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Hurricane Bertie Stakes \$100,000 - Grade 3

Post Time: 12:30 PM ET 4YO+ **Fillies & Mares 6 Furlongs**

Curlin's Approval Appears Primed

Jeff Siegel, XBTV.com - @jsiegelracing

Analysis: With no 'need the lead' frontrunners entered in this year's Hurricane Bertie, I expect trainer Martin Wolfson will instruct Gulfstream's leading jockey, Luis Saez, to ride CURLIN'S APPROVAL aggressively from the bell and seize control of the race if the situation allows. In six career starts, CURLIN'S APPROVAL has never actually led at the first call, but with a decent break she should be on or near the lead without having to use much energy.

Main Contenders: CURLIN'S APPROVAL seems likely to be extra sharp after a six-week respite. Two recent bullet 5-furlong workouts – including a :58 flat breeze on January 16 – should have her right on edge. That, along with a series of speed figures that are more than good enough to handle this field, makes her the logical top choice. Conversely, YOU BOUGHT HER will be taking the opposite approach, returning on very short rest after missing by a neck in the Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint last Saturday. The veteran mare is a 7-furlong specialist, having finished first or second in nine of 15 starts at this extended sprint trip. Unfortunately, that positive angle may be cancelled by her 0-for-7 record at Gulfstream Park.

Value Plays: GENRE hasn't sprinted since, well, ever. It's hard to believe that it's taken this long for Todd Pletcher to find a suitable race shorter than a mile for this daughter of Bernardini, who generally employs pace-setting or stalking tactics in her two-turn tries. She finished third in the mid-December Rampart Stakes (CURLIN'S APPROVAL finished second) and the five-year-old mare might appreciate if Johnny Velazquez allows her to try to take this field wire-to-wire, a strategy that could very well be dictated by her rail post position. She also boasts several back numbers that will put her in the fray.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win: CURLIN'S APPROVAL (\$20)
- \$10 Exacta Box: CURLIN'S APPROVAL and YOU BOUGHT HER (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta Box: CURLIN'S APPROVAL and GENRE (\$10)

Stats & Trends

Last 5	Hurricana	Bertie Winners:	
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Year	Horse	Jockey
2015	Merry Meadow	J. Castellano
2014	Groupie Doll	R. Maragh
2013	Golden Mystery	L. Saez
2012	R Holiday Mood	J. Velazquez
2011	Hilda's Passion	J. Castellano

Profile of a Hurricane Bertie Winner

(Since 2001)
Average Odds 2.33/1
Winning Favorites 9 (60.0%)
Average Win Margin 3.23 Lengths
Average Beaten Lengths1.10 Lengths
(1st Call)
Average Beaten Lengths0.17 Lengths
(2nd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths +1.77 Lengths
(Stretch Call)
Wire-to-Wire Winners 6 (40.0%)

Know This

Fear the Chalk: Favorites have won nine of the last 12 editions of the Hurricane Bertie, including the last three. During that span, just two favorites finished outside the Exacta and only one outside the Trifecta.

Call it a Five-Peat? Javier Castellano leads all active riders with four Hurricane Bertie victories. All four winners were favorites, however, so his career Win ROI in the race is just \$1.87.

Runaway Winners: The camera at the finish line can take this one off. In 15 prior runnings of the Hurricane Bertie, the average margin of victory is nearly 3 1/4-lengths. Just three times was the margin 1-length or less.



Poseidon Handicap \$400,000

Post Time: 1:30 PM ET

4YO+

1 1/8 Miles

Money in the Bank, Baby!

Stan Salter, Maryland Horse Radio - @MDHorseRadio

Analysis: Have to give credit when it's due, and I'd just like to tip my cap to the Gulfstream Park Racing Office for putting together a phenomenal card today. A field of nine is entered for the inaugural edition of the Poseidon, with Todd Pletcher's STANFORD leading the way. He looks like he can go right to the front and take this field coast-to-coast, just as he did in the Harlan's Holiday Stakes a little over a month ago. In fact, not only do I think STANFORD wins here, but I also think he's a very reliable key horse on both your Early Pick 5 and Early Pick 4 tickets. His stablemate, MADEFROMLUCKY, also exits the Harlan's Holiday and is the only horse that appears capable of springing an upset.

Main Contenders: STANFORD obviously looks the part. The five-year-old was simply untouchable in the Harlan's Holiday, his fifth victory in 13 career starts. He loves Gulfstream, where he has two wins and two seconds from five starts. So long as Johnny V holds on, I think STANFORD will do the rest. Todd Pletcher's 'other' horse, MADEFROMLUCKY, reunites with Javier Castellano, with whom he won the 2015 Peter Pan Stakes. I'm hoping for a better trip than he got last out in the Harlan's Holiday, where he had no racing room and was almost put over the rail around the 1/8-pole. IMPERATIVE has earned more than \$2 million and deserves some respect, especially considering it appears he's developed an up and down pattern with his speed figs in his last four races. Today, it looks like this son of Bernardini is due to put in his best effort.

Value Plays: With STANFORD and MADEFROMLUCKY looking the part of reliable favorites, there isn't a ton of value in this race. Frankly, STANFORD is probably your stone-cold lock of the day. Go to the window and key him in your Early Pick 5, Early Pick 4, and play a large Exacta with him on top of MADEFROMLUCKY. Money in the bank, baby!

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$30 Win: STANFORD (\$30)
- \$20 Exacta: STANFORD over MADEFROMLUCKY (\$20)

Stats & Trends

Winning Jockeys
Gulfstream Park, 1 1/8 Mile Dirt Races
(Since December 5, 2015)

Javier Castellano	3
John Velazquez	2
Luis Saez	2
Carlos Olivera	1
Corey Lanerie	1
Mario Gutierrez	1
Nik Juarez	1
Paco Lopez	1

Winning Running Styles
Gulfstream Park, 1 1/8 Mile Dirt Races

(Since December 5, 2015)

Wire-to-Wire	2
Stalking	6
Midpack	4
Closing	0

Winning Post Positions
Gulfstream Park, 1 1/8 Mile Dirt Races
(Since December 5, 2015)

Post	Wins/Starts	Post	Wins/Starts
1	1/12	8	0/9
2	1/12	9	0/7
3	4/12	10	0/5
4	1/12	11	1/3
5	4/12	12	0/2
6	0/11	13	0/2
7	0/9	14	0/2

Ladies' Turf Sprint \$125,000

Post Time: 2:32 PM ET 4Y0+

Fillies & Mares
5 Furlongs Turf

Following the Breadcrumbs

Dustin Fabian, Xpressbet.com - @Xpressbet

Analysis: When I was learning to handicap races, one of the first pieces of advice I received was to always keep an eye on the jockey 'breadcrumbs,' and to follow their trail to your winner. Focus on riders who appeared to have the choice to ride multiple horses in a race...and then bet the horse they chose. After all, the riders know better than anyone which horse gives them the best chance for a trip to the winner's circle. And since Paco Lopez chose NITE DELITE over BRANDY'S GIRL, MY SISTER CARO and BLUE BAHIA (all fillies he rode in their most recent starts), I can't help but give her the edge in this evenly-matched 12-horse field.

Main Contenders: In addition to securing the services of Paco Lopez, NITE DELITE has a great record at the distance (in the Exacta in 6-of-7 tries) and, according to the Stats & Trends in the right column, benefits from being an outside-drawn frontrunner. SPECTACULAR ME loves turf sprints and Gulfstream Park, and reunites with jockey, Jose Ortiz. They teamed to win the Claiming Crown Distaff Dash here in December. TRIPLE CHELSEA took advantage of a pace meltdown in her last race at Tampa Bay Downs to beat NITE DELITE by a neck in a stakes race. She should get another good setup Saturday.

Value Plays: There's so much speed signed on for this race that at least one of the closers is going to step up and run a big race at a huge price. Keep an eye on MOON RIVER and BIBBY, and don't hesitate to use them in your exotic wagers. Their jockeys, Joel Rosario and Corey Lanerie, respectively, do well with closers and the anticipated scorching pace will benefit their closing kicks.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win: NITE DELITE (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta: NITE DELITE with MY SISTER CARO, MOON RIVER, BIBBY, SPECTACULAR ME, TRIPLE CHELSEA and EVERYTHING LOVELY (\$30)

Stats & Trends

Last 5 Ladies' Turf Sp	rint Winners:
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Year	Horse	Jockey
2016	Lady Shipman	I. Ortiz Jr.
2015	Jewel of a Cat	P. Lopez
2014	Believe in Charlie	J. Castellano
2013	Stopshoppingmaria	J. Velazquez
2012	Inspired	J. Velazquez

Profile of a Ladies' Turf Sprint Winner: (Since 2010)

(311100 2010)
Average Odds 4.53/1
Winning Favorites 4 (57.1%)
Average Win Margin 1.39 Lengths
Average Beaten Lengths 0.18 Lengths
(1st Call)
Average Beaten Lengths +0.36 Lengths
(2nd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths +1.50 Lengths
(Stretch Call)
Wire-to-Wire Winners 4 (57.1%)

Know This

Need for Speed:Start your handicapping with fillies that are quickest from the gate. 4-of-7 editions of the Ladies'Turf Sprint were won in wire-to-wire fashion and just one winner was not first or second at the first point-of-call.

Beware the Rail: Fillies breaking from the rail are a combined 0-for-7 in the Ladies'Turf Sprint, with just two in-the-money finishes. On the other hand, horses breaking from the far outside post have finished in the Top 3 in each of the last three years at average odds of 33/1.

Price Plays: In each of the last four years, at least one filly has finished in the Trifecta at double-digit odds. Since 2013, the \$2 Ladies' Sprint Trifecta has paid \$1,989.60 (2015), \$1,701 (2014), \$238 (2013) and \$34.40 (2016).

Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint \$125,000

Post Time: 3:38 PM ET

4YO+

5 Furlongs Turf

Dash For The Cash

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Analysis: This is a particularly challenging race to handicap. That's because the group includes several hard-knocking, win-type runners with outstanding turf records at the distance and over the Gulfstream turf course. There's a tantalizing mixture of speed and closers, so serious pace analysis doesn't do much to clear the picture. 'Gonna have to dig to unearth this treasure. Since this is the ninth event on a 12-race Pegasus World Cup card, it occupies an important wagering position for horseplayers as the Rainbow Six third leg, the late Pick Five second leg and the late Pick Four first leg! Those singling here are bolder than this horseplayer. Adequate coverage suggests a 'spread' attack. Below are two Main Contenders and a pair of Value Plays that can be used horizontally. Additionally, MONGOLIAN SATURDAY, maybe past his prime, still is dangerous and PLATINUM PRINCE, off a nice allowance score, fit on larger tickets.

Main Contenders: Defending champ, POWER ALERT, returns off a victory in Tampa's Turf Dash Stakes. He was second in that race last year before winning this one. 'ALERT is sharp, unbeaten on GP turf and 8-for-19 at the distance on grass. He's got speed, too, and an outside post that gives jockey Julien Leparoux flexibility. Different this year: POWER ALERT is seven-years-old and the purse is \$50,000 more than last year! MANHATTAN DAN hails from the powerful Todd Petcher barn and will be ridden by Javier Castellano, who recently won his fourth consecutive Eclipse Award as the nation's top jockey. The Pletcher/ Castellano combo wins at about 32%. Those positives alone put this one on a ticket. MANHATTAN DAN also has solid credentials: 2-for-2 GP turf and 3-for-3 at the distance on grass. He's got speed, too, is fresh since April and has worked every six/seven days, including a minute bullet at Palm Beach Downs.

Value Plays: Two hard-hitters with outstanding GP turf and distance/surface records are SUPER SPENDER and PAY ANY PRICE. They don't exude the class to attract wagering action, but they're sharp runners that can upset the apple cart. The former was well behind POWER ALERT last out at 3-1 and the latter romped in a five-furlong, \$16k optional claimer on turf. SUPER SPENDER recently delivered a bullet (best of 29) half in :47 3/5 over Palm Meadows turf.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$10 Exacta Box: MANHATTAN DAN and POWER ALERT (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta: MANHATTAN DAN and POWER ALERT with SUPER SPENDER, PAY ANY PRICE and PLATINUM PRINCE (\$30)

Stats & Trends

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Year	Horse	Jockey
2016	Power Alert (AUS)	J. Leparoux
2015	Amelia's Wild Ride	J. Lezcano
2014	Wicked Tune	E. Trujillo
2013	Varsity	J. Bravo
2012	Private Jet (ARG)	J. Velazguez

Profile of a G.P. Turf Sprint Winner

(Since 2010)

(311100 2010)
Average Odds 5.09/1
Winning Favorites 1 (14.2%)
Average Win Margin 0.89 Lengths
Average Beaten Lengths1.21 Lengths
(1st Call)
Average Beaten Lengths0.86 Lengths
(2nd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths0.07 Lengths
(Stretch Call)
Wire-to-Wire Winners 1 (14.2%)

Know This

Closers Need Not Apply: While only one horse has taken the G.P. Turf Sprint in wire-towire fashion, none of the race's seven winners was more than 2 ½-lengths out of first at any point of call. Key your wagers around horses that will be racing near the lead.

Just an Anomaly? Horses breaking from Post Position #4 have won four of the first seven editions of the G.P. Turf Sprint.

Picks

Johnny D's 1. MANHATTAN DAN 3. PLATINUM PRINCE

2. POWER ALERT (AUS)

4. SUPER SPENDER



La Prevoyante Handicap \$200,000 - Grade 3

Post Time: 4:14 PM ET 4Y0+

Fillies & Mares
1 1/2 Miles Turf

Cream of the Crop

Millie Ball, XBTV.com - @camillayakteen

Analysis: A full field of 12 is signed on for the Grade 3 La Prevoyante Handicap. With the distance set at a 1 ½-miles on the lawn at Gulfstream, I'm looking for a horse that can sit handily and punch home! A number of these, including SUFFUSED, ARLES, PROMOTIONAL and PAIGE appear to fit that bill.

Main Contenders: SUFFUSED exits the Grade 1 E.P. Taylor Stakes at Woodbine, a race she arguably would have won had she been able to avoid traffic in the final furlong. Her rider, Jose Ortiz, had trouble finding racing room, but once they got loose she ran on to finish 2nd, beaten just a nose. SUFFUSED loves firm ground and her pedigree is loaded with stamina. Her grandsire produced Arc winner, Dylan Thomas, and her dam's sire, Daylami, won the '99 Breeders' Cup Turf at Gulfstream. She may be vulnerable today, though. This is her first start off the bench and she didn't draw well, but I think her class will suffice. Plus, trainer Bill Mott insists she is a better filly now than she was when she ran previously at Gulfstream. ARLES usually sits a handy trip and I see her tucking in behind QUIET KITTEN and GYPSY EYES, who are the speed of the race. She has a habit of running 2nd, but ran really well last out when she was the runner-up in Del Mar's Red Carpet Handicap, beaten only by Japanese Oaks winner, Nuovo Record.

Value Plays: PAIGE has been consistent for Christophe Clement and won the Via Borghese Stakes here last out at odds of 21/1. I expect a similar price Saturday. She beat PROMOTIONAL in that race, but that one got stuck behind a dawdling pace and then was effectively blocked behind horses all the way to the wire. She'd have run better with a clean trip. On the other hand, TRY YOUR LUCK had a perfect trip in the Tropical Park Oaks last month. She saved ground every step of the way, but hung late and finished third. I do love that she reunites with Florent Geroux, though. They teamed to win the Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs in September by 7 ½-lengths.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

• \$25 Exacta Box: SUFFUSED and ARLES (\$50)

Stats & Trends

Last 5 La Prevoyante Winners:

Year	Horse	Jockey
2015	Goldy Espony (FR)	J. Castellano
2014	Irish Mission	J. Velazquez
2013	Closing Range	E.Trujillo
2012	Casablanca Smile (CHI)	J. Castellano
2011	Changing Skies (IRE)	K. Desormeaux

Profile of a La Prevoyante Winner

(Since 1991)

(Since 1991)
Average Odds 4.73/1
Winning Favorites 12 (48.0%)
Average Win Margin 1.74 Lengths
Average Beaten Lengths2.96 Lengths
(1st Call)
Average Beaten Lengths3.80 Lengths
(2nd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths2.53 Lengths
(3rd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths1.18 Lengths
(4th Call)
Average Beaten Lengths +0.70 Lengths
(Stretch Call)
Wire-to-Wire Winners 5 (20.0%)

Know This

New Digs, Round II: Prior to 2014, this race was contested at Calder Race Course. Only the last two editions, won by Goldy Espony and Irish Mission, were held at Gulfstream Park.

Clear Sailing: Frontrunners have won this race five times in the last nine editions. That recent success broke a streak of more than 15 consecutive years of futility for early speed horses, dating back to the early 1990's.

The Javy & Johnny Show: Javier Castellano (3 wins) and John Velazquez (2 wins) have combined to win five of the last nine editions of the La Prevoyante.

Millie's Picks 1. SUFFUSED (GB)

3. PROMOTIONAL

2. ARLES (FR)

4. TRY YOUR LUCK



W.L. McKnight Handicap \$200,000 - Grade 3

Post Time: 4:50 PM ET

4YO+

1 1/2 Miles Turf

Passing of the Torch

Anthony 'The Big A' Stabile, Xpressbet Radio - @TheBigAStabile

Analysis: Another wide open event on an action-packed undercard, this 12-furlong turf marathon offers an interesting mix of stakes winners and those looking to garner some black type for the first time. That storyline plays out perfectly in Tom Albertrani's barn alone, as eight-year-old Grade 1 winner, TWILIGHT ECLIPSE, a former world-record holder at this trip on the turf, has to contend with his up-and-coming stablemate, SADLER'S JOY, a four-year-old that's won three straight against maidens and allowance company. In total, a dozen runners are set to go to post, including the defending champ, CHARMING KITTEN, from the potent Mike Maker stable.

Main Contenders: CHARMING KITTEN has won half of his eight starts over the Gulfstream turf course and returns to the U.S. for his first start in over five months after several failed tries in Europe last summer. TAGHLEEB has won a pair of stakes, including the H. Allen Jerkens last out, in his first five starts since being claimed by Maker, who has become a master at turning former claimers in to stakes winners. DANISH DYNAFORMER and MR. MAYBE are more than capable when they fire their best shots, as is TWILIGHT ECLIPSE, who could very well work out a perfect trip right behind the frontrunners, DIAMOND BACHELOR and APPLICATOR.

Value Plays: SADLER'S JOY will be making his first start in nearly three months, having won his last three starts at different distances over different turf courses. I love his versatility and think he has all the potential in the world. PATTERSON CROSS closed nicely with the addition of blinkers in his latest start and should appreciate the added distance in his stakes debut for Hall of Fame trainer, Bill Mott.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win: SADLER'S JOY (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta Key Box: SADLER'S JOY with TWILIGHT ECLIPSE, PATTERSON CROSS and CHARMING KITTEN (\$30)

Stats & Trends

Last 5 W.L McKnight Winners:

Year	Horse	Jockey
2015	Charming Kitten	J. Velazquez
2014	Divine Oath	J. Castellano
2013	Twilight Eclipse	J. Lezcano
2012	Twilight Eclipse	M. Cruz
2011	Musketier (GER)	L. Saez

Profile of a W.L. McKnight Winner

(Since 1991)

(Since 1991)
Average Odds 9.42/1
Winning Favorites 8 (30.7%)
Average Win Margin 1.51 Lengths
Average Beaten Lengths2.84 Lengths
(1st Call)
Average Beaten Lengths3.28 Lengths
(2nd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths2.33 Lengths
(3rd Call)
Average Beaten Lengths1.13 Lengths
(4th Call)
Average Beaten Lengths +0.28 Lengths
(Stretch Call)
Wire-to-Wire Winners 5 (19.2%)

Know This

New Digs, Round 1: Prior to 2014, this race was contested at Calder Race Course. Only the last two editions, won by Charming Kitten and Divine Oath, were held at Gulfstream Park.

Déjà vu: Since moving to Gulfstream Park in 2014, both editions of the W.L. McKnight Handicap have been won by Todd Pletchertrained runners that rallied from midpack to score at odds of 9/2.

Vulnerable...on the Grass: Since 1999, the W.L. McKnight has been run on the turf 15 times, with favorites winning just twice. In that same span, the race came off the turf three times and favorites won twice.

Big A's Picks 1. SADLER'S JOY

3. PATTERSON CROSS

2. TWILIGHT ECLIPSE

4. CHARMING KITTEN



Pegasus World Cup \$12,000,000 - Grade 1

Post Time: 5:40 PM ET

4YO+

1 1/8 Miles

Year Horse

2014 Lea

(Since 1991)

2016 Mshawish

2013 Graydar

2015 Constitution

2012 Hymn Book

Profile of a Winner

Stats & Trends

Last 5 Donn Handicap Winners:

Average Odds 5.50/1 Winning Favorites 7 (26.9%)

Average Win Margin 2.66 Lengths

Average Beaten Lengths -1.79 Lengths

Average Beaten Lengths -1.69 Lengths

A Showdown for the Ages

Eddie Olczyk, NBC Sports - @EddieOlczyk

Analysis: With all due respect to the other ten entrants, this race definitely goes through ARROGATE and CALIFORNIA CHROME. They finished more than 10-lengths clear of the pack in the Breeders' Cup Classic and are clearly the best two dirt horses in the world. Separating this superstar tandem isn't simple, but I think ARROGATE gained the advantage at Monday's Post Position Draw. He drew the rail (the same post from which he won the Travers), while CALIFORNIA CHROME is marooned in the far outside gate. With a short run into the first turn, that could make all the difference.

Main Contenders: With a combined nine Grade 1 wins and \$18.5 million in earnings between them, ARROGATE and CALIFORNIA CHROME are as good as it gets. Their resumes include wins in the Dubai World Cup, Breeders' Cup Classic, Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Travers, Pacific Classic, Awesome Again and more. But when it comes to betting the Pegasus World Cup, I give the edge to ARROGATE. He's going to get a perfect setup, while 'CHROME may not be so lucky. I expect Mike Smith to guide ARROGATE into a cozy stalking trip, maybe 4th or 5th behind NEOLITHIC and NOBLE BIRD, while Victor Espinoza is going to have to work hard early to ensure 'CHROME doesn't get stuck wide. And when the running starts, I think the energy and ground ARROGATE saved will be the difference. I picked him in Xpressbet's Travers and Breeders' Cup Wager Guides and he delivered for me both times, so let's go for the 'Hat Trick' and get him to the wire first in the World Cup.

Value Plays: He's going to need some luck, but I'm betting SHAMAN GHOST will run a big race Saturday. He won last year's Woodward Stakes and has been pointed to this race for months by owner, Frank Stronach. If he brings his A-Game, and if ARROGATE or CALIFORNIA CHROME falter just a little, he should be well poised to 'split' those two at the finish and key some solid payouts.

\$50 Wagering Strategy:

- \$5 Exacta: ARROGATE with SHAMAN GHOST and CALIFORNIA CHROME (\$10)
- \$5 Exacta Box: ARROGATE and SHAMAN GHOST (\$10)
- \$1 Trifecta: ARROGATE with SHAMAN GHOST and CALIFORNIA CHROME with ALL (\$20)
- \$10 Win: ARROGATE (\$10)

(2nd Call) Average Beaten Lengths -1.01 Lengths

Average Beaten Lengths +1.41 Lengths

(Stretch Call)

Wire-to-Wire Winners 5 (19.2%)

Jockey J. Velazquez

J. Castellano

J. Velazquez

J. Rosario

E. Prado

Know This

New Name, Bigger Stakes: The Pegasus World Cup replaces the Donn Handicap, which had been contested every year since 1959. The winner's share of the 2016 edition, won by Mshawish, was \$300,000. This year's winner takes home \$7,000,000.

The Todd Show: Todd Pletcher led all trainers with five victories in the Donn Handicap. His overall record in the race was 17 - 5 - 2 - 1 with a Win ROI of \$2.44.

Need for Speed: Over the last 26 editions of the Donn, 18 winners either took the field wire-to-wire (5 times) or stalked the early pace from 2nd or 3rd (13 times). Five winners rallied from midpack, while just three victors were deep closers.

Eddie's **Picks**

1. ARROGATE

2. SHAMAN GHOST

3. CALIFORNIA CHROME 4. KEEN ICE



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