

# **Saturday - R1-R6 Final Thoughts**

First Post: 12:45pm EDT

Weather: No rain. Slight wind nothing significant

#### Bias:

Dirt: The inside has been the place to be this week. It hasn't been significant enough for me to pass on anyone though. Per normal with this 890ft STRETCH, being forwardly placed helps horses that can make middle moves always have an advantage.

Turf is playing relatively fair, best horses are winning

## **PK6 Final Thoughts:**

I'm going over thoughts again. Ill have over to you after I see the track a few races.

Song of the Day: Little Richie passed today so have to pay respects.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVIttmFAzek

## R1: 8f - turf - 3yo+ MdClm12500

## On Top:

**#5 Jack Beanstalk:** Two back he got pressured on the front end big. The other speed folded, and he hung around AND he should have finished better but was checked late by #9. There isn't as much front end speed in here; gets Saez up AND Saez sticks though #15 draws in...he should have him forwardly placed, and Saez has been riding lights out this week.

### Under:

#9 Traffic Trouble: Coming out of the same race as #5 and #10; got shuffled back a bit before T2 then had to make a V wide move around T2. He ran well and he gets a BIG jock change today.

#2 Mayito: he might win this race but he isn't worth the short price. Two back he chased the speed so didn't close great. LTO he drifted back looking disinterested mid race, hard coaxed

on the turn and did ok running. Saffie barn as warmed up a bit. I he takes BIG money, then watch out. If he doesn't he is a use but cant endorse on top.

#15 AE – draws IN. He took money LTO!! Adds blinkers today. Saez opts to stay on my on top horse, but if spreading you could make a case for this horse to improve on the drop with the equipment change.

#11 – This 4yo has a shot at a price. Has a nice improving sheet line. Tough wide post and this jockey has ridden well on the turf, but if spreading you could use at a price.

#10 -Big horse moved a tad prematurity LTO but ended up getting a nice trip. He checked #5 late but was well clear. He fits here but I prefer the #5 and #9 more out of that race.

# R2: 4.5f - dirt - 2yo MSW

USE THE TOTE!! There have been six 2yo races at GP this spring, all six were won by horses who GOT BET!!

## **ON Top: #4 Breakthrough**

#1- dam unraced but V strong sibs. Retap, Remit and Tapiture all 2yo winners and V strong dirt stakes winners. Those strong dam sibs were strong going longer though.

#2- SCR RAN FRIDAY

#3- below avg ped; FL bred likely up against it vs this strong field.

#4- solid enough win early for Ward more turf influenced ped

#5- half to a strong 2yo, SP as 2yo; dam best running on turf and poly

#6- solid win early ped but only avg vs this strong group. Dam dirt sprint SP as 4yo, dam sibs strong win early

#7- below avg ped

#8- lone sib; dam unraced but dam sibs solid win early more turf but some dirt

#9 AE – draws IN;

### R3: 8f - turf

#### On Top – PRESS:

**#5 Kahiko:** I prefer this Pletcher horse over the #12, and because of the other Pletcher we will get VALUE. She got bumped around a few times around T1 LTO. Then was off the pace in a "boat race" as the top two pretty much went one two the entire way around; around the turn she was IN TIGHT big and had to shuffle back. Saez gets off #12 for this filly!! She is going to improve today off that brutal run and win this race.

#### Under:

#10 Midnight Marvel: got bet FTO and Lynch horses don't normally get bet like that FTO. avoided the big trouble around T1 and didn't do much running after. Have to respect that money FTO though and had a solid work last week.

#12 Cat Lady: She is going to be a short price for Pletcher but I didn't like her last race at all. Two back she got checked BAD and still almost won vs much better than these. LTO she tired badly with no real excuse. Draws win, would be a use but I can't endorse on top at a V short price.

#### Tie-Up

#11 Dur a Cuire: two back got checked BAD twice so toss that race. Three back she lost to a V talented Clemant filly. LTO she got pressured on the front end the entire way. I would like this one a lot more if Landeros wasn't on. He wins but his winners pretty much have to out talent the field big or sit ideal spots.

#6 – had a sneaky bad trip two back. didn't do much running LTO but blinkers might help her today.

### R4: 8f - turf

SCR: 13.14.15

\*\*This race makes playing the PK5 tough. I can't press with the #6 Saffie runner but if he opens at 4/5 on the tote he probably wins.

#### **ON Top:**

**#2 Dana Grace:** Came back off the layoff LTO and ran a NICE new top. Ritvo isn't great off the layoff so that run was strong. Gets a solid rider change today, nice post and will be value vs a bunch of vulnerable favorites.

#### Under:

#4 – Going over this race again, I pretty much have to decide if I trust Danny Gargan/Saez over Mary Eppler/Jaramillo. Ill side with Gargan. He did walked on the front end a day speed did better on the turf LTO but he did what he needed to do.

#6 – Safie runners were much better last week, he won a handful of races. A repeat of that effort LTO might win this race but she cam e back off the layoff, ran nice then hasn't run back again for three months??!?!

#1 – gets a big rider change and her runs the last two are a bit better than they seems. She faced a solid group LTO and two back she got hounded on the front end and was game late. Yes the Gargan horse with Saez will likely be forwardly placed but Jaramillo is going to send as this one has solid gate speed.

## Tie-Up:

#10 – sat a perfect trip LTO beating a soft field. Draws wide today but sheet figures fit at a price if you want to use and hope for another trip out.

### R5: 6f - dirt

SCR: 11

## On Top:

**#3 Poseidon's Princess:** Taking a new shooter in a race like this is never a bad idea. Pilotti can win FTO and when Saez is up his horses FIRE

#### Under:

#6 – has front foot, and in a race this weak getting to the lead might be all it takes. CUTSBACK and puts the bug on getting an 8lb weight swing.

#9 – Solid 5f work end of April makes me think this one should run better 2x out vs a MUCH SOFTER field.

#1 – improving filly faces easily her easiest test ever. I like this bug rider, he is aggressive and that is what this horse will need from an inside draw.

#10 – three back clipped heels, toss. Two back turf toss. LTO he ran pretty well on an inside that wasn't great. Decent jock switch here.

I moved some runners around and added a few more thoughts, after going through again this morning/afternoon.

Use my thoughts with your own. Be CONFIDENT. PRESS your strongest opinions. Have fun and PRINT MONEY!!!!

### **Start of PK6:**

Using the tote-board is ALWAYS so important but for these first TWO legs of the PK6 they are even more important than usual. R7 - #1.2.5 keep an eye on. R8 - use the DD probables for all the runners. Is #5 significantly bet. Is a horse that has an outside shot being significantly bet into the #5? I'll send out an email and do my best to give you my thoughts closer to post time, BUT construct your tickets beforehand and use the TOTE as your guide.

# R7: 5f - turf - 3yo fillies

#### On Top:

**#9 Envied:** \*\*The more I look at this horse the more I see this pace getting hot and this horse tripping out\*\*\* 5f might be a bit too short for her BUT drawing more OUTSIDE today is a BIG deal. She doesn't have gate speed so drawing inside LTO she was in tight early out of position and THEN was in a big VICE around the turn having to wait to extend, and when she finally did she strode out nice, but was never getting to the w2w winner. With a better post today she should sit a MUCH better trip. My other A in pk6.

#### Under:

#4 Happy Loudon: \*\*I'm still betting this horse at a massive price, but because of the pace being so hot I can't endorse on top for you, as on top are horses I would bet to WIN if the price is right\*\* I have been telling you about this sneaky jock/trainer combo for a while now. Berrios was off for a few weeks after getting into a fight, a few weeks ago. He has been back the last week or so and him and Amador Sanchez connect at BIG prices. All of that aside, THIS 3yo filly was impressive LTO. LTO she showed EFFORTLESS gate SPEED, got comfortable on the front end and extended BIG late, while still being a tad green.

There is early speed right to her left (Dylan Davis up and he isn't great out of the gate) and RIGHT (Ward horse with Irad who isn't as aggressive as Saez and Paco who took horse to lead recently) If she can break like she did LTO she turns into the speed of the speed and puts horses who only know how to "win one way" at a big disadvantage. Her sheet number needs to improve a bit but she should be more developed now with over two months off since her last run as a 3yo.

#10 Compensate: She took to the grass LTO, being a bit green down the lane. She was never getting to the w2w winner, and she didn't gallop out with her. I;m rating her a bit higher than a few in here BEFORE I SEE THE TOTE, and ALSO because of the post. My on top choice I think has a real shot to go w2w but if she doesn't that means the pace is going to be quick and a horse like this could sit off and make a run late.

#1 American Tap: When these Casse horses take money they win, so have to monitor the tote. This is a tough post for her today. She didn't show gate speed at a 2yo and she is likely to get caught behind a wall of horses.

#5 Foolish Humor: \*\*\*I want to see this horse take money!\*\*\* LTO she got bumped small early, chased the w2w winner and tired pretty badly late. Maybe she needed one off the bench? They thought a lot of her as a 2yo shipping her to ASCOT. Irad up so have to respect here, especially if she takes money.

#### Tie-Up;s

#2 Afficionado (Fr): These euro breds are always up against it at GP as they don't always break quick form the gate. Her Timeform figs in Europe are just ok. She has been training pretty well, draws a Biancone tier-one rider.

#3 Fast Scene: Timmy Hamm does decent work. Off the layoff today, has nice sharp spaced works. Davis isnt a great speed rider and this horse only knows how to win one way, so far. Her 2yo sheet number two back can win here, and when ever a 2yo fig can win as a new 3yo, its always dangerous.

#8 – Similar to #3 I have been telling you about this sneaky little Sanchez/Mejia horses. She has a lot to do to win vs this group but if spreading deep I wouldn't leave these sneaky connections off.

# **R8:** 8f – dirt – 3yo+ Clm16k

#### On Top:

**#4 War Act:** Beat up a bad field two back while never being on a bad inside track. LTO it was raining really bad during the race and he started VERY SLOW being way too far back vs a slow pace and did NICE running late. 3x off the layoff and his sheet figures fit here at a price.

#### Under:

#5 – OFF Navarro at a likely V short price isnt something im comfortable with BUT Navarro only had him for one start and Rivelli CLAIMED HIM BACK. She tried on the front end two back, but I had a solid closer bias track that day. Rivelli wins with horses like this a lot, other A.

#3 – turned a corner in a big way LTO making a nice new top, but had it his own way on front end. They took FRONTs off LTO, ARE FRONT ON TODAY? He looks like the speed of the speed with the bug up he gets 7/8lbs on a few and 12lbs!! vs the likely fav #5

#1 – He got a very weak ride LTO. Two back did some decent running. He is dropping back down to a level that he belongs. Gets a jockey improve today. BIG price I might use.

#### Tie-Up's

#2 – is a half to a decent turfer, so see why they tried turf LTO. Beat a weak field but overcame a lot of trouble to win FTO and closed into a slow pace. Two back he never looked comfortable going a mile vs MUCH better and was way off it a day speed was better; horses out of that race have run pretty good coming back too. He gets back to sprinting today and he is lightly raced so could improve to win here today but its V hard to trust this trainer

#7 – drops all the way down for 16 today. They put blinkers back on which he needs! Lost to a w2w winner LTO and was never involved vs much better.

#9 – this is the double switch I don't like. Took blinkers off to go long on the turf LTO, put them back on going short on dirt today? Better races when in Saffie barn but two back he started slow and got rushed up big, so an excuse there.

#6 – iv been telling you about this Mejia/Sanchez combo. Tired badly LTO and eased off a layoff. Would like to see Reyes on, tier1 jock for these guys, he is on #9

# R9: 8.5f - TURF - 4yo+ stks

#12 War of Will is going to SCR – will run in Shoemaker Mile at SA

#### On Top:

**#6 Halladay:** With the SCR of War of Will, this horse's assignment got A LOT easier. WoW won't send from that outside draw now, and now there is a big lack of pace in here. #3 has some front foot but blinkers off and Davis isn't aggressive. LTO this horse took serious money into the teeth of a strong field. He broke from the outside whole EFFORTLESSLY and cleared big. He is in nice form right now and its his race to lose.

#### Under:

#7 Hawkish: This now 5yo gelding has had some foot issues, but this ownership group is THE BEST, as they are patient and didn't rush him back. He is back to full health now and he shows up at the GP strip where he ran BIG to break his maiden. This horse is a miler; 8.5 today is no problem vs a bunch in here who aren't going the right distance. Jaramillo takes the call and I like that, as he is aggressive and there is a lack of pace in here.

#3 El Tormenta: After watching his run LTO again, taking blinkers off today makes a ton of sense. In the BC Mile he ran well. He rushed up to the front using a lot of energy, was never on the strong inside that weekend and he dueled on the front end, so tiring to those monster turfers has its excuses. He was V head strong LTO, so taking blinkers off is going to help and he draws a really nice post today. Dylan Davis needs to give him a big-time ride but he fits here at a price.

#11 Admission Office: His figures stand out a bit in this race BUT this horse doesn't like to win, so taking too short a price isn't something I want to do. I tried to beat Zulu Alpha with him LTO at 12-1, two back he got into trouble. The price is going to be short and Rosario needs to give him a big-time ride as there isn't a ton of pace, and he wants to come from way off.

#9 Social Paranoia: Getting back to 8f LTO was much needed. This horse wants to go 8/8.5f. He was so far back early LTO because they were flying early, so he took full advantage of closing into a v fast pace. Zayas isn't the best turf rider but he is aggressive when he wants to be and could have this one within striking range, and not too far back like LTO.

#4 Aquaphobia: Two back he went FT Maker, sat a great trip and cleared. LTO he sat behind a slow pace ad w2w winner but did some solid running. 2x out for Maker today, draws a great post and his figures fit with these at a V nice price. \*\*I know the guys who own this horse. They like their chances today but they like this horse going longer

# R10: 8f - turf - 4yo+

SCr: #4. - #13 Draws IN

#### On Top:

#6 Battle of Blenheim: \*\*The more I looked at this race the more I like this horse. With the #4 SCR now he gets it a bit easier either being on the lead or forwardly placed. I wish Saez stuck, but Irad is back and Maker gives Irad tons of tier-one rides AND Irad was aboard this horse for Pletcher long ago. This is a horse you just have to use in your PK6, but I can't take too short a price on. He has effortless gate speed and there is speed in here but he is the speed of the speed. Took pressure on the front end LTO so tired a bit late but was run down by a nice horse who we had on top at 15-1.

#### Under:

#11 Shootin the Breeze: he made a nice new top off the long layoff LTO as a newly turned 4yo. He ran nice that day, losing to a big performance by Golden Tapit AND he was cold on the board while NOT getting a tier one jock up, he likely needed a race.

#9 Honey Won't: Two back, sat a perfect trip vs a soft field. LTO he tracked #6 Battle of Blenheim and tired pretty badly, but you have to think he wasn't ready to fire that day, not getting a tier one jock. Saez up today. \*\*2x off the layoff, horse benefits tactically from #4 SCR,

#8 Gray's Fable: 5yo is lightly raced and had it his own way lose LTO but ran a strong figure and small new top. Three back he was off a V slow pace losing to soon to be stakes runner Golden Tapit. Comes back quick and Attfield is V patient. I see his horses jump up and make big forward moves just like this one but this is a 5yo.

#1 Counter Offer: \*\*I'm backing off this horse a bit for a few reasons. One he might get stuck down on the rail in a big field. Two he needs to make another new top to win here. If I use one Wilkes III likely have to use the other \*\*\* I really liked his race off a LONG layoff LTO. He was in a small vice around the turn, then was doing nice running late while the horse next to him was glued to his side the entire time. He was never getting to the big w2w PLETCHER winner, but the top two Pletcher horses in that last race would be odds on in here. Nice strong spaced works leading in.

#2 Stealth: \*\*I'm between using this horse or now. T ped is there and he draws a nice post.\*\* This horse has decent turf pedigree. Blame is a solid T sire and though his sibs never won on turf, they ran well on it. Dam only ran on dirt but was a half to a SW gelding. I can see why they haven't tried T before as he ran a BIG race at Keeneland on the dirt last spring. Decent works on the grass this month but no work for 19 days now?

### V Deep:

#7- this horse might be allergic to the winners circle but he has figures to compete here today. He started a bit slow LTO and was too far back. Big price that would need to work out a trip but his figures fit here.

#5- this horse has a hard time staying on the track and him not training for 29 days is a big concern, also being used as a target in the mornings. Faces lesser today but Biancone is only 2 for 38 with turf horses off a layoff like this.

#3 – tracked #6 the whole way LTO, ran ok, tired late. Would needs a big time trip to win.

# **R11:** 6f – dirt – 3yo+ FL breds

SCR: 2.6.12

**On Top: #3 Tap It to Win:** This horse is the most TALENTED horse in the race. He has been training well and vs FL breds today for the first time he should win this race

Under in order of preference: 4.5.7.8.1

#1- This gelding looks like he finally turned a corner LTO, making a new top. This is a BIG step up in class today and the draws a V tough post. It took him 10 starts to break Maiden though it was vs open MDN40k and he won big, could be a pace player. Joel takes the call, would be one to consider in deep spreads if inside rail is playing good

#3 – This horse was the talk of Travers Day in his win three back. People didn't think the rail was good that day and he skimmed up the rail to win BIG. (fyi the rail wasn't great that day but good horses did fine. Lots of dead rails days at Saratoga last meet, that wasn't one of them) Today this Casse/Gafflione well bred 3YO makes debut after backing up in RTE attempts as a 2YO. Work pattern looks strong coming in and a gate drill showing should have him fit and ready. The thing is he's gonna take money because of connections and this looks to us like a prep today.

#4 I'll Fight Dempsey: This Pletcher colt has talent and faces FL breds for the first time today. LTO he got pressured while down on a DEAD RAIL and he still didn't finish that bad vs a V nice field. Cuts back to 6f today, which is good. Saez up so he is going to be a V short price, and he hasn't proven that he can win while rating. There is a bunch of speed drawn inside out outside him too.

#5 R Mercedes Boy: Came back and paired his 3yo top of the layoff LTO. He dueled for the better part of that race and lost to a V strong favorite Cajun Brother who went w2w. Goes 2x off the layoff today for Baxter whose strong in this stat and gate speed stud Jaramillo rides back. Quick enough early to grab rail position from the bell and any improvement in 2nd start as a 4YO today makes him ultra-tough. No works since that race 23 days ago but he was working well prior to that last race. MUST USE today

#7 – makes 3YO debut today off 154 day L/O and Irad jumps on after this Colt fired big in lone start as a 2YO at TB going away. Tackles winners for the first time and the L/O, both considerable hurdles that must be considered. Sired by the Big Beast who certainly was sprinting in his career out of Dam who produced mainly claiming sprinters, nobody notable. Notice just Four works of 3 and 4F works since debut and a 16 day break between his last 2 works, viewed as a negative. This Colt can fire today, but for our money we would have liked seeing a 5F drill coming into today's race. Also, the race he came out of was V weak.

#8- dam was a dirt sprinter and he has some dirt races last summer that compete here. He wants to come off the pace in a race with a lot of speed. I don't like how Maker doesn't get any of this tier-one guys up though

#9- I have been telling you for a month now that this little Mejia/Sanchez combo I streaky. He needs to improve here but if spreading ill use these connections.

#10 – I really liked his run two back. He flew early and was game grudgingly letting the big fav go by late. LTO he started slow and looked uncomfortable the entire time. Only broke his maiden for 125, Saez isn't riding.

#11 – Put up a strong figure LTO and that figure can win this race. My knock that race tough is that he had it his own way the whole time, taking over a V easy lead AND the main threat was a Casse horse who started V slow so the other contender never gave him a real run. Today makes 3rd career start today after breaking MDN vs S/B Special weights.. might be the speed of the speed and draws well today. Always tough-tackling winners for the first time and shows no activity in 27 days since that race BUT has 22 days of no activity before his last race.

### R12: 8f - dirt

#### ON Top:

**#10 Starship Apollo:** This gelding is in strong form. His sheet numbers are a bit faster than most in here but those sheet number will come up quicker as they were going a shorter distance. I don't mind that at all because the sheet numbers show he is in form and I'm not betting him because of his "fast" sheet numbers.

Mural Sancal claimed this one back, and LTO he ran better than it looks. He ended up 5L off the top three (who went around in a boat race) so he ended up chasing the entire time BUT ran strong and galloped out strong. Two back he also ran strong but wasn't beating the big Saffie Joseph favorite.

This gelding hasn't run 8f in a LONG time BUT I DON'T MIND IT AT ALL. He has a bit of a longer body and he is a grinder that runs well mid race and late. He also has some front foot, so he will be forwardly placed in a race that doesn't have a ton of speed. Saez gets back aboard and I don't expect to get the ML of 8-1 on this horse....if he is the ML he is dead on the board and not wining.

#### Under:

#6 The Queens Jules: His effort two back on the dirt likely wins this race. He made a nice move into the turn running strong and staggered home late after that strong premature move. Similar to the #10, he has front foot. This race doesn't have any big time speed balls, so that is going to come in handy. This is my other A

#3 Peppi the Hunter: Gets claimed out of the "too good" barns of Saffie and Navarro. He runs back to those races he wins. I have NO IDEA who this trainer is and only has had ONE started since Jan of 2017.....This is a TOTAL guess but is she a BEARD for the newly convicted Navarro barn???

That one runner was given to her by Delgado and she claimed a horse late March only a few weeks after all the convictions??!?...... Can I have any confidence in this horse? NO but I have to use.

#1 The Robert: Have to take note of Rosario taking the call here. This horse was in tight and cleared impressively two back. He was off a slow pace and never looked comfortable LTO, and that race had some nice runners. Preciado has shipped in from PRX and won at GP before.

#2 Trappezoid: GOT BET off the claim and got caught V wide LTO. His run two and three back could win this race today.

#### Tie-Up

#4 Areyoutalkingtome: V tough to trust this trainer BUT this is a BIG price that has a shot in here. He has gotten into a bit of trouble in both of his last two races, and his figures fit in this spot. He gets a solid jock change, as he goes from Bug Fuentes who stinks, to BUG Trejos who I feel has ridden decent and is aggressive.

#8 Discreet Heat: This gelding has a nice "circling back" pattern on the sheets. Back in his 5yo season he basically had the same type of pattern and ran strong of a small forward move like LTO. Also this horses run in February on this dirt track was strong, showing he can run a big figure on this dirt track. Could be a bomb price to cap the day off.

#5 il Faraone: If you are going very deep this horse should be included. He has back class and if one of the more logical horses don't win, that's means the pace will likely get hot and someone will come from off the pace tripping out, and that is what this horse would do.

