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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

Today’s Race Card/Horsecellany

There are nine races today, five on the turf.

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ULTIMATE PICK OF THE DAY: **not available in free analysis**

PENULTIMATE PICK OF THE DAY: **Hembree (Race 5)**

Note: when **Secretariat** won the Belmont in 1973 by some 31 lengths, almost the length of a football field, he traversed the mile and one-half in 2:24, a record which stands and will probably be immortal. That translates to a **mile and one-half trip** at an average of **37.5 mph**... amazing, and you know he was going even faster in the stretch. I get enthused when as a prelude to a sprint race I see a horse who worked, say, *four furlongs* at 39 mph, but even that is very rare.

RACES 3-6

RACE 3

Nine raced the turf sprint, eight at RD. Of the eight, just two have posted a win at RD: Majestic Steps and Runniwiththeboyz.

Majestic Steps fine Irish lady (County Ipswich), born and bred on the lush village green, thus preternaturally suited for the grass race, the rested mare turns back 1,320 feet, Prat cinches the pick

Good Boo Joo F (narrow) the well-rested filly hit the board in two of her three turf sprints, winning comfortably last time out at RD+ 330 feet, top 2022 earner in the field

Crimson Rose the filly knows only the *dirt* sprint, and she hit the board in seven of eight of them, winning once at RD two Augusts ago, she has favorable lineage for the transition to turf, and Knapp excels at that transition

RACE 4

Five raced at RD, not Hydro Frost, and of the five, four hit the board at RD. Two entries drop from MSW: Distorted Math and Hydro Frost.

Famous Star drops a few notches in class, and he hit the board in all five of his dirt sprints, including all three at RD, the rested colt worked five furlongs at 38+ mph two weeks ago, top rider/trainer duo

Distorted Math F (prohibitive) drops precipitously from MSW level, and he placed at RD in his debut, with Hernandez in the irons, the Baffert entry sports strong workouts, like five furlongs at 38 mph

Katonah he races for the first time after a major “equipment change” now that he is a gelding, and he has rested for over a year, he turns back 330 feet

RACE 5

Seven raced at RD and five of the seven won at six furlongs, grass. All but Manitowish have won a turf sprint. Hembree has won a graded stakes; Mongolian Memory has won at stakes level.

Hembree he drops from his high horse in the graded stakes realm, where he won here at Grade II level at RD plus 330 feet on the grass, he has rested for over a year, Prat takes the reins

Rebel Posse he drops from stakes level where he hit the board at five furlongs, and he won three of his seven turf sprints, D’Amato excels in the turf sprint

Give Me the Lute he raced eleven days ago, though he vacationed in December, he won about a third of his turf races (6/19), and hit the board in six of his last nine turf sprints, winning two of them, Johnny V. enhances the gelding’s chances

RACE 6

Five raced at RD, not Rose Harbor. Of the five, three won at RD, Big Shamrock, Vegan and Shanghai Sunrise. All but Rose Harbor and Feeling Grateful have won a dirt sprint.

Queen Molotov the lightly raced, rested mare won her sole dirt sprint, comfortably, at RD less 330 feet, and she hit the board in four of five syn sprints, winning one of them at RD less 330 feet, the top trainer kills the allowance race, Johnny V. cinches it

Feeling Grazeful the lightly raced mare has rested for a year, and the top 2022 earner worked five3 furlongs at 38 mph eleven days ago, she won at one mile on the grass last time out with Hernandez as pilot

Rose Harbor she too has rested for a year; the mare turns back 1,980 feet, and she has very positive pedigree for the dirt sprint, Prat solves the equation

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