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RACE #1

BANNON

7 AVIE'S SKY

4 ANOTHER TIME

6 MAD SLAM

3 NEVER SOBER

MY LADY ANNA debuted October 6th and was shuffled back early when bothered in a chain reaction then closed outside and couldn't threaten in the same race where, Mad Slam, also overcame some trouble to be better in third.

TAKE CHARGECHRISTY a significant auction purchase will debut here for Mike De Paulo; she is by, Take Charge Lady, a winner of the Florida Derby and from a, Smart Strike, dam; she has indicated some stretch power in recent works and had a good gallop out October 27th.

NEVER SOBER had an excusable trip in her opener when second best and second time out came over in front of a rival and had to survive a claim of foul and was able to keep third money in a tie with, Another Time.

ANOTHER TIME had worked quickly heading into her opener October 21st but lost the race at the break when she came out slowly of her own accord; she gathered momentum late along the inside to be third in a tie with, Never Sober; there is added room here.

I'LL TAKE THE GOLD departed turf and went to Tapeta last time where she had early speed but no stamina and now she runs farther.

MAD SLAM debuted October 6th at only five furlongs and was bothered early in a chain reaction then had rushing power in the stretch to advance from seventh to be third at the end; the runner up has come back to win; she gets an extra quarter mile here.

AVIE'S SKY had an eventful debut October 7th and as expected a slow departure from the gate put her at an early deficient; she had turn speed and moved inside with a generous response; she should benefit from the extra distance offered today.

RACE #2

BANNON

7 MY CANTATA - *BEST BET*

8 COBRA SOPHIE

3 MISS FORESTER

9 HASSAH

ANOTHER GIRL had a win at a lower level than this October 17th providing the best stretch energy from the outside; she seeks her initial win on the grass.

WESTLODGE INTRIGUE was in for \$15,000 on turf last time and finished fourth and both the first and fifth place finishers have come back to win; she comes down one level.

MISS FORESTER was second on turf for \$10,000 two starts ago and was on the edges against tough opponents on Tapeta last time; she finds an intermediate level for this proposed turf test.

COREY'S BEST was able to win on turf two starts ago for \$19,000 against non winners of three producing a punctual rally; she was in a tough spot last time because of the goodness of the winner and was disarmed in that event.

ARCH TIGRESS was on turf last time for \$9,500 and had every chance between runners but didn't stay in the stretch.

BELLA FABIANA went off to Fort Erie to get a win last time for \$10,000 with a rally and that was her second score of the season; her only other win came here for \$19,000 in July on turf when beating limited winners.

MY CANTATA takes the big drop for a late season turf try and it was just two starts ago for \$30,000 that she ran so well on the lead on turf when second best; she was somewhat overmatched last time and the top two have both come back with good efforts.

COBRA SOPHIE is one of the best in here but her late style is a bit of a concern given the difficult nature of the footing; for \$32,000 last time she was moving quickly to be third beaten less than a length with, My Cantata, second.

HASSAH has been protected at the first allowance level in back to back races; she did have a positive race on turf earlier when, My Cantata, was just one position in front of her in second.

LUCKY MELISSA was in for just \$4,000 last time at Fort Erie and finished second; she is a one time turf winner.

RACE #3

BANNON

7 BLAKEY

5 HONIG

4 FLYING GHOST

2 SPIRIT OF CALEDON

SPLIT MY PANTS will try Tapeta for just the second time this year after being dedicated to turf racing with several fringe tries; he did have a win on Tapeta to begin his 2017 campaign.

SPIRIT OF CALEDON was inconvenienced by a slow early pace last time then the middle fractions became too intense and after a good chase of the winner he relinquished a couple of spots and finished fourth while, Flying Ghost, was second.

BOYHOOD DREAM was dropped significantly and scored and attracted a claim; he moves all the way back up for Dominic Polsinelli.

FLYING GHOST stayed off the slow early pace last time then tried to make his move when the pace heated up in the middle and late stages and he did well to be second against the front runner; he remains a factor but is seeking his first career route win.

HONIG was at the top of his form when he dropped in to ensure a win for \$40,000 two starts ago and he galloped easily; he attracted a claim and was moved in dutiful fashion to the first allowance level last time and with that out of the money finish out of the way he comes back for \$40,000; the seventh place finisher from that last race has come back to win big.

SEATTLE AFFAIR took his second career win September 23rd on his favourite footing on grass as he rallied at a mile under perfect handling from Boulanger for Chiefswood; he now tries Tapeta seeking his first victory on this surface.

BLAKEY was a positive fringe player earlier in the year then found a maiden field he was able to beat in August; a comeback race came for \$40,000 and he understandably won that; he now looks to grab his third lifetime win as he goes against, Honig.

RACE #4

BANNON

3 BEUFILS

10 AWESOMEENDSWITHME

6 ABOGADA

11 NADELEINE

FROST DELAY no doubt needed her return race September 26th at Presque Isle and then ran somewhat more forwardly October 13th here for \$9,500 when just on the edges against several others who are back in this race.

WRITTEN sat behind waiting for room last time and was finally eleventh; a move is made to Salles.

BEUFILS has developed positive form and was a winner on turf for \$10,000 two starts ago with a late run at long odds; he was on turf again last time with a boost in value where not much was expected and he finished ninth; he drops back to the level of her previous win and now competes on Tapeta.

GLIB MARYLIN was on the edges in earlier races; she had a letdown last time when much farther back than imagined and now she goes to Tapeta a surface over which she did win earlier.

VALID N GOLD was in against several of these last time with a drop for \$10,000 in a race where the late pace bunched up and she was eighth without threatening.

ABOGADA had post thirteen last time and complicated issues with a last place departure; she rushed from seventh in the stretch to be third narrowly beaten with, Nadeleine, in second; Kimura takes over.

EVENT HORIZON was in against several of these who were also rans last time and she finished seventh beaten just two and a half lengths; Nadeleine, and Abogada, who were both in the money last time are also back in this race.

PATMOS had a bad stumble just out of the gate last time when dropped in for \$6,250 at long odds and she didn't threaten.

SPRING FORWARD now goes for Ryan Jones after a failure off the shelf September 29th; she extends from a belated close in that returning sprint to go a route.

AWESOMEENDSWITHME encountered a slow early pace last time which helped her get easy positioning and then she controlled the late fractions for her maiden score which came for \$12,500 at a route; Buchanan who provided a strong ride in that race retains the mount.

NADELEINE has been around the edges in her last two races but her summary line indicates a shutout for the year so far; she pressed the runner up last time in a middle pace pursuit and the winner rallied the best while she reported in third; she is capable of getting a good pace spot against what are projected slow fractions in this race.

RACE #5

BANNON

10 VESPERANZA

1 COURT SURPRISE

3 SWEET BRYNLIE

6 FINE LADY

COURT SURPRISE a homebred for Charles Fipke by, Court Vision, has been prepared at Fort Erie by Michaela Neubauer; she has had a couple of recent local works getting ready and Boulanger rides from the rail.

ECHO IN THE FOREST was sharp in her debut in the summer time but then had a letdown performance; last time she was bothered by a chain reaction then had a spurt in the middle stages, yet, couldn't carry on; she makes her way back now in the care of Anthony Pottinger.

SWEET BRYNLIE a debut runner for John Ross was an auction purchase and is by, Old Forester, and that means speed; she has worked from the gate in back to back trials getting ready for this launch.

ROYAL WEDDING wasn't far away for the second time in a row October 13 and that last event looked to be a better type of race than her previous event; she was going ok at the end and the eighth place finisher has since won.

CLAIRESENCE was a bit tentative last time but did ok and was only seven lengths back and about four lengths behind, Royal Wedding.

FINE LADY a homebred will debut here for John LeBlanc Jr; she is by, Court Vision, and from the six time stakes winner, Moonlit Beauty who was fast; she figures to have speed in this opener with Simon Husbands aboard for Ron Gierkink and Teresa Gierkink.

DAYMARE was a significant disappointment in her debut October 3rd but that was a quickly run race over just a short distance; the runner up, Never Sober, was in the opener today and could give a clue.

HOPE GARDEN was in a very difficult race to begin her career and finished eleventh; the third place finisher has come back to win; she now goes to Tapeta.

BLEZNIATKA is a full sister to the stakes placed runner, Gosudarina; she travels just six furlongs here for Goldmart Farms and trainer Robert Tiller; she has had three consecutive works at five furlongs getting ready.

VESPERANZA competes for William Diamant who did have a smart first out winner recently who was sent out by Bill Tharrenos; this one has been prepared by Phil Gracey with her best trial coming October 28th in 1.01 with some speed.

PEACE CONTROL duelled up front against fast fractions last time and was done with about a half furlong remaining in a race that had a particularly quick final time.

KAY SYRAH SYRAH a homebred will debut here for Gail Cox and is by, Court Vision; she has had a variety of preps in company getting ready and will try six furlongs from this wide post.

FOREST FAIRY had a good result with Kimura aboard October 17th at just five furlongs when second; she took money on that occasion; she goes farther here.

RACE #6

BANNON

1 CORKER

7 JOSEPHINE

11 EXCOMMUNICATE

13 BELLA NINA

CORKER can be a factor here with the big drop down below the levels at which she has been competing lately; she was third on turf two starts ago for \$23,500.

NIYAMA had a runner up finish at Fort Erie last time giving away a long lead in the stretch; she tries turf for the second time and had a runner up finish on the lawn at Fort Erie in July.

WEE MISS DOROTHY ran well on turf back in the summer time; most recently on Tapeta, she was out of the money after getting behind a wall of rivals on the turn; she then dashed down towards the rail where she hung.

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ONLY ESSA fell out of contention early last time on Tapeta; she had been a fringe player at best on turf earlier.

FLAT OUT FABULOUS was between rivals fighting on the pace October 24th then backed away at a crucial time; she discovers turf here.

DISTINCT SIGNATURE is bred for the lawn and will get a chance to run on turf here; she was bothered early in the stretch run last time and gave way at a route for \$10,000.

JOSEPHINE had a good race on turf back in September which will qualify her here; she has been freshened since a disappointing run September 22nd but shows three consecutive works for Kevin Attard getting ready to come off the shelf in this cooler weather with the blinkers off.

SKY MOTHER EARTH debuted for \$12,500 on turf September 2nd but didn't engage in the run down the backstretch and was eased back; she starts over here after a series of works for Darwin Banach.

D'S BENEFACTION had a good race on turf August 15th when second and a repeat of that strong speed effort will give her some standing here.

BEL TEMPO was second on turf two starts ago for \$10,000 with a late run; she was also running late on Tapeta last time when scooped up for \$12,500 by, Zeljko Krčmar.

EXCOMMUNICATE got back down for \$12,500 last time and that seems to be her best level and she ran well from the outside closing smartly to be second beaten a half length; this will be her turf introduction; Boulanger now rides.

SWEET SILENT SOUL was aggressive on the pace last time but had nothing to offer during the stretch run when, D's Benefaction, was better in third.

BELLA NINA debuted October 27th at six and a half furlongs for \$12,500 and had a nibbling of interest and finished fourth beaten three lengths still running on towards the end; she now goes to turf.

RACE #7

BANNON

8 DAVKA

1 SELLING OUT

9 ROCK YOU

5 GIANT DREAMS

SELLING OUT has used the route to sprint technique successfully as recently as September 24th at Presque Isle; he draws the inside post for this shorter run at seven furlongs after being one paced through the stretch in a tough route last time for \$19,000; he can contend.

ARRIUS moved around runners willingly two starts ago but had work to do at the end; most recently, he was in for just \$6,000 and was fourth.

WAR FACTORY took the plunge for \$10,000 last time at six furlongs and moved inside from the second flight and finished third when money showed for him against a front running winner; he now must move out to seven furlongs.

BIG BLACK STORM was pinched back in the run down the backstretch last time and finally finished sixth beaten nine lengths with, Rock You, in second.

GIANT DREAMS had a good formula going earlier in the year of off the pace rallies in routes; that changed two starts ago when a futile speed attempt was tried and he finished seventh and then he was squeezed out early last time in an excusable journey; he tumbles all the way down for \$9,500 and will shorten to seven furlongs with Boulanger.

JOSIE'S RIDDLE attracted a claim two starts ago at Fort Erie and ran here last time for \$19,000 where he had a mild advance; the runner up has already come back to win; he gets to drop back to the level at which he was claimed; she now sprints.

PERLARANA was out of the money last time for \$10,000 against non winners of three; the runner up came back recently to win for \$6,000.

DAVKA beat non winners of two when dropped down for \$10,000 second time off the claim for Norm McKnight; his initial attempt stalled but he had a second run from the furlong marker home; the third place finisher has since had a rallying win; he remains at seven furlongs for \$10,000.

ROCK YOU is certainly one to consider but his main strength of late has been at six furlongs and this is a seven furlong venue; for \$9,500 last time he was second best against a strong front runner and he was even better the time before when a tight second against a good speed winner.

RACE #8

BANNON

8 KR PAN

4 MEANT TO TELL YOU

3 HONDURAS

7 DES BOIS

MR. FRESH a debut runner for Anthony Pottinger is by, Bold N' Flashy, a speed source; he has used the gate for three consecutive works getting ready and Chernetz rides from the rail.

BEARS MAFIA an auction purchase for Bear Stables is by, Verrazano, and competes for Mike De Paulo; he was being prepared in the summer time but finally debuts now after a work last weekend from the gate; he will travel six furlongs for \$32,000 with lasix.

HONDURAS debuted October 7th at five furlongs and was sent up to attend the pace then faltered late in the event where the top two debuting runners dominated; Kimura stays aboard with the drop for \$32,000.

MEANT TO TELL YOU a debut runner for Nick Gonzalez is by, Singing Saint, a speed source who was undefeated locally on turf; he had practiced from the gate in mid October and had a subsequent half mile work getting ready and Santos is the pick to be aboard today.

CHARLIE'S GAME has been prominent in the pace mix against Ontario sire company and was in against a key winner last time; he was sent from a stalking position to become embroiled in a hot duel and then he backed away late; the easier company here should be helpful.

NEWS FLASH could not keep pace last time and was dropping out of consecutive stakes with fringe tries to go to a tough maiden special race; he now takes the biggest drop in for \$32,000.

DES BOIS is one of two in here debuting for Nick Gonzalez and this one is bred for speed by, Old Forester; he has worked at a half mile in a series of preps getting ready and Bahen gets the call.

KR PAN came out of the Simcoe Stakes when on the edges to run for \$32,000 last time and he attracted a claim by Bruno Schickedanz and now goes for Norm McKnight; the sixth place finisher, Truly Elite, has come back to win and also run third; this one comes right back for the same price now competing as a gelding and with blinkers off.

A VIKING MORNING a debut runner for Reade Baker is by, Morning Line, a winner of the Grade 1 Carter; this one is from a dam who did win as a two year old; most of his preparations have come on the training track but he did work on Tapeta recently at five furlongs.

RACE #9

BANNON

1 FORESTER'S DESTINY

7 GUITAR GEORGE

3 SECOND STREET

6 MALIBU WOOD

FORESTER'S DESTINY was arguably the best horse last time but took second prize as he found himself in a tough spot in behind rivals with nowhere to manoeuvre in the stretch; he finally got some wiggle room late and almost won it but came up just shy behind, Guitar George, who is here.

KEEN GIZMO hung through the stretch and that was a disappointment last time; he takes a further drop here to go for just \$25,000 and he moves from turf to Tapeta.

SECOND STREET was able to win for \$19,000 last time and he moved strongly in the stretch then had to work hard to hold off a runner up and he galloped out with some vigour; he had been just in behind the runner up, Forester's Destiny, and the winner, Guitar George, the time before.

NEVAEH'S VALENTINE had his typical front running approach November 4th and faded out of the money; he now goes two turns where he can boss the pace.

DIVINE DANCE had a good race the last time he competed at this price range; after two wide losses including a race last time where he was beyond the middle of the track he now competes for \$25,000 on a drop.

MALIBU WOOD is getting his first start since the summer time when he was narrowly beaten for \$23,500 and he kept responding in that event and the third place finisher has since won; he comes off the shelf for Norm McKnight and indicates three works since the middle of October.

GUITAR GEORGE had his day October 3rd for \$25,000 when he beat both, Forester's Destiny, and, Second Street; he went up in value last time where his performance tailed off and now he comes down in value.

BLU WITHOUT YOU used the drop down angle to win two starts ago and he romped; most recently, he was 37-1 as a rank outside and with that race out of the way he uses the drop down angle again.

ROXY'S VISION will be coming down in value after he was reserved last time with hopes of quickening in the stretch but he finished on the edges on turf; he is a four time winner on Tapeta.

RACE #10

BANNON

3 GOLDEN BULLET

5 TRUTH SERUM

7 RAIDEN

4 SILENT BLAZE

6 APATOW

GIANT PULPIT has been used up in a number of speed duels; that was the case at a route last time when he engaged with the eleventh place finisher and then softened in the stretch to be fifth; he uses the turn back angle to go seven furlongs here.

DAN SING NIGHTLY was down in value for a chance to get on turf where he raced adequately; last time he got in behind runners and down on the inside where he hung when seventh while, Truth Serum, was second.

GOLDEN BULLET is getting his first start since August 26th when he was out of the money, yet, not far away; he resurfaces as a gelding with a drop for \$16,000 here; he was in a key race the last time he competed from which the first, second and fourth place finishers all came back to win next time out; he goes from a route to a sprint.

SILENT BLAZE was in for \$15,000 at six and a half furlongs two starts ago and ran late; he was shuffled back in that race and had an excuse, yet, lost narrowly; most recently, he had a four wide trip with every chance and he gave up some positions late.

TRUTH SERUM looks like a factor here; he competed for \$19,000 last time at this distance and burst through traffic to find room late and he was finally second; Contreras rides again.

APATOW had a good race for \$16,000 September 30th and he closed sharply at the end but the winner had moved nicely to get the lead just in time; most recently, he was moving but too late at a higher level.

RAIDEN had perhaps his best race at seven furlongs when he began this campaign but after a couple of failed tries he is now all the way down to the \$16,000 mark with Wilson taking over off the shelf; he indicates a series of works in October and early November for this return.

EARTHQUAKEDIRECTOR got in behind rivals last time and finally finished tenth beaten seven lengths without threatening.

MOOSEY BABY was beaten a wide margin October 20th when coming off the shelf in a protected spot but now he drops sharply.

POSTMAN PAT was going first time off the claim October 19th but was wide on the turn and was ineffective; he drops back down.

MAMBOINTHEFOREST was out of the money in consecutive races on turf and out of the money on Tapeta last time and now he drops sharply with blinkers added for a seven furlong run.