



## THE GREEN SHEET

*Full-Card Analysis and Selections*

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*Spot Plays (through 1/16/17):*

*18-5-3-1*

*28% winners; 50% in the money*

**Spot Plays: Fair Grounds**

**January 21, 2017**

**RACE NINE—The Silverbulletday**

**(5:06 P.M. Eastern):**

The lone stakes winner in the field **FARRELL**, is a solid play to win the 25th running of the Silverbulletday, as she aired in her two-turn debut and is the controlling speed in a race lacking a preponderance of front-running types. Well-bred daughter of Malibu Moon out of an Unbridled's Song mare is coming off an impressive gate-to-wire score breaking from the 12-hole to beat a solid field in the Golden Rod (G2) at Churchill (runner-up Daddys Lil Darling is a graded stakes winner) by open lengths, and she was only a length and a half off the win in her first start against winners hooking minor stakes company in Louisville. She looks to be a little quicker on paper than the other early pace threat in this spot, **UNTAPPED**, and jockey Channing Hill is an underrated judge of pace. She's bred to thrive over an "off" main track should rains set in, and she won off by five lengths the last time she ran on a racetrack with some moisture in it. Her odds will be low, but the talented **UNTAPPED** is the 9-5 morning line favorite and will certainly garner plenty of attention at the windows. She figures as a good weighted straight win bet; choice, gate-to-wire. **UNTAPPED**, a full-sister to champion Untapable, has done little wrong this far in her brief career, as she has never been off the board and has won her past two races since stretching out around two-turns by a combined total of nearly 10 lengths. Chestnut miss has effective tactical speed but figures to be relegated to a stalking trip behind **FARRELL** in this spot, but she's tractable enough to rate (see maiden win at Keeneland when stretching out around two turns for the first time), and she figures to move forward in her second start off a layoff. She toyed with allowance company in her first start against winners, has a

win over the local strip and is bred to handle an “off” track should it rain; major player. The lightly-raced filly **SUMMERTIME SKY** broke her maiden on debut in a turf sprint in New Orleans, where she was the recipient of a ground-saving trip, and she had hot splits in front of her to set up her late move as the tepid favorite. She figures to be more in touch with the early pace stretching out in distance, and she’s bred to handle the surface change. Oxley homebred gets tested for class, however; kicks on for part in the lane with a top effort. **GRIS GRIS** has failed to menace in a pair of starts around two turns facing stakes company, and she was no match for the top choice in the Golden Rod (G2) two starts back at Churchill Downs. On the positive side, she hooked a talented filly in Perfect Wife in her last start in Oklahoma, and she figures to get a decent trip stalking the pace from the two-hole; She responds to jockey James Graham’s handling; tab for a minor award.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-4-2**

#### **RACE ELEVEN—The LeComte (G3)**

**(6:00 P.M. Eastern):**

The improving homebred **GUEST SUITE** has never put forth a poor effort from four starts to date, and he won his only previous race around two turns by two and a quarter lengths when breaking his maiden at a mile-and-a-sixteenth trip at Keeneland last fall. Bay gelding is minor stakes-placed around one-turn on dirt having finished five lengths behind the highly-regarded colt McCracken in the Street Sense Stakes at Churchill Downs, and he toyed with entry-level allowance types in his most recent start in Louisville. He’s capable of a winning effort fresh, and he’ll love the stretch-out around two turns; major player. **TIP TAP TAPIZAR** is an overlaid 12-1 on the morning line and is the lone stakes winner in the field for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. His flat effort in the Delta Jackpot (G3) last November—where he pressed the pace through a quick opening quarter mile then stopped—is reason for concern, however he has been freshened up since that start and is a stakes winner on the dirt around two turns. Dark bay colt has finished in the money in five-of-six starts lifetime, and he should get a good mid-pack stalking trip; has the looks of an overlay. **SHAREHOLDER VALUE** has won two-of-three starts for the high-percentage Tom Amoss outfit since trying the dirt for the first time in a “sloppy” off-the-turf affair at Keeneland last fall, and he was bothered at the start and had to endure a wide trip in his only prior race against stakes company, where he finished seven lengths and change behind the highly-regarded sophomore colt McCracken in the Kentucky Jockey Club (G2) at Churchill Downs. Uncle Mo colt was seven wide at the quarter-pole in his New Orleans debut and still won by open lengths, and he moves up over a racetrack with any kind of moisture. Morning line odds of 6-1 are generous, especially with the early scratch of **SAINT’S FAN**, but

he's a contender nonetheless; threat, double tough in the slop. **RUNNING MATE** is a speedy son of Creative Cause that has yet to run a poor race, however he's a need-the-lead type on paper that will be stretching out around two-turns for the first time. Homebred was green in his stakes debut in his most recent start but figured to gain some valuable seasoning. He may have company on the front-end early, as **UNTRAPPED** has a comparable early lick and **PHAT MAN** (rail), **TAKEOFF**, and **PAT ON THE BACK** have shown route speed in the past; hangs around part with a top effort.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-4-9**

**Spot Plays: Golden Gate Fields**  
**January 21, 2017**

**RACE EIGHT—The California Derby**  
**(7:15 P.M. Eastern):**

The Hard Spun colt **VENDING MACHINE** has proven to be an astute claim for Peter Miller and company, as the chestnut has won three of five starts including a \$80K stakes in his latest outing since being haltered for \$40,000 at Del Mar last September. SoCal invader will making his first start on a synthetic surface in this spot, but he acts like he's a colt that will run on anything having won races in the past on dirt and turf, and his form has been sharp since he stretched out in distance. He had to steady early in his lone off-the-board effort around two turns and, for what it's worth, he is a length and a quarter from being undefeated for his new connections while wearing front wraps. Trainer Miller's outfit has been on fire at the current Santa Anita meet in Arcadia, and his charge has retained sharp form while moving up in class; rates top billing. I'm drawing a line through **COLONEL SAMSEN'S** last start on dirt, a surface he clearly didn't care for, where hooked a pair of tough cookies in the form of Gormley and American Anthem in Santa Anita's Sham (G3). Bay gelding won Golden Gate's \$75K Gold Rush when last seen on the Tapeta surface, and he has a prior win (on grass) this mile-and-a-sixteenth trip. He's 9-2 on the morning line; dirt-to-synthetic angle looks playable. The Cal-bred **MORE POWER TO HIM** is a length and three-quarters from being undefeated around two-turns over Golden Gate's Tapeta surface, and the son of Slew's Tiznow gave a good account of himself after making all the pace in the Gold Rush Stakes, where he gave way late to finish of a length and change off **COLONEL SAMSEN** at 7-1 odds. He sports a versatile running style for an outfit that is making the most of limited starters at the meet. He's a fair 6-1 on the morning line; can't eliminate with confidence. **SO CONFLATED** is an improving son of Eskendereya who was kissed into the win via disqualification in his maiden score on Boxing Day at Santa Anita, where he made up a ton of ground from off the pace. Gray ridgling finished with interest when hooking a live

crew in his career debut, where he faced the well-regarded American Anthem (graded stakes placed) and was beaten three lengths and change for all the money. Florida-bred acts like he'll relish the added ground, the synthetic surface is the x-factor; useful in exotic wagers.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-3-4**