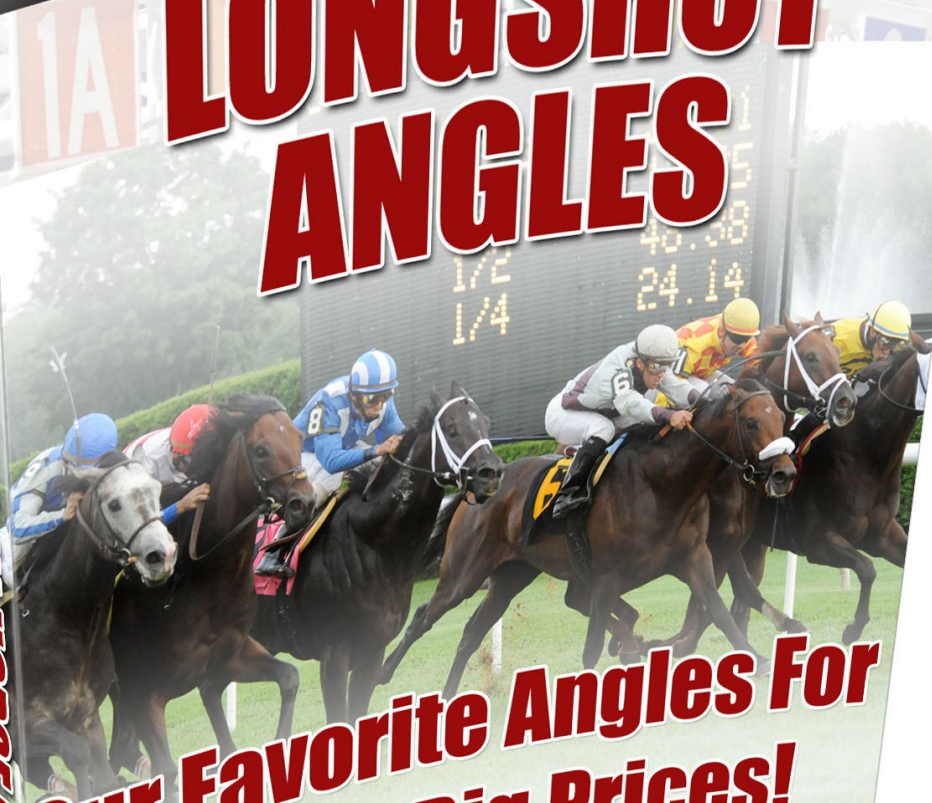


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# Pace Top and Flop

**The Set Up** - It is common knowledge that when a horse runs a new lifetime best speed rating (a.k.a. a new top) that horse is likely to run a lower speed figure in his or her next race. This is referred to as a horse "regressing" to a lower speed figure. Every horse, just like human runners, go through form cycles throughout the year and over their career. Peaks in performance are typically followed by valleys in performance and the cycle repeats. While regressing off a new speed top is well known, regressing off a pace top is a truly a best kept secret angle.

**The Pace Top and Flop features horses that did not run a top speed rating but did run a top pace figure. Then just as we see with a horse running a top speed figure, a horse running a top pace figure is highly likely to regress next time out. Looking at just speed ratings won't reveal this secret angle and even the best handicappers miss it all the time.**

**Prove It!** - The fifth race at Aqueduct on Sunday, 2/7/10 produced a good example of this angle. Courtesy of BRIS, the past performance record for #3 Matthew TC is shown below. Matthew TC was making his third start off the layoff, no rise in class, showed modest improvement in his second race and, looking just at his speed figure, it appeared that he would be making another move forward in this race. The public liked him enough to send him off at 9-2 odds. When it was all over, he finished a well beaten fifth as the result chart on the following page shows.

If we look back in his record we can see that on 4/18/09, he ran his lifetime best pace figures (first call = 92 and second call = 100) and posted a moderate speed rating of 84. In his very next race he flopped big time. Could have been the surface and distance chance but in his two races in May the pattern was repeated -- Pace Top and Flop.



**AQUEDUCT - February 7, 2010 - Race 5**

CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Four Year Old and Upward (NW1 6M) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000  
Six Furlongs On The Inner track **Track Record:** (Captain Red - 1:07.93 - February 26, 2003)

**Purse:** \$15,000

**Available Money:** \$15,000

**Value of Race:** \$15,000 1st \$9,000, 2nd \$3,000, 3rd \$1,500, 4th \$750, 5th \$450, 6th \$75, 7th \$75, 8th \$75, 9th \$75

**Weather:** Clear **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 2:24 **Start:** Good for all

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| Last Raced                             | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)                     | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2                | Str                | Fin                | Odds   | Comments              |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 14Jan10 <sup>1</sup> AQU <sup>3</sup>  | 2   | Hopeforthebest (Lopez, Antonio)         | 113 | L   | bf | 2     | 2   | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 1 <sup>1</sup>     | 3.85   | speed rail, edge away |
| 22Jan09 <sup>9</sup> AQU <sup>4</sup>  | 5   | Auto City (Lopez, Charles)              | 123 | L   | bf | 5     | 1   | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 2 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 2 <sup>4</sup>     | 3.25   | chased, willingly     |
| 20Jan10 <sup>1</sup> AQU <sup>5</sup>  | 1   | Ferocious Won (Hill, Channing)          | 123 | L   | b  | 1     | 6   | 3 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 3.45   | no match top pair     |
| 24Jan10 <sup>5</sup> AQU <sup>2</sup>  | 7   | Oedipus O'Neal (Dominguez, Ramon)       | 123 | L   |    | 7     | 4   | 5 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 4 <sup>3</sup>     | 2.60*  | 3 wide around turn    |
| 16Jan10 <sup>5</sup> AQU <sup>3</sup>  | 3   | Matthew T C (Serpa, Angel)              | 118 | L   | b  | 3     | 3   | 4 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 5 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 5 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4.50   | no threat             |
| 19Sep09 <sup>5</sup> SUF <sup>6</sup>  | 6   | Packer (Cobb, Amber)                    | 113 | L   | bf | 6     | 9   | 8 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 6 <sup>1</sup>     | 6 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 108.75 | awkward start         |
| 8Jan10 <sup>9</sup> AQU <sup>9</sup>   | 4   | Burns Up the Track (Bocachica, Orlando) | 123 | L   | b  | 4     | 8   | 6 <sup>Head</sup>  | 7 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 7 <sup>6</sup>     | 54.75  | urged turn, no gain   |
| 16Jan10 <sup>8</sup> AQU <sup>11</sup> | 9   | Natural Speed (Santiago, Victor)        | 123 | L   |    | 8     | 7   | 9                  | 8 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 8 <sup>5</sup>     | 23.80  | outrun                |
| 8Jan09 <sup>5</sup> AQU <sup>6</sup>   | 10  | Intimidating (Richards, Gary)           | 123 | L   | bf | 9     | 5   | 7 <sup>1</sup>     | 9                  | 9                  | 127.75 | displayed brief foot  |

**Fractional Times:** 23.60 47.09 59.22

**Final Time:** 1:12.05

**Final Thoughts** – The Flop and Top Angle works with horses of all ages and class levels running on any surface at any distance. It is most prevalent, however, in the following situations:

- Top pace figures first off the layoff
- Cheaper, older claiming and low level allowance horses
- Maiden claimers
- First off the claim
- Top pace figures posted while running on tiring tracks



# Turf Marathon Turnbackers

**The Set Up** - Turf racing is vastly different from dirt racing in America. While dirt racing is all about speed, turf racing is all about stamina and closing kick. As horses progress through their form cycle during the season, one of the absolute best performance enhancing workouts is a marathon on the turf!

**The TURF MARATHON TURNBACKER is a proven turf horse in a turf race that is turning back from a marathon distance in their previous start. We are looking for a turf race preferably at 1 ½ miles on the turf, although 1 3/8 miles or a similar distance will work.**

We don't want to bet a horse that is off-form, but if you trust this angle you will notice some amazing turnaround performances. Just keep in mind to look for:

- A proven turf horse
- Turf marathon in prior start
- The horse ran evenly with the pack, showing it has the cruising speed to be competitive

**Prove It** – Since turf marathons are somewhat infrequent, this is not a pattern that you'll see every day, but it's exciting when it pops up. Here are three recent examples we were able to clean up on, all because of the Turf Marathon Turnbacker.

1) Cavan Thunder was running at Churchill on Nov. 27, 2009, and she wasn't respected at all at 26-1 in a field of 12 runners in the nightcap on Clark Handicap day. But what she had going for her was significant. She was coming off two turf marathons, including a very competitive race at Arlington Park on September 19 when she earned an 83 Beyer figure. Running back in another turf marathon (but not turning back), she obviously didn't care for the off turf. But at Churchill, she was in super form and she pounced on the competition.



She keyed some monster payoff on the day, and allowed us to hit a \$1 Pick Three that paid nearly \$7,000 by spreading in the first leg, then hitting Blame in the Clark, and Cavan Thunder.

## Cavan Thunder

Own: Russell L. Reineman Stable Inc. and T

B. m. 5 (Apr)

Sire: Jump Start (A.P. Indy) \$10,000

Dam: Ingot's Dance Away (Gate Dancer)

Br: Foxtale Farm, LLC, Donato Lanni, William Duignan, et a (Ky)

Tr: Mitchell Anthony(1 0 0 0 .00) 2009:(71 10 .14)

|                  |     |                     |   |    |    |                  |                   |                  |                   |                   |                 |     |       |
|------------------|-----|---------------------|---|----|----|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 28Jan10-3GP      | fm  | 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ①  | :232 .464 1:111 1:401 4+ ⑥OC 80k/n3x -N | 73 | 3  | 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 75 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 75               | 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 58                | Baird E T       | 120 | 18.10 |
| 27Nov09-12CD     | fm  | 1 ①                 | :234 .471 1:122 1:372 3+ ⑥Alw 50087N2x  | 86 | 6  | 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 38                | 34               | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 1 $\frac{3}{8}$   | Baird E T       | 120 | 26.10 |
| 18Oct09-6Kee     | yl  | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ①   | :532 1:202 2:103 2:354 3+ ⑥Alw 52060N2x | 56 | 8  | 96               | 99 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 87 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 81 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Sterling L J Jr | 120 | 8.90  |
| 19Sep09-7AP      | fm  | *1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ①  | :52 1:183 2:093 2:34 3+ ⑥Clair Mrine53k | 83 | 3  | 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31                | 33               | 22                | 42 $\frac{1}{4}$  | Campbell J M    | 118 | 8.80  |
| 28Aug09-8AP      | fst | 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ⑧  | :243 .49 1:14 1:453 3+ ⑥Alw 32500N2x    | 76 | 8  | 54               | 54                | 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3nk               | 31 $\frac{1}{4}$  | Campbell J M    | 118 | 2.80  |
| 25Jly09-9AP      | gd  | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ①   | 2:354 3+ ⑥Gaily57k                      | 86 | 7  | 49               | 411               | 3nk              | 11                | 22                | Campbell J M    | 118 | 11.00 |
| 1Jly09-6AP       | fst | 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ④  | :252 .501 1:144 1:451 3+ ⑥Alw 30500N1x  | 75 | 3  | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 1hd               | 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  | Campbell J M    | 119 | 5.90  |
| 12Jun09-7AP      | fm  | *1 ①                | :252 .502 1:144 1:374 3+ ⑥Alw 30500N1x  | 69 | 1  | 65 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 64 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 74 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 42 $\frac{1}{4}$  | Karlsson I      | 118 | 2.80  |
| 9Aug08-4AP       | gd  | *1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ① | :244 .494 1:152 1:452 ⑥Hatoof54k        | 69 | 11 | 72 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 73 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 74 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 73 $\frac{1}{4}$  | 75 $\frac{1}{4}$  | Sterling L J Jr | 115 | 4.80  |
| Run in divisions |     |                     |   |    |    |                  |                   |                  |                   |                   |                 |     |       |
| 18Jly08-7AP      | fm  | *1 ①                | :244 .484 1:154 1:41 3+ ⑥Md Sp Wt 28k   | 79 | 3  | 711              | 711               | 86               | 76 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  | Sterling L J Jr | 120 | 8.80  |
| 6Oct07-1Kee      | fst | 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ④  | :242 .501 1:162 1:471 ⑥Md Sp Wt 50k     | 55 | 11 | 119              | 114 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 91 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 107 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 98 $\frac{1}{4}$  | Baird E T       | 118 | 12.10 |
| 13Sep07-6AP      | fm  | *1 $\frac{1}{16}$ ① | :24 .492 1:143 1:463 ⑥Md Sp Wt 31k      | 56 | 3  | 610              | 77 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 77                | 42                | Baird E T       | 118 | 13.40 |
| 17Aug07-5AP      | gd  | *1 ①                | :242 .494 1:162 1:411 ⑥Md Sp Wt 30k     | 51 | 7  | 811              | 811               | 87 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 84 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 65 $\frac{3}{4}$  | Torres F C      | 118 | 31.90 |

2) Sweetbriar Academy was another great example of this angle. On February 21, 2010 at Gulfstream, she was a 17-1 outsider in a wide open race of 10 fillies and mares going 7 1/2 furlongs on the turf. But as a longshot, she had several factors in her favor:

- She was making the second start of the year
- She was dropping from allowance into claiming company
- She was a Turf Marathon Turnbacker!

As you can see from her Daily Racing Form past performance below, she didn't look too hot coming into the race, which explained her odds. But turning for home, her stamina kicked in and she rolled through the stretch to run second at big odds, and was the key to cashing in on a \$1 Trifecta that paid \$1,260!



### 3 Sweetbriar Academy

Own: Marablu Farm LLC and Pegasus Stud LLC  
 6-1 Blue, white Belt, White Band On Sleeves \$30,000

Dk. b or br m. 6 (Apr)  
 Sire: Royal Academy (Nijinsky II)  
 Dam: Po Po Au Pooh (Tong Po)  
 Br: Pegasus Stud LLC & J Arriola (Ky)  
 Tr: Plesa Edward Jr (53 3 4 7 .06) 2009:(550 80 .15)

L 122

LOPEZ P (166 16 26 21 .10) 2009: (1044 174 .17)

|                 |    |   |     |      |      |      |    |   |                     |    |   |     |     |      |     |      |         |        |       |
|-----------------|----|---|-----|------|------|------|----|---|---------------------|----|---|-----|-----|------|-----|------|---------|--------|-------|
| 20Jan10-8GP fm  | 1½ | Ⓢ | :48 | 1:13 | 2:02 | 3:27 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Alw 37000N1x        | 61 | 2 | 55½ | 51¾ | 51¼  | 76¾ | 710½ | Lopez P | L120 b | 7.90  |
| 19Sep09-7Mth fm | 1½ | Ⓢ | :48 | 2:12 | 3:36 | 1:48 | 3+ | Ⓢ | Clm 20000(20-18)    | 73 | 2 | 74½ | 74½ | 63   | 43¾ | 21¾  | Lopez P | L119 b | 3.40  |
| 13Aug09-7Mth fm | 1  | Ⓢ | :23 | 1:47 | 1:11 | 1:35 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Clm 25000(25-20)N3L | 73 | 3 | 63  | 83¼ | 75¼  | 62¾ | 2¾   | Bravo J | L119 b | 3.10  |
| 15Jly09-6Mth fm | 1½ | Ⓢ | :22 | 1:46 | 1:10 | 1:40 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Clm 25000(25-20)N3L | 76 | 4 | 45  | 48  | 45   | 23  | 23¾  | Bravo J | L123 b | 2.70  |
| 24Jun09-6Mth gd | 1  | Ⓢ | :22 | 1:46 | 1:10 | 1:35 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Clm 20000(20-18)    | 68 | 7 | 32  | 31½ | 33½  | 34½ | 44   | Hill C  | L121 b | 2.70  |
| 24May09-4Mth fm | 1½ | Ⓢ | :23 | 1:47 | 1:10 | 1:40 | 3+ | Ⓢ | Clm 22000(22-18)    | 77 | 5 | 73¾ | 74¼ | 41½  | 2½  | 1¾   | Lopez P | L119 b | 5.40  |
| 25Apr09-11Crc   | 7½ | f | :23 | 1:46 | 1:11 | 1:31 | 3+ | Ⓢ | Clm 25000N2L        | 72 | 4 | 7   | 119 | 107¾ | 77¾ | 3¾   | Bravo J | L123 b | *2.20 |
| 8Apr09-5GP fm   | 1½ | Ⓢ | :50 | 1:14 | 1:38 | 1:49 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Clm 20000(20-15)N2L | 69 | 7 | 53½ | 65  | 74¾  | 42  | 2hd  | Lopez P | L122 b | *2.50 |
| 26Feb09-6GP fm  | 1  | Ⓢ | :23 | 1:47 | 1:11 | 1:35 | 4+ | Ⓢ | Clm 35000(35-30)N2L | 62 | 4 | 111 | 110 | 96¼  | 67½ | 510  | Lopez P | L122 b | 4.80  |

### EIGHTH RACE Gulfstream FEBRUARY 21, 2010

7½ FURLONGS. (Turf) (1.271) CLAIMING . Purse \$26,000 (includes \$6,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards) FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race since January 21 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$25,000 2 lbs. (Condition Eligibility). (If deemed inadvisable to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Seven and One Half Furlongs).

Value of Race: \$20,000 Winner \$12,000; second \$4,000; third \$2,000; fourth \$800; fifth \$200; sixth \$200; seventh \$200; eighth \$200; ninth \$200; tenth \$200. Mutuel Pool \$364,242.00 Exacta Pool \$264,773.00 Trifecta Pool \$199,765.00 Superfecta Pool \$108,917.00

| Last Raced    | Horse             | M/Eqt. | A. Wt | PP  | St  | ¼  | ½  | Str | Fin | Jockey | Cl'g Pr   | Odds \$1    |       |        |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|-----------|-------------|-------|--------|
| 6Nov09 8Aqu6  | Elegant Bess      | L      | 4     | 118 | 9   | 9  | 10 | 9hd | 3hd | 1nk    | Lezcano J | 25000       | 7.90  |        |
| 20Jan10 8GP7  | SweetbriarAcademy | L      | b     | 6   | 122 | 3  | 3  | 5hd | 5½  | 41½    | 21¾       | Lopez P     | 30000 | 17.20  |
| 22Jan10 2GP4  | Who Plays Brahms  | L      | f     | 4   | 122 | 5  | 5  | 7½  | 82  | 6hd    | 3no       | Decarlo C P | 30000 | 6.70   |
| 13Jan10 2GP3  | Selene's Delight  | L      | b     | 4   | 122 | 2  | 2  | 81  | 7hd | 51½    | 4nk       | Bravo J     | 30000 | 1.70   |
| 30Jan10 4GP6  | Lorraine in Spain | L      | b     | 4   | 122 | 1  | 1  | 4hd | 4hd | 2hd    | 5no       | Maragh R    | 30000 | 7.40   |
| 30Jan10 4GP3  | Watch Smartly     | L      | f     | 5   | 122 | 4  | 4  | 21  | 2½  | 12     | 63¾       | Castro E    | 30000 | 2.70   |
| 21Jan10 1GP7  | Singita           | L      | f     | 4   | 122 | 8  | 10 | 91½ | 10  | 7hd    | 7¾        | Coa E M     | 30000 | 38.50  |
| 13Feb10 5GP5  | Raisinaboveonly   | L      |       | 5   | 122 | 10 | 8  | 12½ | 13  | 93     | 82½       | Camilo C    | 30000 | 137.40 |
| 26Oct09 4Med2 | Fulfilling        | L      | b     | 4   | 122 | 6  | 6  | 3hd | 31  | 81½    | 92¼       | Prado E S   | 30000 | 8.50   |
| 31Jan10 5GP10 | Believeinthemomnt | L      |       | 5   | 122 | 7  | 7  | 61½ | 6½  | 10     | 10        | Aguilar M   | 30000 | 34.60  |

OFF AT 4:45 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :24¾, :47¼, 1:11¾, 1:29¼ (:24.64, :47.82, 1:11.79, 1:29.90)

|                           |       |       |      |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| 9-ELEGANT BESS.....       | 17.80 | 8.80  | 5.80 |
| 3-SWEETBRIAR ACADEMY..... |       | 15.20 | 7.40 |
| 5-WHO PLAYS BRAHMS.....   |       |       | 5.40 |

\$2 EXACTA 9-3 PAID \$216.80 \$1 TRIFECTA 9-3-5 PAID \$1,259.30



# Run Fresh, Then Regress

**The Set Up** - It is common knowledge that for a horse that is coming back from of lay off of more than a couple of months, it will take a few races to get back to top form. For some horses, they will run their best race second or third off the shelf. For others, it may take four races to get back to peak form. Now, there is a small segment of horses out there that actually produce their top efforts just after a long layoff. At Horse Racing Nation , we call this often hidden angle the "Run Fresh, Then Regress" angle.

**The "Run Fresh, Then Regress" horse will return from a lay off of usually two months or more and produce a top speed figure in that come-back race. Thereafter, their form gradually or, sometimes, dramatically, decreases with each and every race run until a new cycle is started post the next long layoff.**

**Prove It!** - The sixth race at Gulfstream Park on Sunday, 2/21/10 produced two great examples of this angle in one what turned out to be a six horse field after scratches. Courtesy of BRIS, the past performance records of #2 Famous Patriot and #5 Hey Byrn are shown below. Famous Patriot was coming into this race after about a five-month lay off. Was last seen flopping in a minor stakes race at Belmont. Note that after long lay offs he would produce a strong number (lifetime best on 5/1/09) the follow that race up with a disaster. If the pattern holds, he should run a good race today. Hey Byrn displays the exact same pattern. In this case he is making his second race off the lay off after running a solid effort last out. Would you have thrown this one out? The public made him a 5-2 favorite.

The Equibase results chart below shows that after breaking dead last and then rushing for the lead, Famous Patriot still managed to run a good third. Hey Byrn finished up the track as the second favorite. Next time you're handicapping a race, look for the "Run Fresh, Then Regress" angle and use it to select value-priced contenders or false favorites.





**GULFSTREAM PARK - February 21, 2010 - Race 6**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Four Year Old and Upward ( C ) Claiming Price: \$100,000  
One Mile On The Dirt Track Record: (Commentator - 1:33.71 - January 17, 2008)

Purse: \$56,000

Includes: \$13,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Available Money: \$56,000

Value of Race: \$43,000 1st \$25,800, 2nd \$9,460, 3rd \$4,730, 4th \$2,150, 5th \$430, 6th \$430

Weather: Clear Track: Fast

Off at: 3:43 Start: Good for all



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced                            | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)                 | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                | Odds  | Comments               |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 22Jan10 <sup>3</sup> GP <sup>4</sup>  | 3   | Bold Start (Leparoux, Julien)       | 120 | L   | 2  | 1     | 2 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 1 <sup>3</sup>     | 3.20  | vied outside, clear    |
| 3Feb10 <sup>3</sup> GP <sup>2</sup>   | 8   | Gentleman James (Trujillo, Elvis)   | 120 | L   | 6  | 4     | 4 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 3 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>5 1/2</sup> | 2.30* | bobbled break, rallied |
| 30Sep09 <sup>8</sup> BEL <sup>8</sup> | 2   | Famous Patriot (Castellano, Javier) | 120 | L   | 1  | 6     | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 2 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 3 <sup>6</sup>     | 3 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 5.90  | off bit slow, inside   |
| 18Jan10 <sup>4</sup> GP <sup>4</sup>  | 6   | Dream Maestro (Cruz, Manoel)        | 120 | L   | bf | 5     | 3                  | 6                  | 5 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>2 3/4</sup> | 3.50  | off rail, no threat    |
| 3Feb10 <sup>3</sup> GP <sup>5</sup>   | 4   | Colonial Causeway (Nunez, Eduardo)  | 120 | L   | b  | 3     | 5                  | 5 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 5 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 6                  | 5 <sup>3</sup>     | 33.90 | inside, no response    |
| 22Jan10 <sup>7</sup> GP <sup>2</sup>  | 5   | Hey Byrn (Prado, Edgar)             | 120 | L   | 4  | 2     | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 3 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 6                  | 6                  | 2.50  | chased 3 wide, tired   |

Fractional Times: 24.78 47.51 1:10.74

Final Time: 1:35.54

**Final Thoughts** - The "Run Fresh Then Regress" Angle works best with older, allowance and stakes horses running primarily on dirt surfaces. Here's are other factors in which this angle is more prevalent:

- Route or sprint races on fast dirt tracks (do not consider races run on sloppy tracks)
- Frequent lay off horses
- No or poor work(s) following a good effort off the shelf
- Supported by trainer lay off stats
- No class change



# Second Time Starters

**The Set Up** - Betting young or lightly-raced horses can yield exciting payoffs if you're willing to gamble on the development line horses tend to follow. The problem is how fast individual horses develop is vastly different, and largely dependent on the trainer and his or her style. One common denominator, however, is that horses tend to jump in performance when making their second career start, often at generous prices.

**A horse's first career start often comes with a large learning curve, much like someone's first time behind the wheel of the car. Each subsequent start becomes easier and the horse will start to show its inherent ability. For whatever reason, however, many horses will jump-up significantly in their second career start relative to their first start.**

When using this angle, it is critical that one of the following criteria are met:

- The horse showed hints of ability in its debut by being in contention at any call
- The horse made up meaningful ground by making a move at any point of the race
- The horse ran evenly with the pack, showing it has the cruising speed to be competitive

**Prove It!** – Pulling-out specific examples of second-time-starter improvement is easy if you just browse through the daily past performances of your local track, since many horses are still lightly raced. The examples for this angle came from a single card.

Miner's Reserve made his debut at Gulfstream Park and flashed early speed despite breaking from the rail and breaking somewhat slowly. In his second career start, he blossomed at a square price of 3-1, with a good figure, and subsequently entered the Florida Derby.



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| <b>9 Miner's Reserve</b>                                     | <b>Own: Robert V LaPenta</b><br>6-1 Burgundy, Gold Epaulets, Burgundy Cap |         | B. c. 3 (Mar) KESEP08 \$150,000                        | <b>L 122</b>           | <b>Life</b>              |
|  |   |         | Sire: Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) \$20,000                   |                        |                          |
| <b>DESORMEAUX K J (140 19 14 17 .14) 2009: (936 177 .19)</b> |   |         | Dam: Royal Reserves (Forty Niner)                      | 2010                   |                          |
|  |   |         | Br: Manganaro LLC (Ky)                                 | 2009                   |                          |
|  |   |         | Tr: Zito Nicholas P(87 15 10 10 .17) 2009:(407 66 .16) | GP                     |                          |
| 27Feb10-4GP fst 1  |   | 1:35.87 | Md Sp Wt 35k   | 94 5 2½ 1hd 1hd 14 15½ | Desormeaux K J L122 3.00 |
| 23Jan10-7GP fst 7f   | :22.68 :45.61 1:09.93 1:22.53   |         | Md Sp Wt 35k   | 78 1 8 4¾ 51¾ 44½ 43½  | Marquez C H Jr L122 8.00 |

Grand Captain was 17-1 in his debut at Hollywood Park but made up seven lengths from the first call to the wire. In his second career start, after adding blinkers, he finished a close third at nearly 13-1

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| <b>2 Grand Captain</b>                            | <b>Own: Kona Stable LLC and Lewis G Lakin</b><br>8-1 Peach, Red Sash, Red Cap |  | Ch. g. 4 (Feb) FTSAUG07 \$330,000                      | <b>L 122</b>            | <b>Blinkers ON</b>        |
|   |   |  | Sire: Grand Slam (Gone West) \$17,500                  |                         |                           |
| <b>GEROUX F (12 0 1 2 .00) 2009: (553 54 .10)</b> |   |  | Dam: Capotiva (Capote)                                 |                         |                           |
|   |   |  | Br: Millennium Farms (Ky)                              |                         |                           |
|   |   |  | Tr: Biancone Patrick L(20 4 1 4 .20) 2009:(125 12 .10) |                         |                           |
| 11Mar10-7GP fst 7f                                | :221 :442 1:09 1:223 4+ Clm 40000   |  |  | 18 8 2 79¼ 712 714 733½ | Bravo J L124 4.80         |
| 19Feb10-3GP fst 6½f                               | :23 :46 1:10 1:162 4+ Clm 50000   |  |  | 87 1 6 21 41½ 2hd 1hd   | Bravo J L122 4.10         |
| 3Jan10-1GP fst 6f                                 | :221 :453 :574 1:103 4+ Md Sp Wt 35k  |  |  | 87 6 3 65 33 22½ 1nk    | Bravo J L124 3.10         |
| 15Oct09-10SA fm 6½f ①                             | :213 :441 1:07 1:122 3+ Md Sp Wt 41k  |  |  | 68 3 6 43 42 54 65      | Pedroza M A LB121 b 12.90 |
| 7Oct09-6OSA fst 7f                                | :23 :461 1:103 1:23 3+ Md Sp Wt 43k   |  |  | 65 7 7 61½ 51¾ 74¾ 107  | Migliore R LB121 b 6.20   |
| 12Jly09-1Hol fst 6f                               | :23 :46 :574 1:10 3+ Md Sp Wt 46k   |  |  | 87 3 2 31½ 33 32 3¾     | Talamo J LB119 b 12.90    |
| 20Jun09-7Hol fst 6f                               | :214 :443 :563 1:09 3+ Md Sp Wt 47k   |  |  | 74 8 4 812 79 55½ 55½   | Talamo J LB118 17.20      |

Precious Package was well meant in his debut, but the comment line read "away slowly, greenly," and he mustered up a minor rally to finish third. It only took one more start to show his true colors at a juicy 5-1.

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| <b>9 Precious Package</b>                                | <b>Own: Jay Em Ess Stable</b><br>3-1 Lime Green, Blue 'Js', Lime Green Band |  | Ch. g. 4 (May)  | <b>L 120</b>          |                        |
|  |   |  | Sire: Golden Missile (A.P. Indy) \$7,500                  |                       |                        |
| <b>DOMINGUEZ R A (17 1 2 3 .06) 2009: (1651 391 .24)</b> |   |  | Dam: Silver Ridan (Silver Deputy)                         |                       |                        |
|  |   |  | Br: Mace Siegel & Samantha Siegel (Ky)                    |                       |                        |
|  |   |  | Tr: Dutrow Richard E Jr(51 13 4 6 .25) 2009:(393 109 .28) |                       |                        |
| 21Oct09-3Bel fst 1¼                                      | :223 :442 1:081 1:391 3+ Alw 46000N1x                                       |  |   | 74 3 1½ 11 2½ 24 513½ | Prado E S L117 f *1.10 |
| 23Sep09-1Bel fst 6f                                      | :221 :45 :564 1:084 3+ Alw 45000N1x   |  |   | 88 4 4 54 54 43½ 2nk  | Prado E S L116 f *1.45 |
| 2Aug08-2Sar fst 6½f                                      | :22 :451 1:101 1:171 Md Sp Wt 62k   |  |   | 91 8 3 21 2½ 11½ 16¾  | Prado E S L119 5.30    |
| 6Jly08-3Mth fst 5f                                       | :223 :462 :584 Md Sp Wt 37k   |  |   | 49 2 6 610 67¾ 56½ 35 | Castro E L119 3.50     |

Second time starters are excellent options when facing full fields of lightly raced horses. The wagering public tends to over bet horses that have made three or four good starts, and under bet those who made just one promising start.

Remember: The key filter you must use is the potential bet must have shown



hints of ability at some point during its debut. In the example below, Storm Galileo checked a bit in his debut but failed to run at all from there, struggling to keep up with the others. Wise punters would have avoided this guy on the second-time out angle without showing any hints of ability.

|  |   |                     |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |      |       |    |   |                  |                   |                   |                 |                 |         |      |       |  |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------|-------|----|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|------|-------|--|
| <p><b>12 Storm Galileo</b><br/>         15-1 Own: Michael J Paulson and Dan Hoefflin<br/>         White, Red And Blue 'Ap', Red Yoke<br/> <b>GARCIA ALAN (134 21 20 21 .16) 2009: (1049 183 .17)</b></p>   | <p>Ch. c. 4 (Feb) KEESEP07 \$170,000<br/>         Sire: Galileo<sup>o</sup>Ire (Sadler's Wells)<br/>         Dam: Allencat (Storm Cat)<br/>         Br: Allen E Paulson Living Trust (Ky)<br/>         Tr: Santos Nuno(5 0 0 0 .00) 2009:(2 1 .50)</p>  | <p><b>L 124</b></p> |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |      |       |    |   |                  |                   |                   |                 |                 |         |      |       |  |
| <p>11Feb10-9GP fm 1 <math>\text{\textcircled{T}}</math> :23 :46<sup>2</sup> 1:10<sup>1</sup>1:33<sup>4</sup> 4+ Md Sp Wt 35k<br/>         16Jan10-5GP fm 1<math>\frac{1}{16}</math> <math>\text{\textcircled{T}}</math> :23<sup>2</sup> :48 1:11<sup>4</sup>1:41 4+ Md Sp Wt 35k</p> | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffffcc;">74</td> <td>5</td> <td>53</td> <td>56</td> <td>54<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></td> <td>75<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></td> <td>86<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></td> <td>Castanon J L</td> <td>L124</td> <td>51.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58</td> <td>1</td> <td>95<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></td> <td>118<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></td> <td>107<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></td> <td>9<sup>10</sup></td> <td>9<sup>13</sup></td> <td>Coa E M</td> <td>L124</td> <td>20.90</td> </tr> </table> | 74                  | 5                 | 53                | 56               | 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 75 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Castanon J L | L124 | 51.40 | 58 | 1 | 95 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 118 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 <sup>10</sup> | 9 <sup>13</sup> | Coa E M | L124 | 20.90 |  |
| 74   | 5   | 53                  | 56                | 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 75 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Castanon J L     | L124             | 51.40        |      |       |    |   |                  |                   |                   |                 |                 |         |      |       |  |
| 58   | 1   | 95 $\frac{3}{4}$    | 118 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 <sup>10</sup>  | 9 <sup>13</sup>  | Coa E M          | L124             | 20.90        |      |       |    |   |                  |                   |                   |                 |                 |         |      |       |  |



# On/Off/On/Off Angle

**The Set Up** - A horse's typical form cycle will show steady improvement with each subsequent race after a layoff. If the horse runs to an over-the-top speed figure, he'll normally regress before resuming continued improvement. At some point in the year, a horse's form will begin to sour requiring a break before getting back to the races. Occasionally you will run into a horse that runs a pattern Horse Racing Nation refers to as the ON/OFF/ON/OFF Angle.

**The ON/OFF/ON/OFF horse will run one good race followed by a bad and then repeat that pattern two or three times until he or she just doesn't run back to a good number and is then put on the shelf for awhile.**

A true ON/OFF/ON/OFF horse runs this pattern independent of class hikes or drops. You'll typically see this type of angle in an older horse or mare that possesses early sprint speed.

**Prove It!** - The 8th race at Fair Grounds on March 15, 2010 provided a great example of the ON/OFF/ON/OFF angle. With late scratches, the nine horse field was reduced to seven horses. #2 Killing Me went off as the longest price on the board at 16-1. Despite the scratches, Killing Me did not end up as the lone speed contributing to his long price. As you can see from the BRIS past performances below, Killing Me ran a dreadful race on his first back from the layoff on February 5th. Prior to that race, you can see the very distinct ON/OFF/ON/OFF pattern in the BRIS Final Speed figures.

|   |   |                  |   |                  |                   |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
|---|---|------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|--|-----|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----------|-----|--------|------|-----|------|------|--------------|----------|
| <b>2</b><br><b>Killing Me (E/P 5)</b><br>Own: Earl & Keith Hernandez<br>20/1 Grey, royal blue diamonds<br><b>JACINTO J (881 57-45-48 15%)</b> | \$25,000 B. g. 7                            |                  | Prime Power: 121.9 (8th)  |                  | Life: 25 5-4-1    |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
|   | Sire: Honour And Glory (Relaunch) \$6,500   |                  | 2010 1 0-0-0  |                  |                   |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
|   | Dam: Wise And Happy (Exuberant)             |                  | L 119   |                  | 2009 5 0-1-0      |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
|   | Brdr: Earl Hernandez & Keith Hernandez (LA) |                  |   |                  | FC: 6 1-0-0       |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
|   | Trnr: Leggio Frank (85 7-5-7 11%)           |                  |   |                  |                   |  |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
| 2009-2010 1221 15% 40% -0.20<br>JKYW/EP types 264 17% 44% -0.04<br>JKYW/ Trn L60 1 0% 0% -2.00<br>JKYW/ Sprints 735 16% 40% -0.03             |   |                  | 2009-2010 149 10% 33% +0.04<br>+2nd off layoff 73 19% 41% -0.08<br>Allowance 120 17% 38% -0.17<br>Sprints 231 18% 43% +0.21 |                  |                   | Sire Stats: AWD 6.7f<br>Dam's Sire: AWD 6.5f |     |               |     |     |      |    |    |    |           |     |        |      |     |      |      |              |          |
| DATE TRK  | DIST  | R/R              | RACETYPE  | CR               | E1                | E2/  | LP  | 1c            | 2c  | SPD | PP   | ST | 1C | 2C | Str       | FIN | JOCKEY | ODDS |     |      |      |              |          |
| 05Feb10FG <sup>B</sup>  | 5½ ft                                       | -22 <sup>1</sup> | -45 <sup>4</sup>  | -57 <sup>3</sup> | 1:04              | 4  | 115 | OC40k/n1y-N   | 111 | 96  | 84/  | 76 | 0  | -2 | <b>68</b> | 5   | 2      | 31   | 54½ | 101¾ | 119  | Agilar T120  | Lb 16.30 |
| 14Nov09FG <sup>B</sup>  | 6f  | -21 <sup>4</sup> | -44 <sup>4</sup>  | -57              | 1:09 <sup>3</sup> | 34   | 117 | A51000nc      | 117 | 96  | 106/ | 75 | -1 | +2 | <b>87</b> | 1   | 3      | 11½  | 12  | 1hd  | 58¾  | Jacinto J120 | Lb 45.30 |
| 02Oct09LaD <sup>4</sup>   | 6f  | -22 <sup>3</sup> | -45 <sup>4</sup>  | -57 <sup>1</sup> | 1:10 <sup>1</sup> | 34   | 115 | OC30k/n3x-N   | 112 | 84  | 89/  | 71 | -4 | -5 | <b>69</b> | 2   | 5      | 74½  | 75¾ | 712  | 818¾ | Saenz D116   | Lb 6.30  |
| 07Sep09EvD <sup>B</sup>   | 5f  | -21 <sup>1</sup> | -44   | -56 <sup>1</sup> | 1:04              | 34   | 114 | OC30k/b-N     | 115 | 91/ | 83   |    |    |    | <b>87</b> | 7   | 3      | 3nk  | 2hd | 22   | 2hd  | MelanconC119 | Lb 11.70 |
| 01Mar09FG <sup>B</sup>  | 6f  | -21 <sup>2</sup> | -44 <sup>3</sup>  | -57              | 1:10 <sup>1</sup> | 44   | 118 | A52000nc      | 117 | 96  | 101/ | 69 | +6 | +7 | <b>78</b> | 1   | 7      | 42½  | 44  | 610  | 59½  | Jacinto J119 | Lb 13.60 |
| 22Jan09FG <sup>7</sup>  | 5½ fm                                       | -22 <sup>1</sup> | -46   | -58 <sup>1</sup> | 1:04 <sup>2</sup> | 44   | 117 | OC62.5k/n3x-N | 117 | 98  | 106/ | 81 | +3 | +5 | <b>93</b> | 4   | 2      | 11   | 11½ | 11½  | 4½   | Jacinto J118 | Lb 11.30 |

## Longshot Angles

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Looking at the results chart, we can see that Killing Me opened up an early lead and was soon hounded by Jays Wildcat cutting hot fractions throughout but he repelled that bid and then drew away by almost 5 lengths. Killing Me was awarded a BRIS Final Speed rating of 87 for that effort matching his prior two tops.

**FAIR GROUNDS - March 15, 2010 - Race 8**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old and Upward (SNW2 X) Claiming Price: \$25,000 Six Furlongs On The Dirt Track Record: (Mountain General - 1:08.03 - November 28, 2002)

Purse: \$44,500

Includes: \$7,100 Other Sources

Includes: \$10,000 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

Available Money: \$44,500

Value of Race: \$44,500 1st \$26,700, 2nd \$8,900, 3rd \$4,895, 4th \$2,670, 5th \$1,335

Weather: Clear Track: Fast

Off at: 4:38 Start: Good for all



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced                            | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)                | Wgt | M/E  | PP | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | Str                | Fin                | Odds  | Comments               |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 5Feb10 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>11</sup>  | 2   | Killing Me (Jacinto, John)         | 119 | L b  | 1  | 4     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>4</sup> 3/4 | 16.60 | repulsd bid,kpt to tsk |
| 5Feb10 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>3</sup>   | 7   | Myoldmansam (Perrodin, Elvis)      | 119 | L f  | 5  | 3     | 4 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 4 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1.70* | up for second inside   |
| 12Dec09 <sup>7</sup> FG <sup>7</sup>  | 5   | Jays Wildcat (Valenzuela, Patrick) | 118 | L    | 4  | 7     | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>3</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/4 | 5.60  | stalked, bid, faltered |
| 5Feb10 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>5</sup>   | 9   | Belend (Albarado, Robby)           | 119 | L f  | 7  | 2     | 7                  | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3.00  | lacked serious rally   |
| 27Feb10 <sup>2</sup> DED <sup>2</sup> | 3   | Mr. Skie's Spirit (Sellers, Shane) | 119 | L fb | 2  | 6     | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>1</sup>     | 5 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>5</sup> 3/4 | 6.80  | inside trip, no avail  |
| 26Feb10 <sup>2</sup> FG <sup>1</sup>  | 4   | Erlroy (Bridgmohan, Shaun)         | 119 | L    | 3  | 5     | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | 6 <sup>3</sup>     | 6 <sup>9</sup> 1/4 | 3.90  | forward half, faltered |
| 21Jan10 <sup>8</sup> DED <sup>5</sup> | 8   | Inconsequential (Graham, James)    | 119 | L b  | 6  | 1     | 6 <sup>2</sup>     | 7                  | 7                  | 7                  | 15.90 | showed little          |

Fractional Times: 21.68 44.81 57.09

Final Time: 1:10.48

While this little known angle doesn't come up often, it is one of the best value plays around and can produce box car pay offs. This angle is most often observed when most of the following conditions exist:

- Older horses or mares
- Front runners
- Sprinters on dirt
- Frequent lay off horses
- Average trainers
- No class change