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This year Gulfstream Park will host the Pegasus World Cup in Hallandale Beach, Florida, on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Pegasus World Cup will be highlighted by California Chrome, the richest race horse in North American history, as he tries to add to his enormous earnings in what will be the last race of his illustrious career. However, the upsetter of the Breeders' Cup Classic, Arrogate, looms large once again and will look to take home another big time race. This Breeders' Cup Rematch could be the highlight of the racing season.

But that's not all we'll see as several other stakes are on the card with big names filling out the fields. The quality of racing will be off the charts, and is sure to offer great betting opportunities throughout the day.

This guide will highlight all of these stakes races on the card and provide the following:

1. **Top Contenders** - positives & negatives, analysis and notes including injuries on the top horses (with Morning Line odds listed next to each horse's name)
2. **Value Plays & Longshots** - analysis and notes on all the mid-range price to longshot horses and all of the entries for each race (with Morning Line odds listed next to each horse's name)
3. **Pace** - list of the early speed, stalkers & closers and analysis of the expected pace scenario. Horses are listed in order of expected early speed in each category. Expected field size is also listed here
4. **The Play** - analysis on ways to approach and wager on the race with details on all Pick 3, 4 & 6 guaranteed pools.
5. **Picks** - Picks from Racing Dudes Aaron Halterman and Jared Welch, Guaranteed Tip Sheet and Saratoga Slim, with consensus picks based on a 5-3-1 scoring system for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The races are listed in reverse chronological order and page numbers are given below for easy reference. Purse, distance, age restrictions and post times are listed for each race, too. *Note all of the horse notes, pace analysis and plays were written by Aaron Halterman.*

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# Pegasus World Cup



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$12 Million         |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 1 1/8 miles (Dirt)   |
| <b>Age:</b>       | 4 Year Old & Up      |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 12: 5:40 PM EST |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#1 Arrogate (7/5)** – After his Breeders’ Cup Classic triumph there is no doubt in my mind that he’s the fastest horse in North America. However, he has missed some workouts due to unusual poor weather at Santa Anita, and he also missed his prep race for this one because of a sloppy track. We’ll see if any of that matters because if he’s fit and ready he’ll be tough to beat.

**#12 California Chrome (6/5)** – The richest race horse in North American history will have his final race in this spot. Since his loss to Arrogate in the Breeders’ Cup Classic he hasn’t missed a beat. His workouts have been flawless, and he did get a prep race in for this one at Los Alamitos. All systems are go, and at this mile and one eighth distance he should be ultra tough to beat.

**#7 Shaman Ghost (20-1)** - Won the Grade 1 Woodward Handicap over the summer at Saratoga, and looked to be a player in the Breeders’ Cup Classic division before having to scratch. Came back to run a solid third in the Clark Handicap at Churchill Downs, and might be rounding into some decent form again heading into this race.

**#9 Keen Ice (12-1)** - Two races back he shocked the world by closing up well to finish third in the Breeders’ Cup Classic. However, he hasn’t won a race since his 2015 Travers Stakes upset so it’s not all good news for him. Also might be better at a mile and quarter so this could be a little short for him. Strictly an underneath play.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#3 Neolithic (30-1)** - Super solid effort in his prep race for this one over the Gulfstream Park oval. As far as Gulfstream goes this is the best connections you can have, and he’s training sharp leading up to the race. Is one to watch for all your tickets underneath.

**#4 Noble Bird (25-1)** - A need the lead type that is very tough when he’s allowed to set his own fractions. He was on a two race win streak until finishing seventh last time out in the Grade 1 Clark Handicap. Might be a player on what is usually a speed favoring track at Gulfstream Park.

**Others:** **#5 War Story (50-1)** won a small stakes last time out, but was beaten badly by the top two at the Breeders’ Cup. **#10 Breaking Lucky (25-1)** is a late purchase from Reeves Racing who finished second in the Grade 1 Clark Handicap last time out. **#11 Eragon (50-1)** will be making his first start in the United States in this one. **#8 Semper Fortis (50-1)** is basically just a fill in for the retired Nyquist. **#2 Prayer for Relief (50-1)** is older than most of the people that will be playing the Pegasus World Cup, and hasn’t won since 2013. **#6 War Envoy (50-1)** has had poor form for over a year now.

- Pace:**
- Early Speed:** California Chrome, Arrogate, Neolithic, Noble Bird
  - Stalkers:** War Envoy, Shaman Ghost, Breaking Lucky
  - Closers:** Keen Ice, War Story, Semper Fortis, Prayer for Relief, Eragon

**Field Size: 12**

On paper there are two horses that could go with the big favorites **California Chrome** and **Arrogate**. Those two are **Neolithic** and **Noble Bird**, but will they actually be able to hang with the top 2? I’m guessing no, which will leave the pace of this race up to the two big players. Look for them to not burn each other out as they are too smart for that. Expect a moderate pace here with a closer being able to get up for third.

**The Play:** Make no mistake: this is a two horse race between **California Chrome** and **Arrogate**. Any other winner would be a massive upset. For multi race wagers those are the only two to play. I’d give Arrogate the smallest of edges over California Chrome only because of the post position. One thing to watch...if these two horse are both above even money (very possible) it would not be an idea to bet both horses to win. The likelihood of neither of them winning is very small. Underneath in tri’s play **Keen Ice** and **Shaman Ghost**.

## PICKS

|              | Slim              | Tip Sheet         | Aaron             | Jared             | CONSENSUS             | Pts. |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Arrogate          | California Chrome | Arrogate          | Arrogate          | Arrogate              | 18   |
| <b>Place</b> | Keen Ice          | Arrogate          | California Chrome | California Chrome | California Chrome     | 12   |
| <b>Show</b>  | California Chrome | Shaman Ghost      | Shaman Ghost      | Shaman Ghost      | Keen Ice/Shaman Ghost | 3    |

# W.L. McKnight Handicap



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$200,000                 |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 1 1/2 Miles (Turf)        |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Four Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 11: 4:50 PM EST      |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#1 Taghleeb (6-1)** - We know distance won't be a problem as last time out at Gulfstream Park he won a 2 mile stakes race! He cuts back today, and is undoubtedly running better than he ever has before. Might be ready to make it two in a row against a field that he can handle.

**#4 Danish Dynaformer (5-1)** - Comes into the race on a four race losing streak, but does have a Grade 3 win at this distance. Last time out at Aqueduct he ran very strong to finish a close second in a Grade 3 going long on the turf as well. Has had a brief freshening and should be ready to roll.

**#6 Charming Kitten (9/2)** - Was running solid races in the United States, but then traveled to Europe and was no match for the competition over there. He's a year older now so we need to be leery of how he'll come back after this lengthy layoff. He might need a race.

**#10 Mr Maybe (6-1)** - Has the best turf connections in the game so that is never a bad way to start things off. Chad Brown will have him ready to roll off a little bit of a layoff, and obviously he thinks the horse needs to go long. We'll see how big of an improvement he makes.

**#7 Twilight Eclipse (4-1)** - Probably one of the classiest horses in training as they pointed him to many big races throughout his career. He's a Grade 1 winner, and on occasion last year showed some signs of competing at that level once again.

**#2 Montclair (10-1)** - Has shown a little bit of life since the trainer change as his last two races have been back to back second place efforts. The more distance the better for this one as it seems he can run all day.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#5 Applicator (50-1)** - Was probably ran over his head in several very tough events, and now just looks to have lost his confidence. Will be tough to regain it in this race.

**#8 Generous Kitten (15-1)** - Has won a few allowances races over the turf in the past, but hasn't had much luck against stakes company. This will be a tough spot for that trend to change.

**#11 Sadler's Joy (8-1)** - Comes into this race on a three race winnign streak with all three of those wins coming over a route of ground on the turf. This will be the class test today as this is his first stakes effort.

**#12 Hunter O'Riley (15-1)** - Has ran fairly well on the turf in his career, but amazingly has never actually won a race over the surface. Hard to see that changing today.

**#9 Patterson Cross (20-1)** - Comes into this race off a nice allowance win last time out.

**#3 Diamond Bachelor (30-1)** - Quality horse that will no doubt show speed as long as he breaks well, but is distance limited.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Diamond Bachelor, Applicator
  - **Stalkers:** Taghleeb, Montclair, Charming Kitten, Patterson Cross, Hunter O'Riley
  - **Closers:** Danish Dynaformer, Mr Maybe, Twilight Eclipse, Generous Kitten, Sadler's Joy

**Field Size: 12**

Usually these mile and a half turf races have a crawling pace, and this one will be no different. **Diamond Bachelor** will surely be out on the lead but it's highly questionable that his speed will hold up. The others will be in close order the whole way around. At the 3/8th's pole expect a mad dash to the finish with several having a shot to get up for the victory.

**The Play:** This race will be the second to last leg of the pick 4 and 5, and it will be a tough one to get through. Use as many horses as your budget allows here knowing that you only have to use two horses in the last leg of the sequence. **Taghleeb** is the win bet here. Him with **Danish Dynaformer**, **Mr Maybe**, and **Montclair** on top of **Charming Kitten** and **Twilight Eclipse** in the third spots round out an interesting trifecta opportunity.

## PICKS

|              | Slim              | Tip Sheet         | Aaron           | Jared             | CONSENSUS         | Pts. |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Mr Maybe          | Twilight Eclipse  | Taghleeb        | Mr Maybe          | Mr Maybe          | 11   |
| <b>Place</b> | Danish Dynaformer | Danish Dynaformer | Charming Kitten | Taghleeb          | Taghleeb          | 10   |
| <b>Show</b>  | Taghleeb          | Taghleeb          | Mr Maybe        | Danish Dynaformer | Danish Dynaformer | 7    |

# La Prevoyante Handicap



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$200,000                                |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 1 1/2 Miles (Turf)                       |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Fillies and Mares 4 Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 10: 4:14 PM EST                     |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#3 Try Your Luck (10-1)** - It seems like the longer the better for this horse as her biggest win came at the longest distance she has ever ran which is 1 5/16th miles. Ran last time out off of a small freshening and finished a close third, but should be fully cranked up today. Gets Geroux to ride today which is another positive sign as he rode the horse in her before mentioned race.

**#12 Suffused (3-1)** - We haven't seen this runner in nearly four months, but the last time she ran she came within a nose of winning a Grade 1 race. That race will be good enough to win this one, and two races back she defeated Arles by three quarters of a length. Hopefully she's ready to fire off the bench.

**#7 Arles (7/2)** - Since arriving to the United States she's ran twice, and has suffered back to back close losses. In both the races she's finished second, and both of her efforts have come in Grade 3 races. She's knocking on the door and might be ready to break through today.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#4 Desiree Clary (9/2)** - Fantastic turf connections but is just 1 for 5 since arriving in the United States. Has run in four straight Grade 3 races and has one second and one third to show for it.

**#5 Stay the Night (20-1)** - She's 0 for 4 since arriving in the United States, and has only been running in allowance races up to this point. This is an ambitious spot.

**#9 Flipcup (10-1)** - Has consistently been entered in stakes races, but hasn't had many wins come her way. Will have to improve to make that change today.

**#11 Paige (8-1)** - Won a small stakes races last time out at 21-1 over a few of her rivals that are entered back here today. Can she do it again?

**Others:** **#1 Quiet Kitten (30-1)** hasn't raced in almost 200 days, and didn't have the best of form before the layoff. **#2 Gypsy Eyes (20-1)** will be your pacesetter, but may not be able to run this far. **#6 Promotional (10-1)** hasn't had much luck in stakes efforts so far in her career. **#8 Lobelia (20-1)** has won two of three races coming into today, but faces stiffer competition. **#10 Wapi (12-1)** will be making her second United States start after a poor first attempt.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Gypsy Eyes, Quiet Kitten, Try Your Luck
  - **Stalkers:** Desiree Clary, Stay the Night, Arles, Flipcup, Wapi, Paige, Suffused
  - **Closers:** Promotional, Lobelia

**Field Size: 12**

Much like the male version of this race expect a slow pace with a leader on the front end in **Gypsy Eyes** who should be in front but her speed may not hold. Almost all of these races turn into a mad dash down the lane, and this one will be no different.

**The Play:** This is another race to go deep in the pick 4 and/or 5 as it's a wide open field. Gulfstream positioned these races in the sequence for difficulty as they knew people would go very short in the Pegasus itself. I'd play the first six horses I have listed in multi race wagers. For tris and supers play my top contenders on top and my value plays and longshots under in the third and fourth spots.

## PICKS

|              | <b>Slim</b>   | <b>Tip Sheet</b> | <b>Aaron</b>  | <b>Jared</b>  | <b>CONSENSUS</b> | <b>Pts.</b> |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Suffused      | Suffused         | Try Your Luck | Suffused      | Suffused         | 18          |
| <b>Place</b> | Arles         | Desiree Clary    | Suffused      | Try Your Luck | Try Your Luck    | 9           |
| <b>Show</b>  | Desiree Clary | Try Your Luck    | Arles         | Arles         | Arles            | 5           |

# Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$125,000                 |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 5 Furlongs (Turf)         |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Four Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 9: 3:38 PM EST       |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#2 Manhattan Dan (9/2)** - He hasn't ran in 292 days, but before the layoff this horse was turning into a monster going 5 furlongs on the turf. Now he has changed trainers to Todd Pletcher, and Pletcher is really good with getting horses to fire fresh off the bench. Logical alternative to Mongolian Saturday.

**#10 Mongolian Saturday (7/2)** - Winner of the 2015 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, and is easily the classiest horse in the field. Was last seen running at Santa Anita in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, but may have not liked the downhill turf course. He'll like this set up better, and will be hard to beat.

**#11 Power Alert (4-1)** - This old war horse has been around for a while, and he's always entered in solid races. This start will mark his 30th race, and he comes into this one with 10 wins on his resume. Last time out he won a 100k turf sprint at Tampa Bay Downs.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#1 Rainbow Heir (6-1)** - Has ran on dirt for most of his career, but has found success on the turf and going short recently. Last time he was a winner of a small 75k stakes at Gulfstream Park West.

**#3 Long On Value (12-1)** - Solid Gulfstream Park and turf connections in general. Consistently runs in stakes, and will be ready to pick up the pieces if things fall apart on the front end.

**#4 Platinum Prince (12-1)** - Claimed three races back and has gotten better with each start for the new connections. Won an allowance race over this track last time out.

**#9 Pay Any Price (12-1)** - Won a starter allowance race at Gulfstream park last time out, but will be running against tougher in this spot. Will need to show a little bit of improvement from a numbers standpoint.

**#5 Divine Warrior (15-1)** - Has found nice success sprinting on the lawn, and last time out won a starter allowance race at Gulfstream Park. This will be a class challenge for him.

**Others:** **#6 El Deal (20-1)** is trying turf for just the second time and did not fair well when making his only start on the surface. **#7 Doctor J Dub (20-1)** has been well beaten since arriving to South Florida from Parx. **#8 Super Spender (10-1)** has had a couple of nice turf stakes wins lately, but was no match for Power Alert last time out. **#12 Incensed (15-1)** has four straight runner up efforts since being claimed by Bennett.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** El Deal, Rainbow Heir, Manhattan Dan, Pay Any Price, Mongolian Saturday, Power Alert
  - **Stalkers:** Platinum Prince, Devine Warrior, Incensed, Doctor J Dub
  - **Closers:** Long On Value, Super Spender

**Field Size: 12**

This one will be the exact opposite of the long turf races we have analyzed in this guide. As you can see several of these horses will go right to the front and simply run as fast as they can and as far as they can. With it being 5 furlongs though don't expect the pace to extremely hamper these runners even though it will be a fast pace. If it totally falls apart **Long On Value** will be the big closer.

**The Play:** Even though he's coming off an almost 300 day layoff **Manhattan Dan** seems like a great win bet to me. He was running fantastic at this distance before the layoff, and now he's changed trainers to Pletcher who is great at getting them ready to fire first out off a break. **Mongolian Saturday, Power Alert,** and **Long On Value** are other horses to use in multi race wagers and other exotics.

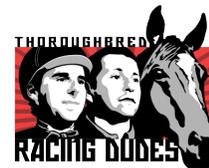
## PICKS

|              | Slim               | Tip Sheet          | Aaron              | Jared              | CONSENSUS          | Pts. |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Manhattan Dan      | Mongolian Saturday | Manhattan Dan      | Long On Value      | Manhattan Dan      | 14   |
| <b>Place</b> | Power Alert        | Power Alert        | Mongolian Saturday | Manhattan Dan      | Mongolian Saturday | 10   |
| <b>Show</b>  | Mongolian Saturday | Manhattan Dan      | Power Alert        | Mongolian Saturday | Power Alert        | 7    |

# Ladies' Turf Sprint



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$125,000                                |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 5 Furlongs (Turf)                        |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Fillies and Mares 4 Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 7: 2:32 PM EST                      |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#11 Nite Delite (9/2)** - Finished a very close second last time out in a nice stakes at Tampa Bay Downs. In that race she set a blazing pace, but today from that outside spot she may be able to be a bit more tactical. Coming into this race as good as you could ask for, and we know this is right in her wheelhouse.

**#12 Everything Lovely (4-1)** - She has plenty of class as she's ran competitively with Lady Shipman a couple of times. Last time out she was a close third to Nite Delite and Triple Chelsea. Should be able to sit a nice staking trip on the outside, and has the services of Javier Castellano on her side.

**#5 Artesian (30-1)** - Will cut back in distance today after running just average in some longer races on the turf lately. If you look back deep in her past performances you can see that she has ran some very strong races going one turn. Her breeding also suggests she might really like going this distance.

**#3 Ruby Notion (15-1)** - Comes into this race off a long layoff, but we know she loves to go short on the grass. Has some back class she can fall back on, but it's certainly in question how healthy she might be. Before her previous start she was coming off a long layoff as well so she hasn't been able to stay healthy for much of her career.

**#10 Triple Chelsea (6-1)** - Winner of a 100k Turf Sprint Stakes at Tampa Bay that also contained Nite Delite and Everything Lovely. She got a great pace set up in that race, and if she gets that set up again she'll be flying with her late closing kick. Has won three of her last four races coming into this event.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#4 Blue Bahia (10-1)** - Winner of fair straight races heading into this one, and all of those wins have come in sprint races on the grass. Today's spot will be ultra tough compared to those races, but she's passed every test they've given her so far.

**#2 Moon River (20-1)** - Ran well in an allowance last time out off a three month layoff so we could see improvement today. Has some back class to fall back on as well.

**#1 My Sister Caro (6-1)** - Really likes this distance as she always puts in a big effort sprinting on the grass. However, the competition today will be much stiffer than what she has faced in any of her previous efforts.

**#7 Bibby (20-1)** - Has ran behind many of the runners here today in her last two starts. Three races back she did win an allowance race at this distance.

**Others:** **#6 Brandi's Girl (10-1)** ran a solid second last time out in an allowance off a log layoff. **#8 Pretty Perfection (12-1)** won the before mentioned allowance by a neck over Brandi's Girl. **#9 Spectacular Me (5-1)** has won two of her last three, but the competition was much easier than what she'll see today.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Brandi's Girl, Everything Lovely, Nite Delite
  - **Stalkers:** My Sister Caro, Ruby Notion, Blue Bahia, Pretty Perfection
  - **Closers:** Moon River, Artesian, Bibby, Spectacular Me, Triple Chelsea

**Field Size: 12**

Surprising this 5 furlong dash is not loaded with speed like you normally see in stakes of this caliber being. **Nite Delite** and **Everything Lovely** are quality sprinters that will have a chance to be on the front end and keep going when the real running begins. The pace here could be well below the average they are use to seeing.

**The Play:** **Nite Delite** is the win bet here, with consideration also going to **Everything Lovely**. I like those two in multi race wagers as well with **Artesian** being the other one to play. I'd key Nite Delite and Everything Lovely in the top spot for trifecta's over the other three top contenders listed.

## PICKS

|              | Slim              | Tip Sheet         | Aaron             | Jared             | CONSENSUS               | Pts. |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Nite Delite       | Triple Chelsea    | Nite Delite       | Artesian          | Nite Delite             | 13   |
| <b>Place</b> | Everything Lovely | Nite Delite       | Everything Lovely | Everything Lovely | Everything Lovely       | 10   |
| <b>Show</b>  | Ruby Notion       | Everything Lovely | Artesian          | Triple Chelsea    | Artesian/Triple Chelsea | 6    |

# Poseidon Stakes



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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$400,000                 |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 1 1/8th Miles             |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Four Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 5: 1:30 PM EST       |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#4 Stanford (1/1)** - Really solid winner last time out off of a long layoff in wire to wire fashion. Other than his Met Mile effort he was solid in 2016, and if he's back to being healthy he should be very tough to beat today. He also once again has what looks to be a pace advantage.

**#6 Madefromlucky (7/2)** - Returned off a long layoff last time out and finished just a so-so fourth to Stanford. Expect a big improvement today with this being his second race off the layoff, and this distance is something he should enjoy. Is a nice alternative to the favorite, and he has a lot of back class.

**#9 Hy Riverside (12-1)** - Dramatic winner of the Sunshine Millions last week wheels back here in just seven days time. Maybe that was a complete fluke, or maybe he's just a really hot horse right now. Either way i don't think he'll win again, but he's at least worth a look.

**#3 Imperative (9/2)** - Has ran in all the big stakes races in Southern California for what seems like years. Always is able to be around at the end for third or fourth, but rarely can win. Expecting more of the same today, however this spot is easier than what he usually runs in.

**#7 Papa Zulu (20-1)** - Gets back to dirt today after not running well at all on the turf. His previous three dirt efforts prior to the turf experiment were pretty solid efforts. He will have to improve to compete on the win end of things, but hitting the board is possible.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#1 Mylute (10-1)** - At one time this was a pretty nice horse, but his best days may be behind him. It's been a long time since we've seen him with his best form.

**#2 Ranger in Paradise (30-1)** - An odd entry here as he's been mostly a claiming horse throughout his career. Ran poorly in an allowance last time out so I'm not sure what the thought process is with this one.

**#5 Cherry Wine (12-1)** - The runner up finisher in the Preakness Stakes has done nothing since that race. Will likely fall way behind and make one run, but is unlikely to make up enough ground to make an impact.

**#8 Fearless Dragon (30-1)** - Comes into this race on a four race streak of hitting the board. Is consistent to be sure, but this is the toughest spot he's been in so far in his career so this task will be tough.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Stanford, Ranger in Paradise
  - **Stalkers:** Madefromlucky, Papa Zulu, Fearless Dragon
  - **Closers:** Mylute, Imperative, Cherry Wine, Hy Riverside

Field Size: 9

This looks like a good possibility of a lone speed situation with **Stanford** looking like the main quality speed in the race. **Ranger in Paradise** also has speed, but I think there is a chance he could be cheap speed and he's also inconsistent. Be leery of deep closers in this race.

**The Play:** Pletcher typically dominates at Gulfstream Park, and he looks like he has this field over a barrel here as **Stanford** is a very likely winner. If Stanford falters **Madefromlucky** looks like the next best horse so everything should be based around those two horses in this race.

## PICKS

|              | Slim        | Tip Sheet     | Aaron         | Jared         | CONSENSUS     | Pts. |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|
| <b>Win</b>   | Stanford    | Stanford      | Stanford      | Stanford      | Stanford      | 20   |
| <b>Place</b> | Cherry Wine | Madefromlucky | Madefromlucky | Hy Riverside  | Madefromlucky | 7    |
| <b>Show</b>  | Imperative  | Hy Riverside  | Hy Riverside  | Madefromlucky | Hy Riverside  | 5    |

# Hurricane Bertie Stakes



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| <b>Purse:</b>     | \$100,000                               |
| <b>Distance:</b>  | 7 Furlongs                              |
| <b>Age:</b>       | Fillies and Mare 4 Year Olds and Upward |
| <b>Post Time:</b> | Race 3: 12:30 PM EST                    |



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#3 Curlin's Approval (6/5)** - Lost as a big time favorite last time out, but was beaten narrowly by a horse that really loves Gulfstream Park. Her 7 furlong races have been too good for this group today, and she looks to have a pace advantage over the field. Should be tough to beat on the front end.

**#1 Genre (7/2)** - Tough loss last time out for this horse, but was beaten by quality horses. The cut back to seven furlongs will be a question mark here as she has never ran that distance in her career. She should be handy enough to stay close to the pack though, and if the favorite falters she could be ready to pick up the pieces.

**#8 Linda Linda (15-1)** - Hasn't been seen in awhile, but she's spotted in a decent spot for her return. Ran over her head and got blown out at Saratoga last time out, but can be competitive in a group like this one. If she's cranked up for this one she could round out the trifecta at a price.

**#5 You Bought Her (9/2)** - Extremely consistent runner, and most likely the biggest threat to the top two. However, returns today off just a 7 day layoff as she was narrowly defeated last weekend at Gulfstream Park. Coming back that quick is a real question mark as far as today's race is concerned.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#2 Distinta (15-1)** - Ran huge off a long layoff last time out to win an allowance race with ease. Wheels back quickly in 17 days for this spot, and will probably offer the best value in the race.

**#4 Sugar Cone (30-1)** - Returned off nearly a year layoff last time out and finished fourth in a small stakes that was won by Bodacious Babe last time out. Will improve off that effort, but it might not be enough.

**#6 Improv (10-1)** - Broke her maiden at this distance to kick off 2016, but has also lost at the distance three times against tougher competition. Did not run well in her only stakes effort.

**#7 Bodacious Babe (6-1)** - Recent winner of a small stakes at Gulfstream Park last time out at this same distance. However, this race should prove much tougher for her today with a rise in competition.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Curlin's Approval, Improv
  - **Stalkers:** Genre, Distinta, Bodacious Babe, Linda Linda
  - **Closers:** Sugar Cone, You Bought Her

**Field Size: 8**

This race looks very similar to the Poseidon Stakes as **Curlin's Approval** looks to be the controlling speed on the front end of things in a what could end up being a lone speed situation. It's hard to make a case for any closers here so you have to look for horses that will be close to the pace.

**The Play:** Another two horse race in my eyes. **Curlin's Approval** is a win bet if the odds aren't too low, and **Genre** is the other horse to use in multi race wagers. Everyone else looks to be running for third in this race as these two look best. Key them on top of **Linda Linda** and **You Bought Her**.

## PICKS

|              | Slim              | Tip Sheet         | Aaron             | Jared             | CONSENSUS               | Pts. |
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| <b>Win</b>   | Genre             | Genre             | Curlin's Approval | Curlin's Approval | Curlin's Approval/Genre | 16   |
| <b>Place</b> | Curlin's Approval | Curlin's Approval | Genre             | Genre             | Linda Linda             | 2    |
| <b>Show</b>  | Linda Linda       | You Bought Her    | Linda Linda       | You Bought Her    | You Bought Her          | 2    |