



THE GREEN SHEET

Full-Card Analysis and Selections

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RACE ONE:

The bay mare **SUGAR CUBE** is in fine fettle, has had a fantastic 2016 finishing first or second in eight-of-11 starts and made short work of a tougher \$5K starter allowance field in Louisville 13 days ago as the favorite. The stretch out around around two turns and the quick turnaround are a bit of a concern, but she's less than a length shy of winning her past seven starts; choice. **JUDY JUDY JUDY** has been first or second in five-of-seven starts lifetime under the Twin Spires and has won three-of-four career outings going a mile and a sixteenth on the main track. Like the fact that the gray has retained sharp form while moving up in class, and she scored a daylight victory when stretching out around two-turns in her most recent start at Keeneland. She responds to the veteran Marlon St. Julien's handling; contender. **OH WISE ONE** has won her past two starts in Illinois by 17 and a quarter lengths, the most recent of which stepping up in class in her first start off a lengthy layoff. She's eligible for improvement making the third start of her current form cycle and has won three of five outings this year; threat. **KIMSTRONG** is riding a two-race win streak, and she's a perfect two-for-two lifetime going a mile and a sixteenth on dirt. Her best form has been in Ohio, however, hooking lesser stock and she steps up in class in this spot; tab for a minor award.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-1-5

RACE TWO:

SISTER KAN gets wheeled back off eight days rest and will try winners for the first time, but she figures to get a good trip stalking the pace on the fence and catches a soft field of \$30K conditioned claiming types in this spot. Chestnut filly has demonstrated marked improvement on dirt

without blinkers; contender. **HIDENSEEK SALLY** broke her maiden in a dirt sprint in Indiana earlier in the year, and she exits a quick race in Chicago where she made up marginal ground in the stretch facing tougher company. She figures to move forward in the second start of her current form cycle; tighter this time. **JAMAICA BET** won her only prior start for a tag by open lengths, and she was in over her head against allowance company in her most recent outing in Lexington off a near two-month layoff; improvement expected on the return to the claiming ranks. **ZYXYZ** takes a noticeable descent in class off a pair of flat efforts vs. much tougher company. Daughter of Divine Park didn't show much in her main track debut, though she didn't have the cleanest of trips in that heat and may not have cared for the "wet-fast" racetrack; class drop is the biggest allure.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5-3

RACE THREE:

NELSON'S EL CAMINO has finished in the money in six-of-nine starts this year, and the gray exits a quick six-furlong heat at Indiana Grand (six furlongs in 1:08 3/5) where she was third of 10 as the favorite facing open \$10K types. Speedy son of Political Force won his last start in the conditioned claiming ranks in Louisville for fun, and his new barn is capable of winning off the claim; lots to like. **ROYALLY DIVINE** has been sharp off the claim for trainer Chris Hartman, and he bested a next-out winner when clearing the "non-winners-of-two-lifetime" condition for a \$15K tag in his most recent start at Indiana Grand. Bay gelding has finished in the money in three-of-four local starts and is at his best going three-quarters on the main track; threat. **QUALITY INTEREST** got his picture taken when he dropped down to the \$16K claiming ranks in his most recent outing, and his effort two starts back at Keeneland isn't as bad as it first looks on paper considering he broke from the nine hole and was camped-out wide the entire trip. He's placed in five-of-nine starts lifetime; useful in exotic wagers. The Oklahoma invader **TAYLORS ANGIEL** is a stakes winner sprinting on the main track and hails from the crafty outfit of trainer Karl Broberg, the leading conditioner in North America this year by wins (has nearly 340 this year). His form against winners is lackluster, but he has been at his best in the past wearing blinkers and the hood goes back on in this spot; more interested as the price increases.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6-4

RACE FOUR:

The bay **LAUREATO** looks to have this nondescript, compact field of sophomore colts and geldings over the proverbial barrel based on his game

effort for a \$50K tag in his career debut in Lexington 32 days ago. Son of Artie Schiller made all the pace in that affair after being rushed away from the gate and dug in gamely in the lane to be beaten three-parts of a lengths for all the money. He took some action at the windows in the debut run, figures to move forward in his second career start and Geroux is back for a return engagement; choice at low odds. **MIGHTY MAD** should get a great trip stalking the top choice and **TIZLOR** from his rail post draw, and he was a solid second as the tepid favorite in his most recent outing hooking maiden allowance company under the Twin Spires on October 1. Connections sent out longshot winner Like a Hurricane (\$67.20) to win yesterday's ninth race at Churchill; contender. **VERMEJO** is a first-time starter that sports some sharp gate works at the Churchill Training Center; chestnut is worth a look in the paddock and post parade. **RED CLAY MAGIC** caught a "good," sealed racetrack in his debut at Keeneland and packed it in after a half-mile. \$240K yearling purchase will be tighter this time making his second career start and figures to go off at a decent price; don't ignore.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-5-3

RACE FIVE:

MO FOR THE MONEY split a field of eight in his first start in over eight months, where he pressed a quick opening quarter and came up short in the stretch drive in a six-furlong heat that went in a snappy 1:10 1/5. \$225K son of Uncle Mo should improve off that effort making his second start off the shelf, and he has finished in the money in three-of-four starts lifetime at this six furlong trip; choice on the fence. **CASH BONUS** was reclaimed by the Tom Amoss barn out of his last start, and this bay gelding will appreciate turning back in distance and returning to the main track in this affair. Son of Corinthian's best form this year has been against lesser company in Indiana, and he has finished second in 40 percent of his starts in 2016; figures for part, taking a stand against for top honors. **TWIRLING CINNAMON** comes right back to the races off a disappointing effort against tougher rivals in Louisville five days ago. His recent main track form has been ugly and his lone win from four outings this year was against suspect stakes company at Sam Houston way back in January; the class drop is the primary attraction. **REBEL BULL** hasn't missed the trifecta since entering trainer Aaron West's outfit, and this gray/roan son of Flashy Bull is capable of a money finish off the shelf. On the down side, the Indiana-bred steps out of state-bred company in this spot and was all-out to defeat optional \$16K claiming types two starts back; on the fringes for \$40K vs. open company.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-4-5

RACE SIX:

At first glance, the Indiana-bred gelding **VICTOR JARA** appears to be a little cheap for this field of open \$40K claimers, but the bay has run well outside of the state-bred ranks in the past and sports very sharp turf form, as he hasn't missed the trifecta in his past four starts on the weeds. Son of Notional has effective tactical speed, should get a ground-saving trip on the hedge and is 5-1 on the morning line; choice. **SPORTSCASTER**'s turf form is fairly salty if you throw out the effort at Kentucky Downs over an unconventional course and his unplaced effort over "yielding" ground four starts back in Louisville. He has placed in four of seven outings lifetime over the Matt Winn turf course and won his last start off a layoff by open lengths; contender off the sidelines. **COMPASS STONE** is front-running gelding that will have to contend with other early speed, but he will appreciate returning to the grass, a surface over which he has finished in the money in three of four lifetime starts. Son of Birdstone has placed in 70 percent of his starts lifetime; dirt-to-turf angle looks live. **FORFEIT** has never been worse than third over the local turf course and is eligible for improvement making the third start of his current form cycle. He takes the necessary drop in class in this spot, as his form has gone south of late in allowance company; useful in exotic wagers.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-8-10

RACE SEVEN:

ALABAMA SLIM ended up on the wrong end of a blanket finish in his last start, where he finished behind fellow entrants **AESOP** and **RUN LIKE ELLE**. Consistent son of Flatter may have cost himself the win in that affair by lunging at the start, and he hasn't been worse than third in his past three starts under the Twin Spires. He has placed in eight of 10 outings this year; contender. **RUN LIKE ELLE** finished three-parts of a length to the good of the top choice in the key prep race for this heat, where he overcame a slow start and finished with authority while stepping up in class. Three-year-old has been sharp since returning to the main track off a solid effort on the grass at Ellis Park back in September; threat. **AESOP** beat the top two choices in his last start, gamely holding on for a head victory at 20-1. His form has improved off the claim, and he has two wins and a third from five lifetime starts on the main track; figures for part, taking a stand against for top honors. **SAY HAY KID** has been beating up on lesser company in Indiana of late, winning his past two starts by a combined total of 13 and a quarter lengths. He's well spotted in this affair being one of two entrants with three lifetime wins (**AESOP** is the other) that is eligible for this condition because he's a three-year-old. Zero for five

lifetime local record is reason for concern, and he has been favored in eight of his past 10 starts; tab for a minor award.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-8-7

RACE EIGHT:

The bay filly **LISA'S PREMIER** ran well in her main track debut where she was second as the tepid favorite, finishing three-quarters off a length off the win and besting a next-out winner. Florida-bred gets in light and should get a good trip pressing the pace under jockey Katie Clawson; rates a slight edge. **HIPPOLYTE** ran big to be second in her career debut for a \$30K tag, finishing on the wrong end of a photo finish in a six-furlong heat that went in a slow 1:12 4/5. She gets wheeled back off 20 days rest and will be tighter in her second career start; threat despite the slight class ascent. **NO LACA TALENT** was a length and a quarter behind **HIPPOLYTE** in her career debut, where she set a moderate pace and succumbed inside the eighth-pole. Gray/roan filly was claimed out of that race and will make her first start for a new outfit in this spot while stepping up to the \$50K maiden claiming level; sends mixed signals. **TWILIGHT OWL** disappointed as the favorite in her most recent start but didn't care for the "sloppy," sealed racetrack. Daughter of Birdstone ran well in her only prior start over a "fast" surface at Belmont, facing tougher company and finishing three lengths behind a next-out winner. She's 5-1 on the morning line; don't ignore.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6-9

RACE NINE:

HEY MIKE owns a back-class advantage over this field, as he is multiple stakes-placed sprinting on the dirt, but he will be making his first start since June 10 in this affair while trying turf and two-turns for the first time. Juvenile son of Cape Blanco (Ire) is bred to handle the surface change and the added distance, and he has never been worse than second in his career. He sports a couple of bullet works at the Churchill annex during his time away from the races; contender off the sidelines. **SEA ROVER** has never run a poor race over a "firm" turf course and gave a good account of himself in his first start against winners at Keeneland. English Channel colt should get a good trip stalking the pace under jockey Joe Rocco, Jr.; threat. **MR CUB** was impressive in his two-turn turf debut at Keeneland, where he set a pressured, moderate pace and drew clear in the stretch to win by open lengths at 21-1. He'll face winners for the first time in this spot, but he had an excuse in his debut run, as he had to check at the three-sixteenths pole; contends with a clean trip. **MAXUS** was a non-

threatening fifth behind **SEA ROVER** in his last start, but he got away to an awkward start in that affair and will wear blinkers for the first time in this spot. He's 20-1 on the morning line for the slick Catalano barn; can bolster exotic wager payouts.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-9-1

RACE TEN:

The veteran campaigner **BANDI'S GAL** has won three of seven starts lifetime under the Twin Spires and is dangerous dropping back in for a nickel in this spot. Eight-year-old mare won her last race at Churchill Downs for a \$5,000 tag, the outside draw isn't detrimental coming out of the chute, and she should get a good trip stalking the pace; choice at a square price. **ALOHA ROSE** has all five of her lifetime wins at Churchill Downs, and she was only beaten a length and a quarter for the win facing open \$10K claiming company two starts back. Chestnut figures to move forward in her second start off a brief hiatus; horse for the course.

FIGHTING XENA has seven of her nine lifetime wins on a synthetic surface or turf, but she hasn't been in this cheap all year and is eligible for improvement making her second start off a two-month plus layoff; threat on the drop. **LETS GO DONNA** draws into this heat with the handful of scratches in the race's body, and she leads this field in career earnings. She is another synthetic and turf specialist, but the seven-year-old ran well against open \$7,500 types on the dirt two starts back at Keeneland; minor award candidate on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-12-13 (also-eligible)