

Dean's Comments at THE MEADOWS

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10, 2015 – PENNSYLVANIA FAIR SIRE STAKES CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

EARLY NON-WAGERING RACE

MAJOR MATTER proceeded directly to the front, rested to the half, then put these away with a 28.2 third quarter while drawing off, opened an even bigger lead to the wire. KEYSTONE BLADE improved early position, came out before the 3/4 when the pocket horse couldn't stay with the winner, and just edged that one for place. OMG HANOVER went away well to sit the pocket behind the winner, couldn't keep up when the pace sped up, just missed the deuce. RAIL KAT stayed fairly well-connected to the 2-3 finishers. KEYSTONE SHOGUN pulled raw early as the second quarter pace dropped dramatically, but fell back; GINGER TREE NOVA, on his back, likewise could do little. ST MICHEL HANOVER made a break before the quarter.

FIRST RACE

WATERVIEW HANOVER tucked fourth to the 1/8, then followed MCKEAN COUNTY outside just past the 3/8, went three-wide when that one appeared to be not clearing 11/16 and swept to a big lead at the ¾ and beyond, drifted out a little but had enough to withstand A LITTLE LAID BACK. The latter was away next to last, followed cover, took the same path as the winner only a little later and thus was three-wide raw most of the turn, narrowed in on the winner with every step but couldn't get there. KEYSTONE WONDER was third in three-wide flow on the turn, widest and went by the rest well off the top two. NAUT E CAVIAR was on A LITTLE LAID BACK's back, OK but outtrotted here. SHINE ON got an early spot, shuffled and out in a blindswitch late turn, along for the last check. MAYBE LATER was outside leaving, raced into the pocket 5/16, shuffled back, no factor late. MCKEAN COUNTY moved out 5/16 and boldly challenged for the lead, had a lead most of the backstretch but couldn't clear, and then fell back nearing the ¾. CONNIE JEAN went right out for the lead, held off the first challenger but then was left powerless in the last quarter.

SECOND RACE

PIANO ROSE was looped early, three-wide to the 1/8 to the pocket 3/16, sat just behind fast fractions and a backstretch battle, outside stretch and was a pocket rocket. MASSIVE left hard four-wide to go around everybody before the 1/8 in a fast quarter, had to hold off a challenger down the back, lasted for second in a photo over LUCKY SHIIMM. The latter was off the gate and last of the nonbreakers, made a huge four-wide move on the turn and was full of momentum straightening away, just a little too far to come. TOBIKO sat in, aided when KIMCO HALL broke past headstretch and closed in some in the Lightning Lane. MASSIVE LOOKER pulled out 5/16 and got cover before the ½, gapped ¾. PEOPLESAYIMNOGOOD followed third-over, three-wide midturn but didn't have too much. ISABELLA CARINA raced into a 3-tuck at the 1/8, then came first-up at the half, dueled with the leader down the backstretch, didn't have much left in the lane. KIMCO HALL raced third-inside, made a break headstretch and went inside the pylons, placed. SCARLETT'S LEGACY broke before the first turn.

THIRD RACE

ROYALTYHASARRIVED landed second early, moved out 3/16 and went right to the lead, fought hard with his archrival R N NATE the third quarter and put him away on the turn, 56.3 last half to draw away and mark a Championship consecutive double for Brown/Schoeffel. JOHN PAUL left alertly for early command, yielded for the pocket, stayed tight most of the way, clearly second. R N NATE pulled raw 3/8 and was at the leader's throat by the half, took a small advantage 9/16 but couldn't increase it and by the 11/16 the winner had reasserted himself, lasted for third over GIVEN UP TERROR. The latter was in the outer flow a slight distance off cover, had some late kick. NIPPY joined the outer tier, widest stretch and narrowing in. SLICK RAIN worked into a 4-tuck past the 3/16, then was second-over, gapped and ducked in $\frac{3}{4}$. THE OTHERS were not prominent.

FOURTH RACE

SIMEON was pushed to the 3/16 by WIMBORNE HANOVER to make the top, rated the half, held out the first-over and then was in control of rivals to both sides late. WIMBORNE HANOVER got the first call, yielded 3/16 for the pocket and stayed tight as part of a three-horse breakaway the last 5/16, gave it his best shot in the Lightning Lane but had to settle for second. SILVER SIERRA gapped most of the second quarter then got rolling and was raw at the half, went in 28.4 to get into contention, came up a bit shy late but well ahead of the others. FLOODGAIT was locked in as the top trio got away, to the Lightning Lane and along for fourth. RT FORTY FOUR MAG had dull cover, three-wide on the turn and along for the last check. POLICE NAVIDAD never factored. WINDSUN PLAYBOY was in second-over position but could not keep up. SNAKE EYES was away last from the rail and was not prominent. BAMBAM LAUXMONT tucked third going to the first turn, started backing up down the backstretch.

FIFTH RACE

KEYSTONE DYLAN was three-wide leaving, to the front past the 1/8, drew further and further clear the last half. TSM STARQUEST left purposefully, forced a tuck then let the favorite go to sit the pocket behind that one, lost contact past the 5/8, just held second over KEYSTONE MAI WAY. The latter came away from the inside on the turn and made up good ground the last 3/16. SHARK RULES left, tucked third before the 1/8, not too much in the latter stages. GAMBLER LAUXMONT moved raw 5/8 but couldn't gain and ducked back in. WHITTILER HANOVER was outside midpack until tiring early in the third quarter. THE OTHERS were never close.

SIXTH RACE

QUILLZ came first-up 9/16, hit a better gear on the turn, grinded to the lead 20 yards out, then just withstood BAR WINE. The latter was second-over, blindswitched by KINGAPORE 11/16, advanced in the blindswitch on the turn, angled between the winner and the pacesetter early stretch and while the pace declined made up ground inch by inch to just miss. KINGAPORE was outside at the half, three-wide 11/16, didn't gain a great deal on the turn but was steadier in the lane and wasn't far off. HAMPTON BEACH was quarter-mover #2 and put down solid splits for this kind at the half and $\frac{3}{4}$, was briefly clear on the far turn, held stubbornly. SAM'S PRINCESS was last among the non-breakers, angled widest and chewed up the ground late in the slowing tempo. BELLAGIO BAY was outside 3/16 for command,

yielded, rough-gaited and gapped 11/16, then shuffled a bit, to the Lightning Lane but did not make up ground. ZOLI left, yielded, was quarter-mover #1, yielded again, came up empty at the $\frac{3}{4}$. DE FRAIN was out in 3- or 4-horse-position in the second tier before the start but broke 100 feet before the start. CREDITCARD EXPRESS misbehaved in front of the paddock before the start. POWERFUL SPUR jumped 50 feet before the field went on its way.

SEVENTH RACE

KWIK MAC led this field for 5280 feet, with the help of a 59.4 middle half, clear midstretch but then urged to the wire to repel the late charge of MONEY IN THE BANK. The latter found himself in the middle of the parked-the-mile group, three-wide before the $\frac{3}{4}$ to two-wide raw on the turn, came on steadily but came up a ~~dollar~~ head short. KINGS BEACH sat in then came off the rail headstretch, distant but clear third. SOUL MINING moved outside $\frac{3}{4}$ and was three-wide raw on the turn, some pace belatedly. ACE RULES kept the pocket closed, but was empty at crunch time. CATCH MY SHADOW tried the Lightning Lane to little avail. HOT ROD ICHABOD could find no hole leaving and thus was out raw until looped at the $\frac{3}{4}$, faded. SPOT LAUXMONT was off the gate and rough-gaited at many points, no factor. RUSTLERCAFE was third in the out-the-mile tier, faded. I'LL CALL U LATER moved outside behind the parked ones, broke at the $\frac{3}{4}$This was the last "speed" winner of the night – in the last half of the card, all the winners came off backstretch cover.

EIGHTH RACE

WORTHY JACKIE got a perfect second-over trip, wide late turn, gradually wore down UNBEAMLIEVABLE late. The latter, not looking 100% smooth at several points, quarter-moved, got a cheap 1:00.4 middle half although encountering pressure from GYMNAST HANOVER later on the backstretch and through the turn, did put that one away but couldn't quite go enough to hold up to the wire. GYMNAST HANOVER left for the early pocket, pulled from third 9/16 and grinded to the leader, pressuring her though not going quickly, held her ground well. ROSIE ROZZO left quickly to get the lead at the 1/8, yielded for the pocket, went to the Lightning Lane but could not gain. PRINCESS DESTA sat in, had no path available to her but following the pacesetter, slow to hit best stride but was gaining at the wire while never clear. PING PONG HANOVER was third-over, wide with cover, finished OK+. SINGALONGWITHBING and KEYSTONE ILLIANNA never made their presence felt.

NINTH RACE

WAGON MASTER was third-over, slow to get tight on his cover, followed WELL LETS SEE three-wide and remained three-deep when that foe dropped back down to two-wide, a bit wide headstretch but still the strong horse through the lane. WELL LETS SEE was a tight second-over, three-wide just before the $\frac{3}{4}$ to two-wide past midturn, clearly second-best. BILLY'S FALCON left, had cover until the first turn, then made the lead just past the quarter, got a 1:01 middle half but had no sprint home. POWERTERNITY took until the 3/16 to drop in, then had an excess of cover, advanced in a blindswitch $\frac{3}{4}$ through much of the turn then angled out wide, widest in the stretch, got fourth picturing out MCCLASSIC. The latter went to the lead directly, seated a foe then yielded past the $\frac{3}{4}$ for the pocket, but didn't have much left in the stretch. GINGER TREE CURRIE left and got the pocket going into the first turn, came back out raw

down the backstretch under rating, had been looped by just past midturn. PRINCE PENROD was far back throughout. REBEL ROCK RUSTY gapped down the backstretch.

TENTH RACE

ANGELS ENVY was third-over, three-wide first covered then uncovered on the turn, just up in the last strides in slowing last quarter. INDIANA JESSIE was second-over, three-wide at the $\frac{3}{4}$ to two-wide late turn, just outtrotted down the middle of the track. DEVIIOUS was first on top, yielded at the $\frac{3}{8}$ for the pocket, clear in the Lightning Lane and was picking up ground with every stride.

NOKDOWNIGETUPAGAN sat in, angled clear between horses late and like others gained as the tempo slowed. FEARLESS SAM made a break 100 feet before the start, recovered, joined the wide flow, was blindswitched headstretch and moved to her left for clearance, OK late. AMERICAN SPA set the pace with two moves, tired. CANTABS CLASSIC never featured. YEAHIMSASSY swung widest of all off the final turn but couldn't gain. THIS IS WAR was wide to the $\frac{1}{8}$ and tucked third $\frac{3}{16}$, then came uncovered at the half, battled head-to-head with the leader, started fading on the turn, was out of contention when going to a break.

ELEVENTH RACE

CRUMCAKE was in the outer flow on the second turn, circled a bunched pack $\frac{3}{4}$ to get to two-wide to pursue the runaway leader, easily caught her through the lane. KEYSTONE I WISH made the top, was engaged from the $\frac{1}{8}$ to nearing the $\frac{3}{4}$ by BETTERTHANREVENGE but would not let that one go through fast fractions, got away on the turn as the pocket, first-over, and sweeper all tired simultaneously side-by-side-by-side, but was overhauled by the winner. BABY YOU A SONG sat in, saw the traffic jam coming and quickly angled four-wide to midturn, best of the rest. SANDSLITTLEDRAGON gapped badly early, got into the four-wide flow midturn then was five-wide headstretch, outpaced the others. CLEAR WINNER was last much of the way, kept angling on the turn until winding up in the path used by BABY YOU A SONG headstretch, got the last check. TROPICAL TERROR moved behind the parked horse on the second turn, got to three-wide just as the winner started her sweep one path to the right, had little and clogged that lane. BETTERTHANREVENGE left sharply wanting the top, but was held out by KEYSTONE I WISH and, with the pocket filled, had to sit outside raw in very fast fractions for this night, tired $\frac{3}{4}$. BIG BOTTOM improved position at the start then was not heard from. QUIKSTARTMYHEART was wide to the $\frac{1}{8}$ then filled the pocket behind the two front-end battlers, empty $\frac{3}{4}$.

TWELFTH RACE

SPRITE NOW BEGONIA came out on the second turn and followed good cover, left uncovered to midturn when his cover tucked in the pocket, the strong horse late. ANDOVER EXPRESS gradually closed the hole after a horse broke past the $\frac{1}{8}$, uncovered to the half, never reached the leader down the backstretch and tucked in the pocket, was just along for second in the Lightning Lane. TRUSTWORTHY GAL set the pace on an open lead to almost the $\frac{3}{4}$, but couldn't sustain in the lane, far clear of the others. CRYSTAL EXPLOSION was loosed in the pocket throughout, gave the pocket early on the turn. STRAIGHT UP MODEL and JESSIE RAE never made it to contention. JOLLY MADISON tucked third at the eighth, then was not heard from. HARD ROCK N COOKIE got an early spot, seemed to be surprised when a horse

came from behind and tucked in front of her at the 1/8 and made a break shortly thereafter. DOLLAR BILLIARDS broke soon after the start.

THIRTEENTH RACE

OBEE was in the outer flow at the half, blindswitched before the $\frac{3}{4}$ then out with wide cover, outside his new cover headstretch and trotted away from the field. AMPLIFY was in the moving outer flow, went three-wide before the $\frac{3}{4}$ and through the turn, never had the lead but went on steadily for second. DOC BOYCE yielded for the pocket, shuffled late turn into the stretch when the pacesetter tired, then kept angling wider and wider, clear 100 feet out and finished with a burst. CHARLES RAY was out behind the parked horse, left uncovered when that one cleared before the $\frac{3}{4}$, ducked into the pocket late turn, then had to go to the Lightning Lane inside that foe, OK. ROUSH HANOVER went up on the first turn, briefly had cover then was again raw, grinded away and worked his way past the leader before the $\frac{3}{4}$, held the lead until midstretch in a big outing. SPECTATOR K tucked third, made a quarter-move before the parked horse reached him but broke 5/16, recovered on the second turn but was briefly wide as the outer tier had formed, then fell back. ZOLENA was always far back. AL BROWN made the front just past the 1/8 and had no rest on the lead, gave way 11/16. NORTH BROADWAY was not in contention when making a break on the far turn and going inside the pylons.

FOURTEENTH RACE

WE SAID SO was in Parts Unknown behind a dull cover flow to the $\frac{3}{4}$, but roared three-wide through the turn and through the stretch, with a terrific last quarter of 27.1 to be along easily. J MATT yielded at the 1/8, came out 5/16 to get the lead past the 3/8, sped up a bit down the stretch, held off everybody but the buzzsaw winner. SJ'S BLISSFUL GUY got to the front at the 1/8, saw two brush by, came out raw 11/16, did very well. SINK THE MCBISMARK was stuck inside, came to a clear lane just before midstretch and finished with pace. PONDA RIVER was looped and three-wide to the first turn to a tuck at the 1/8, then uncovered 3/16 to the lead past the quarter, yielded for the pocket, not too much in the latter stages. WANT ME pulled out behind the stopping horse, three-wide before the 5/8 to two-wide but couldn't reach. CYRUS SEELSTER was outside, blindswitched by the winner, not enough pace. DAFINATY pulled raw at the $\frac{1}{2}$ but was empty a 1/16 of a mile later and backed up with some sort of problem.