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**Sunday, December 11**

**Hollywood Park**

**FIRST POST 12:30pm**

**WEATHER FORECAST: High of 58 Sunny**

**Main Track: Check Turf: Check**

Many short prices right now, which is pretty common during the final weeks of the year, regardless of what track you're studying, as tired horses stand out, while runners in good form are harder to find, thus, they ALSO stand out when showing up the final weeks of the year.

**CCHR:** Fair Value Wagers are already up \$260 since Gulfstream Opening Day last Saturday. Make sure to get your copy at [www.WestCoastRacing.com](http://www.WestCoastRacing.com)

**Hollywood Main Track:** Winners have been coming from all points on the track right now.

**Hollywood Turf:** Fair to all types so far.

\*We have some wonderful RAD notes ready for the upcoming Santa Anita Meet, which should be a lot of fun, AND, profitable as well.

**Yesterday:** The biggest fault of jockey Rafael Bejarano, is that sometimes he puts too much confidence into his horse, and, his own abilities, and his late runs are futile. That happened with Weemissfrankie, who had plenty of horse, but given way, way too much to do, finishing fourth, before galloping out well in front.

**FIRST RACE:** 25,000 claimers to open this Sunday of racing. Top choice in the opener is **RUSSIAN RIVER (#5)**. Away since May, she found her best stride when going over this same turf sprint. Garcia ONLY rides lives runners for Mitchell, so this is a good sign, and a good comeback effort is likely. **MAYA ANGELINA (#2)** ran super last time out in a race which was supposed to be on the turf. She now strings back to back races together for the first time in over a year, and "Talamo on the Turf" is always a good thing to have on your side. ZERO VALUE HERE.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 5-2

X Out Runners (on the win end): none

Negative Notes:

Vickilee - Did not like the way she galloped out last time out.

WCHR Race Appraisal:

Field Average: **3,475**

Strength: AVERAGE for the level.

**TOP PICK: RUSSIAN RIVER (#5 6-5 Garcia)**

**SECOND CHOICE: MAYA ANGELINA (#2 3-1 Talamo)**

**SECOND RACE:** 16,000 claimers going 6 1/2 furlongs. Top selection is **MENTIDOSO (#6)**. He makes his third consecutive start here today since being claimed opening week at Del Mar, and he's run well. Today, from this short, outside post, expect Talamo to sit just behind the speed, before taking over turning for home, and at this moment, this runner likely has the best combination of speed to stay close, and finishing power down the lane. **STORMIN PROUD PAPA (#2)** head to the front here with a clean break, and if for some reason the top pick does not break alertly, and this one can sneak away up front, he could give a valiant fight to the wire.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 6-2

X Out Runners (on the win end): 3

Negative Notes:

Orbach - Never a fan of runners who are offered for the low side of the claim condition, up for sale for 14,000.

WCHR Race Appraisal:

Field Average: **2,775**

Strength: BELOW AVERAGE for the level.

**TOP PICK: MENTIDOSO (#6 2-1 Talamo)**

**SECOND CHOICE: STORMIN PROUD PAPA (#2 4-1 Vergara)**

**THIRD RACE:** A Maiden Special Weight over 1 1/16th miles on the TURF. Top selection is **LET'S GO CHEYENNE (#6)**, whose last effort sets her up SUPER here today, and now, she finds a field with even less speed than she's been facing, and we'll look for Talamo to head right to the front, and simply never look back here. **PASSIONBYPASSION (#2)** returns from a terrible effort at Keeneland, and now, gets a route and the turf, with Bejarano taking over, and a much improved effort we believe is coming.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 6-2

X Out Runners (on the win end): 3,5

Negative Notes:

Heidi Marie - She'll be bet, and while she can possibly win, we want no part of her, as she likes to look around down the lane, doing whatever she can to NOT finish in front of the others, and those types are never a good thing to be backing.

**TOP PICK: LET'S GO CHEYENNE (#6 8-5 Talamo)**

**SECOND CHOICE: PASSIONBYPASSION (#2 10-1 Bejarano)**

**FOURTH RACE:** 25,000 claimers going 1 1/16th miles on the main track. Top selection is **JAIRZIHNO (#1)**. He was allowed to gain confidence against lesser in recent tries, and that resulted in much better efforts up near, or on the lead. Today, from this rail slot, look for Talamo to not mess around, likely sending this guy from the inside, and compared to some of these, who are stagnating, this one seems to be on the improve at the right time here today. **THEY CALL HIM EL (#4)** was claimed by Puype last time out, out of a mile race which is too short for this plodder type of runner. Today, with Gomez plugging away down the lane, and a pretty weak group

assembled, expect a nice try in this spot. ACHAK can also run well, and really, we believe we can turn this event into a three horse race. Let's move along.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 1-4-6

X Out Runners (on the win end): 2,3,5,7

Negative Notes:

Pode - Avila has been on another planet with regard to placing this guy.

**TOP PICK: JAIRZINHO (#1 5-2 Talamo)**

**SECOND CHOICE: THEY CALL HIM EL (#4 7-2 Gomez)**

**FIFTH RACE:** A Maiden Special Weight over a flat mile on the TURF. Top selection is **VICTORY CUP (#2)**, who in this particular spot today, is probably the most likely winner on the day. He ran nicely for third at 25-1 in his debut (as our second choice that day), and just missed as the 4-5 favorite last time out, when also stretching out for the first time. Today, he strings together three races to begin his career, a sign he's withstanding the rigors of racing well, and the effort when going a route last time out, says this guy has ability, and will only get better. Let's just move along.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 2-8

X Out Runners (on the win end): 1,3,4,5

Positive Notes:

Archie's Way - Glatt thought enough to take him for 20,000.

Negative Notes:

Onebadboy - The fact Koriner stretches this guy out today, tells us he's not happy with this guy at all, and this breeding does nothing to suggest he'll move forward around two turns.

**TOP PICK: VICTORY CUP (#2 7-5 Bejarano)**

**SECOND CHOICE: UNSTOPPABLE TOPPER (#8 4-1 Sutherland)**

**SIXTH RACE:** A Maiden Special Weight over 1 1/16th miles, and a wide open event, meaning, an excellent opportunity to look for a price. Top selection is **HANNAH G (#6)**. We like the way she strode out last time out, while also galloping out well, and remember, we're dealing with young fillies, who are pretty fickle, running well one day, and not the next. If this one takes a step forward with the added ground, she can absolutely threaten these here today. **MY BASHERT (#10)** is interesting. She's faded after showing shaper speed sprinting, so O'Neill now sends long, hoping this will dull some of that crisp early zip, allowing for some nice judicious splits, and a wire to wire effort, while Bejarano sees fit to stick around. With these two, we have a likely deep closer, and the speed of the group, so we're "bookending" this group, up front, and from the back, one of our favorite angles to capture an event.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 6-10-5

X Out Runners (on the win end): 2,4,9,11

## Positive Notes:

Fluxx - Looked nice down the lane last time out.

## Negative Notes:

Por Que Te Quiero - Another Guillot runner showing nothing, while overplaced.

**TOP PICK: HANNAH G (#6 10-1 H Berrios)**

**SECOND CHOICE: MY BASHERT (#10 7-2 Bejarano)**

**SEVENTH RACE:** An allowance race over seven furlongs. Top choice is **CANONIZE (#2)**. He's had major physical issues, rarely ever able to string races together, so this is huge today, that he comes back in only 15 days, HUGE. We do have a soft spot for this guy, as he was our TOP PICK when breaking his maiden at 23-1 in April of 2009, and he's just a hard trying runner, our favorite type of horse to back. With a better break today, he'll sit about 4 to 5 lengths behind **COMMA TO THE TOP**, before Espinoza starts moving in, and we're hoping **INDIAN FIREWATER (#3)** does not let **COMMA** get too comfortable on the front end. **INDIAN** can likely inherit a good spot from **COMMA**, a horse who never should have been sent to the Kentucky Derby, and it's quite possible the connections will pay for that mistake during the upcoming race year with this one.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 2-3

X Out Runners (on the win end): none

## Positive Notes:

Shediak - Can regain some confidence, and come running down the lane here today.

**TOP PICK: CANONIZE (#2 3-1 Espinoza)**

**SECOND CHOICE: INDIAN FIREWATER (#3 8-5 Garcia)**

**EIGHTH RACE:** Minor stakes race over 7 1/2 furlongs. Top choice is **DOWNHILL DIVA (# 2)**. She gains a really nice spot here, with this long sprint distance, aided by the presence of two speedsters on the outside. Blanc could ride this filly blindfolded, she loves this track, and everything appears right in this spot for a progressive try down the lane. **TIZ FLIRTATIOUS (#3)** has looked fantastic in two lifetime starts, and though she's facing older horses, it's late in the year, she's sharp, she should love this distance, and Rosario fits her ideally.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 2-3-6

X Out Runners (on the win end): 9

## Positive Notes:

Lady Railrider - At one time, this 6 year old would run away and hide from this group, but she's still a viable win candidate, just not a given like she used to be.

## Negative Notes:

California Nectar - Not thrilled with this spot at all, but really, over the past year, O'Neill has been pretty poor at placing his runners.

**TOP PICK: DOWNHILL DIVA (#2 4-1 Blanc)**

**SECOND CHOICE: TIZ FLIRTATIOUS (#3 7-2 Rosario)**

**NINTH RACE:** Maiden 20,000 claimers going 7 furlongs, a tough distance for any group, but for 20,000 maidens, this is a distance which is often not pretty at this level, as half of them seemingly look like they're gonna stop down the lane. Many of these runners here today, are just STAGNATING, meaning, they run their race, the same race every week, and not very well either. Runners we'd put in that category are, MISS LAKE, CHATARUNGA, ROYAL PEARL, and GAME CHARMER. They've had too many chances to show improvement, and instead, they're, where's that word? STAGNATING. Okay, top pick is **ARGUE MY CASE (#6)**, who conversely still has an opportunity to improve, as she's returned off the layoff, sprinting against cheap types for the first time, with an excellent worktab for Cerin. **HIGHLY COMPOSED (#7)** also gets to SPRINT against cheapies for the first time ever, while the mere fact Smith sticks around for a maiden 20,000 claimer, on the last race of the week, is also pretty encouraging. We'll see everyone on Wednesday, as we begin the final week of the 2011 calendar race year.

Win Contenders (listed in order of preference): 6-7

X Out Runners (on the win end): 1,3,5,8,12,13

**TOP PICK: ARGUE MY CASE (#6 9-2 Espinoza)**  
**SECOND CHOICE: HIGHLY COMPOSED (#7 8-1 Smith)**

**Pick Six Analysis:** VICTORY CUP is a single, but that's the only single we're comfortable with, meaning, a pretty tough sequence for anything more than a token wager.

**WCHR Most Likely Winner of Day:**  
**Race 5 - Victory Cup**

**WCHR Wager Log:**  
Race 4/5  
\$10 doubles  
1,4,6 with 2

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