The Professor's Picks

Handicapping Selections for The Meadows, brought to you by the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

RACE 1
2 – CAPT CHAPS HANOVER – Fresh off a Sire Stake victory, should be the favorite in here
1 – KATE'S MASSIVE – Top-3 finisher in all starts this year
5 – ZACK'S GOT THE W – Joins Corey Stable this week, makes second start on Lasix

RACE 2
1 – LINDY'S CRAZY HALL – Has speed, but seems to only have success when he gets to the front early
3 – GINGER TREE SKYR – Not out of the question here with a trip
6 – FINAL CLAIM – Risky off the recent break, but is fast enough

RACE 3
3 – GOES DOWN SMOOTH – Parked last time from a bad post, ignore that mile
1 – CROSSFIT – Burke Stable can take top two spots here
6 – NEXTROUNDISONME – Stable usually does very well locally

RACE 4
3 – MR MCDREAMY – Bendis Stable does well with Northfield shippers
4 – SPEED AGAIN – Has gate speed and a better post today
1 – DOO WOP WEST – Comes off a good win in Virginia
2 – GOGGLES PAISANO – Trip wasn't the best last time

RACE 5
1 – YANKEE BOURBON – Finally draws a decent post
2 – THEBIGBADSHARK – Another one that improves his post this week
6 – BUTTER BAY HANOVER – Won in this class last week, obviously a contender again
8 – CRUSHER Q – Big win last time, up in class and to an outside post today

RACE 6
5 – FIERY LUSTRE N – Returns to previous trainer, can win here
6 – NOBETTERPLACETOBE – Hall chose this one over #5, so I may have my picks out of order here
4 – CRANKIN IT UP – Broke last time, don't overlook him today
3 – RUFFLE UP – Raced well in lower level despite poor posts, steps up this week

RACE 7
1 – PYRO – Fast times in Lexington stand out in here
6 – LYONS NIGHT HAWK – King Stable has done very well here this season
5 – WATERWAY – Comes off a win in a Stallion Series event

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

HORSES TO WATCH

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

- **Southwind Thundra** – Battled outside throughout; held well to the wire
- **Americangeneration** – Left alertly, shuffled, then closed in passing lane
- **Night Explorer** – Was moving well late inside vs heavy choice
- **Pennant Seelster** – Recovered nicely following early break in local debut
- **PC's Expresso** – Lost all chance when inside throughout
- **Cole On The Beach** – Swung three-wide; rallied to a third on 9/14

RACE 8
3 – HIGHLANDBEACHLOVER – Had no chance last week due to post 9
5 – AFLAME HANOVER – Fast win last week in Sire Stake
1 – BRASSY HANOVER – Another one that had a poor post last time

RACE 9
2 – MISTER VIRGIN – Very fast fractions took their toll last time
6 – BIG DUTCH – Paced a 25.2 opening quarter last time
9 – SIR JACK – Took last week off, returns today

RACE 10
4 – GO WEST GO FAST – Let's go for the upset with this one today
8 – WINDSONG LEO – Took advantage of the trip last time, big win
6 – CAROLINA BEACH – Paced a very quick half last week

RACE 11
5 – CHARIOT RACER – Won his last 2 starts in this class with ease
6 – ALMIROLA HANOVER – Won last time, picks up Kakaley today
2 – EXPLOSIVE MAGIC – Beaten favorite last time after quick first half

RACE 12
7 – BUCKEYE PRESIDENT – Easy winner in this class last start
6 – DESERONTO – Tried to make 2 moves last week, needs easier route
2 – SAPPHIRE CITY – Needs a stronger final quarter today

RACE 13
6 – BLOW A CLOUD N – Fast final quarter last start, needs the right trip
1 – SHOOTERS DREAM – 1-for-1 since return from time off, moves up in class
2 – BETTER WATCH OUT – Newcomer could surprise in here

RACE 14
6 – MAC DEENO – Drops in class, lowest level he's seen in a while
3 – HOOSIER PACO – Tough trip last week, trotted a strong mile
2 – MAXIMUM CREDIT – Showed some gate speed last time
4 – EXPLOSIVE LEGGS – Not out of the question as a longer shot in here

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