

Fair Grounds full card analysis (day 48 of 85) – Monday (1-25-10)

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Weather: Sunny. High 62.

Pick 6 carryover: \$4,561

Best Bets (races 2, 7, 9)

FG 1 (C1m-5/2L, LA-bred 4up, 1mile-40yds) #9 NATIVE ROCK (4-1) was pinched at the start and rallied into tepid fractions to miss by a neck here last time, and it was 7+ lengths back to the rest. Barn 20% with this type of layoff runner, and Graham strings along. #3 Tastyfromthegitgo (9-2) rallied for show off the shelf in a local sprint last time. Lone win was in a local route under today's pilot Briggy, and Asmussen is 21% sprint to route. THE PLAYS: #9 to win, Superfecta 3-9/3-9-10/1-3-9-10/ALL

FG 2 (M1-10k, 4-5yo, 1mile-40yds) Early/pressing speed dominated during the *Starlight Racing* card on Jan 15th, and #1 TIGER STRIKE (7-2) rallied for the place in the 3rd race that day. Lands 24% rail and could easily graduate today. #2 Shape (4-1) earned triple digit late pace fig in same race my top exits, and he's a late running threat. THE PLAYS: #1 to win, Exacta Box 1-2, Trifecta 1/ALL/2

FG 3 (C1m-5k, f&m 4up, 6f) #3 BETTERTHANFICTION (5-1) finished a wide 4th from outside post at 5f last out. Better draw and could be aggressively handled in a race that came up light on pace. #8 Gerivello (7-2) landed place behind a runaway winner off the Greg Foley re-claim last time. Outside stalking trip likely. #7 Mine Or Who's (2-1) drops and switches surfaces for recent hot Briggy/Asmussen team. THE PLAYS: #3 to win, Exacta 3/7-8, Exacta 7-8/3

FG 4 (C1m-30/2L, f&m 4up, 8T) #6 DEVIL'S LIBATION (12-1) broke maiden at this course/distance under today's pilot Torres. Showed some early interest in an *off the turf* event last time, and she's poised to move up on drop/surface switch. #2 Entice (5-1) needed last in a race originally scheduled for the turf. Fired in 3 of 4 turf outings and could easily rebound for 33% Graham/Amoss team. THE PLAYS: #6 to win, Exacta Box 2-6

FG 5 (C1m-15/2L, 3yo fil, 1mile-40yds) #1 CAT BELLS (4-1) drops in class, switches surfaces, and lands 24% rail. Hernandez/Stidham 26% together. #4 Gonna (5-2) romped at this course/distance when last seen on Nov 22nd, and Stall is 24% with grads trying winners for the 1st time and 20% with this type of layoff runner. THE PLAYS: #1 to win, Exacta Box 1-4

FG 6 (OC-50/1x, 3yo fil, 5.5T) #8 BABY SISTER (7-2) kicked clear in good looking tally at this course and distance last time. Barn 23% with recent graduates trying winners. #3 Superior Attitude (8-1) hails from the hot Roussel barn, and note that this outfit would have a stronger record if not for a pair of disqualifications. Stalking trip likely in three-peat attempt. THE PLAYS: #8 to win, Exacta Box 3-8, Trifecta 3-8/ALL/3-8

FG 7 (CIm-15/3L, LA-bred f&m 4up, 6f) #3 GROOVINANDAMOVIN (4-1) gave a three-peat a run last time, but she ran into a repeat winner. Broke maiden off the shelf and reunites with winning pilot. Hails from profitable barn and projects decent tracking trip. THE PLAYS: #3 to win, Trifecta key 3/4-5-6-7

FG 8 (MSW, 3yo, 8T) #12 FORMAGGIO (8-1) is a \$330k Keeneland sales grad with a nice turf pedigree (Dynaformer-Danzig). Shows a bullet and has solid Kentucky connections in his corner. Probably a runner. #4 Mister Marti Gras (6-1) earned above average speed rating in dirt sprint bow. Attracts Graham and is an obvious threat if able to handle the green. #1 Sunset Rider (20-1) moves to the high % Calhoun barn, and dam has tossed four grass winners. Could improve off even bow. #11 Fan Favorite (20-1) ran last in dirt route bow, but dam has tossed five turf winners, so he could move up today. THE PLAYS: #12 to win, Exacta 12/1-4-11, Exacta 1-4-11/12

FG 9 (Mcl-15k, LA-bred 3yo, 1mile-40yds) #3 LITTLE FRED (9-2) rallied for the show in local 5f bow. He's bred all over to adore two turns, and barn is a profitable 12% 1st route. Wins this with expected improvement. #9 Great Planet (9-5) has been the beaten fav on four occasions. Underneath in all five starts in blinkers. THE PLAYS: #3 to win, Exacta 3-9, Trifecta 3/ALL/9

Double/Pick 3/Pick 4 contenders (in order of preference)

Race

- (1) 9-3
- (2) 1-2
- (3) 3-8-7
- (4) 6-2
- (5) 1-4
- (6) 8-3
- (7) 3
- (8) 12-4-1-11
- (9) 3