

RACE #1

BANNON

1 GIANT STORM

4 CONFIDENTIALITY

7 DECISION DAY

2 MACHO DANCER

GIANT STORM had the slow pace work against him July 25th but he doubled up with a last to first move to beat, Decision Day, for the second race in a row; he has had an interim work in 48.2 for Norm McKnight.

MACHO DANCER made some room for himself last time edging into the clear and when he got to the outside he quickened and galloped out strongly after that third career win; he has since had a good work in 1.00 with a good close.

CHILLING SECRET had a July 13th seasonal bow at seven furlongs with front end speed to generously dominate; this is an entirely more challenging task and he is asked to run against tougher than before going farther than ever before.

CONFIDENTIALITY is a danger here because he had a troubled trip last time and still finished fourth beaten only three lengths in a first allowance race and he probably had more to give; Alderson takes over and has had success for Norm McKnight.

BADJEROS BOY put the blinkers back on last time for a nine furlong run on turf where he stalked the pace and finished on the edges.

COOL CATOMINE had no real expectations in a turf return July 28th and finished ninth; he will now go around two turns on Tapeta and did win doing that early in his campaign last year.

DECISION DAY had the slow pace in his favour last time but couldn't hold off the bid of, Giant Storm; Contreras is called in by Don MacRae; he should have an early pace advantage over his main foe and his outside post is a plus.

RACE #2

BANNON

4 MACHITO

8 DAN THE TIN MAN

6 BLUTARSKY

2 KITTEN'S SOLUTION

WHOLE is a newcomer to the stable of Julie Belhumeur unable to compete effectively at Gulfstream and Tampa from June 1st through June 30th in a crowded schedule; this will be his local introduction.

KITTEN'S SOLUTION attracted a claim June 23rd for \$10,000 and after finishing out of the money in consecutive turf events, he now comes in for \$6,250 and returns to the surface over which he won the day he was claimed.

MISTER NADA tried to advance last time but couldn't gain effectively for \$6,000 at seven furlongs; he will shorten to six furlongs.

MACHITO is getting his first start of the year; he had a brief window of production last September 3rd and October 8th and is hoping to revisit that form here for Michael McDonald who has had good representation lately; Bahen know him well; he was producing without blinkers last year but the blinkers are on to begin this campaign at this shorter distance.

BOLD SUMMIT is without current momentum judging by his lone start of the year July 17th at Fort Erie; he is a two time winner here.

BLUTARSKY is an obvious one to consider following his out of the money finish on turf last time, yet, he was not far away; he drops sharply and moves to Tapeta as a prime contender.

DONATION moves in here from Presque Isle; he was claimed for a small sum back in June and has had recent disappointments at home; trainer Dorothy Gentner has shipped in here in the past with success especially with Wilson riding.

DAN THE TIN MAN was moved over to Fort Erie to win a race last time and produced; he makes his way back here where he won earlier in the year and he remains at the reduced level of his last race.

RACE #3

BANNON

6 STORM RULER

1 TANGLEFOOT

7 WALL STREET WOLF

3 CHIRICAHUA SIGNAL

TANGLEFOOT competes for a jockey/trainer combo who won Wednesday with longshot, Shaunessy, on turf; he finished third last time on the grass against a winner who ran strongly on the grass Wednesday night.

DOT'S VISION took a big enough drop to ensure a victory July 27th; he was well handled from off the pace by Rainford at 6-1; he now tries non winners of three and moves to turf.

CHIRICAHUA SIGNAL attracted a claim in the summer of 2017 and by November he had been out of the money in his third consecutive race; he picks \$19,000 for this return for Jim Ensom and on his best day he can threaten.

GET MY GIST finished on the edges two starts ago at six and a half furlongs on turf but at seven furlongs last time against a key group he was overwhelmed; he moves to the care of Earl Barnett and gets relief dropping for \$20,000.

FORESTER'S FORUM baffled several but not all with his big drop after an out of the money finish on turf and he won on Tapeta last time; he goes right back up to his previous level when on turf.

STORM RULER was quite disappointing in his race June 9th in a first allowance race on turf when going first time off the claim by Norm McKnight; that was a key event and the winner has come back to win and the runner up has come back to be second; he drops in below his claimed evaluation in this salvage attempt.

WALL STREET WOLF competed last time it seemed at a distance that was too far for him and he was all done by mid stretch; he shortens to six furlongs here and Husbands will ride while Contreras is aboard, Chiricahua Signal.

PERLARANA was just on the edges last time in a nice performance on turf and the winner came back with a good race here on Wednesday night.

COBILOCO had a good race on turf June 22nd when second best and immediately went into a protected situation; surprisingly he was only 10-1 in that first allowance race; now that he drops down to the level of his previous race he should come into clearer focus.

RACE #4

BANNON

1 VICTOR'S FLAG - BEST BET

3 RED BO

5 SLAM

8 SHANTY TOWN

VICTOR'S FLAG had the misfortune of getting into a race last time where he was pestered by the third place finisher who also faltered; he was competing over a surface very helpful to closing types and a detriment to his own front running style; he halves in value hunting a win.

HYTHE had a tentative approach last time while inside and finished fourth in this category; Contreras has been attracted in this spot.

RED BO is an obvious one to consider; he ran strongly here last December going long on Tapeta; one can gain some positive notes from his good race on turf on June 23rd; one can probably look beyond his poor race on turf last time; Kimura takes over here.

NORTHERN MIKE takes the plunge after consecutive out of the money finishes on turf and now runs for just \$10,000; he had positive main track form last year but this will be his first visit to Tapeta this season and Husbands gives him a vote of confidence.

SLAM has been out of the money in three consecutive races on turf, yet, not far away and in recent events has faced difficult winners; his drop for \$10,000 puts him in the right spot and now he moves over to Tapeta.

RARE APPEAL has been long in consecutive events without producing; he was sixth last time when, Shanty Town, was third.

J M R SILENT SAM had a good result to begin this campaign when he dropped down to take an edge; he was protected beyond his means last time and was far behind.

SHANTY TOWN found a field he was able to overwhelm three starts ago but in his last pair he has run adequately to be on the edges; if he is to be a threat it will be late in the contest.

FINE GRIT moved four wide on the turn last time in a six furlong race but hung at the end; he handled routing just five last year but has solely committed to sprint racing to this point in 2018.

RACE #5

BANNON

12 AUNTIE KATHERINE

10 BEL TEMPO

5 MISS ARTIE DECO

8 TREASURE FINDER

SUGAR ME SWEET had a tentative approach on the backstretch last time and was finally tenth on turf in a sprint; she drops down and goes farther.

KLASSY DELIGHT had a poor race on turf last time at seven furlongs; she comes back at the same price but at a longer distance.

PEACE SEEKER has nibbled around the edges in consecutive turf events; she shortened to a sprint last time where she developed speed to race on the pace but she sagged very late; she stretches out again and speed is likely. **DELLY** had an August 4th seasonal bow but wasn't a factor and will now add lasix; she is up in value for this and Ramsammy now rides.

MISS ARTIE DECO has been protected in both races to date with a positive fourth place finish sprinting on turf coming in her opener; she now drops and will run a mile on turf which should showcase what she has to offer.

ATIYA was forced to scratch August 3rd; comes back here at a reduced evaluation with lasix added after a fifth place finish on turf in her debut back in July when, La Vie En Rose, was better in third.

TYPICALLY has been around the edges whatever the footing lately and on turf last time was second when the winner proved a bit too good; she must stretch to a mile.

TREASURE FINDER was in a key race last time on turf at seven furlongs and finished sixth beaten about six lengths; she was trying to run on; the fourth place finisher, Airy Fairy, has come back to win nicely and the fifth place finisher dropped to win on Wednesday; she extends in distance.

IRISH TEARDROP took sharp late money July 25th but did not produce a good race in the same event where, Treasure Finder, was one position better at long odds; she extends in distance.

BEL TEMPO had an excuse last time as she did not find room in time and when she got loose she quickened in belated style; she is up in value for this event.

LA VIE EN ROSE ran well two starts ago to be third in a race that qualifies her here; most recently, she was bothered on the turf by the seventh place finisher and finished twenty five lengths behind.

AUNTIE KATHERINE is dropping down; she had a promising run on turf last October and went fairly well on the grass July 1st in her seasonal bow this year; she was close to a fast pace last time and perhaps one can excuse that poor finish; the blinkers are on and she now runs for just \$30,000.

RACE #6

BANNON

5 SHARP BREW

7 FULL EXTREME

2 MAKEMINEAMANHATTAN

4 TWO TIMING

ANALYZER competed against many of these last time and made a premature move and then hung finishing out of the money; blinkers were added for that race when, Sharp Brew, was second.

MAKEMINEAMANHATTAN was game until very late last time and the top two drew away from him, yet, he landed third money with, Sharp Brew, better in second.

SPIRIT OF YORK tried to rate back last time but was done in the stretch; he tries many of the same opponents from last time.

TWO TIMING is a speed element injected into this event of staying types; two starts ago at six furlongs he was sharp on the pace to finish third; he had an excuse at the break last time.

SHARP BREW raced well with Contreras aboard last time to run on strongly and finish well in second against the first place finisher who was stout in the stretch; he looks like an obvious contender on the comeback.

ARGENTIUM has been overshadowed by this type and was only sixth last time when, Sharp Brew, was second.

FULL EXTREME showed late promise in his opener and many flocked to him last time but he was too late getting started from ninth spot and finished an ok fourth behind the runner up, Sharp Brew, and the third place finisher, Makemineamanhattan; he has had interim prepping and remains a runner of interest.

JOHNNY BAYI was protected once again last time and was sent over to turf where he attended the pace and then faded late; he now drops to compete for a tag and gets back to Tapeta; he had a useful performance two starts ago on this footing.

RACE #7

BANNON

6 FAMILY KITTEN

12 UNO CHAMP

4 ROCKBARTON

1 OX TROT

OX TROT waited patiently behind rivals last time in a seven furlongs turf race at this price and rallied to be third with, Rockbarton, a length and a half better in second; he extends to a mile.

COOLSHADE was prudently handled waiting for room last time and got space and produced a win for maiden \$15,000 at nine furlongs on turf; he has had a comeback work on turf.

NIGHT WATCHMAN tired from chasing the pacemaker last time and both runners were taken down by a rallying favourite; he looks for his initial win on turf.

ROCKBARTON was given the call to win last time at seven furlongs and while he stayed on ok he was simply second best behind a first place finisher who ended a winless slump; it was a good performance; he travels a mile here.

HANDSOME LIKE ME is dropping down in search of some momentum after finishing out of the money in three consecutive Tapeta events; he will be discovering turf here.

FAMILY KITTEN is an obvious one on form; he competed in May at Churchill Downs on turf and closed a big gap on the rail and was beaten less than two lengths; he was here training in the spring but is just now getting around to competition; he takes a big drop in value and goes for Michael Maker.

VICTORY L. has been dedicated to turf so far this year but without producing; he has had an interim prep on Tapeta.

STORM HAWK hung along the inside in contention last time at a low level; he was using the same drop down angle as the winner and wasn't a match.

CASTLE IN THE SKY seemed to pull up after an incident at the top of the stretch last time and that event should not be held against him; it was his initial experience on turf.

KISSOFFIRE continues to run well on turf and took a runaway victory for maiden \$15,000 last time under perfect handling by Chernetz for Willie Armata.

EMPEROR JOHN clipped heels at the top of the stretch July 29th and lost all chance; he was coming off the shelf for that event; a move is made to Boulanger here.

UNO CHAMP was a winner to start the year for \$25,000 and second time out went for \$20,000 and ran strongly to get the lead only to have the winner come from last place to beat him; that winner has already come back to run well again; he remains on turf and cuts back in distance.

RACE #8

BANNON

6 PEPPERED

2 DETERMINANT

4 AMBERWOOD

9 STREET LEGAL

MATTHEW'S RIDGE has been well handled by Garcia in recent races taking a win two starts ago on turf and then finishing a late third on grass last time; he faces a challenge of a different kind here for the hot stable of Steve Attard and now goes around two turns on Tapeta.

DETERMINANT was introduced here August 4th at a route on turf and was one paced through the stretch when out of the money; this will be his introduction to Tapeta; he did have a peak race in slop back in May at Churchill Downs.

D'S BEN was in a race with a good late pace last time after slow early fractions and he was the pacemaker before fading; he did win around two turns June 17th at long odds.

AMBERWOOD had a big work July 14th and eight days later reported in an improved third with a nice rally from far on the outside.

FOLLOW MY LEAD was moving outside with momentum last time to be third against a strong front running winner; he had also run forwardly in his previous event on turf for Nick Nosowenko.

PEPPERED missed considerable time and finally made his way back July 29th at surprisingly low odds; he had a less than ideal journey but found some room in the stretch and had energy and galloped out well suggesting a shift to a route would help; he goes long here.

TALE OF VIENNA is getting his first race since a failed run in the Charlie Barley Stakes in late June; he is a stamina source in this race and moves to Tapeta.

WHO'S GOT IT has stayed on the edges this season with pace chases; Campbell will take over here after an out of the money finish last time.

STREET LEGAL has now won two in a row against easier by bossing the late pace for trainer David Borsk; he climbs the ladder here looking to make it three in a row.

NARROW ESCAPE had a series of fringe tries when hanging in the stretch but last time he visibly disappointed when on the edges; he has had a recent work on the training track for Justin Nixon.

ARTHUR'S PASS was trying to overcome slow fractions in a turf race last time and did well to finish second; he moves to Tapeta.

RACE #9

BANNON

4 TIZ A SLAM

5 DANISH DYNAFORMER

6 UTMOST

1 SEEKING ALBERT

SEEKING ALBERT competed in the Grade 2 Nijinsky at a mile and a half and was finally fifth of eight and had been seeking room early in the stretch; he is seeking his initial share of the year.

DRUMCLIFF was out of the money in his opening two races for the season but went to turf last time and responded strongly deep in the stretch to take a win at nine furlongs on the lawn; he gets a more significant class test here and distance is added.

BLACK SEA a former turf runner has been competing on Tapeta since moving here and was third last time in a nine furlong race taken by, Florida Won, who was recently third in the Seagram; he gets back to turf here at an extended distance for Nick Gonzalez.

TIZ A SLAM seems to be the now horse for Chiefswood Stable with wins in the Grade 3 Dominion Day at 11-1 and in the Grade 2 Nijinsky at a mile and a half at 10-1; in that last event he was a bit warm but was generous through the stretch and kept responding to an import runner from the Graham Motion stable; Bahen was aboard for his good work in company with, Danish Dynaformer, August 12th in 1.00.3 out in 1.14.3.

DANISH DYNAFORMER hasn't run since June 23rd when he disappointed in the Singspiel Stakes and he has been prescribed three workouts to get ready for this return including a fast move August 5th in 58.3 for Roger Attfield; he is winless in recent times and is looking for a breakthrough score; Husbands takes over.

UTMOST is a ship in for Graham Motion for Augustin Stable; he campaigned earlier this year for John Gosden in England and was competing on the synthetic surface at Lingfield; he moved to turf for his North American introduction and raced well at a mile and a half on turf at Delaware when narrowly beaten; he has had interim prepping at home at Fair Hill; Garcia gets the mount.

RACE #10

BANNON

2 JENNIFER LYNNETTE
7 BLURRICANE
5 MISS SAVVY
6 DUBLIN DIVA

GREEN DOCTOR came off the shelf July 27th with speed on Tapeta but had no resistance; she has had interim prepping; this will be her second start following the layoff.

JENNIFER LYNNETTE was trying the best in the Hendrie Stakes June 10th and was only a few lengths away; most recently on turf in the Royal North she stayed well enough when fourth beaten three lengths; she hasn't won a race since last summer which makes her eligible for these conditions.

SUPER SARAH is getting a belated first start to the season and has been busy with a series of works through July and into August for John Mattine; she was a one time winner last season and that came with a middle claiming evaluation; she can run late.

SILVER PRINCESS returned from considerable time away July 8th and had three wide speed but not enough staying power and backed away; she has had plenty of prepping heading into this second start following the layoff.

MISS SAVVY had a three race winning streak in the spring time but that was halted June 23rd when she got in against several who wanted to duel and she finished fourth and those battling with her finished fifth and sixth; she meets some good middle pace runners here off the shelf.

DUBLIN DIVA won off the claim for Norm McKnight June 6th following considerable time away; most recently, she was put into the Zadracarta where she had no resistance; she relocates to Tapeta.

BLURRICANE ran a good race last time under smart handling but the winner got a dream trip to beat her; she was finally second beaten a nose and advancing; she backs up to six furlongs for this event; Da Silva now rides.

RACE #11

BANNON

2 LETTHEBIGHOSSROLL
13 CONQUEROR GALACTUS
8 KAILI'S BIG BOY
10 FRITZIE'S BOY
3 ARNIE THE KING

MARCUS has faded out of the money in a series of races; this will be just his second try on turf; he has had an interim work coming to this.

LETTHEBIGHOSSROLL had a big performance July 28th at seven furlongs on turf for maiden \$30,000; he was well handled by Kimura who kept him covered up until the stretch and then he moved away freely; he looks to double up here.

ARNIE THE KING showed some progress as a juvenile last year but that has not converted to positive form so far this season; he has tried to build some momentum in morning works getting ready for Darwin Banach.

SILENT EMISSARY a maiden breaker last November with speed as the favourite has made just a single start this year; he had speed but no stamina; he has been working getting ready for this return.

MR O'PRADO was in a key race last time and was completely overwhelmed; he had been more competitive on turf just three starts ago with a peak performance.

SEXY BUSINESS won big at Fort Erie in a belated seasonal bow June 17th for Jennifer Johnson; she will try turf for the second time in her life after a fading attempt on the grass here last summer.

WATER POLO has tried turf only once and had speed but was ineffective; he attracted a claim when he dropped down last time and he was tentative late giving up the lead; he now goes for Edwin Knight.

KAILI'S BIG BOY is one to consider; he had two good races on turf when he was fresh this spring; he is fresh again now for this return, yet, indicates just two works getting ready.

JIMBO FIVE was a surprise winner August 10th when some of the others had difficult journeys and he cruised along in front under good handling from Fukumoto; he seeks his first win on turf.

FRITZIE'S BOY was moved out to a mile second time out this year and had another strong showing; he hung last time when extended out farther; he now recoils all the way back to six furlongs with hopes of a late run; he rates attention.

WAUBAUSHENE is getting his first start since July of last year when he had speed; his only try on turf featured early speed but no thoroughness; Crawford has been aboard for works.

BEN LOMOND had a win two starts ago but was demoted for stretch interference; most recently in another race that came off grass, he finished an ok fourth with, Conqueror Galactus, in second and that one is here; this will be his second race ever on turf.

CONQUEROR GALACTUS was preferred when he debuted in the spring time and he had a perfect run from behind the speed to catch up in the stretch; most recently, he seemed to hang at a crucial stage when the winner was having a career day and he settled for second; he is bred for turf.

BAY OF RUM was a winner on turf at six furlongs but for just \$20,000 last time when responding very well under perfect handling by Sutherland for Shana Lopez; he tries tougher.

MIRACLE SILVER was on turf at a route last time and weakened only late; he had strong effort on turf back in June when also traveling farther than today's event; he cuts back looking for a concentrated effort.