Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

Race 1
#3 Silent Mort
#2 Smoke McLeod
#5 Go Go Alexander
#6 Encore Mo

#3 SILENT MORT has not been seen since August, dueling on the lead before fading when facing auctionrestricted maidens over five furlongs. He drops in for \$25,000 and could be the quickest out of the gate. #2 SMOKE MCLEOD dueled on the inside and gave way to be seventh when racing for \$40,000 on October 26 and takes the next drop in for \$25,000. His speed figures have improved with each start. #5 GO GO ALEXANDER is by 12% juvenile debut sire Souper Speedy, out of a mare who has had five winners in eight foals to race, none of which won at two. Homebred debuts for cheap off of a nondescript worktab. #6 ENCORE MO took money when debuting for this level last week on an extremely windy day, raced greenly but finished better than the running line suggests. We'll see if he's more focused this week.

## Race 2

#5 Lemoncella Spritz #2 Just Like That #3 Radio Goo Goo #6 Naughty Destiny

#5 LEMONCELLA SPRITZ plunged in for \$7,500 after being sidelined on the heels of a \$25,000 maiden win in June, finishing second. She should be tough in her second start off of the bench. #2 JUST LIKE THAT broke her maiden for \$10,000 on September 6 then wilted after setting the pace on the rise to the \$25,000 level three weeks later. She has had just two breezes in the two months since that race and plunges in for bottoms. #3 RADIO GOO GOO set the pace over a very heavy track when routing on November 6, giving way to be fourth. She is unlikely to be on the lead again with the cutback to seven furlongs. #6 NAUGHTY DESTINY had a wide journey and lacked finish when fourth at this level 10 days ago; she is a potential speed factor here.

## Race 3

#3 Rarified (IRE) #5 Gretna Green #6 Go Gemma #1 Kimberlina

#3 RARIFIED (IRE) was finishing well and was beaten just a length and a half when fourth for \$40,000 three weeks ago. She will re-add blinkers with the drop in for \$25,000. #5 GRETNA GREEN took the lead in deep stretch but could not hold on when finishing second at this level on November 1. She will be forwardly placed here. #6 GO GEMMA never fired in the same race that Gretna Green exits but had had two solid efforts before that and could potentially rebound. #1 KIMBERLINA closed well to be third, a head behind Go Gemma two

back before finishing an even sixth in the aforementioned November 1 race; on the edges.

Race 4

#2 Dreams and Schemes #7 Pickford Sweet #5 She Takes Cash #1 Cinnamon Bits

#2 DREAMS AND SCHEMES plunges in for \$10,000 after being beaten a length for \$25,000 on the inner turf on October 17. Her speed figures are very solid for this group. #7 PICKFORD SWEET has maintained good form since getting into the lower levels, most recently finishing second for \$7,500 on September 25. Hopefully she can work out position from the outside. #5 SHE TAKES CASH made her local debut for \$15,000 on November 1, threatening in early stretch before evening out to be fourth. She gets in easier and looks like an obvious factor. #1 CINNAMON BITS made an early, wide move and came up empty in the same race that She Takes Cash exits. She draws better this time while getting class relief.

Race 5

#4 Souper Vinnie - Best Bet #7 Alfred Bellows #8 Spikephil #6 Good to Be Lucky

#4 SOUPER VINNIE tracked the pace and finished evenly when racing over a very rail-biased track and attracting a claim eight days ago. He may appreciate cutting back to a sprint here. #7 ALFRED BELLOWS dropped in for \$25,000 when making his local debut on October 23, finishing evenly to be fourth, and now takes another drop; hopefully he'll have more finishing kick. #8 SPIKEPHIL broke a bit slowly and failed to rally when debuting in the same race that Alfred Bellows exits. He could improve with a start under his belt. #6 GOOD TO BE LUCKY raced well in both of his starts as a two-year-old but has been off for over a year now. We'll see what we get as he takes a drop for his return to the races.

Race 6 #7 Wine After Whiskey #4 Crosby #8 Role Play #3 Yukon Striker

#7 WINE AFTER WHISKEY is by 17% juvenile debut sire Reload, and is the first foal to race out of juvenile debut winner Bear Kitty. He had a quick gate work on October 25. #4 CROSBY dueled on the lead before giving way to be third behind the impressive Reb Five in his debut on October 19. He cuts back a furlong for his second attempt. #8 ROLE PLAY is by 3-for-23 juvenile debut sire Uncle Chuck, out of a mare who has only had one winner in five foals to start. She debut against the boys and has some sharp breezes coming into this. #3 YUKON STRIKER is by 14% juvenile debut sire Maclean's Music, out of a mare who has had four winners in five foals to start including two-year-old debut winner and Grade 3-

placed Runaway Diva. He had a quick gate work on November 9.

Race 7

#5 Awesome Beat #2 Big Screen Boss #4 Sammysaurus Rex

**#1 Long Acting** 

#5 AWESOME BEAT ran a very good second behind repeat winner Signature Sir when making his return to the races on October 12, then did not have the best of trips when finishing fourth on November 8. He should be very live in his third start off of the bench. #2 BIG SCREEN BOSS was second best over several of these when last racing on November 8. Second in five of his seven starts to date, it's hard to think he doesn't have a win in him. #4 SAMMYSAURUS REX improved off of his debut with a solid third place effort, a half length behind Big Screen Boss on November 8. He has speed but is not the quickest out of the gate; we'll see if he can break more effectively. #1 LONG ACTING dropped in for this tag on October 12, made a wide early circle on the turn and gave way to be third. He draws inside this time and will hopefully be ridden more patiently.

Race 8
#1 Kamasi
#5 Time Passes
#3 Cajun Influence
#2 Niigon's Law

#1 KAMASI came up empty late when finishing a distant fourth over nine furlongs 10 days ago. I thought he would be live getting back around two turns but it looks like I was wrong; willing to give him another shot on the cutback. #5 TIME PASSES was a game second when making his Tapeta debut on October 13. This is the first time he has been able to string together two races in a fairly reasonable timeframe; looks live. #3 CAJUN INFLUENCE debuted in the same race that Time Passes exits, setting the pace before giving way in deep stretch to be third, a half-length behind that foe. He could definitely step forward with a start under his belt. #2 NIIGON'S LAW showed some life at two and now makes his first start in a year. He has been gelded since last year and is certainly worth a look.

Race 9

#6 Streetshavenoname #4 Big Time Boss #3 Princecrest #5 Silver Is Best

#6 STREETSHAVENONAME rode a live rail before exploding to an impressive debut win on October 5, then came up flat when returning two weeks later in the Frost King. The debut was impressive enough that I think he is worth another shot against this kind of company. #4 BIG TIME BOSS was a game front-end winner on debut over stablemate Mister Blue, but failed to fire off of a wide trip when routing in the Grey. He should appreciate the cutback and the move down to restricted company. #3 PRINCECREST lacked much finish when favoured

against routing maidens on October 26. The Cup and Saucer runner-up could be a factor with the cutback. #5 SILVER IS BEST was impressive when winning the Bull Page, then came up a head short to Reload Raleigh in the Frost King; definitely in with a shot.

Race 10

#2 Forester's Fortune #4 Souper Dormy #3 Artemis Citylimits #1 Kinetic Stone

#2 FORESTER'S FORTUNE was closing very well to be second on the inner turf on November 2. He catches a field that should have plenty of pace for him to run at and tends to finish best in these shorter sprints. #4 SOUPER DORMY rises in value after running a solid third for \$25,000 16 days ago. He makes his second start off of a two month break and could get a nice covered up trip behind the speed. #3 ARTEMUS CITYLIMITS chased the pace and ended up third, a neck behind Forester's Fortune on November 2. He has hit the board in four of five synthetic starts in his career. #1 KINETIC STONE has been racing very well while climbing up the class ladder against open claimers. He could be on the lead from the inside and may hold on for a small share.

Race 11 #7 Castle Harbour

#1 Ginger's Holiday
#2 Kicking Horse Pass
#6 Woodglen Court
#9 Run Matteo Run

#7 CASTLE HARBOUR had some nice races early in the season but has been sidelined since July. She drops in for bottoms and should be competitive. #1 GINGER'S HOLIDAY got in for this tag on November 7 while cutting back from routes and ran a solid second. She draws inside after numerous outside posts this season. #2 KICKING HORSE PASS is by 12% debut sire Souper Speedy, out of a Stakes-winning mare who has not been a great producer. He debuts for bottoms off of an uninspiring worktab. #6 WOODGLEN COURT had a wake up effort when making his debut for this barn on October 31, running a close second for \$10,000. He continues to drop; hopefully the last race wasn't a fluke. #9 RUN MATTEO RUN was outkicked for place by Ginger's Holiday on November 7 and is definitely in the conversation here.