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RACE #1

BANNON

5 SOUPER RIPTIDE

2 DETROIT STEEL

6 LAFLEUR

7 VAUGHAN

SPRING EDITION was out of the money on turf last time when running for just \$25,000 and now goes up in value with a move to Tapeta.

DETROIT STEEL came off the shelf October 28th and ran from off the pace to gain second in mid stretch but was finally fourth in an ok effort that will qualify him here.

MIZUCHI was in the same most recent race as, Spring Edition, and was prominent through the stretch with a rally on turf but he hung in fourth; he goes to Tapeta.

PAPA D had sharp speed October 28th when moved over to Tapeta but he didn't stay the trip in contention; he had run effectively from off the pace on turf back in August.

SOUPER RIPTIDE a debut runner for Live Oak Plantation is working with an interesting pedigree being by, Tapit, and from a Grade 1 winning dam who is a half sister to Galileo; this is a four year old colt debuting for Mark Casse at six and a half furlongs with a number of works at five furlongs getting ready.

LAFLEUR a debut runner for John Mattine is a half brother to the popular local runner, Ted W; he worked a half recently in a quick 47.3.

VAUGHAN a second representative for John Mattine came off the shelf September 23rd to run adequately on the edges but was subsequently forced to scratch from a race October 21st; he has had a comeback work in 47.4.

RACE #2

BANNON

7 GLITTERING SNOW

1 PINK SCRIBBLES

3 CALL ME MRS. G

2 BROOKIES BEAR

PINK SCRIBBLES attracted a claim two starts ago when she had a radical letdown in performance at 3-5; her new connections got her going again even better last time than she had performed earlier; she rallied substantially from eleventh to be third in this category; importantly she gets more room; like the others in here she missed a chance to compete Wednesday when the first race was cancelled.

BROOKIES BEAR debuted October 13th and gained relative to the pace in the stretch against a key winner with, Pink Scribbles, in third; she gets more room.

CALL ME MRS. G had two runs last month and went from a five furlong race to a route October 27th and had enough speed to control the pace but was taken down by an aggressive stalker; she should welcome the cutback to seven furlongs for Santino DiPaola.

SHE'S A TRUE FOX debuted October 27th and was mired down along the inside then advanced late in the race; she shortens from a route to a sprint.

EINSTEIN'S BABE has been in consecutive route races with a good result two starts ago but she went into a tougher type of maiden race last time and finished out of the money when fanned on the first turn; she should welcome the return to Ontario sire company at seven furlongs.

CARA LUCIA was last in the early going in her debut at five furlongs; she has had an easy recent prep getting ready and now stretches to seven furlongs.

GLITTERING SNOW debuted in the summer time and finished third with, Pink Scribbles, much better in second; most recently she went to turf and failed to produce a good effort; she gets back to Tapeta remaining at seven furlongs.

RACE #3

BANNON

2 BREWS TOONIE TOSS - *BEST BET*

6 LIGHT MY PATH

5 CAPTURE YOUR HEART

3 GINGER CANDY

DANCE WITH ME BABY is a speed influence in this race just as she was at Fort Erie when she was taking consecutive wins; she is a one time winner here.

BREWS TOONIE TOSS figures to be a short priced favourite here just like she was last time when she dropped down for \$6,000 and moved outside but couldn't close the deal finishing third; she did have, Light My Path, just in behind her; Da Silva rides.

GINGER CANDY was in for \$3,000 in consecutive races at Fort Erie and did take a victory against non winners of three before landing on the edges as the favourite last time; she likes to run from just back and does like this surface.

LUCKY MELISSA competed for \$11,500 when coming home from Fort Erie November 9th and that proved to be too difficult a test; she drops for \$5,000 here seeking her sixth win at Woodbine.

CAPTURE YOUR HEART ran from off the pace here October 12th and that was encouraging but the winner kept widening and she was left with second prize; she seeks her initial win of the campaign.

LIGHT MY PATH figures to get plenty of play here with apprentice Twomey aboard; she was fourth last time advancing outside just in behind the third place finisher, Brews Toonie Toss.

SPLENDID GLORY can be counted on for a burst of early speed and that was the case at five furlongs last time but she faltered.

GEOCENTRIC had an intense Fort Erie schedule this season without winning there and then was in front here for \$6,000 recently but backed away late.

RACE #4

BANNON

8 COURT BATTLE

10 LOOKIN AT BRAVO

6 ITSTARTSWITHADRINK

4 CONQUEST ELIMINATR

MICK THE CONQUEROR was in a key race two starts ago in the Halton and was in a key race last time even though he dropped in for \$19,000; he was somewhat errant in the stretch in that last event causing some commotion when he finished about eight lengths back; he takes a further big drop here.

EPILOGUE has run isolated good races this year and that was the case for \$9,500 three starts ago against non winners of two when he ran a peak performance; he also ran a very good race last time in a starter event where he finished on the edges against like coloured rivals; he now goes for just \$9,500 on Tapeta; he figures to encounter, Court Battle.

RED BO had a trainer change to Krista Cole last time and the performance was better than imagined as he got rolling in the stretch and won easily at long odds to defeat non winners of two for \$6,000; he is now up in value.

CONQUEST ELIMINATR was gradually eased back and then was abruptly pulled up last time for \$19,000 when going long on Tapeta; he resurfaces here about a month later with a big drop, departing lasix and with a recent half mile work to his credit and with Kimura still in tow.

CRUMLIN NIGHT had a good race for \$9,500 last time against a front runner, Court Battle, and he rallied to be third; his late style has been more rewarding lately than that of the winner.

ITSTARTSWITHADRINK made his way forward gradually last time for \$19,000 to land on the edges; he is dropping sharply for \$9,500 searching for his initial win of the campaign with blinkers off.

FIERY BEAR has just a single win and faced non winners of two for new interests last time when he wasn't a factor in a sprint.

COURT BATTLE has used a front end for his four victories this season as a three year old and that style hasn't quite been in vogue lately but he will continue here for Norm McKnight as the projected front running favourite; Epilogue projects as a pace foe.

HOPE VISION fell out of contention early in a seven furlong race at a lower level last time.

LOOKIN AT BRAVO is hard to look beyond as he was contending in the summer time at higher levels where his stamina was on display; he now plunges for just \$10,000, departs the lasix program and shows three works from late October through November 11th getting ready for Kevin Attard; there is conflicting speed to rally here.

RED CHILL closed a good gap last time and had a lot to do on the far turn in seventh but made it in time under Kimura who will be riding, Conquest Eliminatr, and Alderson takes over here with a bump in value.

RACE #5

BANNON

9 OUR UNCLE DREW

11 SUMMER RETREAT

4 EBORACUM

7 SPANISH MAJOR

A RATED BREEZE has not been able to keep up in either race to date and dropped down last time but was behind in double digits.

WINSROY is bred to be a stayer but he debuted October 5th and was close only early; the blinkers are off and now he stretches out.

QUENCH MY THIRST is bred to be a stayer but has won at short distances to date; he did gain at six furlongs last time to be third beaten only a length in a positive development.

EBORACUM has had trouble finding positive positioning early in his races but does show some interest late and will remain at seven furlongs but at a lower level; Hernandez is now brought in in this more likely situation.

JUST RUN WITH IT broke last and was sent up prematurely into contention last time and then faded.

DRAXHALL couldn't keep pace late last time and he had run much better the time before also at a route in a race that does at least give him some standing here with the cutback to seven furlongs.

SPANISH MAJOR had a good race at six furlongs for \$20,000 two starts ago when second; most recently, he was protected in a route and that race can have a positive impact on his form as he now drops back down and shortens to seven furlongs and he has attracted Contreras.

BRAVER THEN WE ARE has taken a couple of shares including a third place finish at five furlongs last time against a strong speed winner; he stretches to seven furlongs.

OUR UNCLE DREW has certainly been running against overbearing opponents and the fact that he had speed on turf two starts ago might be enough of an indicator to suggest him now that he drops for \$25,000 and goes seven furlongs on Tapeta.

ROMAN NOMEN dropped in for \$32,000 last time and made a good middle move at this distance and was just on the edges at the end.

SUMMER RETREAT is worth considering as he ran willingly in his opener in an added money race and since that time has been in a couple of protected events where he has made middle moves; he now drops for \$25,000 and tries seven furlongs from the outside with Kimura aboard once again.

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RACE #6

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7 CELTIC SINGER

5 MONSOON RAIN

8 POTRA LIZA

3 FLASHINTHEPANTS

PERFECT ROAD came four wide from the second flight last time when dropped in for \$10,000 and finished fourth beaten about three lengths with some work to do; she extends to seven furlongs.

QUEEN OF SUMMER was delayed behind a wall of runners last time but seemed relaxed and willing to wait until the straightaway and then she eased out into the open and quickened away; she showed plenty of maturity in that win and looks logical to extend to seven furlongs.

FLASHINTHEPANTS has tried better than she encounters today but has been dedicated to turf this season with a couple of shares; Wilson takes over with today's changes.

PENNY A POINT moved too late in her previous event at six furlongs then extended to seven furlongs last time and moved prematurely in the middle stages.

MONSOON RAIN was in a closely bunched group of rivals November 10th and was beaten only a couple of lengths; she gets to drop and Contreras will take over at this lower level.

SPRING FORWARD was intent on the lead when going from five furlongs to a route last time and she accomplished her main goal of leading but was finally behind in double digits.

CELTIC SINGER has been dedicated to turf in her last three approaches and has taken a win and a second place finish; she now goes to Tapeta with a drop for \$10,000.

POTRA LIZA drafted in behind runners last time then moved outside for the win under smart handling from Kimura who stays here.

RACE #7

BANNON

1 DECISION DAY

9 BEST BARD

11 MIND MAGIC

8 CITO

DECISION DAY has been protected over the years but now comes in for only \$10,000 to a new career low and improvement is possible in this spot which also houses others who are coming down in value rapidly for late season action.

DONATION had a run at a lower level last time and was out of the money and now attempts a jump in value.

DEXTER ROAD went from turf to Tapeta last time and made a big move in contention but finally finished third one spot behind, Mind Magic, who is also here.

STARLING'S LAW came in for Ron Potts for \$15,000 and encountered a stout speed pair on top and he had no chance to threaten; he now plunges for \$10,000 and extends to a route.

WATCH ME STRUT took the big drop last time and support showed for him but he didn't provide an adequate response at nine furlongs in a race that came off grass; he enters for Tapeta here.

ROCKET PLAN was going first time off the claim for Katrina Vassilieva October 28th and moved very late on the outside to be fifth beaten about four lengths when, Mind Magic, was second.

CHRIS' BREW has been protected at higher levels for an extended time without victories and dropped for \$10,000 two starts ago and had a good result and ran adequately last time in fourth behind the runner up, Mind Magic.

CITO took the drop last time and was expected to do a bit more running but as a longshot he finished sixth beaten four lengths with every chance; he comes down another level here.

BEST BARD is winless on Tapeta but he has never been in a race this low in his career competing on the drop today for \$9,500; he traditionally brings a pressing style.

WAGE ACCELERATION is going second time off the claim and coming back to the price for which he was acquired after a wide loss last time.

MIND MAGIC departed turf for Tapeta last time and had a bountiful rally in the stretch to be second with some of these behind him.

GROM has been competing in sprints this year but is asked to go in a route here with a drop in value with Twomey taking over; he exits a key race and the winner has scored again.

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RACE #8

BANNON

3 AVIE'S FLATTER

2 TRIPWIRE

7 FEDERAL LAW

5 D MAGICIAN

MOON SWINGS had a good stride on Tapeta in a recent work; he was in a maiden contest last time when committed to running behind a wall of rivals and he finally finished fourth.

TRIPWIRE had an excusable journey last time in the Grey Stakes and was delayed at the top of the stretch but once in the clear he closed sharply inside to be second best to a winner who was running strongly from the outside; John Velazquez has been named for Michael Maker.

AVIE'S FLATTER is an attractive individual who has the ability to be relax in his races, yet, able to scoot away from rivals and he did that last time in the Cup & Saucer on grass; this will be his first trip around two turns on Tapeta and he has been freshened coming into this event by Josie Carroll; he is a homebred for Ivan Dalos.

JAMMIN STILL looked good in his debut on turf but second time out in the Grey Stakes he was under pressure on the far turn and his form dipped; Kevin Attard had him going well in a recent work at five furlongs where he had some stamina.

D MAGICIAN looks set for a speed run today; he will be adding lasix after a win in front on turf last time when the conditions were helpful to a speed runner and Hernandez had a masterful plan for him on that occasion at 26-1; he now stretches out and goes two turns; lasix is added.

SAMURAI QUEEN had a difficult trip last time and was much better than her final result shows; she handled two turns quite well against the girls and now tries the boys for Bruce Lunsford.

FEDERAL LAW was out of the money on turf in the Summer Stakes but was in the winner's circle on Tapeta last time in a first allowance event where the money poured in for him; he did not disappoint with a rush on the backstretch to get clear; David Cohen is here for the ride for Mark Casse and Qatar Racing Limited.

RACE #9

BANNON

11 WOLF RIDGE

7 FAHRENHEIT

2 DOWNY BOY

1 FROBISHER BAY

FROBISHER BAY has been fully committed to a speed style in both races; he was second best on turf in his debut and most recently got locked in a fight with, Courting a Kiss, and both runners faded in the lane; he now adds lasix.

DOWNY BOY ran the best race of his career November 3rd at seven furlongs with a sweeping move outside to be second narrowly beaten; he will shorten to just six furlongs here.

POQUITO BANDITO competed last time in a race on turf that had such a brash duel up front that he sat back in traffic and then moved late along the inside to finish second; he is up in value and he moves to Tapeta.

KID'S MISCHIEF is getting his first start since August and he comes down in value after a double digit loss in a key race in which the first, second and fourth place finishers all came back to win; his previous sprint was good and he gets back to a short distance here and now gives away value by dropping for \$40,000 for Josie Carroll.

ROYAL FUERST a homebred for Adolf Gust is by two time stakes winner, Turfiste; he goes for Peter Berringer and was in company for his recent gate trial.

STATION ROCK lacked some room last time when dropped in for \$20,000 but he moved inside for some space and advanced to be third beaten two lengths; he is going for double the price here.

FAHRENHEIT didn't seem to get around the turn very well September 23rd and was done by the quarter pole at even money and late support showed for him in that race; he had run so strongly the time before; Hernandez moves in after the wide loss and the time off; he has had interim preps.

COURTING A KISS engaged in a speed duel with, Frobisher Bay, that weakened both runners and set it up for the closers and he was finally fifth.

TEQUILA STATE an auction purchase for Lorne Richards debuts here at six furlongs for \$40,000; he is by a Wood Memorial winner and from a stakes winning dam; he has worked over a half mile on a regular basis.

TAKE ANOTHER SHOT dropped in for \$25,000 on turf last time and was once again aggressive on the pace, yet, once again he slipped back at the most important time.

WOLF RIDGE debuted in the spring time on turf against key company seemingly with a good effort to be fourth; he started his comeback for this September 27th beginning a series of works; the blinkers are on for the move to Tapeta and the drastic cutback to only six furlongs for Andrew Smith.

RED FROG had some speed on turf two starts ago and now will go six furlongs on Tapeta with Alderson taking over and he has a chance to improve in this race.

RACE #10

BANNON

4 CONQUEST LEMONRAID
2 LOKINFORPURSEMONEE
1 GLACIER
6 PIVEN

GLACIER is getting his first race since the middle of September and he returns for Norm McKnight after a series of works that commenced at the beginning of October; he missed narrowly in his latest in this classification then galloped out strongly.

LOKINFORPURSEMONEE was going first time off the claim for Jim Ensom and had a bump up in performance to be third with a rally at six furlongs moving between rivals under Kimura with San Nicola Thunder one position better; he looks to continue his improvement cycle; Kimura stays aboard.

NOT SO QUIET had the difficult inside post in the Overskate Stakes and speed was not a rewarding style on that day; he committed to being up front with the eventual last place finisher, Sweet Grass Creek, and it was a poor result for both early combatants.

CONQUEST LEMONRAID has earned high performance ratings in a series of races on turf but also performed well in the spring to get a good grade in a Tapeta sprint; he was narrowly beaten on turf last time when outsprinted in the last fifty yards but he was a tight second; Boulanger takes over for Mark Casse and he has had an interim work in 59.3.

SABLE ISLAND hasn't been quick enough in his return races; he was rank in the run down the backstretch last time then got shuffled back on the turn and those elements conspired against his chances and he was a fringe player; with a better journey he could have a better result.

PIVEN is one of the big question marks in the race as he was a promising sort here last year as a two year old then was a stakes winner earlier this year at Gulfstream; this will be his first start since February and he has been working since September getting ready for this return for Kevin Attard; he has good pursuing power; he now competes as a gelding.

OCCASIONAL VIEW came off a series of turf races to run on Tapeta last time and wasn't quite as keen as he previously was and landed on the edges after a four wide trip from the second flight.

SAN NICOLA THUNDER is without a win this season but came close at six furlongs in a race that came off grass last time when beaten by a better rallier; he surged late but missed narrowly.

SPANISH EXPRESS likes to be a middle pace contributor and he was on Tapeta two starts ago at a lower level where he finished a fine third; he went back to turf last time where he was a fringe player.

MAGICAL MAN has a series of good performances to his credit including three consecutive wins but his performance ratings have confusingly lagged behind the others; he came back to work smartly November 11th in 46.3 for Gail Hughes and Bahen retains the mount.

RACE #11

BANNON

8 STORMY VISION
2 EASY BID
6 ESSENTIAL
14 LOST A SOCK
11 HANCHY

CELTIC RING was driving on the outside within range off the shelf October 24th but slipped back in double digits.

EASY BID is one to consider given her good performance at this distance two starts ago when on the edges in fourth; she has since been nine furlongs on Tapeta with a robust late rally and is in form; Alderson takes over.

BOLD N' FOXY was in a slowly run race last time but was on her feet trying to go forward late and there is added room here.

DISTINCT SIGNATURE was ridden up on the turn to get within range then went flat in the final quarter mile.

SLIGO ONE returned from considerable time away October 31st and was reserved at the back and didn't have any progression; second time back she drops sharply.

ESSENTIAL had the rider off at the gate last time then was drafting behind a wall of runners down the backstretch and finally finished tenth in a slowly run race; her previous event was so much better.

CREATE AN EDGE ran willingly at five furlongs but not so well at six furlongs when boosted in value last time; she did have speed in that race; the blinkers are off and she drops in value to go seven furlongs.

STORMY VISION goes for a stable that did well with the drop down angle with, Roxham, and they will try it with this one after a double digit loss at a high level last time; Boulanger stays aboard.

BEST DRESSED made a bid inside but hung when not far away for \$8,000 at six furlongs last time and must travel farther here.

CHEETAHRA had a good result at Fort Erie two starts ago but didn't go as well here on Tapeta last time.

HANCHY attended the pace in a route at a higher level last time and several from the race have come back to do well; she gets back down in price here and goes seven furlongs on Tapeta with a chance to run late just like she did two starts ago.

COURT TIME was pinched at the gate last time and that took her out of contention; she shortens in distance and drops in value adding lasix and blinkers.

CHENES was off her feet and unable to contend late when she returned from considerable time away November 2nd.

LOST A SOCK was arguably best last time but steadied and got shuffled all the way back to eighth heading to the turn; she then rushed up the inside to be third narrowly beaten; there is more room added for this second race off the shelf.

BEL TEMPO ran willingly at a route two starts ago but was in a tough sprint last time where she was fifth of thirteen; she can now move forward late for new interests.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW was getting some play for \$8,000 last Sunday but finished behind in double digits after stalling on the turn.