



THE GREEN SHEET

Full-Card Analysis and Selections

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Spot Plays (through 3/18/17):

59-16-7-7

27% winners; 51% in the money

Spot Plays: Turfway Park

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RACE EIGHT—The Rushaway Stakes

(4:33 P.M. Eastern):

The bay colt **GORGEOUS KITTEN** failed to menace in the local prep for this mile and a sixteenth heat—the John Battaglia Memorial—however, when one considers he broke from the 11-hole, was bumped around at the start and was only beaten eight lengths and change for all the money in his stakes debut, the effort doesn't seem all that horrible. Son of Kitten's Joy is well drawn for this affair, and he broke his maiden in Florence for trainer Mike Maker, whose outfit is wining at a gaudy 34 percent clip at the meet. He's eligible for improvement making the third start of his current form cycle and figures to be overlooked at the windows with the likes of **COOL ARROW** and **SAILING HOME** entered in this spot. He'll be more in touch with the early pace with a clean break; has the looks of an overlay.

SAILING HOME is multiple stakes-placed over a synthetic surface, and he's coming off a game effort in the Palm Beach Stakes (G3), where he overcame an awkward start, made all the pace and was beaten less than three lengths by Ticonderoga, a talented son of Tapit. Obscurely-bred chestnut was game when last seen on a synthetic surface, finishing three lengths off Master Plan against restricted stakes company in Ocala, and that rival came back to finish a fast-closing third in the UAE Derby at Meydan on the Dubai World Cup undercard. He'll have to deal with other front-running types but owns the best synthetic form in the race; contender. **COOL ARROW**, a two-time stakes winner, was overmatched in the Risen Star (G2) in his most recent start and will appreciate the class relief in this affair. Bay son of Into Mischief has been first or second in five-of-seven starts lifetime, is eligible for improvement making his second start off the sidelines and he knocked out a \$300K stakes in Oklahoma the last time Luis Saez was in the boot. He possesses effective tactical speed

but the proverbial x-factor is the surface change; threat. **HEY MIKE** likes minor awards and is eligible for the “non-winners of two lifetime” condition, however he’s a multiple stakes-placed colt that has finished in the money in six-of-eight lifetime starts, and he’ll wear blinkers for the first time in this heat; more interested as the price increases.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-4-8

**RACE NINE—The Bourbonette Oaks (G3)
(5:09 P.M. Eastern):**

Northern California invader **DARKWINGSOVERDUBAI** brings an undefeated record into her stakes debut, and she’s a late-running filly that figures to benefit from anticipated honest early splits in this eight-furlong contest. Chestnut daughter of Raven’s Pass made short work of allowance company in her first start against winners, where she circled a small field and won off by open lengths in 1:10 flat. It’s encouraging that regular rider Frank Alvarado—a top Northern California jockey—accompanies his mount East, and this filly will be more in touch with the early pace stretching out around two turns for the first time. Her 7-2 morning line odds adds to her appeal; lots to like. The fleet of foot filly **DELPHINIA** has never run a poor race in her career, and she won the \$50K Cincinnati Trophy Stakes in Florence by open lengths in her first start on a synthetic surface. Gray daughter of The Factor has won her past two races off a layoff, and trainer Wesley Ward’s outfit is winning at an eye-catching 30 percent strike rate at the current tilt. Negatives include the added distance and she may get softened-up by the unbeaten, front-running filly **JENNA J**—also stretching out—who is capable of going :22 and change and sticking around at the wire; contender. **GILDED LILY** is a well-bred Speightstown filly out of a stakes-winning A.P. Indy mare that is a perfect two-for-two over the local strip for the high-percentage Mike Maker outfit. She spent the winter in Kentucky and exits a couple of slow heats, however she beat a next-out winner while graduating at first-asking and handled fellow entrant **ON HER HONOR**, who is restricted stakes-placed, in her first start against winners. She has been pounded at the windows in both her previous local appearances but figures to be a square price (8-1 morning line odds) in this spot stepping up in class; foolish to slight her chances. **CHINA GROVE** rolled in a minor stakes at Laurel in her first start off a freshening, and she owns a bit of a back-class advantage over a majority of this field having competed in stakes company in seven of her past eight starts. Bay filly is the tepid 3-1 morning line favorite, but she’s unproven on Polytrack and she was well-beaten when last seen hooking graded stakes company around two-turns. Her best form in the past has been around a single turn on dirt; seems destined for a minor award.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-8-5

**RACE TEN—The JACK Cincinnati Casino Spiral Stakes (G3)
(5:55 P.M. Eastern):**

The 46th running of the Spiral Stakes (G3) drew a well-matched, full field—it promises to be an excellent betting race. **PARLOR** is unproven on Polytrack, but the son of Lonhro (Aus) is a neck off of being a perfect three-for-three on grass, his only loss being a neck decision over the unorthodox course at Kentucky Downs in a \$342K stakes race. Improving colt has overcome a slow start in all three of his prior starts, but he has a nice turn of foot from off the pace and figures to move forward in his second start off the shelf. He beat fellow entrant **KITTEN'S CAT** in his debut run at Elis Park and acts as if he'll relish the extra eighth of a mile in this spot. He'll be extra-salty with a clean break; choice. **KITTEN'S CAT** has finished in the money in six-of-seven starts lifetime and was a scant length off the nice colt Ticonderoga in the Palm Beach Stakes (G3) in his most recent outing. Ramsey Farm homebred is a two-time stakes winner on grass, sports a versatile running style and responds to jockey Luis Saez's handling. He's bred to handle the surface change to synthetic; contender. **KING AND HIS COURT** has finished in the money in six-of-seven starts lifetime over the synthetic Tapeta surface at Woodbine, and he'll be tighter in this spot making his second outing off a two-month plus hiatus. Son of Court Vision clearly didn't care for the dirt in the Sam F. Davis (G3), and he also had the misfortune of running into the top-class sophomore colt McCracken. Late-running gelding reeled off a pair of comfortable wins vs. stakes company north of the border when last seen on a synthetic surface, and he has finished in the money in 70 percent of his starts lifetime. Dirt-to-Polytrack angle looks playable. **GIANT PAYDAY** sports sharp turf form, and this well-bred son of Giant's Causeway has the pedigree to handle the surface change. Chestnut was only two lengths off **KITTEN'S CAT** in the Palm Beach Stakes (G3), is eligible for improvement making the third start of his current form cycle and possesses "sneaky" back class having hooked the likes of stakes winners Guest Suite, Not This Time and Ticonderoga in the past. He's 8-1 on the morning line; likely overlay.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-11-6