - Sluggish start, shuffled a bit, loaded turn, steadied twice stretch, shook free, proved best in adventurous run. UPDATE: 11/6/10 CD - Sluggish start, rushed up, tired. No visible excuse. Off a long time, but training like a bear leading into this. Watch the toteboard for clues. -- Joe Kristufek

Brian's Playbook: 2x Win, 2x Place, 3x Show #4

Joe's Playbook: 1 unit Win, 2x Place & 4x Show #5.

Race 9 – FG

#7 Two Left Shoes (8-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Broke step slow, quickly at back, headstrong and tugging all the way up off leaders' heels, settled, made another move late far turn, stayed on after tough trip with several moves. - Brian W. Spencer

Brian's Playbook: 3x Win, 3x Place, 4x Show. Potential single in Late Pick-4.

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Race 8 - Hou

#7 Ioya Bigtime (7-2) (turf or dirt) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: 8/13/11 AP - Stalked slow pace, shuffled a bit backstretch, swung 3-wide, steady advance, kept coming, wore down stubborn pacesetter. UPDATE: 9/8/11 AP - Rated behind moderate splits, shuffled a bit, in tight, swung out, rallied, too much to do. UPDATE #2: 10/8/11 Kee - Stalked moderate pace, shuffled a bit, uncoiled turn, leveled off stretch, impressive. UPDATE #3: 10/29/11 Kee - Hopped start lost five lengths, trailed early, moving turn, 4-wide stretch, got up for second behind impressive winner. - Joe Kristufek

Joe's Playbook: 1 unit Win & 3x Place #7.

DELTA DOWNS

Race 4 – DeD

#12 Hey My Baby (AE) (12-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Acting up paddock, broke through gate, punched through gate again just before other stalls opened, hopped in air, eager, stayed on really well after a very tough day. - Brian W. Spencer

Brian's Playbook: 2x Win, 3x Place, 4x Show

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LOS ALAMITOS

Race 4 - LA

#2 Something Sonic (3-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Trainer Jim Hanson obviously has the 'hole-card' on this bottom level veteran eight year old gelding. He has lost and claimed back this hard hitting runner more than once and should dominate this field. - Terry Turrell

Terry's Playbook: *Bet to Win. Use as key in Trifecta wagering with 1,4,5,7.*

Race 7 - LA

#3 Natalie Dash (4-1) ☆☆☆

Our Eyes: Filly unlucky to win her most recent start facing contentious field of two-year olds. She tries hard and will be reunited with winning rider R. Sanchez tonight. - Terry Turrell

Terry's Playbook: *Bet to Win. Use as key in Trifecta wagering with 1,4,6,7*

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CATON BREDAR'S FULL CARD GULFSTREAM SELECTIONS



Saturday, Jan.28, 2012

Race	Caton's Selections (BEST BETS in BOLD)	Analysis
1	#6 – Best Act #7 – Exeter Road #1 – Top Business #8 – Wide Receiver	Best Act appears best on turf and the late runner should benefit from a solid early pace. Chad Brown excels in these turf and claiming spots, and colt will improve 2 nd off layoff. Dirt: 7 – 4 – 5 - 1
2	#8 – Colony Strike #1 – Mordi's Miracle #7 – Monarchic #5 – Stereo in Motion	Pletcher sends out an interesting pair in Mordi's Miracle and first timer Colony Strike. Of the pair, the latter draws a more favorable post, has trained well and, by Smart Strike, is bred to be sharp early.
3	#6 – Newsdad #2 – Uptowncharlybrown #8 – Carnival Ride #4 – Solitaire	Newsdad can sit close to what appears to be a paceless marathon, with this odd distance a custom fit for the Mott runner's style. Just missed at this level last out going a tad shorter and could be better 2 nd off layoff. Dirt: 9 – 2 – 5 - 8
4	#8 – Sharnberry #5 – Starformer #10 – Overrated #1 – Forest Legend	US debut for Sharnberry, who may be meeting easier company for her first start since Oct. Graham Motion does solid work w/ imports, and recent works indicate a big wake up. Trainer goes to Dominguez, another positive. Dirt: 12 – 9 – 7 - 1
5	#4 – Awesome Feather #6 – Sweet Repent #2 – Tiz the Argument #1 – My Pal Christy	Hard to look past grade I winner Awesome Feather, perfect in 8 starts. The filly has proven she runs well fresh and on a variety of surfaces, and this is arguably an easier field than she faced in the Gazelle.
6	#7 – Beat the Blues #5 – Pomeroy's Pistol #6 – Musical Romance #4 – Derwin's Star	Great outside post for Beat the Blues, who can show speed if needed but can also sit just off. Mare is making her third start following a rest and coming off back to back wins. In great form and was no worse than 2 nd on dirt last year running against some of the best.
7	#2 – Soaring Stocks #7 Apriority #6 – Zero Rate Policy #1 – Royal Carrier	Apriority looms the horse to beat but Soaring Stocks appears the "now" horse off an easy allowance win for Pletcher. Colt is working very well since his last, and while the same is true for Mr. Prospector winner Apriority, that last may have taken something out of him.
8	#6 – Askbut I Won'ttell #4 – Unbridled Humor #5 – Romacaca #7 – Trip for A.J.	From limited starters, Chris Block has been nearly unbeatable at Gulfstream, and Askbut I Won'ttell benefits from a race over the course a month ago. Mare nearly won this race last year and should have pace to rally into. Dirt: 7 – 2 – 3 - 4
9	#10 – Teaks North #6 Beckham Bend #1 – Slews Answer #5 Little Mike	Teaks North makes his second start of the year w/ over a million in earnings lifetime, most on grass. The gelding ran evenly in the Ft. Lauderdale and should be fitter and sharper as he meets easier here. Dirt: 10 – 3 – 2 - 8
10	#5 – Turbo Compressor #1 – Duke of Mischief #3 – Adios Charlie #7 Ron the Greek	Turbo Compressor looks like controlling speed and already owns a win over the track and two wins at the distance. Pletcher runner will build off an impressive win against similar at Calder.
11	#14 – Let Th Kitten Purr #10 – Romantic Channel #9 – Zulu Warrior #5 – Explosive Image	Let Th Kitten Purr was second with similar at Tampa and rates for Wesley Ward should the Kitten's Joy colt draw in. Romantic Channel was a good third at high odds in his debut with trouble. A better trip puts him in the winners circle. Dirt: 13 – 11 – 3 - 1

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**Saturday Stakes Bonanza
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Race # Stakes	Jeremy Plonk	Jeremy's comments
GP-5 Sun Mil Distaff (2:35p EDT)	#2 – Tiz the Argument #4 – Awesome Feather #3 – Delightful Mary #6 – Sweet Repent	Upset shot of big-name runners if #2 guns to the front and takes a pace-less race to the competition. Like Ramon riding this kind. Win #2. Daily Dbl 2-5.
SA-3 Santa Ysabel (4:00p EDT)	#7 – Charm the Maker #2 – Eden's Moon #6 – Killer Graces #5 – Lady of Shamrock	#2 dazzled last time & will get bet insanely hard. Pace pressure from #1 could set this up for classy filly to finish if off late. Solid win #7 at 2/1 or more.
GP-8 Sun Mil F&M Turf (4:10p EDT)	#6 – Askbut I Won'ttell #7 – Trip For AJ #5 – Romacacca #4 – Unbridled Humor	Race loaded w/ horses who don't finish with flair, bank on late-runner #6 to rebound. Just missed here last year. Win #6. Exacta boxes 6-7, 6-5, 6-4.
SA-5 Crystal Water (5:00p EDT)	#4 – Thirtyfirststreet #2 – Bluegrass Reward #5 – Holladay Road #3 – Spud Spivens	Top choice loves this track and comes back 16 days after an easy score. #2 tends to hang a bit late, perfect for back-end of exacta. Exacta 4-2, 4-5.
TP-9 Forego Stakes (5:02p EDT)	#7 – Matthewsburg #10 – Tend #6 – Banjammer #5 – Hollywood Hit	Trainer Maker tough in any TP stakes and this colt had horrible trip when didn't break from rail last time. Strong field. Win 7. Trifecta 7 w/ 10-6-5 w/ all.
SA-6 Valentine Dancer (5:30p EDT)	#9 – Halo Dolly #3 – Antares World #7 – Unzip Me #5 – Chokecherymary	#7 has to prove to me she can show turf sprint form around 2 bends. Top pair ridiculously consistent. Exacta box 9-3. Trifectas 9-3-all and 9-all-3.
OP-8 King Cottom (5:33p EDT)	#5 – Agastache #2 – Hamazing Destiny #4 – River Bear #1 – Riley Tucker	Short field, lack of pace makes #5 a danger to wire this field over bigger-name runners at a decent price. Local prep 13 days ago a plus. Win 5.
Hou-8 Connally Turf Cup (11:02p EDT)	#7 – Ioya Bigtime #6 – Proceed Bee #3 – Dakota Gypsy #2 – Papaw Bodie	#7 a total standout to these eyes and no way you'll get 7-2 morning line. Should run down #6 or #3 late to top the exactas 7-6, 7-3.

Also see: Jeremy's G1 Santa Monica Hcp (SA-R9) analysis is this week's FREE Xpressbet Race of the Week at Horseplayernow.com. Selections: 6-Rumor, 3-Teddy's Promise, 7-Sugarinthemorning, 4-Home Sweet Aspen.

Jeremy's 3-year-old prep picks in Countdown to the Crown are available FREE each Friday at DRF.com. Today, they include Laurel's Dancing Count Stakes (Lrl-R8). Selections: 5-Beggarthyneighbor; 6-III Conceived, 1-Rocky Gap, 3-Costas Fiftieth