



RISERI STAR WAAGERING GUIDE 2021



# COLONEL POWER STAKES 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) RACE #7 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

**#5 – Turned Aside** ran the top, last race speed figure in his last race on November 28th. Since, he's put in some strong workouts, suggesting he'll come back to the track sharp.

**#1 – Manny Wah** has one race on turf, 5.5 furlongs on turf, just like this spot. He made a huge move in the stretch and could be even better today in his second start after a layoff.

#4 – Extravagant Kid is two necks away from winning his last two, add another ½ length and neck and it could have been four out of five. Due?

## **VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS**

**#7 – Archidust** was the public's choice in his last outing versus a few in here. He came home third after getting off to a slow start. Trainer Steven Asmussen rebounds at 26% the next time around the track with beaten favorites.

**#3 – Just Might** is a horse for the course hitting the board in seven of eight with two wins, four seconds and a third. He has just one win in 14 races elsewhere.

#9 – Went West is two necks away from being undefeated in five starts, all on dirt. Can he bring it to turf is the question, but trainer Louie Roussel, III is Oh for his last 15 horses trying grass for the first time.

## PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Just Might, Turned Aside, Went West

### **STALKERS:**

Bango, Archidust

### **CLOSERS:**

Manny Wah, Extravagant Kid, Jack the Umpire, Captivating Moon

**Early Race Outlook: JUST MIGHT** should have no problem clearing the inside two horse and getting to the front. **CAPTIVATING MOON** will press from the outside and won't really need to step on the gas as **JACK THE UMPIRE** is the only horse between **JACK THE UMPIRE** and **JUST MIGHT** to show any interest in chasing the leaders.

**Distance/Surface Bias:** First or fourth at the quarter pole is where you want your horse to be, both have combined to win 50% of the 22 races at the distance during the current meet. If not first or fourth, then be in between on the two or three as the first four won 17 of 22.

**Post Position Stats:** Posts four an out have the edge, winning 13 of 12 with the four horse recoding the bulk of the wins with five.

## THE **PLAY**

**TURNED ASIDE** has four wins in nine turf races and is one for one at the distance. **MANNY WAH** won his last, which was his first on grass. Trainer Wayne Catalano hits at 29% with horses going on grass for the second time. **EXTRAVAGANT KID** has hit the board in 19 of 25 at the distance. **ARCHIDUST** is another that loves the distance with five wins in seven races.

# OUR **PICKS**

|                             | HORSE NAME                   | HORSE # | M/L ODDS   | PICK ORDER         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>EXACTA:</b> 1,4,5,7 Box  | Turned Aside                 | 5       | 4-1        | WIN                |
| TRIFECTA:                   | Manny Wah<br>Extravagant Kid | 4       | 9/2<br>5/2 | PLACE<br>SHOW      |
| 1,4,5/1,4,5,7/<br>1,3,4,5,7 | Archidust<br>Just Might      | 7<br>3  | 6-1<br>9/2 | WILD CARD<br>ALT 1 |
| 1,5,7,7                     | Went West                    | 9       | 12-1       | ALT 2              |

# ALBERT M. STALL MEMORIAL STAKES 1 1/16TH MILES (TURF) RACE #9 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

- **#9 Secret Message** won her last race and could step forward in her third start off the bench. Trainer Brad Cox wins at 29% following a win and at 27% in third starts.
- **#6 Dreamalildreamofu** is another Cox horse that ran her first two races at Fair Grounds on grass. She ran her last at FG on a muddy track after being moved off grass. She has two win and a second in three Fair Grounds races.
- **#5 Room to Finish** has never missed the board in nine races at the distance with four wins, four seconds and a third. She could be at/near her best in the classic third start off the bench.

## VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

- **#11 Tuned** tied for the top, last race speed figure and is dropping in class, one of our favorite combinations. She finished in the money in all three races at today's distance and surface with a second and two thirds.
- **#7 Dalika** finished behind some of these as the favorite in her last. She could be better in her third start after a layoff but her history at Fair Grounds (3:1-0-0) and the distance (7:2-1-0) suggest she could struggle again.
- **#1 His Glory** ran at the distance once and won with the highest speed number achieve by the field at the distance. The same race could equal the same result.

## PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Dreamalildreamofu, Dalika, Xanthique

### **STALKERS:**

His Glory, Mizzen Beau, Amazima, Secret Message

#### **CLOSERS:**

Temple City Terror, Pass the Plate, Room to Finish, Joy Epifora, Tuned **Early Race Outlook:** Although she is listed as a stalker, **MIZZEN BEAU** could be the leader. She's tried the frontrunner thing in her last two starts, neither on grass. However, she rated on her only two on turf. Otherwise, **DREAMALILDREAMOFU** has been the closest to the front on grass and will likely be the one to catch. **DALIKA** will be the one to tag along with the leader if not take charge if the pace is too slow. **XANTHIQUE** typically tries to co-pilot and will need

**Distance/Surface Bias:** Rate and run is the way to the winners' circle. Twelve of the 23 winners at the distance were fourth, fifth or sixth at the quarter mile marker. Add in sixth, and he win rate jumps to nearly two of three winners.

to hustle from the outside to get into her normal position before the first turn.

**Post Position Stats:** The inside two posts have won 12 of the 23 as well. The post owns five and the two seven. Gates three and four are next up at four and three, respectively. Every other posts won two or fewer races.

# THE **PLAY**

**SECRET MESSAGE** has a win and third in two races at Fair Grounds. **DREAMALILDREAMOFU's** wet track and turf record fits here, looks like a live longshot. **ROOM TO FINISH** has five wins and three seconds in 10 at Fair Grounds. **TUNED** is usually close at the end but can have troubles at the beginning. A clean start could be all it takes.

# OUR **PICKS**

| PICK ORDER | M/L ODDS | HORSE # | HORSE NAME  |
|------------|----------|---------|---|
| WIN        | 5/2      | 9       | Secret Message Dreamlildreamofu Room to Finish Tuned Dalika His Glory |
| PLACE      | 20-1     | 6       |   |
| SHOW       | 8-1      | 5       |   |
| WILD CARD  | 6-1      | 11      |   |
| ALT 1      | 7/2      | 7       |   |
| ALT 2      | 20-1     | 1       |   |

**EXACTA:** 5,6,9,11 Box

**TRIFECTA:** 5,6,9/5,6,9,11/5,6,7 ,9,11

# MINESHAFT STAKES (G3) 1 1/16THS MILE RACE #10 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

#4 – Maxfield is undefeated in four starts and tends to run by everybody in the stretch. The only concern would be a really slow pace.

#2 - Wells Bayou had a little trouble at the start of his last race, resulting in his lowest early pace figure in seven start. A typical start in in his second after a layoff could be enough to be upfront all the eay around the track.

#7 - Blackberry Wine could scratch here as he's also entered into the next race. He's the only other speed horse. If he's out, it helps WELLS BAYOU. Otherwise, he should move ahead in his third start after a layoff.

## VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOT**

#1 - Enforceable is a fan of Fair Grounds and the distance. He has hit the board in four of five for both, which includes the highest, last race speed figure.

#3 - Chess Chief is another horse that likes the course. He has three wins, a second and third in seven outings. He has zero wins, three seconds and a third in 14 races anywhere else.

#6 - Sonneman is the best of the rest and should be charging late with some of the strongest, late pace numbers in this group; not sure he'll get the pace he needs though.

## PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Wells Bayou, Maxfield, Blackberry Wine

#### **STALKERS:**

Enforceable, Chess Chief

#### **CLOSERS:**

Dinar, Sonneman

**Early Race Outlook: BLACKBERRY WINE** and **WELLS BAYOU** just faced off at Fair Grounds on January 16th. **BLACKBERRY** had the jump on the field of seven with WELLS BAYOU running second. Prior to the Louisiana Derby, WELLS **BAYOU** had the lead at the quarter mile marker in his first six starts. He was bumped at the start on the 16th. With a clean break, he should challenge for the rabbit run here. It's tough to say what **MAXFIELD** will do in his first race since mid-December. Last out, his lone trip at Fair Grounds he rode shotgun for the first half-mile before taking the lead for good. However, he was a deep closer in his firs three starts. He could just as easily be last as he is first out of the gates.

Distance/Surface Bias: Early speed has won 17 of the 26 races at the distance with the average winner running second at the quarter pole and first by the halfmile marker.

**Post Position Stats:** Inside out as the rail wins at 19% and the winning percentage falls as you move from gate 2 and out.

## THE **PLAY**

MAXFIELD is the class here and the one to beat. WELLS BAYOU's chances will improve greatly if BLACKBERRY WINE's owners choose to run in the next race instead. Either way, the duo are the only speed horses and should dictate a favorable pace. **ENFORCEABLE** won his last by 8 lengths at the track/distance/surface, a big effort is typically followed by another.

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# OUR **PICKS**

| PICK ORDER | M/L ODDS | HORSE # | HORSE NAME      |  |
|------------|----------|---------|-----------------|--|
| WIN        | 4/5      | 4       | Maxfield        |  |
| PLACE      | 6-1      | 2       | Wells Bayou     |  |
| SHOW       | 5-1      | 7       | Blackberry Wine |  |
| WILD CARD  | 6-1      | 1       | Enforceable     |  |
| ALT 1      | 8-1      | 3       | Chess Chief     |  |
| ALT 2      | 8-1      | 6       | Sonneman        |  |

**EXACTA:** 2,4/1,2,3,4,7

**TRIFECTA:** 2,4/1,2,4,7/1,2,3,4,7

# FAIR GROUNDS STAKES (G3T) 1 1/8th MILES (TURF) RACE #11 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

**#8 – Factor This** got whipped in his last two, finishing his post number for this race. His races had the look of a tired horse; so, trainer Brad Cox moved him to the barn for some rest. He comes back after two months on the sidelines and has run well fresh in the past.

**#6 – Logical Myth's** Fair Grounds' record almost put him in the top spot. He has five wins in six races and just two in the 12 elsewhere.

**#7 – Dontblamerocket** is another with a strong Fair Grounds resume with five wins and three seconds in 10 starts, a pair of Ws in nine at other tracks.

## VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

#4 – Danceteria missed by 3/4 of a length in his US debut with a strong, late pace figure. Many times, international horses do better in their second start on this side of the pond.

**#2 – Set Piece** has won two in a row and is making his third start after a layoff, a 27% angle for trainer Brad Cox. However, those were on an all weather track and his previous grass record isn't as strong.

**#11 – Spectacular Gem** would be further up the list, but an outside post for a horse that likes to run upfront might be too much to overcome.

### PACE ANALYSIS **AND TRACK BIAS**

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Blackberry Wine, Logical Myth, Factor This, Spectacular Gem

#### **STALKERS:**

Artie's Rumor, Midnight Tea Time, Peace Achieved

#### **CLOSERS:**

Set Piece, Danceteria, Dontblamerocket, Captivating Moon

**Early Race Outlook:** If he runs in this race, **BLACKBERRY WINE** should be able to scoot along the rail and take the lead, but he's also entered into race 10. If he scratches here, then **FACTOR THIS** and **SPECTACULAR GEM** should battle for the front with **FACTOR THIS** having the inside edge. **LOGIC MYTH** prefers to be the third wheel and should find himself in familiar position.

**Distance/Surface Bias:** There are enough races as the distance/ surface, three, to make much of the data.

**Post Position Stats:** There are enough races as the distance/ surface, three, to make much of the data.

## THE **PLAY**

**FACTOR THIS** has two wins and a third in three at Fair Grounds. **LOGICAL MYTH** is a pair of seconds away from winning five in a row. **DONTBLAMEROCKET** has been off since September 5th, which is OK since he's run well off the bench. **DANCETERIA** should show more in his second US start.

# OUR **PICKS**

| PICK ORDER  | M/L ODDS                                | HORSE #                     | HORSE NAME  |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| WIN<br>PLACE<br>SHOW<br>WILD CARD<br>ALT 1<br>ALT 2 | 3-1<br>9/2<br>6-1<br>6-1<br>10-1<br>8-1 | 8<br>6<br>7<br>4<br>2<br>11 | Factor This Logical Myth Dontblamerocket Danceteria Set Piece Spectacular Gem |

**EXACTA:** 4,6,7,8 Box

**TRIFECTA:** 6,7,8/4,6,7,8/2,4,6,7,8

# RACE #12 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

- **#8 Travel Column** has won two of her three starts, including the highest last race speed figure, and finished third in the other. She hopped at the start of the miss.
- **#9 Charlie's Penny** has not missed the board on a fast track with two wins and a third in three starts. She ran away from the pack in her last, producing the best last pace number for any of these.
- **#1 Clairiere** got bumped at the start of her second career race, got the lead in the lane before being run down by **TRAVEL COLUMN**. She got improve from race one to race two and should continue up the ladder in three.

## VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOT

- **#6 Zoom Up** is undefeated in two since moving to the Fair Grounds. She stretched out for the first time in her last effort, expect her to be stronger today.
- **#4 Off We Go** hasn't had a clean race in any of her four starts, yet still has a win and two seconds in four starts. She's going long for the first time, a 20% winner for trainer Thomas Amoss, and might pull off the upset with her first clean race.
- **#2 Souper Sensational** has two wins and a second in three race. She stretched out for the first time in her last race following a three-month break. She should step forward in her second start off the break.

## PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Becca's Rocket, Littlestitious

#### **STALKERS:**

Souper Sensational, Off We Go, Zoom Up, Travel Column, Charlie's Penny

**CLOSERS:** Clairiere, Moon Swag

**Early Race Outlook:** There isn't a lot of front runner speed here, as you can see. **LITTLESITIOUS** went to the lead in her first route, last out. She'll probably try to do the same today. **BECCA'S ROCKET** has been first or second at the quarter pole in her last four, three on grass and one on a loppy track, she'll likely be the early pacesetter. A wad of horses will jockey for position right behind the early pace.

**Distance/Surface Bias:** Either be first or second after the first quarter mile or be fourth and out. The inside pair won eight of 19. Meanwhile, four through seven collected 10 (just one for number three).

**Post Position Stats:** Meet to date, winners have been bunched up in posts two through five, accounting for 14 of 19 winners. Two and five have three wins each, both four and five have four wins.

## THE **PLAY**

**TRAVEL COLUMN** hasn't raced since late November, works say she should be ready. **CHARLIE'S PENNY** beat some of these last our and has put some powerful mid and late moves in her past performances. **CLAIRIERE** has only finished behind **TRAVEL COLUMN** in her two starts. **ZOOM UP** has gotten better from race to race. She could make it three wins in a row if the trend continues.

# OUR **PICKS**

| PICK ORDER  | M/L ODDS                                | HORSE #               | HORSE NAME   |  |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| WIN<br>PLACE<br>SHOW<br>WILD CARD<br>ALT 1<br>ALT 2 | 2-1<br>9/2<br>5/2<br>6-1<br>15-1<br>8-1 | 8<br>9<br>1<br>6<br>4 | Travel Column Charlie's Penny Clairiere Zoom Up Off We Go Souper Sensational | EXACTA:<br>1,8,9/1,6,8,9<br>TRIFECTA:<br>1,8,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9 |
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# RISEN STAR STAKES (G2) 1 1/16TH MILES RACE #12 - ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

#11 - Mandaloun missed as the favorite as the last in his first route run. Trainer Brad Cox hits at a big 37% with horses going long for the second time.

#12 - Keepmeinmind has never missed the board in four starts and was just a few lengths behind ESSENTAIL QUALITY in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and then came back to win the Grade II, Kentucky Jockey Cup.

#6 - Midnight Bourbon ran the top, last race speed figure in his first run around Fair Grounds. His limited history says he could take a big step forward in his second start off the bench.

## VALUE PLAYS **AND LONGSHOTS**

#9 - Defeater won his debut with ease, despite getting off to a slow start. He's likely to get a cleaner start and be better in race number two.

#2 - Proxy is a neck and a length away from being four for four to start his racing career. His last race was his best and recent works suggest he remains sharp.

#4 - Carillo got pinched at the start of his debut at Aqueduct. He's worked well over the Fair Grounds course and could pull of the upset at a price.

## PACE ANALYSIS AND TRACK BIAS

#### **EARLY SPEED:**

Starrininmydreams, Proxy, Midnight Bourbon, Rightandjust

#### **STALKERS:**

Defeater, Santa Cruiser, Mandaloun

#### **CLOSERS:**

Beep Beep, Carillo, Senor Buscador, O Besos, Sermononthemount, Keepmeinmind

Early Race Outlook: MIDNIGHT BOURBON got the jump on **PROXY** in their last race. The roles could be reversed this time as **PROXY** is the inside horse of the two. **STARRINMYDREAMS** could upset the plans of both and use the rail to force PROXY and MIDNIGHT BOURBON to run a little faster than they want to clear. RIGHTANDJUST is the way outside post and might be better served saving ground and settling a step or two off the pace.

Distance/Surface Bias: Just one race at the distance during the current meet.

Post Position Stats: Just one race at the distance during the current meet.

## THE **PLAY**

MANDALOUN ran his best speed figure in his last and a bullet work on February 6th says he might be better here. **KEEPMEINMIND** has faced the top competition for this crew and should play a major role late. MIDNIGHT BOURBON is one for one at Fair Grounds and has never missed the money in five starts. **DEFEATER's** trainer and jockey combo of Diego Saenz and Thomas Amoss hit at 35% together.

## OUR **PICKS**

| PICK ORDER  | M/L ODDS                                 | HORSE #                 | HORSE NAME  |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|
| WIN<br>PLACE<br>SHOW<br>WILD CARD<br>ALT 1<br>ALT 2 | 9/2<br>3-1<br>6-1<br>12-1<br>8-1<br>15-1 | 11<br>12<br>6<br>9<br>2 | Mandaloun<br>Keepmeinmind<br>Midnight Bourbon<br>Defeater<br>Proxy<br>Carillo |

**EXACTA:** 6,9,11,12 Box

TRIFECTA: 6,11,12/6,9,11,12/2,6, 9,11,12