

Free Louisiana Downs Selections and Analysis

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Race One Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#9 VALID TEXAN is a half to two 100k+ earners and debuts for a very solid barn today. He's been working nicely and drew a perfect outside post position.

#4 SADDLE RIDGE is by a sire whose progeny won their debuts at a rate of 26% in 2007. He starts for a perfectly capable barn with a top jockey on board.

#7 BATESVILLE looks to be the best of the runners with experience in this field as he ran a much improved race on dirt last time. He worked well Sunday and gets lasix again.

Race Two Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#8 FIVE FOOT MIKE is going 2nd off a long layoff for trainer Keith Bourgeois. His pedigree screams turf and the race he ran in early March at Fair Grounds would win this.

#2 MORE THAN TACTICS debuted for trainer Mo Nicks late last year at Churchill and chased the pace before tiring. He has a solid worktab and should like the turf.

#1 FRENCH COLONY floundered in two races at Oaklawn but is now in a new barn, on a new surface, going a new distance, all angles that may result in improvement.

Race Three Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#1 KNOCK FIRST ran a good race at the 10k level when he couldn't catch a loose leader. He now drops in class and retains the jockey who rode him last time out.

#4 GOOD CREDENTIALS is usually involved in the early pace and today should be no exception. If he can somehow avoid a pace duel, he'll be a player in the stretch drive.

#8 DOUBLE YOUR BID is shortening up as he's now back in the barn of trainer Sam David, Jr. He can be an off the pace threat in a race that will have a good early tempo.

Race Four Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#6 STEP N' FETCH is bred nicely for the turf and now tries it in his first start for a new trainer. He'll definitely benefit from a rapid early pace in here.

#1 WHISKEY BOUND is dropping significantly in class and returns to the surface where he finished a strong second in his career debut.

#3 STORMY DATE is going 2nd off a layoff for a very strong barn. He is among the myriad pace pressers in here and that's a negative but he's fast enough to be a threat.

Race Five Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#3 DEPUTY LAST BABY is dropping in class and showed some life last time out in her first start with lasix. She deserves a look in this very soft spot.

#2 MISS KETLE WOMAN closed nicely in her last start to narrowly miss. She will get plenty of support in a race that lacks a standout.

#8 MAD POET was a distant third two starts ago at this level and then showed little last time out. If she reverts to form she can contend this afternoon.

Race Six Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#10 MANE MAN has run three very strong races in a row on the weeds and finally faces a field she can handle. His effort last time out was strong enough to win this.

#3 Y'S BEAU is back on turf after a poor dirt effort last time out. She ran well at this level two starts ago in Texas and Lone Star form has held up nicely at this racetrack.

#8 AWESOME EXPECTATION made up some ground in a race where the pace collapsed last time out. He's good for the bottom of the exotics.

Race Seven Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#9 FEW CAN FLY was claimed out of his last start and his new trainer wins at a rate of 12% with fresh claims. His new trainer and jockey have been a formidable team.

#8 WAY TOO SAUCY finished a strong second last time out and has run four good races in a row. He will be in position to score when they turn for home.

#4 T KETTLE comes back on short rest after finishing second last Saturday over this oval. Stretching out today, he should be a dangerous early factor.

Race Eight Analysis by Nick Tammaro

#4 MY ELLE PRADA has been off since early August but faced much tougher competition in her last two outings before the respite. She will need a good early pace to set her up and that's likely in this event.

#5 SUSPISION hasn't tried the turf in quite some time but she is in good form right now having won two races in a row. She can get the jump on the late runners with her stalking style.

#11 NEW MORNING hasn't been out in over six weeks but ran a number of good races on the lawn before going to the shelf. She'll be a late threat provided she can negotiate a trouble free trip.

Race Nine Analysis by Nick Tamaro

#5 SENECA'S REHEARSAL had a troubled trip in his debut, a race where the 3rd place finisher already came back to win. He should definitely improve today.

#9 SWEET GEORGIA goes 2nd off a long layoff and recently worked a strong five furlongs. He has some positive signals in here.

#10 SNUCK N CAT hasn't been out since mid-July and he has failed as the favorite six times over the last 14 months. He'll be on the engine in here.