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Race 1: N/W \$20,000 L5

- 3 – PACING MAJOR N – Winner this level 3 back; decent effort on Monday; not as sharp as he was, but still merits top billing here
- 1 – BLOOD BROTHER – Return from layoff solid & now moves to rail & will utilize speed; capable of big efforts; Goodell opts for #2
- 2 – SPRINTER N – Big win two back at Philly when he got some post relief; in tough in last, but should fit nicely with these
- 5 – CHRISTEN ME N – Returned from break with 2 solid efforts this level (1st up win in last); free ride, but tactical disadvantage; JB

Race 2: N/W \$20,000 L5 – EARLY PICK 3 (2-4)

- 5 – MACH TIME N – Form got pretty sour for a few months, but last was an improved try; faces soft bunch that he might handle
- 6 – MACH PRIDE – Returns to Hilltop off of two good PA tries, including front end win in last; exotics factor, expect late rally
- 1 – PRETTY BOY HILL – Has done most of his work here vs. lesser, but enters off nice Pocono win; speed to take advantage of rail
- 3 – BETTOR'S PROMISE – Led, challenged and gave way to 1st up CHRISTEN ME N; likely to rally late for smaller piece here

Race 3: N/W \$30,000 L5 – EARLY PICK 4 (3-6)

- 3 – ORILLIA JOE – Tough trips last 2 tries this level; expect Stratton to secure good position despite presence of two inside speeds
- 4 – BETTOR MEMORIES – Alert getaway by Bartlett from 8 hole resulted in win one level down; steps up, but he's classy sort
- 5 – MORE THE BETTER N – Has been facing better and disappointed at 3-5 in Open 2 back; talented down under type is late threat
- 7 – THE WAYFARING MAN – Has been very sharp, mostly 1 level down; dh 3rd (with # 3) from this slot in last; can grab late slice

Race 4: N/W \$30,000 L5 – MIDDLE PICK 3 (4-6)

- 4 – TECHTOR HANOVER – Strong win 1 level down in last; needs to battle for position with speedball to immediate inside; Stratton
- 1 – PERFECT BET – Winner this level 3 back; overmatched in Open in last; tonight's class and post relief make him big threat
- 2 – HAVEFAITHINME N – Another down under type that Godinez has premiered off-Broadway; millionaire 0-2 so far and is wild card
- 3 – HOT DEUCE – Front end win one level down in last; looks to have clear path to lead and owns 16 wins in 2017-18

Race 5: PREFERRED – LATE PICK 4 (5-8)

- 1 – AMERICAN BOY N – Caught strong field in last; had great summer & is very tough on the lead; catch 'em if you can; Hup Holland
- 5 – HUG THE WIND N – Has been doing terrific work in the Banca barn following Dowse suspension; versatile & is Bartlett's pick (#2/#6)
- 3 – REBELLIOUS – Last 2 wins at Pocono impressive; Deters brought another sharp one here and this one figures to a big factor late
- 4 – PROVOCATIVEPRINCE N – Overmatched in the Open in last, but prior three were good; prefer for bottom of tri/super

Race 6: OPEN HDP - PICK 5 (6-10)

- 6 – MILITARY MASTER A – Has been impressive in all NA starts, but last 3 have been terrific, including last week's Open win; lacks speed, but he's sharp enough to grab 2nd Open victory
- 3 – DR J HANOVER – Talented speedster has been facing much better; capable of dominating these or putting in clunker
- 2 – GOKUDO HANOVER – ScottyD has done great work with him; missed 5th straight by desperate nose (#5); returns to Open
- 5 – I'M SOME GRADUATE – Flashed speed & just lasted at N/W \$30,000 level; great for Burke, but will need some late foot

Race 7: OPEN HDP – TROT

- 3 – LEAN HANOVER – Big effort for win 2 back vs. lesser; traffic from impossible spot in last; good assignment & Stratton (choice over #2) has options with versatile one; 5-1 ML
- 7 – GRUDEN – Huge effort for 3rd at 1¼ mile in Harry Harvey; prior start disappointing; Marohn opts for #6; Bartlett on = speed
- 4 – NEW HEAVEN – 10 hole win at 1¼ mile last Sat., edging #1; Brennan figures to put him in play; 26-45 top 2 in 2017-18
- 5 – SUCH AN ANGEL – Proven winner at the Open level (beat MARION MARAUDER); away 2 months, but qualified well

Race 8: 4 YO OPEN HDP – LATE PICK 3 (8-10)

- 5 – PRAIRIE PANTHER – Both Hilltop tries have been excellent, including last this level; off the pace, but can run 'em over
- 7 – PHOTOBOMBR HANOVER – Two easy front end scores this level, but has also closed well in other starts; rallying late?
- 6 – ASTON HILL DAVE – Not much when last here, but he has improved dramatically since Oakes claim; speed/right pilot
- 4 – BLOOD LINE – Sat pocket & finished 3rd behind #7 in last in 1st this level; wins 4-7 draw & figures to be close to action

Race 9: N/W \$30,000 L5 – TROT

- 2 – ANDY RAY – Closed well to be 3rd in Open & was nice winner 2 back vs. similar; lacks speed, but post lets him pounce late
- 3 – JACK VERNON – Rail wins last 2 (1 & 2 levels down); this is higher than he's succeeded at in past; 8 2018 wins; not at 5-2
- 7 – IN SECRET – 2017 International Trot entrant tired in Harry Harvey at 1¼ mile; expect Brennan will put him in play
- 4 – SUMATRA – Last two wins came one level down; loses Brennan to Burke's #7; think he's factor underneath

Race 10: N/W \$10,000 L5

- 5 – ABNER THE GREAT – Drops to level where he's had a lot of success; needed last off 2 vet scratches; beware JB² speed
- 1 – THIRTY TWO RED – Complete post relief in 2nd try at reduced level; just 1-13 on year, but this is winnable spot with MacD
- 4 – BETTOR MEMORIES – Facing cheaper out of town, but returns at good level; 2 2018 YR wins (1 this level & 1 \$40k claimers)
- 3 – SETTLEMOIR – Disappointing many tries this level; underneath