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Meet the Pegasus World Cup Contenders

By Dustin Fabian, Xpressbet.com

**Gun Runner:** If the best things are worth waiting for, Gun Runner’s participation in the Pegasus should come as a treat for race fans. He was slated to run here last year, but a quarantine at his home track in New Orleans restricted him from traveling. That hiccup didn’t hinder his year, though, as he reeled off four G1 wins in the summer and fall, culminating with a victory in the Breeders’ Cup Classic. On Thursday night at Gulfstream, he was named Horse of the Year for 2017.

**Collected:** If having the right people in your corner matters, Collected stands above all of his rivals. His trainer and jockey, Bob Baffert and Mike Smith, are both members of racing’s Hall of Fame and they teamed to win last year’s Pegasus with Arrogate. And while Collected doesn’t bring quite as much clout as Arrogate did last year, he did shock his stablemate in winning the G1 Pacific Classic last summer at Del Mar and was runner-up to Gun Runner at the Breeders’ Cup.

**Sharp Azteca:** Having drawn inside of the other frontrunners, Sharp Azteca’s path to victory in the Pegasus World Cup looks to be a high-stakes game of ‘catch me if you can.’ The assumption is he’ll go to the lead early, but handicappers will have to decide if he has the stamina to remain competitive at the finish. His greatest success has come in one-turn races, but you just have to go back to November to see that he was a strong second in the two-turn G1 Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile.

**West Coast:** Like Arrogate in 2016, West Coast went from virtual unknown to Travers winner and Breeders’ Cup Classic contender in the span of a few short months last year. And while he couldn’t follow Arrogate’s footsteps with a Breeders’ Cup win (he finished 3rd at Del Mar), he’ll try to get back on track in the Pegasus, where he’ll again be piloted by five-time Gulfstream leading jockey, Javier Castellano.

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# Pegasus World Cup Day

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La Prevoyante Handicap
$200,000 - Grade 3
Race 3 (Post Time: 12:30PM ET)
4YO+, Fillies & Mares, 1 1/2 Miles (Turf)

A Horse for the Course?
Aaron Vercruysse, XBTV - @LongshotAaronV

Analysis: The stakes action on Pegasus World Cup Day at Gulfstream Park kicks off with a long-distance turf race featuring a compact, well-matched field. All seven entrants belong. This is a ‘what have you done for me lately sport,’ so I expect the two horses to take the majority of the money will be APPLE BETTY (7/5) and DARING DUCHESS (7/2). Both favorites earned a career best Beyer Speed Figure in their last race while sitting similar trips. APPLE BETTY has been installed as the deserving 123lb highweight, but she’s making her first start since October and this is her first try at Gulfstream Park. Is she vulnerable at a short price?

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Stats & Trends
Last 5 La Prevoyante Winners:
Year       Horse          Jockey
2017       Suffused (GB)  J. Ortiz
2015       Goldy Espony (FR) J. Castellano
2014       Irish Mission   J. Velazquez
2012       Closing Range  E. Trujillo
2011       Casablanca Smile (CHI) J. Castellano

La Prevoyante Snapshot:
(Since 1991)
Stakes Record (12F): 2:25.20 (Singular Bequest, 1988)
WinningFavorites: 13 (50%)
Wire-to-Wire Winners: 5 (19.2%)
AverageWin Odds: 4.61/1
Average Exacta ($2): $69.40
Average Trifecta ($1): $295.79

Chalk City: Despite an average field size of more than 12 starters, favorites have won the last three editions of the La Prevoyante. Nonetheless, average $2 Exacta and $1 Trifecta payouts in that span are a respectable $64.13 and $202.77.

Clear Sailing: Frontrunners have won five of the last 10 editions of this race. That recent success broke a streak of more than 15 years of futility for early speed horses, dating back to the 1990’s.

New Digs: Prior to 2014, this race was contested at Calder Race Course (now known as Gulfstream Park West).
Ladies’ Turf Sprint
$175,000
Race 6 (Post Time: 2:01PM ET)
4YO+, Fillies & Mares, 5 Furlongs (Turf)

Servis, Anyone?
Jeremy Plonk, Xpressbet - @Horseplayernow

Analysis: At 5-furlongs on turf, there’s a strong lean toward horses that most recently raced at this dash distance. Since 2012, horses exiting 5-furlong races win nearly 14% overall in turf sprints at Gulfstream, while those turning back in distance from 6-furlongs or longer last out win only 6.8%. That could be a key stat in upending PRETTY PERFECTION’s (4/1) pursuit of a perfect 4-for-4 mark on the GP lawn.

Main Contenders: All 3 of PRETTY PERFECTION’s wins here last season came off of successive 5-furlong bids, including her win in the Ladies’ Turf Sprint. She’s been going a bit farther in recent starts and was outrun on dirt going 6-furlongs last time out. She may not be as razor-sharp as you want for this kind of spot. Trainer Jason Servis has both JUST TALKIN (15/1) and BLUE BAHIA (7/2) in the entries and he’s a whopping 25-for-82 (30%) in Gulfstream turf sprints since 2012 with a $43 flat-bet profit. If looking to separate the Servis uncoupled pair, consider that jockey Paco Lopez aboard BLUE BAHIA hits locally at 20% in turf sprint mounts since 2012 and a flat-bet profit of $78.20. As for the far outside draw, it’s no advantage to be sure, but the Gulfstream 12-hole in turf sprints is a very steady 19-for-163 (nearly 12%) since 2012.

Value Plays: The “other” Servis obviously makes sense as JUST TALKIN is 15/1 on the morning line and is drawn well in the 2-hole under Irad Ortiz, Jr. COUSIN CLAIRE (20/1) has come with a good run late in all 3 turf sprint tries at Tampa Bay Downs, where turf dashes are underrated as a category overall. CODE WARRIOR (8/1) partners with Tyler Gaffalione, who leads all local riders in turf sprint wins since the start of December.

$50 Wagering Strategy:
- $7 Exacta Box: BLUE BAHIA and JUST TALKIN ($14)
- $4 Trifecta Key: BLUE BAHIA over JUST TALKIN, COUSIN CLAIRE, CODE WARRIOR ($24)
- $1 Trifecta Key: JUST TALKIN over BLUE BAHIA, COUSIN CLAIRE, CODE WARRIOR ($6)
- $6 Win: JUST TALKIN ($6)

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Last 5 Ladies’ Turf Sprint Winners:
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Ladies’ Turf Sprint Snapshot:
(Since 2010)
- Stakes Record (5F): :53.75 (Starfish Bay, 2010)
- Winning Favorites: 4 (50.0%)
- Wire-to-Wire Winners: 4 (50.0%)
- Average Win Odds: 4.70/1
- Average Exacta ($2): $73.65
- Average Trifecta ($1): $354.30

Know This

Price Plays: In each of the last five years, at least one filly has finished in the Ladies’ Turf Sprint Trifecta at double-digit odds. In the race’s history, the average $1 Trifecta payout is $354.30.

Need for Speed: Start your handicapping with fillies that are quickest from the gate. Half of the time (4-of-8), the Ladies’ Turf Sprint has been won in wire-to-wire fashion.

Beware the Rail: Fillies breaking from the rail are 0-for-8 in the Ladies’ Turf Sprint with just two Trifecta finishes. On the other hand, horses breaking from the far outside post have finished in the Trifecta in each of the last four years at average odds of 26/1!
Fred W. Hooper Stakes
$175,000 - Grade 3
Race 7 (Post Time: 2:32PM ET)
4YO+, 1 Mile (Dirt)

World Cup Consolation Prize
Jeremy Plonk, Xpressbet - @Horseplayernow

Analysis: The public often nails these 1-turn miles at Gulfstream. Favorites are a staggering 407 for 984 (41.4%) in 1-turn dirt miles since 2012 at an average winning favorites’ price of just 6-5. But Saturday’s G3 $175K Fred W. Hooper does not appear to be a simple exercise. Just identifying the favorite won’t be easy. This will be the fourth year the Hooper is run as an after-New Year event since moving onto the GP calendar. Recent returns of 3/1, 7/2 and 4/1 keep a common thread of logical performances alive.

Main Contenders: TALE OF SILENCE (3/1) is the morning line favorite, but he is 0-6 in stakes races and winless in 2 tries on the Gulfstream dirt. It’s likely the public will lean elsewhere, and I can’t blame them. FIRST GROWTH (7/2) comes off a very good second to star sprinter X Y Jet in the Mr. Prospector and a repeat of that effort – but at a quarter-mile longer – puts him squarely in the conversation. TOMMY MACHO (6/1) won this race in 2016, but will be trying to snap a 6-race losing skid. EIGHT TOWN (9/2) has won 3 straight, but will be tested for class and distance.

Value Plays: GAME OVER (10/1) had the look of a very progressive 3YO last year when I played him in the West Virginia Derby, where he finished second. I doubt we’ll see 10/1 on him in his first start of the year, and he’s an also-eligible in the Pegasus World Cup as Plan B for Loooch Racing. GAME OVER could be about 9/2, and I’d be fine with that. He has some tactical speed that should help in the 1-turn mile. GIUSEPPE THE GREAT (12/1) also is on the World Cup AE list. The late runner may be hard-pressed to get in gear over this trip, but he’s a finisher for the exotics.

$50 Wagering Strategy:
• $25 Win and Place: GAME OVER ($50)

Stats & Trends
Last 5 Fred W. Hooper Winners:
Year Horse Jockey
2017 Bird Song J. Leparoux
2016 Tommy Macho L. Saez
2015 Valid P. Lopez
2013 Csaba L. Saez
2012 Csaba (DH) L. Saez
2012 Ducduc (DH) O. Bocachica

Fred W. Hooper Snapshot:
(Since 1991)
Stakes Record (8F): 1:33.53 (Tommy Macho, 2016)
Largest Win Margin (8F): 3 3/4 (Tommy Macho, 2016)
Winning Favorites: 7 (26.9%)
Wire-to-Wire Winners: 6 (23.1%)
Average Win Odds: 8.87/1
Average Exacta ($2): $130.21
Average Trifecta ($1): $300.80

Know This
Find ‘Course’ Horses: One-mile dirt races at Gulfstream Park are run around one turn. When handicapping the Fred W. Hooper, look for horses that have had success in one-turn, one-mile races. Tracks with a similar configuration are Belmont, Churchill, Aqueduct and Laurel. One-mile races at Santa Anita, Del Mar, Gulfstream Park West, Monmouth, Fair Grounds and Oaklawn are run around two turns.

New Digs: Along with the South Beach, this is the first time the Fred W. Hooper will be run on the Pegasus World Cup undercard.

Jeremy’s Picks
1. GAME OVER
2. FIRST GROWTH
3. GIUSEPPE THE GREAT
4. TOMMY MACHO
**Right Up His ‘Alley**

*Jeff Siegel, XBTV - @jsiegelracing*

**Analysis:** Usually, in these 12-furlong graded turf events, I circle the Europeans, toss the others and move on to the next race. Unfortunately, this field is comprised entirely of North American-based runners, so there's actual work to be done. BULLARDS ALLEY (2/1) and NESSY (8/1) will probably go out to dinner after the race – they're full brothers and haven't seen each other since last May – and it would be pretty neat to see them battle it out through the lane. DUROCHER (12/1), who managed the Cubs in the mid-60's, again faces MR. CUB (15/1) (Ernie Banks); they just finished one-two in the 1 1/16-mile Tropical Park Derby but are unproven at this marathon trip. The pace projects to be dawdling, so little would surprise us in a typical grass grab bag.

**Main Contenders:** BULLARDS ALLEY turned in the best performance of 37-race career when winning the G1 Canadian International by 10-lengths last fall, but that wake-up effort most likely was a product of a very soft course. Yet, it was fast and firm when he finished sixth, beaten less than 4-lengths, in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Del Mar, a performance which, if he repeated it today, surely would be good enough to win. The veteran gelding was worn down late when just failing to stay 2-miles in H. Allen Jerkens Stakes last month; but this return to a mile and one-half should make the winning difference. OSCAR NOMINATED (3/1), a distant second to 'ALLEY at Woodbine, is capable on his best day of winning a race like this and has run well off short layoffs in the past.

**Value Plays:** INFINITE WISDOM (9/2) can be the controlling speed if he wants to be and he often gets brave under such circumstance. Ex-maiden claimer - MARKITOFF (20/1) - is improving with every outing and is seeking his third straight score. He's clearly unproven at this level, but his numbers continue to ascend and there's no reason he won't handle the trip. Both are worth consideration in your vertical exotics.

**$50 Wagering Strategy:**

- $20 Win: BULLARDS ALLEY ($20)
- $4 Exacta Box: BULLARDS ALLEY, OSCAR NOMINATED, INFINITE WISDOM ($24)
- $3 Exacta Box: BULLARDS ALLEY, MARKITOFF ($6)

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**Last 5 W.L. McKnight Winners:**

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**W.L. McKnight Snapshot:**

Since 1991

- Stakes Record (12F): 2:24.11 (Flag Down, 1995)
- Largest Win Margin (12F): 7 (Stolen Rolls, 1991)
- Winning Favorites: 8 (29.6%)
- Wire-to-Wire Winners: 4 (14.8%)
- Average Win Odds: 9.27/1
- Average Exacta ($2): $183.41
- Average Trifecta ($1): $1,014.37

**Know This**

**Major Payday:** Looking to hit big today? The W.L. McKnight Stakes may be your best bet! Since 1991, this race has the highest average Win odds (9.27/1), $2 Exacta payout ($183) and $1 Trifecta payout ($1,014) of any stakes race on the card.

**No Show Favorites:** Since 1999, the W.L. McKnight has been run on the turf 15 times and favorites have won just twice (13.3%). The average winner during that span has paid almost $24 for a $2 bet!

**Expect a Nail Biter:** Four of the last five turf editions of the W.L. McKnight were decided by a length or less. Last year, Taghleeb defeated Sadler’s Joy by just a head.
Hurricane Bertie Stakes
$175,000 - Grade 3
Race 9 (Post Time: 3:38PM ET)
4YO+, Fillies & Mares, 7 Furlongs (Dirt)

**Repeat Performance**
Johnny D, Xpressbet.com - @XBJohnnyD

**Analysis:** The G3, $175K Hurricane Bertie Stakes is contested at seven furlongs and that distance often proves a ‘specialist’ game. Runners with ‘comfort zones’ racing six furlongs may struggle when tasked with going an extra eighth of a mile. So, horses with previous success at the distance increase my confidence, as do horses with prior success at the track. Fitness is also a critical factor at this distance, because in extended sprints there’s no time for a ‘breather.’ Therefore, razor-sharp fillies and mares merit consideration over those coming off extended layoffs.

**Main Contenders:** CURLIN’S APPROVAL (2/1) won this race last year and has the credentials to defend her title as Hurricane Bertie champ. She finished second last time out in the G3 Rampart, a one-turn, one-mile race she used last year as a prep to win this race, so her current form is acceptable. CURLIN’S APPROVAL has won 7-of-11 starts at Gulfstream and 4-of-9 at the distance, both exemplary stats. She has a win and a second in four starts for co-owner and current trainer of record, Happy Alter, and two of those starts came against G1 races, including the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint last fall. The water isn’t as deep here. Second and third choices on the morning line are Todd Pletcher’s NONNA MELA (4/1) and SPICE LADY (5/1). The latter, despite just three career starts, is more appealing off a strong local win.

**Value Plays:** Despite CURLIN’S APPROVAL’s fine résumé, there are some sharp, young fillies with upside at decent prices. RICH MOMMY (12/1) is on a roll, having won three in a row and four of her last five, including the G3 Sugar Swirl last out. SHAR RAN (15/1) is another in razor sharp shape and she has a win at the distance. MARLEY’S FREEDOM (10/1) is also worth a gander at a nice price. She must overcome a rail draw, but she’s a California dirt invader and they’re always dangerous. Plus, she ran deceptively well in the G1 La Brea last out against Unique Bella and Paradise Woods and is ridden by ‘Money’ Mike Smith.

**$50 Wagering Strategy:**
- $2 Trifecta Key: CURLIN’S APPROVAL with MARLEY’S FREEDOM, RICH MOMMY, SHAR RAN, SPICE LADY, NONNA MELA ($40)
- $0.50 Trifecta: MARLEY’S FREEDOM, RICH MOMMY, SHAR RAN, SPICE LADY, NONNA MELA with CURLIN’S APPROVAL with MARLEY’S FREEDOM, RICH MOMMY, SHAR RAN, SPICE LADY, NONNA MELA ($10)

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**Hurricane Bertie Snapshot:** (Since 2001)
- Stakes Record (7F): 1:22.77 (Sugar Swirl, 2008)
- Largest Win Margin (7F): 8 3/4 (Sugar Swirl, 2008)
- Winning Favorites: 10 (62.5%)
- Wire-to-Wire Winners: 6 (37.5%)
- Average Win Odds: 2.24/1
- Average Exacta ($2): $27.78
- Average Trifecta ($1): $74.93

**Know This**

- **Favorites Factor:** Favorites have won 10-of-16 editions of the Hurricane Bertie, including the last four. No favorite has finished out of the Trifecta since 2005.
- **Time for a Five-Peat?** Javier Castellano leads all active jockeys with four Hurricane Bertie victories. All four winners were favorites however, so his career Win ROI in the race is just $1.68.
- **Runaway Winners:** The finish line camera can take this one off. In 16 runnings of the Hurricane Bertie, the average margin of victory is nearly 3 ¼-lengths. Just three times was the margin 1-length or less.

**Johnny D’s Picks**
1. CURLIN’S APPROVAL
2. MARLEY’S FREEDOM
3. RICH MOMMY
4. SPICE LADY
A Dash for the Cash

Anthony 'The Big A' Stabile, Xpressbet Radio on HRRN - @TheBigAStabile

Analysis: The second of a pair of turf sprint stakes on the card may be one of the most contentious races of the afternoon, with most of today’s 11 runners boasting a stakes win somewhere on their résumé. The early pace should be scorching, as SUCCESSFUL NATIVE (15/1) and PAY ANY PRICE (3/1) figure to hook up from the start with RAINBOW HEIR (6/1) and RICHARD’S BOY (7/2) right off of them and a host of others hoping for a pace meltdown. Like most turf sprints, almost anything can happen in this five-furlong scrum.

Main Contenders: PAY ANY PRICE comes in on a three-race win streak and fell just a neck short of it being six in a row. A horse-for-the-course, he’s won a remarkable 8-of-10 over the Gulfstream turf with his lone off-the-board finish coming in the event last year. He’ll have to deal with some pressure early but he’s handled it in the past. RICHARD’S BOY took a tough beat in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint when second by just a head to stablemate Stormy Liberal. New rider Joel Rosario should have him relatively close early and he should be the first to come calling for the leaders on the turn. He beat PAY ANY PRICE in a similar race at this distance at Pimlico last May. I’m not sure where SUCCESSFUL NATIVE’s last effort came from – he demolished a similar field by 2 ¼-lengths – but if he can repeat that performance he’ll be tough to deny. Having come from off the pace through most of his career, he blasted to the front last out and held off the hard-knocking Hogy.

Value Plays: RAINBOW HEIR won the inaugural Turf Sprint Championship at Aqueduct last out and was beaten just a nose in this race last year. CONQUEST ENFORCER (12/1) finished just 1 ½-lengths behind PAY ANY PRICE at Tampa in his most recent start, which came off of a six-plus month freshening. Plus, he attracted leading Gulfstream rider, Luis Saez, so that’s a major positive. SIR NAVIGATOR (15/1) was beaten that same 1 ½-length margin by PAY ANY PRICE in the Claiming Crown Canterbury on December 2, then proceeded to win a lesser race on December 23.

$50 Wagering Strategy:
- $20 Win: RICHARD’S BOY ($20)
- $5 Exacta Key Box: RICHARD’S BOY with PAY ANY PRICE, RAINBOW HEIR, SIR NAVIGATOR ($30)

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Last 5 GP Turf Sprint Winners:

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GP Turf Sprint Snapshot:
(Since 2010)
- Stakes Record (5F): :54.17 (Varsity, 2013)
- Largest Win Margin (5F): 1 1/4 (Varsity, 2013 & Stradivinsky, 2011)
- Winning Favorites: 1 (12.5%)
- Wire-to-Wire Winners: 1 (12.5%)
- Average Win Odds: 4.86/1
- Average Exacta ($2): $71.15
- Average Trifecta ($1): $319.25

Know This

Closers Need Not Apply: While just one horse has taken the GP Turf Sprint in wire-to-wire fashion, none of the race’s eight winners was more than 2 ½-lengths out of first at any point of call. Key your wagers around horses that will be racing near the lead.

Call him ‘eparoux: We’re taking the ‘L’ out of Leparoux for this one as the star jockey has never lost this race! He’s 3-for-3 in GP Turf Sprint history, with wins the last two years aboard Power Alert.

This One’s Wide Open: Favorites have dropped six straight editions of the GP Turf Sprint and they’ve failed to finish in the Exacta every year since 2012.

Big A’s Picks

1. RICHARD’S BOY
2. PAY ANY PRICE
3. RAINBOW HEIR
4. SIR NAVIGATOR
A Perfect ‘Storm’
Dustin Fabian, Xpressbet.com

Analysis: How much speed is too much speed? A cursory look at the South Beach Stakes indicates speed horses may be at a disadvantage due to the number of frontrunners that have been entered. No fewer than five of these entrants may ‘want’ the lead, which should ensure a quick tempo that will put a smile on the face of the jockeys riding closers.

Main Contenders: The logical starting spot is with the field’s only millionaire and Grade 1 winner, CELESTINE (5/2). She loves Gulfstream Park (5-for-8 here lifetime) and this distance (6-for-10 in her career), but she drew poorly (Post Position #11) and hasn’t ran since September. She’ll be overbet based on her reputation, and I think this is a good opportunity to play against her. Her stablemate, STORMY VICTORIA (7/2), is the best alternative. She closed well to finish 3rd in the G3 My Charmer Stakes last month at Gulfstream, a race in which Trakus shows she ran the final quarter in a blistering 22.62 seconds. The only trouble is her record at the distance is just 1-for-11, which leaves little room for error. STORM THE HILL’s (9/2) versatile style makes her dangerous. Luis Saez, who won seven races here Wednesday, will likely try to sit just behind the speed horses and get a jump on the closers when the running starts. GHOSTLY PRESENCE (8/1) won a division of the Tropical Park Oaks on December 30, but her post is virtually impossible, especially since her win last month was aided by an inside trip.

Value Plays: WESTIT (15/1) is a closer who can save ground from an inside draw. A British-bred, she has never won on turf, but it’s worth noting that she had her best race last out in the Tropical Park Oaks, the first time she combined Lasix and a firm course.

$50 Wagering Strategy:
- $0.50 Trifecta Key Box: STORMY VICTORIA with WESTIT, STORM THE HILL, CELESTINE, MISS HOLLYWOOD, GHOSTLY PRESENCE ($30)
- $5 Exacta: STORMY VICTORIA with WESTIT, STORM THE HILL, CELESTINE ($15)
- $5 Exacta: STORM THE HILL with STORMY VICTORIA ($5)

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South Beach Snapshot:
(Since 2009)
Stakes Record (7.5F): 1:27.28 (Raw Silk, 2009)
Largest Win Margin (7.5F): 4 3/4 (Way With Words, 2010)
Winning Favorites: 1 (11.1%)
Wire-to-Wire Winners: 3 (33.3%)
Average Win Odds: 4.63/1
Average Exacta ($2): $78.89
Average Trifecta ($1): $251.13

Know This
Pegasus Undercard Debut: The South Beach was not contested last year and will be held on the Pegasus World Cup undercard for the first time this year.

Play Paco: Paco Lopez leads all jockeys with three South Beach victories in six tries. He has amassed a robust $5.30 Win ROI.

Share the Wealth: Favorites are just 1-for-9 in the South Beach, which has led to 8-of-9 $1 Trifectas paying more than $114 in the race’s history!
Eddie's Picks

1. GUN RUNNER
2. WEST COAST
3. GUNNEVERA
4. SEEKING THE SOUL
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