Handicapping Analysis
Sun December 10th, 2023

Emily's Analysis

Fair Grounds Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Keying off FG form from last season, #2 MACEE holds an edge over #3 MO SMOKING separating that pair as they make their local debut off layoffs. MACEE also fired fresh in their first FG start of 2022, a 73 OptixFIG and B-OptixGRADE show result, an effort not quite on the "winning" $20k N2L level, though would be a major contender with that effort here.

#7 I DON'T KNOW EITHER is not as "fast" though should be sitting on her top effort returning for his second start of the meet. The 11/24 start appeared a prep given the placement against open company males and makes the class change here.

Fair Grounds Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

This event comes up contentious for a often common condition. #3 CCED FOR STEPH returns from a layoff though holds form and figures from earlier this year that stacks up on par and could hold intent for the connections and find the right stalking trip. The pace is another factor with many that prefer to race on or near the lead. That includes rail runner #1 CUSTOMIZED TWIN as she appears well intended for this second start off the layoff and returning to claiming company, the right level for her abilities. #2 SCARLET STORM does not "jump off the page" but holds some buried form, recency, and could also be at the right level today to compete.

Fair Grounds Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

A case can be made for many in this field and many coming back from solid efforts in the 11/18 common race. That could see #5 QUINN ELLA overlooked in here as some intent figures to be in play as she makes her second start of the meet and returning to her preferred surface/distance. Going back to last season the connections used a similar pattern to show improvement despite coming up short on the win end. The same connections will be represented by #7 SKYKAT, the winner as the betting favorite of that 11/18 race.

Fair Grounds Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 CAVIAR RESOLUTION returns from a WIDE trip in the 11/17 return and should be plenty fit for this event. In addition to conditioning, some further positive intent could be in play with the three week return and rider change to J. Graham. #1 LADY LANA also returns with fitness from a race she likely need as she had not raced since September and only had one published work leading up to 11/17. She will also return with a rider change and post position that should allow for her to save ground to work a trip.

Fair Grounds Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The K. Bourgeois barn (and jockey B. Curtis) has been sending out live and #9 JOHNNY'S GAME could easily follow that trend here. He debuted at the MSW back in July where he had to rush into a solid opening 1/4 before engaging in a wide duel.

#4 DATS TRUE LOVE shows up for this second and finds class relief with a softer race par out of the WO debut. #5 FOE moves up at this MCL level last season and did so at the shorter sprint distance than her ideal. While she is who she is, this is the right level for her to compete.

Fair Grounds Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 CLASSICAL MAGNOLIA has had limited opportunities to race on the turf but isolating those two starts, this surface is where she has recorded some of her higher figures. She also showed last season the ability to compete at this statebred allowance condition. A similar pattern both on surface/distance and class follows #9 LEAD ME into this race and logical on those favorite.

Fair Grounds Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 EL ORIENTE earned a following off some subtle trips earlier this season into the turf start last month. In terms of that race, the surface seemed less of an impact, rather the trip and tactics taking this one out of his runstyle and dueled on a solid pace - a flow upgrade. The intention could have been "fitness" coming off the 117-day freshening and should be at peak fitness here. #6 NELSON AVENUE has recorded some of the higher figures and could even hold a pace advantage on the front end in this race. He will stretch back out returning to FG and off a TRAFFIC TROUBLE trip last out at KEE. #7 ROMAN CENTURIAN lacks early speed though with pace will come with a late run. His form could be a little overlooked as he returns here off the recent running lines and finishing positions.

Fair Grounds Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 MISS RIVER RAT caught the eye with a BTL effort in here Hawthorne debut last November and validated that effort with a dominant (B+) win in the Debutante Stakes. The connections had some further stakes intent when entered in the Gowell Stakes last December at Turfway Park, though a trainer scratch and has been on the bench since. The time off since the juvenile season could allow for maturity and the necessary improvement in the speed figure department. This spot could signal intent as the barn sends out a pair with the more established sophomore #2 LURE'EM IN and J. Loveberry landing here.

Fair Grounds Race 9

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 FREEBURN turned in a solid effort on debut, a debut against open company and turned out a strong number. She will shift to this circuit where she finds statebred company and seems intent overall in this spot. #8 PLATINUM MINIT looked to improve with the shift to statebred company last month though also looked short off the 58-day break. She ran her best figure to date in the second start and follows a similar pattern here.

As noted the live Bourgeois barn earlier on the card: #1 NO FEAR shows up for a second start (vet scr under similar FG conditions 11/18) off a very green debut. She broke a step SLOG had TROUBLE_S and has slight trouble and kickback before carrying herself widest off the turn and finished behind the top four separated in a near blanket at the wire.

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Peter's Simulcast Plays

Fair Grounds Race 1
Post Time 12:45 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

2 Macee - 8/5 | 5 Star's Dream - 7/2 | 4 Katie's C - 5/2

Fair Grounds Race 2
Post Time 1:15 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

8 Serenadingthemoon - 9/2 | 2 Scarlet Storm - 6/1 | 3 Cced for Steph - 3/1

Fair Grounds Race 3
Post Time 1:45 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

1 Quinn Murphy - 7/2 | 9 Broadway Pearl - 6/1 | 6 It'sfiftyshadetime - 4/1

Fair Grounds Race 4
Post Time 2:15 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

3 Seriously Sam - 9/2 | 10 Stack Shack - 8/1 | 11 Pi Yo Princess - 8/1

Fair Grounds Race 5
Post Time 2:45 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

7 Larry's Lunchbox - 7/2 | 8 Feeling Free - 6/1 | 10 Whiskey and Easy - 4/1

Fair Grounds Race 6
Post Time 3:15 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

8 Fouralivia - 7/2 | 10 Certified Gem - 8/1 | 11 Daddy Hey Daddy - 4/1

Fair Grounds Race 7
Post Time 3:45 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

3 El Oriente [CHI] - 4/1 | 6 Nelson Avenue - 3/1 | 1 Protonic Power - 4/1

Fair Grounds Race 8

Post Time 4:15 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

3 Firing Bullets - 4/1 | 5 Ocean Spirit [GB] - 5/1 | 10 Just Push Send - 6/1

Fair Grounds Race 9

Post Time 4:45 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

12 A Miss Deameanor - 7/2 | 4 Freeburn - 9/5 | 8 Platinum Minit - 6/1

Mountaineer Park Race 1

Post Time 6:00 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

9 Black Licorice - 5/1 | 8 Santiva Diva - 6/1 | 7 Artistic Alibi - 9/2

Mountaineer Park Race 2

Post Time 6:25 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

9 He's the Souperwon - 6/1 | 6 Kaztharos - 10/1 | 1 Dyrdek - 3/1

Mountaineer Park Race 3

Post Time 6:50 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

4 Rockin Machen - 9/2 | 3 Atlantic Vaquero - 8/5 | 7 Klimt Ride - 5/1

Mountaineer Park Race 4

Post Time 7:15 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

7 Rejuvenate - 1/2 | 6 Inspiring Justice - 4/1 | 8 Joshy Jak - 10/1

Mountaineer Park Race 5

Post Time 7:40 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

3 Sugar Britches - 5/1 | 6 Alicia's Way - 8/5 | 4 Super Donna G - 5/2

Mountaineer Park Race 6

Post Time 8:05 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

6 Two Cookie Rule - 6/1 | 4 Rip Thorn - 3/1 | 3 Summer Assault - 5/1

Mountaineer Park Race 7

Post Time 8:30 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

1 Silent Tiger - 5/1 2 Palace Prince - 4/1 3 Blame It On Eddie - 3/1

Mountaineer Park Race 8

Post Time 8:55 PM CST

Analysis by Peter Galassi

10 Lola Flo - 6/1 9 Devilish Magic - 6/1 8 Shanghai Kimmy - 9/2

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Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

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6 Machdavid | 4 Captain Sleaze | 7 Hello Sweetie Boy

Hawthorne Race 2

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Fox Valley Steeler | 5 Fox Valley Treason | 6 Playtorock

Hawthorne Race 3

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Eagle On a Hill | 4 Uncle Si | 6 Artspire

Hawthorne Race 4

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Silverstone | 3 Incredible Bombay | 4 Fox Valley Crete

Hawthorne Race 5

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Senorita Mouse | 8 Dandy's Showtime | 9 Double Parked

Hawthorne Race 6

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Vinny Lou | 5 Fox Valley Presley | 8 Sign of the Times

Hawthorne Race 7

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Rollin Coal | 2 Bootsy Bombay | 3 Drivin the Dixie

Hawthorne Race 8

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Fox Valley Cayman | 1 Josie Rocksmyworld | 2 Shark Solicitor

Hawthorne Race 9

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Street Boy

7 Major Attribute

3 Yankee Bounty

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Ron's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Analysis by Ron Uchman

HELLO SWEETIE BOY ROUND HERE BUZZ MACHDAVID

HELLO SWEETIE BOY-They could be chasing him today

ROUND HERE BUZZ-These Indy shippers are always tough

MACHDAVID-Couldn’t catch lone speed in last; but on top of his game

Hawthorne Race 2

Analysis by Ron Uchman

FOX VALLEY TREASON PLAYTOROCK CAMMILLS MONEY MAN FOX VALLEY STEELER

FOX VALLEY TREASON-Been in good form for a long time

PLAYTOROCK-Improving a lot lately

CAMMILLS MONEY MAN-Think we’ll see more improvement this time out

FOX VALLEY STEELER-Missed start maybe costly but still big chance

Hawthorne Race 3

Analysis by Ron Uchman

UNCLE SI EAGLE ON A HIL ARTSPIRE

UNCLE SI-Been racing for a lot more money

EAGLE ON A HILL-Better form than the rest

ARTSPIRE-Flies late at times

Hawthorne Race 4

Analysis by Ron Uchman

SILVERSTONE INCREDIBLE BOMBAY FOX VALLEY CRETE

SILVERSTONE-Gets needed post position relief

INCREDIBLE BOMBAY-Loved the late move in last

FOX VALLEY CRETE-Beaten favorite can make amends

Hawthorne Race 5

Analysis by Ron Uchman

DANDYS SHOWTIME TONCREDBLYFASTFORU ONE R ANDIS STAR

DANDYS SHOWTIME-Won last two times she raced against similar

TONCREDBLYFASTFORU-Bides her time for late move

ONE R ANDIS STAR-Lost post position lottery again

Hawthorne Race 6

Analysis by Ron Uchman

VINNY LOU FOX VALLEY PRESLEY KAGE DANIEL

VINNY LOU-Maybe right spot despite missing a start

FOX VALLEY PRESLEY-Just missed versus similar rivals

KAGE DANIEL-Dangerous with second Lasix

Hawthorne Race 7

Analysis by Ron Uchman

ROLLIN COA BOOTSY BOMBAY DRIVIN THE DIXIE

ROLLIN COAL-Showed wake-up signs in last

BOOTSY BOMBAY-Stalked the leader in last; maybe best speed today

DRIVIN THE DIXIE-Just 3rd when dropped to this level

Hawthorne Race 8

Analysis by Ron Uchman

FOX VALLEY CAYMAN JOSIEROCKSMYWORLD MILLENNIAL

FOX VALLEY CAYMAN-Great form but tough field; slim pick

JOSIEROCKSMYWORLD-Barely beaten by top pick in last; won 2 prior

MILLENNIAL-Been successfully climbing through the ranks

Hawthorne Race 9

Analysis by Ron Uchman

KOA STREET BOY YANKEE BOUNTY

KOA-Been meeting far tougher; wakes up

STREET BOY-Dropper has speed and the rail

YANKEE BOUNTY-Old timer faces his easiest field in a long time