

Race 1

#2 Switchin' to Glide

#6 Good to Be Lucky

#3 Maynard's Song

#4 Halcon Negro

#2 SWITCHIN' TO GLIDE lacked a serious finishing punch when facing \$15,000 company on August 7. He should be more effective with the drop in for bottoms. #6 GOOD TO BE LUCKY was stuck wide on the turn, made a bid but flattened out when last racing on August 7 at this level. He sheds the blinkers today. #3 MAYNARD'S SONG tried a route when dropping in for this tag in his first try against winners on August 14, racing closer to the pace and flattening out to be fifth; a rebound candidate cutting back to a sprint. #4 HALCON NEGRO dismantled a soft group of maidens three back but has failed to threaten in two tries against winners. He gets in for bottoms and sheds the blinkers.

Race 2

#5 Thundermaker

#2 Delta Force

#1 Accelerando

#6 King Rosso

#5 THUNDERMAKER returns to the races after two months off and gets onto turf for the first time since last year. He showed run on turf in his early starts and could be tough to run down if he can outspurt Motion Granted to the lead. #2 DELTA FORCE had a good stalking trip and edged clear to win his non-two on the drop in for this tag on August 14, and could and a very similar trip if Thundermaker and Delta Force hook up on the lead. #1 ACCELERANDO has gotten into very good form of late, winning two in a row before a close second in this condition on August 7. He has tactical speed and looks a very logical contender. #6 KING ROSSO was 1 ¼ lengths behind Accelerando when finishing third for this price two back, then returned with a third place effort for \$40,000 on August 21; in with a shot.

Race 3

#3 Epic Affair

#1 Klassen

#6 Ginny's Souper

#5 Any Oscar

#3 EPIC AFFAIR ran on to be third behind the likes of Go For Launch in her debut over the inner turf then rallied to a midpack finish in the Catch a Glimpse without the cleanest of trips. With an honest pace to run at she should fare well here. #1 KLASSEN was though enough of to debut in the Victoria where she ran third, then chased the speed of the dominant Lamirada before understandably deflating second time out. I would definitely give her another chance here in her turf debut. #6 GINNY'S SOUPER is by 13% debut sire Tapit, out of a dam who won at two and has one winner in two foals to race. \$775,000 Fasig Tipton purchase has had some fast

breezes, but quite a few works marked 'handily' on the tab. #5 ANY OSCAR drew a tough post but rallied well to be third behind Catrall on King's Plate day and is not out of the question here.

Race 4

#3 Magical Trickster

#2 Signature Winner

#7 The Pendulumswings

#1 Hypnotizm

#3 MAGICAL TRICKSTER is by Collusion Illusion, who is 1-for-3 so far with debut runners, out of a mare who was Stakes placed at two and has produced several juvenile winners including multiple juvenile Stakes-winner Scorching. #2 SIGNATURE WINNER is by 11-for-61 juvenile debut sire Signature Red, and has a full sister who raced well in both of her juvenile starts despite not winning. I expect him to show early speed. #7 THE PENDULUMSWINGS is by 11% juvenile debut sire Point of Entry, out of a mare whose only winning foal is Hoity Toity, a seven-time winning claimer between Florida and Minnesota. #1 HYPNOTIZM was scratched after acting up behind the gate then returned to debut on August 8 but had to race without hind shoes and never fired. He rises in value; hopefully he has his act together.

Race 5

#3 Moon Channel

#6 Smokin Empire

#1 No Hay Dos

#2 Baltic Sea

#3 MOON CHANNEL showed run in his first two starts in Kentucky last year but has not been seen in 15 months. First time gelding is not hooking the toughest looking of fields for his return to the races. #6 SMOKIN EMPIRE has finished third in all three of his starts to date, all three sprinting on the Tapeta. He seems likely to be a speed threat stretching out to a turf mile. #1 NO HAY DOS was beaten a neck when attracting a \$30,000 claim at Turfway back in February but was sidelined after a breeze in March and now gets back to the races. He had a runner up effort on the Colonial turf last year but seems to be a step better on the synthetic. #2 BALTIC SEA rose to the OS/\$40,000 level on July 19 and ran a solid third and now takes another rise in class. We'll see if he continues to improve with experience.

Race 6

#11 True North Star

#12 Bunyan

#8 Samaritan Trail

#2 Merckx

#11 TRUE NORTH STAR is by 6-for-31 juvenile debut sire Early Voting, and is the first foal to race out of a Distorted Humor mare. He has fired plenty of fast works coming into this. #12 BUNYAN is by 8% juvenile debut sire Hard Spun, out of an unraced Irish mare who has produced juvenile winner Groot. He had a sharp gate work on August 26; we'll see if he can overcome the wide draw. #8 SAMARITAN TRAIL is by 10% juvenile debut sire Connect, and is the first foal to race out of a Giant's

Causeway mare. He comes into this off of a steady string of five furlong breezes. #2 MERCKX showed finishing interest when debuting in the Victoria, but likely got involved a bit too early when trying a route on August 22. He cuts back to a long sprint and draws better than the prominent looking first-timers.

Race 7

#1 Souper Survivor - Best Bet

#2 Longshot Leo

#3 It Wasn't a Bluff

#4 War Emperor

#1 SOUPER SURVIVOR chased the pace and kept on to be a close third in the Simcoe. He looks like he will make the lead and be tough to catch here. #2 LONGSHOT LEO was able to nab place from Souper Survivor in the Simcoe after finishing 10 ¼ lengths behind that foe on July 12. He has been second in all four of his starts to date. #3 IT WASN'T A BLUFF rallied well from the back to be fourth in the Simcoe, 3 ¾ lengths behind the top two selections and figures to run on for another share here. #4 WAR EMPEROR rallied from midpack and got up to win at first asking in an off turf race on August 23; we'll see if he can step forward in his Stakes debut.

Race 8

#1 Lucky Score

#6 Essex Serpent

#3 Hunt Master

#7 Jet Sweep Joe

#1 LUCKY SCORE has not been seen since running on to be third behind Notorious Gangster on the Tapeta back in May. Multiple Graded Stakes-winner has earned the bulk of his purse money on turf but has not been on the grass in over a year. #6 ESSEX SERPENT was a non-threatening fourth behind Paramount Prince in his seasonal debut back in May and now gets back to the races. He has had flashes of brilliance but has never lived up to the potential; potential pacesetter in his turf debut. #3 HUNT MASTER broke the track record in back to back wins on the turf in Houston this winter, but failed to fire when trying the dirt in Delaware on July 30 and has now returned to Woodbine; could fare well in his second try after a break. #7 JET SWEEP JOE won an N2X/\$50,000 here on the inner turf last year. First time gelding exits a credible fourth place effort against solid allowance types at Ellis Park.

Race 9

#4 Sarayu

#5 Princess Orlaith

#1 Whitemudwest

#6 Stunningly Perfect

#4 SARAYU was an impressive winner on debut and finally gets to face Ontario Sired foes again after two runs in open Stakes company. Fourth in spite of a wide trip in the Catch a Glimpse, she should be tough here. #5 PRINCESS ORLAITH had a terrible start but was able to recover and rally to win in a slowly run race on August 20. There is clearly potential here; hopefully she breaks with the field this time. #1 WHITEMUDMIST ran a solid race to

be third on debut but emptied out after being swarmed by better closers in the Muskoka. She could go overlooked off of that effort and is clearly capable of better. #6 STUNNINGLY PERFECT was nearly able to rundown the already experienced Awesome Grace in her July 26 debut, then was essentially gifted a win when coasting in to beat two rivals on August 23; we'll see how she handles this test.

Race 10

#2 Ontario

#1 Elysian Field

#8 Fortyfiveseventy

#3 War Painter

#2 ONTARIO rallied to win an N2X/\$80,000 over this distance at Saratoga on August 5. She is hooking a field that looks manageable enough in search of her first Stakes win. #1 ELYSIAN FIELD hasn't raced terribly but has definitely been a disappointment in two starts this year. Vet scratched on August 22, she returns now and hopes to get her first win on turf here while dropping to face restricted company; good enough to win this if she's at her best. #8 FORTYFIVESEVENTY nearly pulled off a 63-1 shocker when finishing third by just a neck in the Trillium. She is winless on turf but has raced well over the grass and won't have an issue with the nine furlong trip. #3 WAR PAINTER won an N2X/\$50,000 at the start of the year but has failed to threaten in two tries against tougher; fringe player.

Race 11

#7 Weller Green

#4 Skaal

#2 Maker's Flatter

#3 Bright Angel (IRE)

#8 Noburu

#7 WELLER GREEN proved without a doubt he is not a Tapeta horse when coming up empty in a 10 furlong allowance that had come off the turf on August 2. He is a very consistent good performer on turf and with a clean trip could score his overdue second win. #4 SKAAL closed like a freight train to win on debut over five furlongs but did not take the Tapeta when making his first start off of a private purchase last month. We'll see how he fares getting out to a turf route. #2 MAKER'S FLATTER crushed maidens for this price when making his turf debut on July 5, then switched back to the Tapeta on August 16 where he ran a non-threatening third behind a runaway stablemate; obviously a rebound candidate dropping back in for \$40,000 and getting back to the turf. #3 BRIGHT ANGEL (IRE) has failed to fire in two N2L allowance tries on the Tapeta after winning a maiden \$40,000 over this course on July 6. #8 NOBURU has been gelded by the new connections who claimed him from a disappointing run for this tag on July 26; he has some talent and could offer a price.