Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Race 1

#6 Souper Vinnie #4 Professor Reload #7 Please Don't Go #2 Friendly

#6 SOUPER VINNIE rallied to be second over seven furlongs when last competing on October 3. He drops down from the \$15,000 level and gets out to a route for the first time. #4 PROFESSOR RELOAD stretched out to this distance on October 4, rallying to hit the front in the stretch before being outkicked by Armino. He should be in the hunt again. #7 PLEASE DON'T GO takes a sharp drop down in class after failing to threaten for \$25,000 on the inner turf 15 days ago. He seems to be better on the turf but has never run this cheap before. #2 FRIENDLY had a rough start and ran on to be fourth in a \$15,000 sprint 15 days ago. He makes just his third lifetime start here and may appreciate the stretch out.

Race 2
#7 Adapted
#4 Just a Gem
#2 Good King Sam
#5 Shamateur

#7 ADAPTED reared at the start and ran on to be fourth for \$40,000 three weeks ago. He drops back in for the tag he was claimed for and should have an honest pace to rally into. #4 JUST A GEM had better early position and held third, 1 ½ lengths better than Adapted last time. Filly will take on the boys again and looks logical. #2 GOOD KING SAM edged by the leader late to win his non-two over seven furlongs last month. He runs the risk of getting caught in a speed duel if he can't settle early stretching back out to two turns. #5 SHAMATEUR was pressed on the lead and was outkicked by Mo Tourist while attracting a \$15,000 claim on September 19; we'll see how far he goes on the lead here.

Race 3

#3 Hard to Capture - Best Bet #1 Katherine's Gem #6 Souper Sunday #5 Very Savvy

#3 HARD TO CAPTURE had a wide trip from the 10 hole, tried to rally but flattened out to be fifth behind the lone speed Kikitsa on October 4. She catches a smaller field today and should have a better trip. #1 KATHERINE'S GEM makes her first start off of the rare Casse claim, running an even fifth in a race that Hard to Capture was second in on September 13. She could be forwardly placed from the inside. #6 SOUPER SUNDAY rode a golden rail to an easy win for \$10,000 15 days ago. She could be part of the pace stretching out from 5 ½ furlongs. #5 VERY SAVVY has raced well in all four of her starts this year, rallying to be third in the same race that Hard to Capture exits on October 4 and could prove best with the right setup.

Race 4
#1 Weller Green
#6 Private Label
#3 Jaggersgotagun

#5 Countryboysurvive

#1 WELLER GREEN was bothered on the first turn and ran on decently to be sixth when last competing on October 3. He should have an honest pace to run into here and will hopefully have a clean trip. #6 PRIVATE LABEL went coast to coast over this course while attracting a \$40,000 claim on October 3. He has not run a bad race yet in his career; he likely won't get as easy a lead this time. #3 JAGGERSGOTAGUN has gotten into very good form, beating a solid group of non-twos on September 24 before running a good closing second three weeks ago. Versatile type has been closing lately but can show some speed if wanted. #5 COUNTRYBOYSURVIVE went gate to wire against \$25,000 non-twos over nine furlongs on the Tapeta 16 days ago. He got stuck with the 11 hole and still ran a good third in his only try over this course.

Race 5
#2 Princecrest
#3 El Capo
#4 Deputy Curlin
#6 Apeldoorn

#2 PRINCECREST made a nice rally but was outkicked by Dixie Law when competing in the Cup and Saucer three weeks ago. He ran a good third when debuting in a sprint over this surface and looks like the clear one to beat. #3 EL CAPO dueled on the lead and gave way late to be third when debuting over seven furlongs on September 28. This is a tough pace scenario to read with others stretching out and adding blinkers, but he definitely showed he has talent and shouldn't mind the stretch out. #4 DEPUTY CURLIN got tired when setting the pace on August 24 but ran a bit better when taking the blinkers off and settling in midpack on September 14. He tries the Tapeta for the first time. #6 APELDOORN adds blinkers for his route debuting after being nosed out for show by El Capo on September 28. He ran well behind very tough foes in his first two tries.

Race 6
#4 Silent Lee
#8 Instant Response
#10 Sir Falstaff
#5 Eubank

#4 SILENT LEE was a non-threat but showed some closing interest when debuting on September 21. He sheds the blinkers for the stretch out to seven furlongs; we'll see if he builds on the debut. #8 INSTANT RESPONSE tried a route on October 10, setting the pace and giving way to be a distant fourth. His sprint races have been solid and he drops in for a tag for the first time. #10 SIR FALSTAFF dueled on the lead and tired in the stretch to be fifth when debuting three weeks ago. I think he will eventually appreciate getting out to a route; the blinkers go on and we'll see if he moves forward second

time out. #5 EUBANK saved ground when dueling with Sir Falstaff on October 5 and kept on to be third. He will also add blinkers this time.

Race 7
#6 Carnew
#3 Roar of the Crowd
#7 Westminster
#1 Isaac Leo

#7 CARNEW really woke up when dropping in for this tag last year, closing out his juvenile campaign with a dominant win. He makes his delayed return to the races here with the tag waived and will be tough if he's 100% off of the layoff. #3 ROAR OF THE CROWD has run more good races than bad this year at the OS/\$40,000 level and now takes the drop in for \$25,000. His speed figures fit well here and he could definitely be an contender. #7 WESTMINSTER rallied to be fourth over 5 ½ furlongs 13 days ago. He gets some more ground to work with and could have a hot pace to close into. #1 ISAAC LEO set the pace and kept on to be a game second in his first start off of the claim on September 28. If he out sprints the blinker-shedding Tiger Town to the lead he could be tough.

Race 8
#2 Awesome Bourbon
#4 Cruden Bay
#5 Rapid Test
#7 Society's Thunder

#2 AWESOME BOURBON has been very impressive in his win streak over this course, winning an N1X, N2X N3X. He ran a close third in this race last year when shipping up from Florida and seems to be better this year while based here at Woodbine. #4 CRUDEN BAY is the class of this field, dropping down from Graded Stakes company after rallying to be third in the Vigil. Two-time Grade 2 winner should be very live getting back to turf against restricted foes. #5 RAPID TEST rallied to be second behind Awesome Bourbon when making his first start of the year on September 28. We'll see if he can step forward in his second start off of the bench. #7 SOCIETY'S THUNDER was an unlucky second in this race last year. He has been knocking on the door in N2X/\$50,000 races all season and is definitely not without a chance.

Race 9
#5 Trip Aces
#3 Paradise Perfect
#4 Kamasi
#7 Accelerando

#5 TRIP ACES dueled on the lead and tired to be third while attracting a \$40,000 claim on October 4. I don't think he likes being in and amongst other horses; an outside tracking trip with this cutback to seven furlongs could be ideal for him. #3 PARADISE PERFECT forced Trip Aces hand early, dropped back a bit in early stretch but came back on to be second on October 4. He has had some very nice efforts closing in sprints. #4 KAMASI makes his first start since August here. Both of his

synthetic efforts have been very solid; he had a month between breezes from September 9 to October 11. #7 ACCELERANDO made a wide rally but flattened out to be fifth on the inner turf on September 21. He tries the Tapeta for the first time.

Race 10 #4 Thornbury #2 Yorkton's Honour

#8 Holiday Snooze #5 Lost Star

#4 THORNBURY chases the early pace before flattening out in an N2L allowance on September 14. He drops in for \$40,000 and has speed figures that fit. #2 YORKTON'S HONOUR took a shuffle on the far turn but was running on in the stretch when finishing sixth on September 14. He adds blinkers for the first time. #8 HOLIDAY SNOOZE had some early trouble but rallied to be fifth on the inner turf on October 3. He was an easy maiden \$25,000 on the Tapeta two back and does not look out of place. #5 LOST STAR ran a credible fourth in the same race that Holiday Snooze exits. He ran a good second in his last try on the Tapeta back on July 13.

Race 11
#7 English Actor
#4 Legal Catch
#8 Jayhawk
#1 Skyro
#2 Westside Tide

#7 ENGLISH ACTOR was a bit rank while racing wide and finished seventh when taking a shot in the Canadian International. He looked very good winning his N1X twoback and should be very live getting back to allowance company. #4 LEGAL CATCH dueled on the lead and emptied out when taking a shot in the Singspiel on September 6. He has had some time to freshen up and was a winner in his last start at this level on July 12. #8 JAYHAWK swung wide and ran a good third at this level on the Tapeta on October 4. His only turf try was a third behind very good company in Awesome Bourbon and Niagara Skyline; we'll see if he can work out a trip. #1 SKYRO failed to fire in the Durham Cup on September 20 when returning to Woodbine. Although he has been more successful on synthetic he did have some respectable turf tries against Stakes company at Gulfstream over the winter. #2 WESTSIDE TIDE was well out of it early but ran on to be fifth, 1 1/4 lengths behind Jayhawk last time. He should be closing well again.