



# The Professor's Picks

Handicapping Selections for The Meadows, brought to you  
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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

### RACE 1

- 3 – INDIGO ART – Up in class, but won easily enough last time in lower level
- 1 – HES WELL CONNECTED – Trip wasn't the best last time
- 7 – ZONE BLITZ – Also up in class, set fast fractions last week

### RACE 2

- 3 – TEQUILA TALKIN – Should fit well in this new class today
- 2 – RAILEEGOTAHOLDONME – Good close from a bad post last time
- 5 – UNCLE LEROY – Very sharp right now, can contend again

### RACE 3

- 8 – CRANKIN' IT UP – Easy winner in most recent, can repeat
- 3 – FAST N VICTORIOUS – Too quick to the half last time
- 1 – DOCTOR RJ – Good win last time, can repeat
- 5 – PH KENNY – Made up ground late last start

### RACE 4

- 2 – DRAGON STRIKER – Draws a good spot here
- 4 – MISTER VIRGIN – Trip was tough last time
- 6 – FOUR CARD MAJOR – Up in class today off a good win
- 7 – STARTHIMUP – Will likely sit last and pass horses late

### RACE 5

- 7 – UNCLE COZ – Solid second last time, can contend again
- 2 – VODKA IS TERROR – Has won 2 of his last 3, in good form right now
- 6 – JD'S MACCA LODGE – Just got caught last week as the favorite
- 8 – CLASS SIX – Qualified well for return after a few weeks off

### RACE 6

- 5 – FANTASY ROCKET – Back-to-back seconds, can be in the top-2 again
- 3 – TOM CATTIN – Very good win last time, will contend again
- 6 – DANCE HALL BOUNCER – Drops back to claimer today
- 8 – MIDNIGHT ZETTE – Post hurts, but still has a shot here

### RACE 7

- 5 – DAPPER DUDE – Likely heavy favorite in here today off class drop
- 4 – THE DARK SHADOW – Fast qualifying race prepping for return
- 7 – ATTA BOY DAN – Post hurts a bit, qualifier wasn't as sharp as his stablemate
- 9 – STIRLING ESCORT – Pantaleano chose this one over #3, but post will make it tough

## HORSES TO WATCH

*Presented by the Professor's colleague, "THE CAPPER"*

- **Parkhill Lancelot** – Swept very wide late; had good closing speed
- **Skate Chase** – Good finish following 4 months on the shelf
- **Firm To Stay** – Left far behind with gate break; settled and rallied
- **Very Loudly** – Held well despite heavy pressure from the outset
- **Smokee Mirrors** – Should come with mutuel value; needs better post
- **Thoughtyoulikeit** – Solid return finishing second to heavy choice
- **Ruffle Up** – Taken back; rallied despite steering issues in the stretch
- **Knocking Around** – Late charge vs top level pacers on 1/18

\*\*Please note...selections are made prior to scratch time. Numbers may change due to early scratches. Verify the horse name matches program #

#### **RACE 8**

- 7 – SOUTHWIND AMAZON – Hard to pick against after two straight wins
- 6 – KNOCKING AROUND – Third last week after getting away last, good rally
- 5 – VAGUE TRACES – Should be a bit better from middle post
- 1 – STRIDE OF PRIDE – Off since 12/26, may need a start

#### **RACE 9**

- 2 – RIP THIS JOINT – Up in class, but draws well
- 6 – BONFIRE BLISS – Second last week, can challenge again
- 4 – V I P BAYAMA – Off two months, may need a week or two
- 3 – I’M FEELIN GOOD – Comes off a scratch, hasn’t raced yet in January

#### **RACE 10**

- 4 – MAYFIELD DUKE – Had missed over a month prior to last start
- 7 – WELL OF FIRE – Won in this class last week, but gets a tough post today
- 1 – BAMBINO JOE – Qualified twice, could be ready for today
- 5 – WINBAK WILLY Y – Strong win for Merriman last week, steps up today

#### **RACE 11**

- 3 – ROCKNROLL CHARM – 1-for-1 since purchase, we haven’t seen his best yet
- 6 – PC’S EXPRESSO – Shows plenty of recent top-3 finishes
- 5 – MYKONOS – Battled last time, tired a bit late
- 1 – GOINGTOCALIFORNIA – Newcomer has drawn some bad posts in Ohio

#### **RACE 12**

- 6 – FINAL JUSTICE – Ran into a tough group last time
- 7 – EAGLE FORD – Has put in some strong efforts, not out of the question here
- 2 – MODERN XHIBIT – Always a factor to be on the ticket
- 9 – CAPITAL ACCOUNT – Big win last time, but that was from post 1

#### **RACE 13**

- 1 – FOUR DIAMONDS – Gets a class drop and an inside post this week
- 2 – DANCE LIFE WELL – Very sharp, steps up in class today
- 5 – TERROR O – Ignore last start due to post 9
- 7 – CATHERINESDIAMOND – Good second last time, but that was from a much better post
- 9 – CARMENS BEST – May be hard-used early from outside post

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