

Racing Flow Incorporated

Plod Boy Bonus Plays

First Quarter 2012

March 31, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 4

8 Paladin's Fury (7/2): chased and faded behind the wire to wire winner of an ***Extreme Race for Speed - CFR 3.*** Fourth time starter drops back in with Md 25k company.

Off the board at 6-1

Awful

Race 5

6 Mac Dehere (12-1): upgrade the wide closing try on the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Speed - CFR 1.*** May get a very favorable Flow today in his fourth and best of the cycle.

Off the board at 8-1

Just as bad

-Plod Boy Phil
3/31/2012
1:08am ET

March 30, 2012

Back on Saturday.

-pbp

March 29, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 7

4 Take Me to Zuber (6-1): when last seen on 3/14 this filly paid \$14.40 as a Bonus Play off her 'Quick to Zip' upgrade vs a CFR 99. The win was recorded under a neutral CFR, so we'll carry the grade and play her again against tougher.

2nd by a nose at 3-1
Bad beat, that.

OAKLAWN

Race 6

7 Pleasant Vow (8-1): stretches out to two turns off back to back upgrades as the pressured pace setter of a **CFR 95** and a **CFR 99**. Legit chance to wire these.

\$11.80 WINNER

Wire to wire, or from off the pace as he pleased, the mutual remains the same.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/28/2012
9:32pm ET

March 28, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 7

5 Kitty Caution (10-1): a must upgrade off the last when doing as well as could be expected attempting to close ground behind the wire to wire winner of an **Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 2)**.

Off the board at 5-1

-Plod Boy Phil
3/27/2012
7:40pm ET

Gulfstream Green

Over the last two weekends (Fri-Sun) at Gulfstream, Flow Players, and first time inquirers alike, have had access to a number of robust mutuals on the turf.

The bare bones breakdown looks like this:

- there were 41 upgrades spread out over 24 races. 21 of those 24 races had just 1 or 2 upgrades, while the three races with 3 or more 'ups' yielded no winners.
- 9 of the upgrades won. 5 were the lone upgrade in their race.
- there were two **bold** upgrades on the turf. One returned us \$0.00. The other paid **\$64.10**. Sweet.
- oh yeah, the 41 upgrades combined for **\$220.50** of Win Mutuals.

-pbp
3/26

March 25, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 11

6 Lazy Boot Lady (3-1): closed wide last out on the wrong side of a *speed favoring* **CFR 9** - that winner's BL12 was less than one length. Takes slight step up off the claim.

An uninspiring 3rd at 2-1

HAWTHORNE

Race 8

9 My Kryptonite (3-1): made a '**Quick to**' move last out into a Closer favoring **CFR 94** race when making an early move to the lead from close range before being caught from behind - that winner's BL12 was nearly 9 lengths. Gets dream trip from outside draw in a racing lacking speed.

2nd at 8/5 - simply no match for 'Paco'

-Plod Boy Phil
3/25/2012
11:35am ET

March 24, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 8

7 Como Se Llama (7/2): set the pace along the *inside* last out against the grain of a severely *Closer Biased* track resulting in an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99).***

\$8.40 WINNER

Note that Como was able to win with the aid of a Speed Favoring **CFR 5**. We *will not* be on board for his next.

Race 10

1 Wildcat Country (4-1): set the pace last out of an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 98).***

2nd at 3-1

-Plod Boy Phil
3/24/2012
11:18am ET

March 23, 2012

Back on Saturday.

-PBP

March 21, 2012

AQUEDUCT: The Late Pick 3

Race 7

5 Bail Out the Banks (3-1): dominant win this level despite an Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 2). Note the two other runners, the 7 and 8, both exit the same 'vs Speed' race as BOtB.

2nd at 3-1

Race 8

7 Maple Forest (3-1): returned off a nearly a six month layoff with a 'neutral' grade when pressing and opening a clear lead at the top before getting late. Prior two were vs a **CFR 98** and a **CFR 97**. Controls from outside draw.

Scratched

Race 9

5 Winloc's John Lee (2-1): received a strong upgrade two back when making '**Quick to**' move on the wrong side of a Bias driven **CFR 98**. Last out sprinting against MSW, he receives a neutral grade for having gamely chased a w-w winner. Drops back to this MC15K level for second and sharper sprint try.

\$2.80 WINNER

11 Anaphylaxis (4-1): returned in late January following a dubious seven month gap with an upgraded effort behind the wire to wire winner of a Speed favoring **CFR 6**. He did little to discourage us last out when he managed to get involved despite trouble at the start - that race winner went w-w under a slightly speed favoring CFR 17.

Scratched

*** Note: Analphylaxis ran 2nd on Thursday at 12-1.**

-Plod Boy Phil
3/20/2012

6:00pm ET

March 18, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 9

5 Tola (5-1): pressed the early pace of a Closer friendly **CFR 92** event last out going two turns. Two back, we'll upgrade the unsavory wide trip in a Speed happy **CFR 3**. Very dangerous today with Rosie up and a positive Flow for turn back try.

3rd at 5-1

No excuse for this one as she caught a near closer extreme **CFR 97** to help her cause, yet she failed to threaten.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/18/2012
11:36am ET

March 16, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 8

2 Ring It Up (7/2): draws the rail for confidence builder following upgraded chasing effort behind the wire to wire winner of a **CFR 4** race. That event was the slower half of the split Southwest. Two prior OP efforts were neutral. Realistic placement pays off for everyone, well, except for those backing another.

Scratched

-Plod Boy Phil
3/15/2012
11:32pm ET

March 15, 2012

SANTA ANITA

Race 3

1 Bluegrass Reward (4-1): was too close early to a moderate CFR 87 last out against better. Two back, he dueled for 3/4s of a mile against a CFR 93. Turns back down the hill today. Rail draw not advantageous, but versatility can help.

Off the board at 8-1.

The race came back slightly closer friendly CFR 81.
Remains an upgrade.

Of note, in the 5th, Mitchell also saddled my bold upgrade **Rocket Train (otb at 5/2)**. This one was much further back than expected behind a rapid opening half mile and never made an impact.

Mitchell hates me.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/15/2012
11:50am ET

March 14, 2012

AQUEDUCT

Race 9

1a Amy Limehouse (12-1): was the clear length pace setter of a **CFR 96** race - a race very favorable to Closers. **Jollienne (\$8.30)**, the 'with Zip' Winner of that race, was the lone upgrade in the race. Today, we'll back Amy at a substantial overlay. While both take an aggressive double jump-up off the claim, one is an upgrade and the other is a downgrade. Regulars will note that Amy Limehouse (\$10.20) was a winning post here following her '**vs Extreme Race**' upgrade from 10/16/2011. Lightly raced winning sort is more than capable of running back to her best today.

Scratched

Don't get caught napping on this one.

GULFSTREAM

Race 8

4 Take Me to Zuber (4-1): dropped to this \$30k Nw2I last out with an upgraded effort when too close to a ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)***. Race winner Virtuously's BL12 was more than 25.5 to Zuber's ~5.5. Virtuously (\$8.30) was a lone upgrade for us this day and subsequently a downgraded failure last weekend.

Take Me to Zuber is an upgraded runner making her 2nd start at this lower level, and if her 0-4 turf record and 1-31 trainer has any say, she'll be a juicyy overlay at anywhere near the ML.

\$14.40 WINNER

Feared he may have been making another 'QtZ' move down the backside.....foolishness, this.

The Racing Flow™ enhanced **DRF Formulator PPs** for 'TMtZ' are posted below. God bless Mommy, God Bless Daddy, God bless Formulator.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/13/2012
9:08pm ET



March 8, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 5

2 Lindsays Song (8-1): three yr old filly returned off a five month layoff last out on the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)***. Note that she was behind the top three finishers at every point of call. Has posted a couple works since – may flash a bit more speed today.

Off the board at 9-1

OAKLAWN

Race 6

10 Cat Vanblu (3-1): recorded a 'Quick to Zip' upgrade last out when too close and moving too soon into an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 100)*** – that winner's BL12 was more than 32! Makes 2nd start at this bottom level MC. Note that Sunny Stein ran second for us out of this race after running last as the pace setter.

Scratched

GULFSTREAM

Race 5

6 Why Should I (8-1): hopelessly chased a winner with a BL12 of 1 behind a Speed favoring **CFR 4** race last out in his first try for a claim. Two back, he was too close and moved too soon into the teeth of an **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)**. The back to back upgrades can't be ignored.

Off the board

-Plod Biy Phil
3/8/2012
10:40am ET

March 7, 2012

AQUEDUCT

Race 3

2 Really Bullish (7/2): two back chased the wire to wire winner of a very Speed favoring **CFR 6** race. Last out at 8.3f, he was the open length pace setter of a Bias driven CFR 86 race - that winner's BL12 was a more than 12. I'm expecting a big late run from off the pace on the turnback and first time in for a MC tag.

Scratched

5 East Side Charley (5/2): has not been seen since September at Mth when he briefly set a pressure pace in an **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)**. Fresh, fit and in for a tag for capbale 'time' trainer.

Off the board at 2-1

Plod Boy Phil
3/6/2012
6:45pm ET

March 4, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 4

2 Sunset Stroll (9/2): returned off a three plus month freshening last out with an upgraded pace setting effort in an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)*** - that winner's BL12 was more than 18 lengths. While we've had some trouble getting these types to the wire at Oaklawn recently (see Sunny Stein and Debi Diamante), this one should enjoy a more hassle free trip today.

Off the board at 7/2
No speed today.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/3/2012
9:30pm ET

March 3, 2012

SANTA ANITA

Race 1

6 Baraja de Oro (5/2): was much too close into the half mile in an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 98)*** - that winner's BL12 was more than 16, while the place and show horse also closed from the back of the pack. Will appreciate the class relief and easily gets first run if needed.

\$5.80 WINNER

-Plod Boy Phil
3/2/2012
11:07pm ET

March 2, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 5

4 U Dare Me (9/2): last was an open length pace setting effort of an ***Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 98)*** - that winner's BL12 was nearly 11 lengths. Easily turns the tables on the downgraded morning line favorite Free Spirit Rose

4th at 5-1

Oh those bottom level maiden claimers.

-Plod Boy Phil
3/1/2012
10:00pm ET

March 1, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 8

3 Lydgate's Proof (8-1): last out was on the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)*** - the winner went wire to wire and the runner up was second all the way. Three yr old has yet to put together two in a row, until today.

\$22.80 WINNER

SANTA ANITA

Race 2

6 Man Chester Man (8-1): shows a running line similar to the one above behind an ***Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)*** - that winner went wire to wire. Prior two races were on the turf at 9f and on the synthetics at 8.5f, surfaces on which he is 0-6. Note that he does exit the same race as the miserable failure Hiatus from Sunday, but this is a much different horse than that one. Natural speed and return to a route of ground throws him in a perfect spot to stalk and pounce.

Off the board at 6-1

Was in the perfect spot until horse and rider fell asleep.

-Plod Boy Phil
2/29/2012
10:50pm ET

February 29, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 9

7 Quantity (3-1): has been attempting to close ground in his last two on the wrong side of ***Extreme Races for Speed*** (both were **CFR 2**). While neither of those winners went wire to wire, Quantity had greater BL12s than the winner did in each race. Drops into a claimer for the first time and is capable of running them down in the stretch if given fair to advantageous Flow. Recency of work tab adds confidence.

\$6.20 WINNER

-Plod Boy Phil
2/29/2012
7:10am ET

February 26, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 9

1 Sunny Stein (4-1): bottom level maiden claimer exits pace setting efforts going a distance of ground against back to back ***Extreme Races for Closers* (CFRs 100)** - those winners had BL12's of 32 and 16 (deep closers). Turns back to 6f today

2nd at 7/2

Those Flow Players (me) that played a straight Late Pick 3 of **2 Malawi**

(see 'watch list' at the bottom of this page) with **2 Costa de Oro** (modest 'v4' Win last out) with **1 Sunny Stein** were sitting on a more than **100-1 ROI**.

UPDATE:

The race came back only slightly closer friendly, with a CFR of just 80. This is a great example of why guessing at figures is often dicey, even for a Plod Boy.

SANTA ANITA

Race 4

1 Hiatus (6-1): closed nicely from the wrong side of an **Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)** last out going 7f on the dirt - that winner went wire to wire. Returns to the turf from rail draw and may catch an advantageous Flow today.

Outrun at 5-1

-Plod Boy Phil
2/26/2012
10:15am ET

February 25, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 3

7 Goose N Juice (9/2): recorded a 'Quick to' upgrade when too close and moving to soon to the lead into the teeth of a Closer's CFR 95 race - that winner's BL12 was more than 20 lengths. Freshened for turn back and first try on the dirt.

2nd at 8-1

UPDATE:

Heir Joe, posted here on Thursday, ran Saturday in the 10th at the Fair Grounds, the \$75K Colonel Bradley Stakes. While I always like it when a trainer steps them up, this placement was a bit unrealistic. That said, it didn't stop me from betting on him at odds of 35-1. As expected, this 'near perfect paper' horse ran the race of his life, finishing 4th, just a length, a nose, and neck behind the 2011 BC Turf Sprint runner-up Country Day and a nose and a neck behind 2010 BC Turf Sprint winner Chamberlain Bridge. Let's see now, run him here and get the fourth place share of this purse (\$3K), or run him where he belongs and cash the winner's share of an Alw2x purse? Seems like a no brainer to me.

-pbp
2/25/2012
10:56am ET

February 24, 2012

Back on Saturday.

-pbp

February 23, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 7

6 Heir Joe (5-1): recorded a solid Alw1x win last out while running through a Speed favoring CFR 6 race with a BL12 of 6 lengths. The win came on the heels of a modestly upgraded closing effort behind the wire to wire winner of a CFR 10 race. Sharp runner steps up into a field with a handful of speed types signed on and is dangerous with a fair or closer friendly Flow.

Scratched - 'ott'

-Plod Boy Phil

2/23/2012

9:54am ET

February 20, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 5

2 Hersilia (3-1): recorded a '*Neutral or Better*' Win last out following **back to back** efforts against the grain of **Speed favoring CFRs** of 9 and 7 - sound familiar ? The '*NB*' Win off an upgrade paves the way for repeat.

2nd at 3-1

-Plod Boy Phil

2/20/2012

9:22am ET

February 19, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 2

4 Wils Reward (7/2): has been on the wrong side of two consecutive speed favoring scenarios - last out was a **CFR 5** while the race two back was an ***Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)***.

\$12.20 WINNER

The Racing Flow™ enhanced **DRF Formulator PPs** for this overlay are posted below. Readers will note that this winner fits the 'pattern' posted near the bottom of this page.

OAKLAWN

Race 9

9 Debi Diamante (3-1): set the pace of an **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)** in her 2nd lifetime start and first at this bottom state bred Mc level. Cuts back half a furlong today.

2nd at 3-1

Jockey Wade (15%) never seemed interested in giving her even a slight breather despite opening up a long lead in the first half a furlong.

Plod Boy Phil

2/19/2012

9:27am ET



[Wils Reward](#)

February 18, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 8

1 Pushingonastring (5-1): debut was an upgraded closing run while wide behind a speed favoring CFR 5. Tries two turns today from comfortable rail draw.

2nd at 7/2

No match late for 6/5 favorite

-pbp
2/18/2012
11:15am ET

February 16, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 1

1 Tiger Girl (6-1): pressed the pace of a *near extreme for closers (CFR 97)* - that winner's BL12 was more than 13 lengths. Cuts back a furlong today for second try at this claiming level. There appears to be 'speed a-plenty' to contend with, so rail draw should prove beneficial.

Off the board at 7/2

8 Dancing Rage (5-1): has been on the wrong side of single digit CFRs (speed favoring) in five of her last six starts (only the race two back was neutral). Takes formidable drop into claiming company and may very well catch a Closers Flow today.

Off the board at 8-1

Race 7

10 Woollahra (12-1): made her turf debut last out on the final day of 2011 when against the grain of an **Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 2)**. These 2nd timers on the grass following an upgraded debut have been kind to us over the years.

Off the board at 15-1

OAKLAWN

Race 8

5 Brinks Baby (5-1): impressed in Alw1x win last out when winning despite making the lead before the quarter pole in an **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 98)**. Will need to hold off the modestly upgraded **4 Grand Illumination**, a *'neutral or better'* winner in her last after an upgrade effort two back.

Last at 8-1

Appears as if the hard fought v98 Win knocked her back.

The results of today's race indicate the Flow figure will be in the -175 to -200 range, making all runners not on the lead up against it. Will check the figs on Tuesday to confirm, but I have a feeling I'm not done with this one yet.

-Plod Boy Phil
2/16/2012
8:14pm ET

February 12, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 4

9 Adulare (5-1): can be found on same Jan 16th list of upgrades that produced an 'ott' winner Friday. While listed as an Extremes for Closers, Adulare's last was actually just a CFR 96. That said, we'll be involved, though not sure what to make of surface choice.

Last at 9/2

As suspected, this race was not the intended target. Expect winning effort on the dirt next out.

GULFSTREAM

Race 7

1 Cat Can Do (6-1): recorded upgraded win last out when running through a moderate CFR 10 race with a BL12 of nearly 9 - ***a vs Plod Winner.*** Her race three back was **vs a Speed Extreme** in which she closed from more than 10 back to be beaten less than a length. Sharp now, though upside on 9yr old unlikely - needs dream Flow.

\$19.60 WINNER

-Plod Boy Phil
2/11/2012
9:24pm ET

February 11, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 8

5 Ridge Dance (7/2): closed wildly against the grain of an Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3) - that winner went wire to wire. Stretches back to 8f today and should be better now than when being defeated by two of these on Jan 8.

Never in it at 5-1

Race 9

8 Forever Sure (8-1): exploded last out in a date conditioned claimer despite pressing for the early leade vs a near extreme **race for closers (CFR 96)**. The 'vz 200' winner is a volatile lot, but will frequently reproduce the effort sometime in the next month or so. This one returns on just two weeks for top conditioner.

Trounced at 9-1

Unusual to see a complete lack of early speed from this type.

-Plod Boy Phil
2/11/2012
1:12pm ET

February 10, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 5: The lone upgrade in the race was tabbed here on 1/16 as a horse to watch.

Springcourt: \$4.20 WINNER

OAKLAWN

Race 9

5 Sunny Stein (6-1): was the unasked (?) pace setter of an **Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 100)** in her first try going two turns. It sure looked to me like she didn't actually run-off as a result of being rank or from being asked, but rather that she didn't really understand the task. Imagine that if she were allowed to go the first half in something close to the meet distance average of 48.5, she'd be hard to catch. Must overcome course playing more than kind to closers.

Off the board at 5-1

Went faster today and stopped quicker.

-Plod Boy Phil
2/9/2012
9:00pm ET

February 9, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 3

7 Baby Bwana (9/2): found himself on the wrong side of a Speed favoring CFR 5 with a wire to wire winner last out when facing much better. Drops back into state bred company from advantatgeous outside draw.

Never a threat at 9/2

Best I can do is note three other runners from BB's last (**FG, 1/26, R4**) that have a chance to run better than this one. **Purely Awesome, Ruse**

and **Rule the Sky** all deserve a closer when next seen in the entries.

-pbp
2/9/2012
11:50am ET

February 8, 2012

Back on Thursday.

-Plod Boy Phil

February 5, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 3

4 China Melissa (5-1): recorded solid 'neutral' win in her last following an upgraded effort vs an Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3). Carries upgrade with her for first try in NW3L condition.

2nd by a nose at 5-1

Lost the head bob following stretch duel

-Plod Boy Phil
2/5/2012
11:56am ET

February 4, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 11

1 Infiltrate (3-1): third time starter enters this off back to back upgrades. The debut was against an Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 1) and the last was on the wrong side of a speed friendly CRF 9. Adds blinkers and drops for winning run.

3rd at 4-1

-Plod Boy Phil
2/4/2012
6:47am ET

February 3, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 1

4 Time to Getit (8-1): impressed in latest with wide closing run from the wrong side of an **Extreme Race for Speed (CFR 3)** - that winner went wire to wire. Takes slight drop in conditions sitting on a top effort.

3rd at 7/2

-Plod Boy Phil
2/3/2012
10:33am ET

February 2, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 8

10 Why Should I (12-1): made brief bid while wide when on the wrong side of an **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)** – that winner's BL12 was 12 lengths. Tries open maiden claimers and returns to the dirt from an outside draw that may prove beneficial for stalk and pounce trip.

Outrun at 16-1

SANTA ANITA

Race 6

9 Mama Janka (15-1): was a runaway pacesetter of a **Extreme Race for Closers (CFR 99)** when last seen in early December – that winner's BL12 was more than 11. Turns back to a sprint and returns to the dirt.

3rd at 26-1

Will check Flow figures on Tuesday

-Plod Boy Phil, 2/1/2012, 6:50pm ET

February 1, 2012

Postings will resume on Thursday, Feb. 2nd

-Plod Boy Phil

January 27, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 7

8 Arousal (9/2): last out chased the wire to wire winner of a race that had a CFR of 4, which is just outside the limits of an **extreme race for speed**. Sprinting two back, in his first try against winners, he was bothered at the start in a race with a CFR of 5 - again just outside the limit of an extreme for speed.

Off the board at 6-1

Simply dreadful.

Update: The **CFR** value for the race was a 5, thus it was very Speed favoring (top 5%). Arousal will again be upgraded next out.

-Plod Boy Phil
1/27/2012
11:00am ET

January 26, 2012

Back on Friday.

-Plod Boy Phil
1/26/2012
11:10am ET

January 25, 2012

Back on Thursday.

-PBP

January 22, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 7

2 Tuffy Em (6-1): has been on the wrong side of back to back EXT/S with wire to wire winners. The CFR for each race was 2. Return following four month freshening two back was very strong and last is troubled and impossible. Is one of several in here dropping steeply in claiming price, as she should be.

\$10.40 WINNER

The obvious win bet of the three.

8 It's a Tale (7/2): chased the wire to wire winner of a EXT/S, the CFR was 2, last out in her first against Nw2l. Broke her maiden in the 15th start from far off the pace. Drops into \$5k company today.

3rd at 7/2

Not good enough for exacta players.

10 Litefootsue (12-1): chased the w-w winner of a EXT/S, CRF 1, last out going a distance of ground. Turnsback to 6f today.

'Otb' at 27-1

-Plod Boy Phil
1/22/2012
1:25pm ET

January 21, 2012

Check back on Sunday.

-pbp

January 20, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 3

4 Excessive Assault (8-1): chased the wire to wire winner of a race with a CFR value of 4 - meaning it was in the top 4% of races most favorable to speed. The effort required to chase a wire to wire winner under these race dynamics is solid foundation builder. Capable of firing best shot in the third of the cycle.

2nd at 5-1

No match for mysterious winner

7 Glorious Strike (8/5): closed significant ground in the same race as above despite the severely favorable conditions for speed. Appears to warrant very short price.

Out of the trifecta at 7/5

Looked like a combination of Life at Ten and Zenyatta.

-Plod Boy Phil
1/20/2012
1:18pm ET

January 19, 2012

GULFSTREAM

The PDF file below contains all seven runners I'd upgrade on the Thursday card in Hallandale.

Remember, upgrades are based solely on the most recent race or races and do not take into account class, surface, distance, etc, etc. We leave the handicapping up to you.

RESULTS

Race 4

1 Tawaared - 2nd, **Exacta \$45.00**

7 Just Playin Around - \$11.80 WINNER

Race 6

2 Stealcase - \$4.60 WINNER

Race 7

9 Blues Dancing - otb at 14-1, set fast pace, worthy of a figure check next Tuesday

11 Sinister Tale - otb at 20-1, outrun

Race 8

3 Nine O'Wonderful - 4th at 8-1, best chance seriously compromised at 5/16ths

9 Quantity - otb at 5-1

-Plod Boy Phil
1/18/2012
5:05pm ET



[GP Upgrades: January 19, 2012](#)

January 16, 2012

GULFSTREAM

Race 10

9 Yes He's Trouble (6-1): upgrade the '**Quick to Zip**' effort last out when making an early move to the lead only be to run down from behind in a race *just outside the Extreme Race cut-off*. Colt is an 'upgraded 2nd time at the level' runner - a favorite angle of mine.

Last at 5-1

This guy appeared sedated during the post parade and warm up, or so I mumbled to myself, fearful of any response.

-Plod Boy Phil
1/16/12
9:06am ET

January 15, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 8

2 Crystal Moment (5/2): recorded a 'neutral' effort last out on yielding turf. Two back, sprinting 6f on the CD dirt, he gets upgraded for the 'Quick to' move on the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Closers.***

Off the board at 3-1

-Plod Boy Phil
1/14/12
7:05pm ET

January 14, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 3

1 Big Tall Paul (5-1): closed as well as could be expected in seasonal finale last out at CD behind an ***Extreme Race for Speed.***

\$8.40 WINNER

-Plod Boy Phil
1/13/12
10:45pm ET

January 13, 2012

OAKLAWN

Race 8

3 Color Me Blue (9/2): closed well in his seasonal finale last out at CD behind an ***Extreme Race for Speed***.

\$13.40 WINNER

-Plod Boy Phil
1/13/12
12:55pm ET

January 12, 2012

AQUEDUCT

Race 7

4 Keechi Bullet (6-1): exits the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Speed*** when facing better last out. Two back, he was upgraded for solid closing effort despite being on the wrong side of a race that just missed being an Extreme Race for Speed. Drops to appropriate level and adds blinkers today.

2nd at 7/2

-Plod Boy Phil
1/11/12
11:24pm ET

January 11, 2012

Back on Thursday.

-PBP

January 8, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 5

7 Hersilia (4-1): broke in the air behind an ***Extreme Race for Speed*** and still managed to make some impact while very wide. Upgraded runner makes 2nd start down at this level with good chance to win this race clear.

2nd at 7/2

-Plod Boy Phil
1/7/12
5:30pm ET

January 7, 2012

FAIR GROUNDS

Race 4

7 Start the Party (4-1): was posted here on December 9 in a turf race (see Q4 PDF at the bottom of this page). The post race comment was to 'keep on eye on this one when back on dirt for a tag'. Today is the day.

3rd at 7/2

Appeared a cinch to keep our place parlay alive until the hole showed up.

-Plod Boy Phil
1/7/12
12:30pm ET

January 6, 2012

TURFWAY

Race 7

3 Glowing Tale (5/2): recorded a 'neutral' grade win last out following an upgraded effort two back when on the wrong side of an ***Extreme Race for Speed***. This two race pattern is known as the 'Neutral or Better Win', in which qualifiers carry the upgrade another race.

2nd at 3/2

* Handicappers should note we see similar paper in the 9th at FG and in the 4th at Santa Anita.

FG: Saucy Stash 2nd at 7/2

SA: Thismystage 2nd at 3-1

Race 8

6 Z Appeal (3-1): upgrade the latest at 8.5f on the dirt when in chase mode while wide in an ***Extreme Race for Speed***. Turns back to 5.5f making unaggressive yet potentially profitable move down in claiming price in first start for new trainer/owner.

2nd at 3-1

-Plod Boy Phil
1/6/2012
2:10pm ET

January 5, 2011

Back on Friday.

-Plod Boy Phil

January 2, 2011

GULFSTREAM

Race 11

5 Truly Devoted (5-1): upgrade the last, a '**Quick to Zip**' move on the wrong side of an **Extreme Race for Closers** - that winner's BL12 was nearly 9 to her 3. Combination of speed and stamina make 8f on the grass the perfect trip.

3rd at 2-1

-Plod Boy Phil
1/2/2012
12:03am ET

January 1, 2012

Happy New Year.

Best of racing luck to all in 2012.