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RACE #1

BANNON

8 DILLY DALLY DARBY
6 RED CABERNET
9 FORESTELLA
5 JUPITER'S EAGLE

UNCLAIMEDTREASURE was down to the \$20,000 mark last time running from post eleven and advancing to mid stretch only to hang; she goes for twice the price here.

ADOPTED FAMILY got into an unproductive speed duel last time and when the late pace quickened, she was without adequate resources.

CONGENIALITY had hanging tendencies in her previous race but dropping down to run for only \$25,000 seemed to be the cure last time; Contreras found room with her deep in the stretch to get her a victory when coming off the shelf; she looks to build on that race by going up in value.

ABBY GRACE is getting a belated first start to the season for Colebrook Farms; she was here for training in the spring and got going again in early October with works preparing for this.

JUPITER'S EAGLE had a maiden win two starts ago with a rally to mid stretch and then edged a key winner who has since won two races; most recently, she had ideal outside positioning under Hernandez but hung and now adds blinkers; she has had an interim work with Hernandez aboard in 47.2.

RED CABERNET was on turf last time landing third money as the favourite with a mild outside attempt and the top two were strong; she did compete on Tapeta September 29th with a useful fourth place finish; she worked well December 2nd in 48.3 out in 1.01.1.

DONNAS SWEET HEART acted up in the gate December 2nd and that seemed to negatively impact her performance which came at a low level.

DILLY DALLY DARBY went into the Jammed Lovely Stakes at seven furlongs last time where she was allowed to fall back in the run down the backstretch and then she kicked on in the lane to be fourth beaten two lengths; that race recommends her; she has had an interim work in 1.01 out in 1.14 for Nick Gonzalez.

FORESTELLA was third beaten a length in this category at six furlongs last time; she drafted behind a wall of rivals looking for room and then found some space too late; she gets an extra half furlong.

RACE #2

BANNON

9 FORESTER'S DESTINY
3 DAN THE TIN MAN
6 HOLY MCNASTY
1 STAR CONTENDER

STAR CONTENDER used the turn back angle to have a good result in a starter event at seven furlongs two starts ago when facing a key winner while inside; most recently, he went back to a route and his aggressive approach left him far behind; he gets another quick return and comes all the way back to six furlongs.

DIXIE WHISTLER used a patient off the pace style on turf two starts ago and responded with a generous stretch drive in third; most recently, he went to a first allowance race and reverted to his previous aggressive style and after fighting in front for a while, he finished a distant seventh; he drops in for \$20,000 with Alderson aboard.

DAN THE TIN MAN was getting his first try following the claim by Norm McKnight October 6th and was sixth beaten four lengths for \$30,000 in what was too tough a race; he dropped in for \$19,000 last time but lost his leg speed deep in the stretch as the favourite; he has trained up to this event looking for more momentum.

NAPAYSHNI beat non winners of two last time as one of four speed runners in the race and he seemed to benefit from the troubled trip the runner up had to endure; he is now facing multiple winners here.

GROM dropped down last time but lost in double digits in a race dominated by high velocity types; he is without a win yet this season but has been close on the edges a couple of times.

HOLY MCNASTY has had a series of good results and was in the runner up spot for \$15,000 last time; he had a perfect setup and got first run at the lead but was lapped by a preferred rival deep in the stretch and settled for second, one position better than, Beliveau; he is up one level.

MEDIA MELEE was pinched back in his previous sprint but he closed a good gap for \$16,000; most recently at a route, he got aggressive up on the pace and didn't stay the trip.

BELIVEAU was reclaimed by Windways Farm October 25th and had a peak performance on that day winning for just \$8,000; for twice the price last time, he ran quite strongly in third just a long length behind the runner up, Holy McNasty, while an expected winner produced the best rally; he is up one level.

FORESTER'S DESTINY was in a quickly run race last time and was beaten only five lengths in a protected spot; the time before he had won for \$20,000 with a deep closing style but at seven furlongs and he travels just six furlongs here on the drop down; he was good at this time last year.

RACE #3

BANNON

4 VAUGHAN
7 LETTHEBIGHOSSROLL
6 JUST RENO
9 DARK ALE

LION LORD debuted in September of 2016 and could not keep up at that point at low odds; he has done lots of prepping through October and November getting ready for Nick Gonzalez and Wilson will have the mount in this belated comeback.

ATLANTIC CROSSING was sent for speed November 10th and had no resistance in the home lane when, Vaughan, was better in third; most recently, he again opted for an aggressive speed style running off to a two and a half length lead with a half in 44.4 before he was reeled in finishing third beaten just three lengths for \$32,000; in second was, Dark Ale, and he is here.

D'S BEN was looking for an appropriate spot earlier this week but will go here instead; he came off the shelf and went a route November 15th for York Tech Racing and was with the early pace then came back late to try and threaten again but lacked some room in deep stretch; he travels six furlongs here.

VAUGHAN is certainly one to consider; he has had three in the money finishes in four tries on the lasix program; his only failure was at a route; at six and a half furlongs last time in a race that came off turf, he rushed late to be third beaten only a length and the top two were strong; the runner up has already come back with a solid second place finish; Moran rides once again for John Mattine.

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SILENT EMPIRE is one to consider; he had a useful sprint race November 10th finishing fifth just three lengths back when, Vaughan, was in third; most recently, he went a route and made a good middle challenge but was finally fourth; he now shortens back to a sprint for Peter Berringer who also has, Dark Ale, entered.

JUST RENO had Husbands aboard for a series of good finishes then Hernandez rode last time in an optional race when he saved second; he is back up in value here for Ron Sadler.

LETTHEBIGHOSSROLL can certainly be considered given his good race last time with Boulanger aboard; the event came off turf but he made a good move in mid stretch and he finally finished fourth beaten just three lengths while the top two were very good and, Vaughan, was third.

DANCING WITH ZORRO a debut runner by, Musketier, will try just six furlongs at first asking; his sire thrived at long distances and was a seven time stakes winner; he competes for Gerald Seymour and had his best work November 4th in 48bg; he has worked steadily at a half mile getting ready.

DARK ALE dipped in for \$32,000 once again November 25th and had a typically good effort at that level; he moved well from the outside but was lapped by the winner who stormed from off the pace and he settled for second; Hernandez takes over with the jump in value.

RACE #4 BANNON

15 DISCREET DAN

5 DANNY'S RUSH

6 DUTCH BLITZ

11 LILLZ NOT CRYING

LEO THE RABBIT goes from a route to a sprint and drops down second time off the claim after threatening to midway last time; Zenteno takes over here.

CHEROKEE KNIGHT was bothered in his previous event but recovered to run fourth at seven furlongs; he had only mild interest in a recent route experiment; he drops down and shortens up.

CAVALLO D'ORO was bothered by a chain reaction at the gate October 18th and was out of sync early and failed to regain any momentum; he worked from the gate recently in hopes of being sharper at the break.

MOHAWK STYLE got closer to a faster pace last time and that is a positive development; he was looking for room in the stretch and finished just on the edges with, Discreet Dan, better in third; he goes shorter.

DANNY'S RUSH is worth considering; he is dropping down after a fringe try for \$16,000 last time where he was involved in some bumping at the top of the stretch with, Bob W; he was looking for more room at the end but will come right back at six furlongs here with a drop for \$10,000 with Callaghan now aboard.

DUTCH BLITZ has failed at each level and now makes his way down to the \$10,000 mark; he hung in contention as the favourite for \$16,000 last time; he figures to be competitive here.

CALL ME GIZMO has not been able to threaten in recent races traveling farther than this and goes up in value off an eleventh place finish where he had some traffic problems.

MIDNITE SNACKATTAK had the difficult inside post last time and was used for early speed then faltered.

CAPTIVATING MAN doesn't look to be quick enough for this group judging by his most recent wide loss; the blinkers are back on and Wilbert Gobay now rides.

ALMOST ROYALTY was without momentum for \$9,500 off the shelf November 18th when introduced here.

LILLZ NOT CRYING like some others in here, is taking the drop in hopes of being more productive; he finished just behind, Dutch Blitz, and Danny's Rush, last time; Ryan will take over.

RASTA MAN was behind early last time and couldn't threaten when returning from time away; this will be just his third run of the year.

BOB W was claimed from his faltering opener and then second time out, was in a collision at the top of the stretch with, Danny's Rush, and stopped after that problem; he drops down.

TEIAIAGON threatens occasionally when able to use his speed on the turn and that was the case last time as he was a distant third behind a dominant winner and he narrowly missed second.

DISCREET DAN competed at seven furlongs last time and came from eleventh to be third narrowly beaten with every chance to win it; he turns back to six just furlongs here.

R QUICK ARCH competed Wednesday without entering contention at a route and now travels much shorter.

RACE #5 BANNON

2 MILWAUKEE MAGIC - BEST BET

11 BIG YUM

5 SPECIAL CONCOCTION

15 TIMINGISEVERYTHING

ATYPICAL like many in here, is shortening from a route to go just seven furlongs; he was running in the third flight through the stretch last time; he gained to be just on the edges when dropped for \$8,000 at low odds.

MILWAUKEE MAGIC has won his only two starts of this season and beat non winners of three last time when he got rolling deep in the stretch; he must now tackle multiple winners for Kevin Attard.

CHIEFROLL'NTHUNDER was down at a lower level at a route last time when facing, Dupes, and made a good advance on the pace but gave away momentum late and now shortens in distance.

CRUSHIN HARD took the big drop last time and finished about five lengths behind, Dupes, who is here; he shortens from a route where he was going ok to a sprint today.

SPECIAL CONCOCTION is one to consider; he will be going from six to seven furlongs after a tough loss last time when a popular winner escaped traffic and stole it away from him at the last moment; he finished a tight second and the third place finisher was a big winner here on Wednesday; he did win at six and a half furlongs back in October.

ANOTHER BID will be going from a route to seven furlongs after running ok through the stretch last time to be fourth against, Dupes.

YOU KNOW JACK was in a fiercely contested race last time where, Special Concoction, was third and he reported in only ninth.

DUPES went from seven furlongs to a route to win for \$5,000 last time under perfect handling from Singh who moved him off the rail to go four wide; he won it against several of these; he shortens to seven furlongs.

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GRAND MIXTURE went from a sprint to a route last time and had front end speed but the pace was too quick in the middle stages and he faltered.

MACHITO had a route win two starts ago then cut back to seven furlongs last time but was too late getting going; both the first and third place finishers have come back to win; he has run well at this distance in the past and deserves another look.

BIG YUM is certainly one to consider because of his middle pace skill; he took a drop last time trying to steal in front; he came up just shy in a quickly run race at this distance; he now plunges for half the price.

DR. HARKNESS was in a key race last time and moved in contention from the outside early but faltered.

ASTERISM was in a route last time when dropped down and he made a gain against the slow early pace but was left on the edges when, Timingiseverything, was better.

FIRECRACKER DAY got shuffled early last time and didn't recover against a key winner who has repeated.

TIMINGISEVERYTHING went from a seven furlong fringe try to a route for \$7,500 last time where he kept moving between rivals while in tight and gained second money; he drops down and shortens back to seven furlongs.

PUGSLEY is a popular runner who dropped for \$7,500 at a route last time and was fourth beaten only two lengths while racing in contention; he shortens to seven furlongs.

RACE #6

BANNON

6 **WHERE'S ANTHONY**

5 **POQUITO BANDITO**

4 **FAHRENHEIT**

3 **MARTINKELLY**

FRIENDLY GIANT a debut runner for RCC Racing Stable, goes for John Mattine and was an auction purchase; he is by, Giant Gizmo, and will try just six furlongs here; he worked with blinkers November 26th in 1.01.4h and will use them in this launch.

BAY OF RUM was in a three way pace duel last time at five furlongs and gave up some positions late when, Sonny's Blvd, was better in second and that one is here at this longer distance.

MARTINKELLY showed improvement two starts ago when just a couple of lengths behind the runner up, Where's Anthony; he dropped down last time for \$20,000 and rallied in concert with the favourite who went outside while he opted to try and advance between rivals; he was finally third beaten a length.

FAHRENHEIT is a homebred for Colebrook Farms by, Nonios, who was a Grade 3 stakes winner and he also placed at the Grade 1 level; this one is from a dam who was a three sprint winner and she has already produced three winners; he worked November 18th in 59.2 getting ready and has had a slower five furlong work in the interim for Ashlee Brnjas; Contreras rides in this launch.

POQUITO BANDITO rushed up inside in his debut and was narrowly beaten; second time out, he opted for a more mature style from off the pace but he hung in fourth when, Where's Anthony, was second; he remains a factor.

WHERE'S ANTHONY was second best at six furlongs two starts ago and stayed on ok; most recently, he stretched to seven furlongs where he was off the pace early but he moved to the advantage late only to have a longshot debut runner steal it away from him; Moreno now takes over for Scott Fairlie.

SONNY'S BLVD is a runner with plenty of heft and when he debuted November 25th, he understandably took a while to get into motion but he closed well in second and more room is available here.

BENT CROWBAR competed Wednesday and reserved off the pace of the two favourites but couldn't gain effectively for \$25,000.

TRIGLAV debuted at long odds November 25th and closed to be fifth beaten four lengths; more room is available here; interestingly enough Hernandez now shows up on this one.

LOOSELY BREWED is a tall individual who was looking for room in his six furlong opener; second time out, he got more distance and opted to be a speed runner and gave way with a furlong remaining.

SEE YOU IN COURT broke to the outside last time and that robbed him of some early momentum; he got back into the early fight but faltered.

FOXY B debuted October 15th and trip handicappers were watching for him second time out and big money showed; lasix was added and Hernandez moved in but his strong on the pace presence did not continue and he faltered in the stretch; he cuts back in distance and Moran takes over; he rates a look.

DONTDROPURCROP was going too quickly on the front end at seven furlongs for \$25,000 last time but had his best race in second.

RACE #7

BANNON

1 **LUNAR LIGHT**

11 **NINTH SYMPHONY**

2 **NIIGON ROAD**

14 **KITTEN CANDY**

LUNAR LIGHT is working on a two race winning streak with off the pace power; most recently, he won for \$9,500 at five furlongs and gets more room here and is up one level; he did win for \$15,000 at this distance two starts ago.

NIIGON ROAD is one to consider; he scored for \$15,000 when claimed in September; most recently in a difficult starter event, he was understandably overwhelmed but now he runs for just \$12,500 and is a wake up candidate.

REIMAGINED attracted a claim for \$10,000 in September and has had a win and a second place finish since then; most recently, he attended a pressured pace but, Kitten Candy, beat him at the last moment; he rates a look.

SPANISH RIVER will be going up in value following a fourth place finisher against, Gentleman Jackson, last time and that one is here; he made a move from between rivals from the second flight but couldn't continue.

WAR FAN tried to make a move last time for \$7,500 but was out of the money and now goes up in value and shortens in distance.

DEEP FREEZE dropped for a race September 22nd on turf when a disappointing fringe player and dropped again last time when he faded at a route; he now shortens to a sprint with another drop.

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BATTLEOFBURLINGTON looked strong when he won for \$10,000 two starts ago at six and a half furlongs and was in a tie for top spot while, Lunar Light, was in third; most recently, he experimented with a route and failed that test; he faltered on the second turn; he gets back to a sprint with Ryan now aboard.

GENTLEMAN JACKSON received good handling from Contreras to win last time for Drexler when plunged in for \$8,000; he escaped traffic to steal the victory away from, Special Concoction, who was entered in race five today for \$6,250; he can contend.

FORTIS has yet to show his late running power and he will be shortening from a ninth place finish at a route to go six furlongs.

BET ON JACK was off his feet last time in a quickly run race at seven furlongs; Mailhot takes over with the cutback in distance.

NINTH SYMPHONY is certainly one to consider; his previous event for \$20,000 was strong; he was reaching for the lead when overpowered by another who closed better; most recently at seven furlongs, the race was loaded with late running types and he gave way in the stretch; several from the race have come back to do well.

ALLIED INSTIGATOR attracted a claim for \$10,000 two starts ago and for new interests last time was at a protected level when unable to keep up at a route.

SUMERIAN BELL has had three races here since relocating and last time in a difficult starter event was an aggressive part of a fast pace with a good winner; that one drew off and this one slipped back; he seeks an easier spot with this significant drop.

KITTEN CANDY dropped in for \$10,000 to win two starts ago and is trying the same tactic here; for \$16,000 last time, he waited until the winner cleared by and then made his good move in fourth beaten only two lengths; he meets up with the winner, Lunar Light, once again.

RUN RUN burst out of the pack with a runner up finish at long odds two starts ago at a low level; he couldn't threaten, Gentleman Jackson, last time.

RACE #8

BANNON

10 **STORM RULER**

8 **THE YOUNG LORD**

3 **BEN LOMOND**

11 **CONQUEST ELIMINATR**

SALIERI seems to like turf the best but on Tapeta for his last pair, he has threatened at stages only to slip back; he made a good but premature move last time and then settled for fourth.

PERLARANA lost his apparent edge when the race was taken off turf last time; he reported in ninth in this category when unable to reach contention.

BEN LOMOND has been in this category for recent races and woke up last time; Contreras had stepped in and big support showed and he ran a peak race in second; he surged late in the race but missed narrowly; he goes a bit farther.

LOVE IN THE FOREST has returned for a couple of events but has not been able to carry his mid race prominence through the stretch and has been out of the money in back to back races.

LEO FROM HEAVEN was in this category last time at seven furlongs and had a booming speed try and was much more thorough at 28-1; he was finally third beaten only a length; he gets to shorten a half furlong.

LEONARD'S BAY dropped in for \$32,000 last time and that proved to be an easier spot for him; in addition, he had a perfect pace setup when the leader went much too quickly then faded to third and that was his opening to close best for the win as the favourite.

ERADICATOR dropped in for \$20,000 last time and was unlucky; he had to settle for second when he was arguably the best runner; he was in traffic and didn't get going until too late; he attracted a claim and now goes for Katrina Vassilieva.

THE YOUNG LORD had trained like he was ready to produce November 12th when he returned from considerable time away for Ian Black; he picked a speed style and was adding lasix and blinkers; he gave it up late and finished a tight third; he has a chance here to build on that career best race in this second event off the shelf which comes at a half furlong farther.

EXECUTIVE SIGHT competed against some of these last time and tried to move away from that group at the top of the stretch but he hung finishing just behind, Ben Lomond, and, The Young Lord; he has since had a good work in 48.1.

STORM RULER has been competing in allowances races the past while with consecutive runner up finishes; in his most recent try, he was reserved back in last and then advanced to be third; he now gets in against Optional company and this represents a class drop for him; Garcia rides for Sid Attard.

CONQUEST ELIMINATR will use the turn back in distance angle after a stout pair of runner up finishes; he was on turf two starts ago when caught late and most recently lost a duel and finished second beaten a length at nine furlongs.

RACE #9

BANNON

9 **TIMEISEVERYTHING**

10 **SUNNY'S RAINBOW**

6 **CARDINAL SIN**

3 **SPEIGHTSTOWN TIME**

WHO'S GOT IT ran strongly when dropped in for \$40,000 at six furlongs last time mounting an outside charge but he ran out of ground at six furlongs and needed more room; he rarely ventures out this far but will try seven furlongs here; he was awarded a win at this distance in July.

SIGNATURE DATA has been running peak races every other start; two starts ago when he took his third lifetime win, he left, Sunny's Rainbow, behind him in fifth; most recently, rating tactics were used immediately and he did not settle; he finally finished fifth when, Speightstown Time, was second; he stretches out to seven furlongs here; Christopher Husbands won with him earlier.

SPEIGHTSTOWN TIME has been at a variety of distances with good results and two starts ago went this distance and was taken down late by a sharp closer; most recently at six furlongs, he engaged a sharp speed winner and lost that duel and reported in second.

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SINE METU takes a big cutback in distance after being in longer events; to help sharpen up, he had a fast work December 1st in 1.00.4 going out well.

AYE AYE CAPTAIN could not cope with the high velocity demands of a six furlong race last time and he hung in fourth; at seven furlongs two starts ago which is his favourite distance he stayed more thoroughly in fourth when, Speightstown Time, was second.

CARDINAL SIN started late last time but advanced from seventh to be second narrowly beaten in an optional race when looking for his second lifetime win; he faces several in here who are multiple winners but gets a chance to come back at seven furlongs and has won the services of Contreras.

FRONT NINE had a booming race with an outside close at six furlongs two starts ago; most recently, he angled to the rail trying to make his way forward and finished sixth against, Sunny's Rainbow.

FOREST BROTHER got off the turf to sprint at seven furlongs last time which seems to be his favourite distance and he came rushing with a move to be third beaten a length for just a low sum; he is protected here but comes right back at the same distance.

TIMEISEVERYTHING won a thrilling race last time for his second score; he somehow squeezed through on the rail for the narrow victory against, Ben Lomond, who was in race eight today; Boulanger stays aboard in this tougher classification.

SUNNY'S RAINBOW was able to win second time off the claim for Norm McKnight last time when he concentrated his energy with a good stretch rush; he had been bumped at the gate in that event; he now stretches to seven furlongs.

ESCONDERA is a runner that favourite players follow everywhere; he won his third in a route November 25th and was finally claimed from that event; he now goes to the stable of Sid Attard and jumps to the allowance level.

RACE #10

BANNON

11 MELMICH

2 LEAVEM IN MALIBU

8 PUMPKIN RUMBLE

10 ENGLISH ILLUSION

BANGKOK won this event last year with more momentum in the stretch than, Melmich, and he faces that one again here; he had some early season success but has been a fringe performer leading up to this; at thirteen furlongs last time, he was squeezed between rivals at the top of the stretch and had to check sharply and that eliminated him from contention.

LEAVEM IN MALIBU was doubly compromised November 1st when he finished on the edges and his mate was the winner; most recently at just nine furlongs, he demolished his opponents with a highly professional win from off the pace and he responded well for Husbands; he will now stretch out in distance to a marathon for Mark Casse.

MOTIVATIONAL is brought in by high percentage trainer, Jack Fisher and last time out competed at Pine Mountain at a mile and a half on turf winning a \$15,000 top prize; he seems to like an extended chase and will try Tapeta here.

ETHICAL FUNDS competed at thirteen furlongs last time against the winner, English Illusion, and the runner up, Pumpkin Rumble; he set the middle pace but was overtaken by the top two late; he had a strong work at a mile November 29th in 1.40.2 with his last five furlongs in 1.01.2 for George Billers getting ready; he seeks his first win of the year.

TESSERON was the hero of the marathon series on turf this year; he won at thirteen furlongs in September going away; in the series finale, he moved to the lead then drifted in the stretching herding out the eventual first place finisher and he had to settle for second; however, he did win the prize for top point getter in the series; he has been busy with positive works in the interim for Harold Ladouceur.

KASSEOPIA has had difficulty getting out of the gate; the opposition was within his range two starts ago and he rallied in time; however, he couldn't fully recover last time when his stable mate, Leavem In Malibu, was dominant; he missed second money by only a length and a half in that event and now more room is available.

PORTREE rushed on the outside in the prep for this at thirteen furlongs as if he would have an impact but he hung; he had run strongly at a mile and a half the time before when second best against, Pumpkin Rumble; he did run well at an extended distance here last November.

PUMPKIN RUMBLE is accustomed to long distance races on turf and traveled a mile and a half here October 13th on Tapeta to win going away; most recently in the prep for this, he was moving well through the stretch but, English Illusion, had a better stretch kick to beat him narrowly; he remains a factor.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE competed at Finger Lakes last time on dirt in a restricted race without threatening; he was just on the edges; he is winless for the campaign; he will be seeking a longer distance on Tapeta here; he worked here recently in 1.00.3.

ENGLISH ILLUSION won at thirteen furlongs last time by stalking behind traffic and waiting until the last moment to move and then he was happy to advance with a visually quickening stride to rush by for his first win of the year; he goes even farther here.

MELMICH won this race two years ago and was second best last year; he has had an outstanding campaign with four consecutive stakes wins heading into the Autumn Stakes; in that last event, he was beaten by a bigger and stronger opponent on that day who started his run before this one got underway and the margin of defeat was a length; the late pace was strong in that event; he has kept up with workout activity lately for Kevin Attard; he competes for Stephen Chesney and Cory Hoffman.

MAJOR PRODUCTION did win a marathon here last December on Tapeta at fifteen furlongs and was full of zest through the stretch; he captured a marathon at Presque Isle in October then switched to turf to win at the same extended distance here; in the prep for this, he was late moving but was beaten only five lengths.

RACE #11

BANNON

8 RED EXPLOSION

4 MIDNIGHT BREW

11 CAMARIA

6 PRIZED BOURBON

MATCHING VOWS has had some bold stretch rallies and that was the case last time when second beaten less than a length in an optional race when she was seeking her third lifetime win but she came up just shy; she now moves up to a first allowance race.

MARCHERDOWNTHEALLY was in the same most recent race as, Matching Vows, and like that one was running late but still had work to do; she now goes up in value to an allowance race.

SET TO DANCE was brought in to join the stable of Kevin Attard for Stronach Stables November 5th and was a pace component but was done by the quarter pole; the blinkers are off and Hernandez takes over; she had a fast work November 25th in 1.00.2.

MIDNIGHT BREW attracted a claim for only \$10,000 by Martin Drexler September 27th and two starts ago was a tight third in a first allowance race at this distance just behind, Red Explosion; she has since run strongly over a short distance when concentrating her late power.

ALICE'S WAR has been dedicated to route racing this season and mostly on turf; her last three starts have come on Tapeta and she was second last time when she went after the front runner; she closed a gap to be second best; she now goes seven furlongs.

PRIZED BOURBON was going second time off the claim for Norm McKnight November 18th and jumped to a first allowance race; she acted up in the gate; she won the pace duel but lost the race to a deep closer in an improved effort.

WHATTA GIRL developed positive consistency in her opening five races and was third in this category on turf last time out; the top two have both come back to win; she returns from a freshening with Callaghan now aboard for Josie Carroll while Contreras handles, Red Explosion.

RED EXPLOSION had a typical good race at seven furlongs two starts ago when second in this category; the lead disappeared late; most recently, she sat off the early pace patiently but once she went to the lead and opened up, she laid in and lost the advantage late; she stretches back out.

ROCKPORT DANCER has been well handled by Garcia in a variety of situations and posted consecutive claiming wins; she was claimed last time; she now goes for Mark Fournier at an elevated level and Garcia rides again.

TURBO DRIVEN DIVA was moved off the pace to run next to last then made her advance in the stretch last time to be third two lengths shy of the runner up, Red Explosion; she stretches to seven furlongs.

CAMARIA closed too late at seven furlongs in this category last time and while she was never in a position to threaten, she did get close; she has had a fast interim work in 1.00.1 and hopes to be sharper near the pace.

PURE PURITY moved up from the \$15,000 mark to beat an inflated group for \$23,500 last time and she persisted in front with a soft pace in her favour.

PRINCESS ROYAL went from a sprint where she was fanned to a route where she pressed the pace last time; she then faded in eighth.

I'LL TAKE THE CAKE was driving through the turn in contention last time in this category but went flat in the stretch.

RACE #12

BANNON

1 BLAKEY

12 ZENTACULAR

14 SILENT JET

9 BERKELEY BOY

BLAKEY departed consecutive runs on turf and showed improvement at seven furlongs on Tapeta last time when his mate, Zentacular, was second and, O'Kratos, was third; he now goes from a sprint to a route.

O'KRATOS was returning from a long layoff November 26th and Hernandez had done plenty of work with him in the mornings; lasix was added for that last race and he ran surprisingly well in third while taking big support; Hernandez moves to another and Da Silva takes over.

FORT MAC is a runner with some size who went long when brought here from Vancouver; he was fanned out but was beaten only nine lengths and could improve.

OVER SENSUAL closed last time like he had a chance to win when stretched to a route but he finished second beaten less than a length; the blinkers are on and he is up in value.

ARGENTIUM an Ontario sire runner, debuted at too short a distance November 25th and couldn't get going in time; he gets to go long here and that should be his preference but he is now in an open maiden race.

KID'S MISCHIEF showed some potential in his debut November 11th in a sprint; he came around rivals with a four wide sweep then hung a furlong from home; that was a key race from which the third and fourth place finishers have come back to win; he now goes to a route following interim prepping and Contreras was up for the work and has the mount.

GOLD BACKED showed some run on intent in his debut then got more aggressive second time out when he encountered a slow pace and he finished just on the edges; he looks like a progressive sort.

MAGICAL BREEZE moved from between rivals from the second flight last time and was sixth beaten only seven lengths but there was a bit of a drop off from his previous performance rating.

BERKELEY BOY looks to be a natural to stretch out given his good mechanics; he went seven furlongs last time with Contreras aboard when second but Wilson will do the riding here on the stretch out; she was up for a recent work in 1.00.4 for Nick Gonzalez.

TERRAFIRMA committed to an aggressive pace at a route October 14th and understandably weakened; changes are made here; Moreno takes over with the blinkers off and lasix is added.

BUZZCUT showed improvement second time out when stretched to seven furlongs for \$25,000 and was game all the way.

ZENTACULAR was no surprise when he debuted November 26th at seven furlongs in a race that came off turf and he came around rivals as if he would threaten but he was in against a key winner and landed second; Contreras has moved to handle, Kid's Mischief, and Hernandez has been named here.

BEE QUIET filled in the bottom of the exactor December 1st against the favourite; he laid in a bit through the stretch but Bahen got him going again for second money against easier.

SILENT JET was good at a route two starts ago when runner up behind a key winner; he had a gradual approach in fourth last time in a race that gives him standing here.

BEAR TREASURE went from a turf sprint to a route on Tapeta last time and there was progress; his size is an asset.

RACE #13

BANNON

7 LOOKIN PERFECT
4 MOLINARO DEPUTY
3 FLUTIE
2 MRS. FOUAD

RING FOR ESSA acted up in the gate November 18th and didn't do much running in that spot; she had run so much better the time before when claimed; she deserves another chance.

MRS. FOUAD has been protected at the \$20,000 mark for recent out of the money finishes; she was eighth last time and the fifth place finisher, Corey's Best, won big on Wednesday night; she runs for half that price now.

FLUTIE was introduced here for \$25,000 October 21st and scored in a slowly run sprint; she was sent long last time in a race that came off turf and she faltered; the runner up came back to win for \$20,000; she now gets back to sprinting and drops for just \$10,000 with Campbell aboard.

MOLINARO DEPUTY dropped from the \$19,000 mark to go back for \$9,500 last time and she came storming from off the pace to be second; Contreras retains the mount here with a furlong added.

BREWS TOONIE TOSS was in the same most recent race as, Flashinthepants, and stayed closer to the pace than her rival and was finally second best; she goes up in value here.

FLASHINTHEPANTS dropped in for \$6,250 last time looking to build on her peak effort of the time before but she finished only a distant third; she goes back up in value and shortens to six furlongs.

LOOKIN PERFECT had a series of turf races where she gave way gradually; most recently, she went to Tapeta where she got aggressive on the pace with a half in 44.3 and she was done by late stretch; the fifth place finisher, Corey's Best, came back to win Wednesday; she drops in value and shortens in distance.

BEEZIE has had some nice recent rallies to be around the edges and finished just behind the runner up, Molinaro Deputy, last time when going shorter.

KHAWLAH laid in through the stretch last time and lost momentum at seven furlongs; she shortens in distance here.

DANCE WITH ME BABY came off the shelf November 22nd but didn't have much impact when, Molinaro Deputy, was better in second; she was looking for an open space in the stretch.

MISS MEW dropped down for \$6,250 last time and ran on the edges once again when, Brews Toonie Toss, was much better in second.

APACHE GAL dropped down last time and raced outside without threatening; she shortens to a sprint after consecutive routes.

SLOVENIA moved to the outside last time and wore down the leader to score her initial victory; she now shortens to six furlongs and Alderson takes over.

I GOT SILENT EGO was off her feet last time for \$20,000; she drops for \$10,000 and comes from the widest post.

RACE #14

BANNON

3 PHILNGOOD
1 HURRICANE BEAR
2 YES DARLIN
5 OFF ROAD
10 INTO THE MYSTIC

HURRICANE BEAR showed the power of the drop down angle November 18th as he departed turf and went to Tapeta and scampered away by eight lengths for a maiden score; he comes right back at the \$10,000 mark with Hernandez now aboard.

YES DARLIN missed some time returning September 17th to finish on the edges when more was expected; following more time off, he drops to the \$10,000 mark and does show recent workout activity.

PHILNGOOD was in a key race last time and tried to make a move in the middle stages but wasn't quite good enough for that group; two starts ago, he took a maiden win for \$19,000 and now runs for just \$9,500 and Boulanger stays aboard.

GIZMOTHEMOGWAJEDI was bothered after the break last time; he was in behind runners on the turn and finally finished only four lengths back at a lower level.

OFF ROAD was winning big first time off the claim for Scott Fairlie November 19th at six furlongs for \$15,000; he surprisingly came back at the end to win the photo; he comes down to his claimed price for this second race following the acquisition.

SUBLIMINAL got going too fast on the front end November 10th in a battle and stopped in the stretch; he has come back to work and the blinkers are on here.

DANCE DIRECTOR was unable to threaten November 24th when getting his belated first start of the season against a key winner who has already come back to win again.

IT'S A BREEZE stretched from six to seven furlongs last time but hung; he remains at a low level but shortens back to six furlongs.

I DELIVER is going from three consecutive routes to a six furlong race here; he tried the turn back to a sprint back in August with good results.

INTO THE MYSTIC returned from considerable time away November 15th and picked a tough surface over which to show speed and gave way only gradually; perhaps second time off the shelf, he will be more thorough; both the second and seventh place finishers have come back to win; Lowi Vene also has speed.

PICK ON ME campaigned at Fort Erie and relocated here November 24th for a big effort; he was knocked hard at the break by the fifth place finisher but ran on well to be fourth beaten just three lengths and the key winner has since repeated.

CLEVER NOW comes in without much momentum; he is shareless after nine starts this season including a wide loss last time; blinkers are added.

R BOOTS HALL made a move on the outside last time in contention at a route but hung; he uses the cutback angle to six furlongs; the blinkers are off.

LOWI VENE has been fully committed to the front end in consecutive races at five furlongs with blinkers and has come up just shy both times; he takes his speed out to six furlongs here.

CANADA WISE DON will need one scratch to draw in and was second last time at a half furlong farther for \$6,000 when he pressed the pace; he is up in value while shortening in distance.

NEVER WORN backed away in early stretch December 1st and lost in double digits for the second consecutive time.