



7th Race (Costanzo)

1. General Charley (U) (Presser) – Son of Truluck was absolutely over-the-top in his last when powering to a nearly eight-length triumph in an off-the-turf \$50,000 claiming event. That was his first appearance on the Polytrack, and he apparently loved it. He will now move up to meet stakes rivals off that win, placing his hooves back on the grass, which is a surface he has enjoyed most of his success over. He missed by a head to the top-notch Rotary in his last turf engagement, and it does appear that he will be forwardly placed in here, especially when breaking from the rail. He starts for a barn that is enjoying its usually productive meet, and one might expect this guy to give a good account of his ability in here.

2. Pickapocket (D) (Closer) – Colt crossed the wire second two starts ago when missing by a half-length to the stakes-caliber Yates Black Cat over the Churchill turf. He has since returned with an appearance in the \$150,000 Sea O Erin Handicap where he finished sixth, but was only beaten two lengths for everything. The one-mile distance of that event may have been just a bit too short for this, and he should appreciate the added ground to run over. His turf allowance win at Keeneland over eventual graded stakes winner Lattice was quite solid, and rarely does this guy give a poor effort. He seems in line for a good ground-saving trip, and should have plenty left for the battle inside the final furlong.

3. Cape San Blas (E) (Stalker) – Son of Royal Academy missed by less than a length when finishing third in his last, the \$50,000 John Bullit on the Canterbury Park turf course. He clearly outran his 24-1 odds that day, and will now return to the local lawn for this minor stakes event. It seems interesting to note that his best races have come away from Arlington, where he has yet to hit the board in three tries. He does appear to own some tactical speed, which may keep him a bit closer to the early pace in here, but his best definitely appears to be a notch or two below what some of the others may bring with them today.

4. Yankee Injenuity (E) (Presser) – Son of Yankee Victor was a resilient winner in two straight starts over this sod, scoring successive neck victories before shipping to Canterbury Park for his last. He dueled on the lead in that event, the previously mentioned John Bullit, but couldn't sustain his run through the wire and weakened to finish a close fourth. Unlike the guy to his inside, this one seems to love this grass course, and is an absolute professional at the distance. With that said, it's no clear as to whether he will control the early splits in here, and perhaps there is some concern that if he is asked to battle early in this, he could come up a touch empty late. With that said, he really has never been better, and tossing him completely seems like a difficult proposition.

5. Tiganello (E) (Stalker) – With a victory today, this 7-year-old will eclipse the \$400,000 mark in lifetime earnings. He scored a determined win in his last when holding on by a nose to take the John Bullit at Canterbury. That was a much improved performance for this German-bred, who failed as the favorite when finishing seventh in his last local appearance. He was claimed from that defeat, and it does appear that his new barn found a way to get the best out of him. The main concern today is that his recent triumph took a bit out of him, as he was asked for his all in the final yards. He must be considered a contender in here, but he may be prone for a bit of a regression, and his best work really hasn't come over this grass course.

6. Demarcation (D) (Closer) – Son of Gulch shipped locally for the Sea O Erin Handicap, and while the result wasn't what the connections were hoping for, he did close quite well in that even when crossing the wire third, beaten less than a length for the top prize. That effort marked his second consecutive strong showing in a two-turn event on the turf, and perhaps a trip like this will prove to be his best. He has yet to finish off the board in three local appearances, and this barn has done quite well with a limited number of starters at this meet.

7. Throng (D) (Stalker) – A powerful winner in his last when defeating top-shelf allowance rivals on the all-weather track, this son of Silver Deputy will now move back to the lawn, a surface he has tried just once in his career, crossing the wire second. Winner of the Dr. Fager Stakes here last season, and the Native Dancer at Laurel in February, he obviously has a good deal of ability, although he is still a relative unknown on the green, which makes him quite intriguing here. He has top human connections in his corner, and one of this stable's regular riders does come in for the

mount. Obviously if this is rained to the Polytrack he is the top contender, but he still looks like a legitimate candidate on the green, although one might want to demand a fair price if this is contested on the lawn as scheduled.

7th Race Key

This is an interesting turf stakes that attracts three horses exiting a winning performance, although two of those got their victories on the Polytrack. That pair would include General Charley and Throng, both of which won, and won easily, on the all-weather track in their last. Of the two, General Charley is the proven turf horse with four wins on the surface, while Throng is a stakes winner on dirt and Polytrack, but has yet to score a triumph on the green. Tiganello is the third runner in here that prevailed in his last, and he is a classy veteran with plenty of graded stakes experience. With all of that said, Demarcation may be the one to beat, as he missed by less than a length in the Sea O Erin Handicap, and has looked quite strong since being asked to cover a route of ground on the green.