



Belmont Saturday, September 28, 2013

RESULTS

Selections for Race 5 – The Beldame

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Royal Delta 2-Princess of Sylmar 3-Centring	Princess of Sylmar Royal Delta Lady Cohiba	Royal Delta Princess of Sylmar Lady Cohiba	Royal Delta Princess of Sylmar Lady Cohiba Centring

\$2 Exacta (2-4) Paid: \$9.50, Trifect Paid \$14.40

Nick's Wagers:

Pick-3

Race 5-Royal Delta

Race 6-Graydar – Jackson Bend Entry – Brujo de Olleros

Race 7- Bahamian Squall

Selections Race 6 – The Kelso

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Graydar 2-Jackson Bend/Entry 3-Brujo de Olleros	Graydar Brujo de Olleros Easter Gift	Graydar Hymn Book Brujo de Olleros	Graydar Jackson Bend/Easter Gift Brujo de Olleros Hymn Book

\$2 Exacta (2-6) Paid: \$35.40. \$2 Trifecta (2-6-4) Paid: \$147.00

Nick's Wagers:

Pick-3

Race 6-Graydar – Jackson Bend/ Entry – Brujo de Olleros

Race 7- Bahamian Squall – Forty Tales

Race 8-Qushchi – Tannery Entry



Selections Race 7 – The Vosburgh

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Bahamian Squall	Strapping Groom	The Lumber Guy	Bahamian Squall
2-Forty Tales	Bahamian Squall	Candy Man E	Strapping Groom
3-The Lumber Guy	Private Zone	Private Zone	The Lumber Guy

Vosburg Analysis

Well matched field of eight signed on for this edition and last year's winner **The Lumber Guy** is also on board. However, he had sustained an injury and was out of action for about 6 months prior to his last start where he battled under quick splits into the stretch before weakening late. Not sure if he's ready for his top effort off that lone comeback race which was below his best. **Strapping Groom** ran huge in the Forego last time out over a sloppy surface and on short rest. Comes back here four weeks later off consecutive tough efforts so I am not sure he can duplicate his last two starts in this spot. His soft works headed into this spot might be a tip-off that he has been overtaxed where his trainer gave him maintenance works hoping he can recover for this race. **Bahamian Squall** seems like a horse that can move forward off his last few efforts. His effort in the Vanderbilt was deceptively very good as he got reined in and had to change course then made a hard drive to miss by two lengths. Prior in the Smile Sprint he stalked early and made a sharp move to contention on the turn to pull away with the victory. In fact that's how I think he'll be ridden today by Saez. Breaking from the three post with no inside speed to his left he figures to break, move to the rail and sit behind the dueling early speedsters (**Strapping Groom and Private Zone**) before making his move on the turn for home. **Bahamian** is also working very well for this race. **Justin Philip and Forty Tales** figure to give the field a head start early and will try to work their way through the field however at six furlongs I feel they are at a pace disadvantage. Not sure **Palace** has the class to beat this field and the same can be said for **Candyman E**.

Nick's Wagers:

*Win & Place Wager on Bahamian Squall

*Key Bahamian Squall on Top in Exactas over The Lumber Guy & Forty Tales

Pick-3

Race 7-Bahamian Squall – Forty Tales

Race 8- Qushchi – Tannery Entry

Race 9-Big Blue Kitten Entry- Imagining – Twilight Eclipse

Pick-4

Race 7-Bahamian Squall – Forty Tales

Race 8-Qushchi – Tannery Entry

Race 9-Big Blue Kitten Entry

Race 10-Flat Out – Last Gunfighter



Selections Race 8 – The Flower Bowl

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Qushchi 2-Tannery Entry 3-Mystical Star	Qushchi Laughing White Rose	Valiant Girl Qushchi Kissable	Qushchi Laughing/Tannery Valiant Girl

\$2 Boxed Trifecta (1-2-6) Paid: \$47.60,

Nick's Wagers:

*Win Wager on Qushchi

Pick-3

Race 8-Qushchi – Tannery Entry

Race 9- Big Blue Kitten Entry – Imagining – Twilight Eclipse

Race 10-Flat Out – Last Gunfighter

Selections Race 9 – The Classic Invitational

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Big Blue Kitten Entry 2-Imagining 3-Twilight Eclipse	Big Blue Kitten Boisterous/imagining Slumber	Real Solutions/Entry King Kreesa Boisterous	Big Blue Kitten Entry Boisterous Entry King Kreesa

Nick's Wagers:

*Double of Big Blue Kitten Entry with Flat Out / Last Gunfighter



Selections Race 10 – The Jockey Club Gold Cup

Nick's Picks	ScatCat's Picks	TINMAN's Picks	Consensus
1-Flat Out 2-Last Gunfighter 3-Ron the Greek	Last Gunfighter Flat Out Orb	Cross Traffic Palace Malice Flat Out	Flat Out Last Gunfighter Cross Traffic

Ron the Greek \$44.00 \$17.40 \$7.20

Nick's Wagers:

- *Win Wager on Flat Out
- *Exacta Box of Flat Out & Last Gunfighter

Analysis for Jockey Club Gold Cup

Very contentious field set to battle it out for the cup. **Cross Traffic** is the controlling early speed and will try to go from gate to wire on the front end. Of course the softer the early pace the more dangerous of a horse he becomes and there really isn't another early burner in this field. So Cross Traffic figures to have the lead into the stretch. On the other hand it doesn't look like he wants any part of going 1 ¼ miles. He's fast, yes, but it could be telling that he blew leads going 1-mile twice. Quick races but I am thinking if he were top notch quality he would have hung on. **Alpha** showed speed in the slop last time out with the Blinks added and he usually strings big efforts together so he might be the horse that stays with Cross Traffic early. Interesting that Alpha gets **Joe Bravo** who is excellent at rating horses just off the early lead. Alpha has won going this distance in the past however I think this field might be a tad too deep for him. **Vitoria Olimpica** also has some early foot and could be off Cross Traffic's flank in the early going however it seems his best could be on grass. **Palace Malice** who also has some early speed if he's inclined has turned in some brilliant races and comes in off a poor start in the Travers. He is facing a very deep field that is battle tested. However, Palace has proven he can also rumble. My concern is that he has had a lot of tough efforts. His Triple Crown campaign and then his Jim Dandy score have to be very taxing and then add on the Travers effort. Not sure he will move forward in this spot. **Orb** has also endured a tough Triple Crown campaign however he did have a breather prior to his Travers effort. In the Travers it seemed he had the race won when he caught Moreno at the 1/8th pole but couldn't close the deal and got past by Moreno and Will Take Charge in the late going. Does Orb move forward off that effort or was that as good as he can give right now? After all he is a three year old. **Ron The Greek** will be plodding early and try to make his big run on the final turn. The last two starts he did get within striking distance at the top of the stretch which makes me feel he will make a big run once again into



the stretch. Can he keep it going to get to the top is the question. He can move forward off his last two starts. **Last Gunfighter** is an interesting horse in this spot because he has shown great improvement in his starts dating back from the winter months into his last few starts. He has mostly grinded it out in his efforts however he has had a good amount of recovery time in between his starts so I don't feel he is a tired horse or overtaxed at this point. Two races back he got beat by **Flat Out** and it will be interesting to see if he can turn the tables going longer in this spot. **Gunfighter** has to be considered one of the ones in this spot. Flat Out has turned in some monster races and he too has had sufficient recovery time in between his starts to deem him capable of running a big effort in this spot. Couldn't quite get there last time out in the go at Saratoga but his prior three efforts were very, very good. Flat has also worked well for this so I expect another big effort today.

Scat Cat Plays

Race 1:

Exacta Box: Knockher Off /Tapidtar/**Iron Power** win

Show: Half Wildcat

Pick 5: .50 1 x 3 x 3 2 x 1 = \$9

Race 1: Knocker Off

Race 2: Pachelbel/Justin Nguyen,/**Misconnect**

Race 3: Genuine Flare/This Guy is Blue/**Storming Inti**

Race 4: Leilani's Ticket/Western Grit

Race 5: **Princess of Sylmar**

TinMan's Tips

Race 2:

Exacta Box: Patty and Nooche, **Misconnect**, Branded Hand

Race 10

Double

R10: Cross Traffic, Palace Malice

R11: Curlin N Twirlin, Rosalie's Pleasure