

Dubai World Cup Day Snapshot

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Race 1 is non-wagering

Race 2: 1st - #16 SURFER, 2nd - #8 PRAYER FOR RELIEF, 3rd - #6 FRANKYFOURFINGERS, 4th - #1 TAMARKUZ, 5th - #15 SLOANE AVENUE

SURFER might be drawn out in the carpark, but has every right to improve in a race where there is a load of speed and he'll sit in the second flight. PRAYER FOR RELIEF gets some class relief and seems better now despite some hoof issues early on the trip. FRANKYFOURFINGERS looked a picture of health this week and is setup with a cutback in trip. TAMARKUZ has to deal with a load of speed and, **overall, a much tougher race.**

Race 3: 1st - #14 BROWN PANTHER, 2nd - #8 BATHYRHON, 3rd - #10 HAVANA BEAT, 4th - #7 MARZOCCO, 5th - #9 ALMOONQITH

BROWN PANTHER is the classiest runner in the race, joined in close attendance by BATHYRHON, both of whom we feel tower over the field on back form. HAVANA BEAT should improve for his seasonal debut last time. MARZOCCO is still fairly unexposed.

Race 4: 1st - #1 MUBTAAHIJ, 2nd - #4 SIR FEVER, 3rd - #9 MAFTOOL, 4th - #7 GOLDEN BAROWS, 5th - #5 FAITHFUL CREEK

The Kentucky Derby could loom with a MUBTAAHIJ win. He is the best 3YO in the UAE over this trip and think so much is going in his favor. Look for him to work his way off the rail if possible. SIR FEVER suffered his first loss last time and now they quickly add blinkers in what could be a desperate move or an improving activity. MAFTOOL might also land in the U.S. after this, though he may not be at his best over this distance.

Race 5: 1st - #7 SOLE POWER, 2nd - #4 VIA AFRICA, 3rd - #16 PENIAPHOBIA, 4th - #13 AHTOUG, 5th - #14 DISTINCTIV PASSION

SOLE POWER is up in years, but offers significant value in a race with a fantastically frenetic pace. He did not get much room to lengthen last time in a deceptive prep. VIA AFRICA is another who should improve for her last run. PENIAPHOBIA is a likely favorite but has to endure chasing the hot pace drawn in gates 10, 12, and 14.

Race 6: 1st - #8 LUCKY NINE, 2nd - #13 COOL COWBOY, 3rd - #7 SECRET CIRCLE, 4th - #3 KRYPTON FACTOR, 5th - #5 SALUTOS AMIGOS

The Americans seem to have some question marks, and LUCKY NINE is more equipped for dirt than you might think, with a win in Hong Kong on their earthier surface, and some glistening workouts on it. COOL COWBOY will endure a wide trip again, but should move forward off a hurried prep race. SECRET CIRCLE is the classiest of the American hopes, but is winless since the 2013 Breeders' Cup.

Race 7: 1st - #6 THE GREY GATSBY, 2nd - #10 SOLOW, 3rd - #2 UMGIYO, 4th - #1 EURO CHARLINE, 5th - #5 LIMARIO

While the likely favorite, you are still going to get a very fair price on THE GREY GATSBY, who is a standout on his top-class European races. There should be little concern that the

trip is too short for him, especially if you watch his last race. SOLOW is clearly the next best, but gets a step up into the toughest conditions of his career. UMGYO might not get enough pace, but his attendance to Hunter's Light makes him a leading challenge for a placing at a price.

Race 8: 1st - #4 FLINTSHIRE, 2nd - #7 DESIGNS ON ROME, 3rd - #5 MAIN SEQUENCE, 4th - #2 DOLNIYA, 5th - #9 HARP STAR

In a race lacking much early zip, we look for the best horse who should be closest to the early gallop, and that is FLINTSHIRE. There is every reason for us to believe MAIN SEQUENCE will run a big one, and he can easily win, but we are a bit hesitant that he might not get enough pace to run into, which could leave those who are forwardly placed in a better spot. DESIGNS ON ROME is always ridden from the rear and has an acceleration similar to Main Sequence that makes this a fascinating race.

Race 9: 1st - #5 LEA, 2nd - #9 CALIFORNIA CHROME, 3rd - #6 CANDY BOY, 4th - #1 PRINCE BISHOP, 5th - #2 HOKKO TARUMAE

LEA has absolutely impressed us most in this field. Now healthy, he should find no issues with the ten furlongs and Joel Rosario, already a World Cup winner on Animal Kingdom, has plenty of options from gate five. CALIFORNIA CHROME will likely get first run on early leader HOKKO TARUMAE and maybe AFRICAN STORY. There is nothing amiss with the way he looks and could easily route them. CANDY BOY has a great draw in six and can pick up the pieces with a rare good trip.