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Mike Battaglia's Picks

COMMENTS FOR THURSDAY

1ST

GRIMPANTE ran an improved race in her first try over the Tapeta. Give her the edge for Ian Wilkes with Chris Landeros back aboard. NOSTALGIA finished a couple of lengths behind the top pick last out but Corrales picks up the mount and she could improve. CONOLOWAY comes off of a dead last performance but posted a recent bullet work over this track for Mike Maker.

2nd

DRAGON DREW was a front running winner last out. He will have to come off of the pace tonight but is capable of the repeat score. GOLDENPENCE is back in against bottom claimers and will be tough at this level. ED'S ROCKET will win with anything close to his best performance but the big class drop is a good reason for concern.

3rd

NINEELEVENTURBO just missed last out as the favorite but has posted two bullet works since that start. He appears to be in a good spot to get his maiden win for Maker and Hernandez. TORIN was fourth in his debut for John Ortiz and has also been training sharply since then. He figures to improve and has to be respected. SCALE is a definite threat.

4th

ARIAN RAE rallied from off of the pace last out to finish second. She figures to be in good position throughout in this one and gets the nod in a well matched race. DANCE OR STROLL looked very good finishing second in a six furlong race last out. A repeat of that one makes her the one to beat but she is questionable at tonight's one mile distance. FLIRTY is a contender.

5th

QUEEN OF VERONA won at this level last out and is capable of the repeat score. RUN LIKE REV beat several of these same runners last out and has to be considered. LIVELY KITTEN is a contender.

6th

LUNA FORTIS is good right now. She comes off of back to back wins including a nice score in her Turfway debut. Look for her to continue her streak tonight with Emmanuel Esquivel back aboard for Cipriano Contrares. QUICK WITTED hasn't won a race in quite a while and has never been on the synthetic surface. He has however been running against better and if he takes to the track he will be tough. FROND will be running late.

7th

HAUNT cuts back to six furlongs and should be rallying from off of a fast pace. He figures to be in good position from his outside post and rates the edge in a very tough allowance race. GLENWOOD best the top pick last out and can run well again tonight. MOONVERSEBA has been in the money in 14 of his 19 races with 6 wins. He has to be respected.

8TH

TILL THEN is one of many in here taking big class drops. Give him the edge for high percentage trainer Jonathan Thomas. CANTBETEMALL looks like the one to beat. SUBLIMINAL CRIMINAL is a contender.