Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Saturday, October 11th, 2025

Race 1

#4 Switzler Jammin #1 Livininthefastlane #6 Knowing #3 Devil's Tongue

#4 SWITZLER JAMMIN makes his first start since March at Gulfstream. Class-plunger was gelded over the summer and is cutting back from two-turns; should be good enough at this level. #1 LIVININTHEFASTLANE was pressed on the lead but came up a head short to stablemate Hello Jello when racing for \$10,000 on September 26; could be the main speed from the rail. #6 KNOWING ran a decent fourth eight days ago for this price and wheels back quickly. He was beaten a half-length two starts ago; the starts are piling up. #3 DEVIL'S TONGUE moved to the front in the turn before tiring in the stretch when routing for \$25,000 on September 13. The blinkers come off for the drop and cutback.

Race 2
#2 Alpha Kadin
#5 Happy Quad
#6 Hello Jello
#1 Another Charlie

#2 ALPHA KADIN had a wide trip and finished evenly for \$25,000 on September 21. He has posted speed figures good enough to win this and is reunited with Flores, who has gotten the best from him so far. #5 HAPPY QUAD has been racing okay but not firing over the Fort Erie dirt and now gets into the Tapeta for the first time since his maiden win. He should be decently positioned early. #6 HELLO JELLO was able to run down stablemate Livininthefastlane when breaking his maiden for \$10,000 on September 26. That was a big wake-up effort for him; we'll see if he can duplicate it facing winners for the first time. #1 ANOTHER CHARLIE showed speed and was clearly best when breaking his maiden for this price at first asking on September 19; could be a threat to wire them from the rail.

Race 3

#5 My Covenant #3 Iknowyoucanwait #1 Digital Security #6 Celestial Heart

#5 MY COVENANT was an okay third for \$40,000 in his debut on September 21. He adds blinkers for this class drop and doesn't have to beat much here. #3 IKNOWYOUCANWAIT is by 2-for-21 juvenile debut sire Optimizer, out of a mare who has not had a winner in two foals to race. He hooks fairly soft company for his debut and has a steady-looking worktab. #1 DIGITAL SECURITY has finished on the edges in two tries at this level. He is adding blinkers and will hopefully be decently positioned from the rail. #6 CELESTIAL HEART debuted for this price over seven furlongs on September 28,

dueling on the lead before emptying out; we'll see if he improves with the cutback and a start under his belt.

Race 4
#6 Many Mo Kisses
#7 Conn Smythe (GB)
#2 Interim Analysis
#5 Starvin

#6 MANY MO KISSES chased fairly quick fractions for the class and emptied out when returning from a twomonth break in a sloppy route at Churchill on September 14. She definitely seems better suited to turf or synthetic and probably wants to fall back early; we'll see how she handles taking on the boys in her Woodbine debut. #7 CONN SMYHTE (GB) was a non-threatening fourth when dropping back in for this tag on September 26 in an offturf race. He did not have a great trip two-back in his first start for this barn; has to overcome the outside draw. #2 INTERIM ANALYSIS stopped in the final furlong after setting the pace in a maiden allowance over this course in his first start off of a \$40,000 claim. He was able to run a second over the Gulfstream turf in the spring and should be competitive with the drop in for \$25,000. #5 STARVIN was second-best when dropping in for this tag on the Tapeta on September 13 and now shifts to the turf for the first time.

Race 5
#4 Good Sin
#6 Nonno's Little Boy
#3 Rapture Bay
#5 Snookered

#4 GOOD SIN found a good late gear when getting up to win at this level on September 20. There looks to be plenty of speed on the inside so he could get an ideal setup. #6 NONNO'S LITTLE BOY passed tiring foes in a non-threatening fourth-place effort in a starter/optional \$15,000 on September 6. He drops sharply in for \$7,500 and will definitely benefit if there is a pace battle up front. #3 RAPTURE BAY came up empty after chasing the pacesetter in a starter/optional \$10,000 on September 14. He was a winner at this level three-back although he had a very easy lead that day. #5 SNOOKERED pulled off a 58-1 shocker in a \$15,000 non-three four-back but has not been threatening in the starter/optional \$10,000 condition since and now drops in for \$7,500; his good speed figures could definitely put him in the hunt.

Race 6
#8 Stolen
#7 Gizmo's B F F
#6 Soupergirl
#4 Souper Sunday

#8 STOLEN returned from a two-month break with a credible fourth-place effort in a solid starter/optional \$15,000. She should appreciate the class drop in for \$10,000 and should have pace to close into. #7 GIZMO'S B F F has been no worse than third in seven starts this season, most recently finishing second behind Ondine Lady who had been on a win streak. She is capable at any sprint distance. #6 SOUPER GIRL plunged in to face

\$15,000 non-threes and was able to hold on to win after setting the pace and now takes another drop for her first try against wide open company. We'll see how long she lasts on the lead here. #4 SOUPER SUNDAY dueled on the lead and emptied out after being bumped at the head of the lane in a \$25,000 inner turf dash on August 29. She should be much more competitive at this level.

Race 7

#2 Tequilasupernova - Best B #6 Crumlin Fashion #5 Hint #3 Sunlit

#2 TEQUILASUPERNOVA dueled on the lead but was outkicked late when beaten a length on September 20. She makes her second start with blinkers and should be the main speed. #6 CRUMLIN FASHION was finishing well to be third, just a head behind Tequilasupernova on September 20. She is still lightly-raced and could be improving; we'll see if someone can wear down Tequilasupernova to set things up for her. #5 HINT is by 12% debut sire Silent Name, out of a mare who has produced several winners including Cup and Saucer runner-up Arashi. She had a quick gate work on September 13. #3 SUNLIT makes her first start since August here. She cuts back in distance, switches back to synthetic and is offered for a tag for the first time.

Race 8 #7 Balboni's Crew #4 Found Money #1 Love Puddles #8 Noburu

#7 BALBONI'S CREW ran decently in his first two starts but has shown nothing in his more recent efforts. This is a confusing field and at a good price I'm willing to take a shot on a son of Society's Chairman getting on the turf for the first time. #4 FOUND MONEY is the only runner in this field with turf experience, finishing sixth in a maiden allowance sprint against much tougher foes on July 27. He finished well to be fourth in the Simcoe last time; the one to beat. #1 LOVE PUDDLES ran an okay fourth behind the runaway Gone With Duwyn when debuting over seven furlongs on September 7. He could improve with a start under his belt. #8 NOBURU has shown little in two starts to date, most recently finishing seventh in the Simcoe, but gets his easiest assignment to date and shouldn't mind the extra distance.

Race 9 #6 Will Then #1 Shotgun Wedding #2 No Time #7 Cue the Duckboats

#6 WILL THEN was supplemented to this spot while being cross-entered in the Grade 1 QE II Cup at Keeneland. Grade 3-winner was beaten less than two lengths with some traffic in the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks last time and should be tough if she takes to the synthetic. #1 SHOTGUN WEDDING stretched out to two turns on the inner turf and was beaten a half-length in an

N2X/\$50,000 on September 21, two weeks after winning her N2L over this surface. The older N2X mares are salty and this filly was beaten just a half-length when facing three-year-old Stakes fillies in the Ruling Angel. #2 NO TIME looked fantastic when winning the Woodbine Oaks but has not fired in two tries since in the King's Plate or the Wonder Where. She is clearly capable of winning a race like this when she is good and maybe simply did not love the inner turf last time. #7 CUE THE DUCKBOATS exits an N1X allowance win going a mile on the dirt at Saratoga. Never worse than third, Mott-trainee is an interesting player in her Stakes-debut.

Race 10 #7 Gal in a Rush #8 Uphill Dance #3 Mrs. Tart #1 Les Reys (FR)

#7 GAL IN A RUSH found room up the rail when rallying to win the Grade 2 Presque Isle Masters on September 19. Classy mare has performed well at Woodbine and looks like the one to beat. #8 UPHILL DANCE caught a short field and was clearly best when winning an N2X/\$50,000 on September 6. She gets an acid test here but has been on an upward trajectory and should be more forwardly positioned than most of the favourites. #3 MRS. TART had a wide trip and failed to threaten in the Presque Isle Masters but was able to beat Gal in a Rush when winning the Satin N Lace on August 18. She has won half of her starts on synthetic and has to warrant some consideration. #1 LES REYS (FR) was wide early and finished evenly in the Perfect Sting on the Saratoga turf last time. A Stakes-winner in France and New York, I think she could be an interesting player cutting back to a sprint for the first time since a win at Longchamp in May 2024.

Race 11
#10 Promising
#2 Tabloid Material
#4 Clay Soldier
#5 Maximum Fifty
#3 Home for a Rest

#10 PROMISING was arguably the best horse in the race when beaten a half-length by Shotgun Wedding on September 7. She should have fast fractions to run into here. #2 TABLOID MATERIAL bumped up to this level on August 31 and was able to get up by a head for her third consecutive win. She has the confidence and should get the ideal setup again. #4 CLAY SOLDIER made a wide rally to win when dropping into a \$25,000 inner turf sprint on August 29. She has a good synthetic record at Gulfstream and should be stalking the pace. #5 MAXIMUM FIFTY has won four of five starts this year with each win coming at this level. Rapid filly loves to control the pace but could have early company from someone like Takemybourbonneat. #3 HOME FOR A REST has won two in a row for \$15,000 and \$25,000 and could handle the bump up in class with the confidence of the two recent wins.